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# The Padbury

## Parish

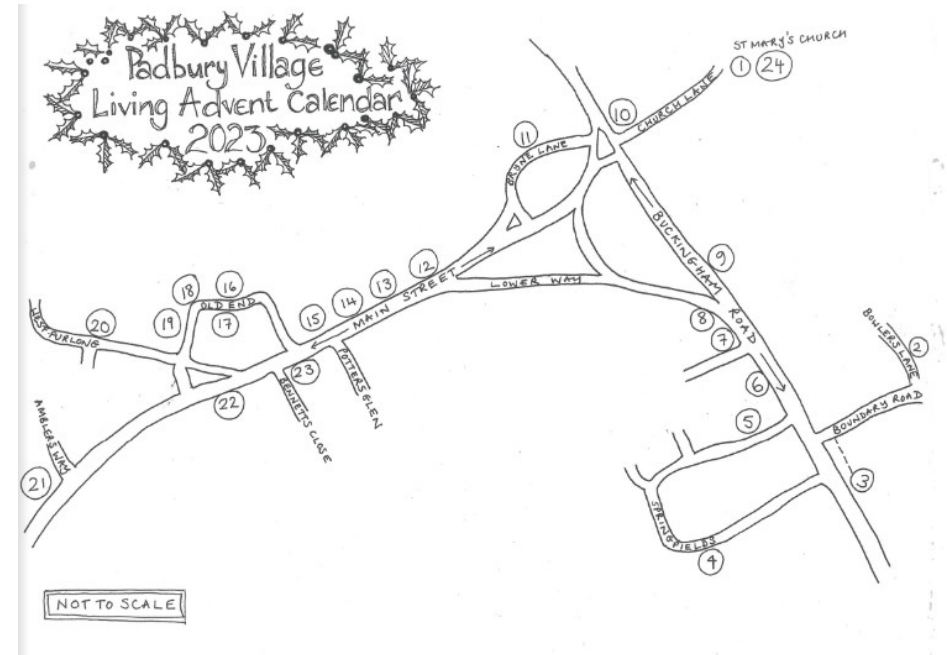


## Pump

December 2023 / January 2024

### THE PADBURY VILLAGE LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR 2023

Now in its second year, the Padbury Living Calendar will bring cheer to the village throughout December. Starting and finishing at **St Mary's Church**, the trail (see map) makes for a lovely meander through our village with both the **Padbury Pre-School** and **Primary School** creating Advent windows, as well as a host of village dwellers. Each window will be lit from dusk until about 9pm from the specified date on the trail. Happy December!



## The Padbury Parish Pump

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**Bookswap**

Thankyou to all those who continue to support the book swap. The books have recently been all exchanged. If it is full when donating then please kindly drop any excess to Byways Corner.

Just a polite request regarding the bookswap: Please swap books out and don't use it for a dumping area for lots of now unloved books or rubbish.

If you have a lot of books then please take them to a charity shop or pop them in one of the charity bags that come through our doors.

If you would like to get involved with rotating the books than please give me a call on 07968 471709. Many hands make light work!

*Thankyou*

**Handy with sewing?**

Are you handy with a sewing machine and have an hour available at the beginning of December? If your answer is 'yes', Miss Mandy is looking for assistance in creating head and arm holes in 26 pillow cases (provided) for this year's Preschool Nativity costumes. Please email [manager@padburypreschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@padburypreschool.co.uk) or give her a ring on 01280 815158 if you can help.

**Padbury School and Preschool Christmas Fair**

If you are clearing out the cupboards prior to Christmas than please drop any donations to the Preschool. We are on the look out for:

- 1) Bottles
- 2) Teddy's – new/nearly new
- 3) General Tombola – new/nearly new/as new
- 4) Childrens books

<p><b>Do you need a lift?</b></p> <p><b>Do you need help with transport for hospital or any other appointments, or perhaps collecting shopping or prescriptions?</b> If so, there are people in the village who are happy and willing to help. Initially, please call <b>Sara Birch</b>; although she may not necessarily be able to help</p>	<p><b>We have about 100 wine glasses available for free-of-charge loan.</b></p> <p>Please contact <b>Vicky Murray</b> on <b>822827</b> or</p>
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**Worried about a vulnerable friend, relative or neighbour?**

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**WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER '24 / JANUARY '25 ISSUE**



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As an insomniac, I can now say, as I write this, that there are only five more 'sleeps' for me until Christmas! For normal people however, it's a few more than that, and I bet there are many of you, both young and not-so-young, who are eagerly awaiting The Big Day.

Christmas Day used to be the busiest day of the year for me. No, I'm not Santa (sorry to disappoint), but aboard ship it was one of my many jobs to connect people to their families at home by radio telephone call. I'd always indulge in a call too, after everyone else had had a go, and let me tell you—putting the phone down after speaking with your family from the middle of a distant ocean is the most lonely feeling there can be. Let's therefore think of all those who, for whatever reason, cannot be with the ones they love this Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue of The Pump. I put out an appeal early in November asking everyone to submit their articles in good time, so that I could construct this issue before the beginning of December. For reasons of space I've had to temporarily remove some regular features, such as the list of contacts that's usually on page 2, to make room for seasonal articles. They'll be back next time.

The deadline for the next issue is 26th January. Please make sure you send articles for inclusion in good time.

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

All that remains is to thank everyone for making living in Padbury such a pleasure and a privilege. Have a very Happy Christmas, and a healthy and safe New Year.

*Dex*

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## PADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### Season's Greeting to All Residents

Padbury Parish Council would like to wish good health and season's greetings to all of our residents.

### Padbury Christmas Tree

Thank you to **Phillip Webb of Folly Farm** for donating the village Christmas tree and to **Councillors Morris and Dickens** for putting it in place.

### Development of Springfields Pavilion

You may have noticed the significant change in appearance to the Springfields Pavilion. The extension is well underway with completion due in the new year. We will update you in the next edition of the Pump.

There is still time to contribute if you would like to name the new pavilion. Please email the Parish Clerk with your ideas. Thank you.

### Main Street Play Area – Have your vote for new equipment

Please see the article [on page 6](#) where you will be given the opportunity to vote for a new piece of equipment for Padbury's play area.

### Neighbourhood Plan

There is still time to have an input in shaping the future development of Padbury by being part of developing a Neighbourhood Plan. Find out more about what this means in an article on [page 17](#) of The Pump.

### Resurfacing Works—Bryne Lane to Springfields (A413)

Please note that the road resurfacing works to the A413 are now due to take place in January 2024. Advance notification will be given on information boards adjacent to the highway.

### Community Speedwatch

Padbury Parish Council has a speed monitoring kit and can offer training to volunteers. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Parish Clerk.

### Overgrown Hedges and Vegetation

Please remember that hedges and vegetation should not obstruct the highway or pavements. The responsibility for maintaining these lies with the property owner.

### Village Stewards—Thank you!

We would like to say a very special thank you to all those who have volunteered to use some of their spare time to help provide this publication and maintain our beautiful village. Please see the separate article that we hope gives our volunteers the recognition that they deserve.

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## BINGO

Bingo still continues to be going along nicely: Christmas Bingo which is on the 1st December will unfortunately be over by the time this edition of The Pump is out, I will put a report about it in the next edition.

We have 2 bingo's left in 2023 which are on the **8th and 15th of December** at 8pm. I will then have my usual break for Christmas and we restart Friday as usual on **January the 12th** at 8pm.

Many thanks go to all my helpers and to everyone who supports me through the year. I really enjoy running the Bingo while I'm able to help support our lovely Village Hall with its upkeep, but do wish it was a bit more supported by some of our own Villagers and that I didn't have to rely on people from all surrounding areas. May I take this opportunity to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For any further information please feel free to contact me, Carol, on **01280 308311** or **07747 718175**

*Carol Bloxham*

## PADBURY WI

Our members had an enjoyable time in October when we all made gift boxes from scratch. They looked fantastic and such was the inspiration that some of us have made more afterwards.

At our Annual Meeting in November we again formed a committee of eight members and **Sue Chadbund** was duly re-elected as President. **Sue Christelow** continues as Secretary and we appointed **Roberta Jefferies** as our new Treasurer.

For our **14th December** gathering we will have carols, madrigals and dancing by **Milady Clare's Musicke**. Food will be served including mince pies and mulled wine.

**11th January 2024** will see us discussing the NFWI Resolutions followed by a bit of fun with some games and maybe a quiz or two.

We welcome visitors to any of our meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in Padbury Village Hall. You will receive a warm welcome, we have an interesting variety of speakers and refreshments are available.

To find out more about Padbury WI please visit our website [padburywi.weebly.com](http://padburywi.weebly.com) or email [padburywi@gmail.com](mailto:padburywi@gmail.com).



*Sue Christelow, Secretary*

Services at St Mary the Virgin for December 2023 and January 2024		
3 December	Isaiah.64.1-9 Psalm 80, 1-8 1Corinthians.1.3-9 Mark 13.24-end	10.30am Village Praise
10 December	Isaiah.40.1-11 Psalm 85.8-end 2 Peter 3.8-15 Mark 1.1-8	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion
17 December	Isaiah,61.1-4,8-end Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians.5.16-24 John 1.6-8,19-28	9.00am Holy Communion 5pm Carol Service
24 December	2 Samuel.7.1-11,16 Psalm 89.1-4,19-26 Romans.16.25-end Luke 1.26-38	4.00pm Christingle
7 January	Genesis 1.1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19,1-7 Mark 1.4-11	10.30am Village Praise
14 January	1 Samuel 3,1-10 Psalm 139 1-9 Revelation 5.1-10 John 2.2-end	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion
21 January	Genesis 14,17-20 Psalm 128 Revelation 19.6-10 John 2,1-11	9.00am Holy Communion
Now Padbury is without a vicar, occasionally, it may be necessary to alter services. Any changes will be shown on Padbury's Facebook page		

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### Fix My Street—Online reporting

Please continue to report all damage to the highway, potholes, pavements, overgrown hedges or trees and fly tipping online so that action can be taken by Buckinghamshire Council. <https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

### Parish Council Website—News

Please visit the Parish Council website News section for up to date news and contact details including those for East West Rail, HS2 and any local road closures. <https://padburyparishcouncil.com/news>

### Planning

Decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council (Aylesbury Vale Area):

- 23/02563/APP – Householder application for first floor side extension and garage conversion - 1 Lodge Close. **APPROVED**
- 23/02613/APP – Householder application for erection of two storey part single storey side part rear extension, outbuilding extension, provision for off road parking and associated external works – 6 Main Street. **APPROVED**
- 23/00011/NONDET - Application for permission in principle for the erection of minimum of 5 and maximum of 9 dwellings - Land Adjacent to West Bourn, Main Street – **APPEAL DISMISSED**

### 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 Village Hall on the following dates:

2023      7th December

2024      13 February  
            16th April  
            14th May

We hope that the 2024 meetings will be held at the new pavilion. Confirmation will be online on the Parish Council website and in the February edition of the Pump.

Residents are welcome to attend.

### PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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## Main Street Play Area—Vote for a new piece of equipment

Earlier this year, the zip wire had to be removed following a safety inspection. The Parish Council are now looking to install one new piece of equipment to replace it. Three possible items have been selected (see images), they are:

- A) The Crusader
- B) The Surf Rider
- C) A Cableway

Due to the costs of playground equipment, the Parish Council will be applying for funding to help with these costs.

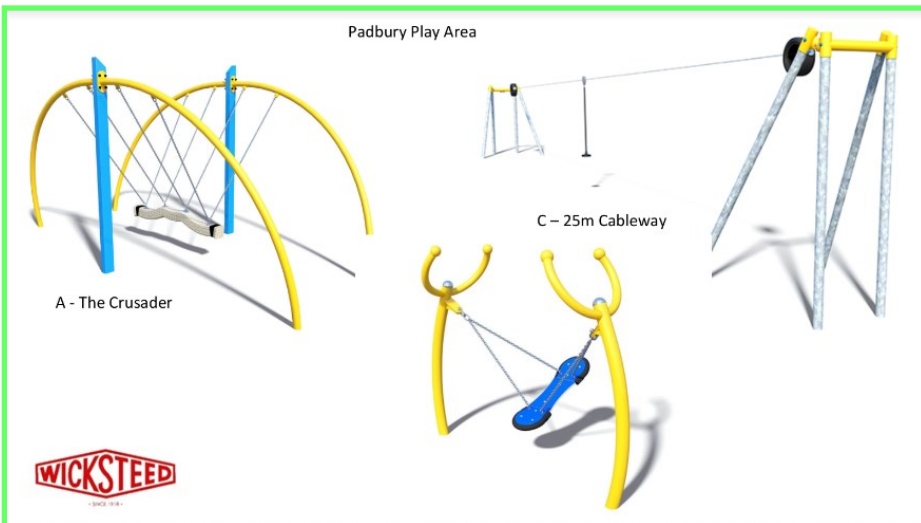
We are asking residents to vote for their preferred item. We will also be arranging for a vote to take place at Padbury C of E School and Pre-School.

Please complete the following and return to the **Parish Clerk at 8 Arnolds Close, Padbury** or alternatively give to one of the Councillors, by the 31st December 2023.

I confirm that I am a resident of Padbury and this is my vote:

Vote for either A, B or C:

- A) The Crusader
- B) The Surf Rider
- C) Cableway



## ST MARY'S CHURCH

### Christmas Tree Weekend

Friday, 1 December - from 5.45pm outside St Mary's

The U3A Band will play Christmas music and carols from about 5.45pm. It is so lovely to listen to live music by skilled musicians. Seating is available for those who may find standing difficult.



At 6pm there will be a short Nativity when children will take Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus to the outdoor stable where they will stay, accompanied by sheep and looking forward to seeing visitors, until Twelfth Night, Epiphany. The musicians will accompany the singing of carols.

The outdoor **Christmas Tree lights** will be switched on. Wooden baubles on which you can write prayers, blessings or seasonal wishes will be in a basket in the church porch. Help yourselves to a bauble. Throughout the Christmas period, everybody is welcome at any time, to hang them on the tree.

The **bells of St Mary's** will ring out at about 7pm - such an iconic sound.

Saturday, 2 December - all day in St Mary's Church

From 9.30am - 4pm, the church becomes a 'pop-up' cafe.

There will be hot drinks and a variety of food all day.

Breakfast butties, cakes, scones, pastries, homemade soup with homemade bread, hot drinks, etc, all waiting for you to enjoy.

The church will be suitably decorated for the weekend.

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY** (and dogs if you wish)



Sincere thanks go to **Folly Farm, Adstock**, on the main Buckingham Road, for providing two Christmas Trees for St Mary's.

Folly Farm will be open for the sale of Christmas Trees from the beginning of December. They are beautiful trees, excellent value and provide a friendly service.

**Padbury's Carol Service - Sunday, 17 December at 5pm**

followed by mulled wine and mince-pies.

Christingle - Christmas Eve at 4pm

This is a wonderful way to start Christmas!



PLEASE SUPPORT ST MARY'S  
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## The New Inn Padbury ~ Dates for your Diary



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**Saturday 2nd Dec ~ FARM SLICE PIZZA 4.30pm ~ 7.30pm**

**Thursday 7th Dec ~ GURKHA STREETFOOD 5pm ~ 8pm**

**Friday 15th December ~ Friends & Flavours 5pm ~ 8.30pm**

**Friday 22nd Dec ~ FARM SLICE PIZZA 4.30pm ~ 7.30pm**

**Thursday 28th Dec ~ QUIZ ??? NIGHT 7pm**

## WINSLOW AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY (WADAS)

WADAS members and visitors came to the Winslow Bowls Club on the evening of 28th October to listen to and watch **Jane Rhodes**, a local artist. We were all enthralled to watch Jane demonstrate her use of watercolour and pastels and to marvel at the beautiful picture which she completed in such a short time.

We always welcome visitors to our demonstration evenings, you don't have to be an artist to enjoy watching and listening to them as they explain their particular skills. So why not come along? The entrance fee is only £5 and the doors open at 7pm for a start at 7.30 pm. You will see more information below.

As usual we have been meeting at Padbury Village Hall each Tuesday morning and in the Winslow Bowls Club on a Thursday morning. We have been busy working on our paintings for our exhibition which will be on Saturday 25th November 11am-4.30pm and Sunday 26th November 10am-4.30 pm in the Winslow Public Hall. There is no entrance fee, homemade cakes and sausage rolls, teas and coffees for you to enjoy, cards and crafts for you to purchase. So why not come along?

Our next demonstrations will be :-

16th November **Leanne Ellis** on Abstract mixed media.

25th January **Cathy Read** on Architectural Scene in watercolour and inks.

Chair: **Cheryl Wilyman**

Treasurer: **Jackie Chambers**

Secretary: **Monica Gilbey**

## Police Contact Details

### Winslow and District Neighbourhood Team

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## PADBURY FRIENDLY AFTERNOON CLUB

We had been looking forward to Roger's talk on pearls for our October meeting, but he was sadly unable to be there at the last minute, so we were very grateful to a different Roger, who stepped in at short notice and gave us an interesting talk about the architecture of seaside buildings during the heydays of those towns and the men, who brought them into being. We toured piers, palaces, carparks and promenade shelters with slides of seaside resorts in our country that he had visited.

We look forward to hearing Roger Young's talk another time, and Roger Edwards also has more up his sleeve, so watch this space!

In November, there was another change to the advertised programme, and Ruth Reid came to give us a gentle movement class. She emphasised the importance of our stance, using our core muscles to support the rest of the body. I was interested to note that the first set of exercises, helping us to warm our muscles up, were very similar to those I use with my music groups! We all had fun and then ruined all our good work with tea and biscuits!

**December 13th** is the date for our Christmas dinner. The start time is earlier: come at **1pm for a 1:30 meal**. There will be drinks and nibbles, while Ray provides some Christmassy music, and after the main course, Helen Kemp is coming to entertain us with some Jazzy numbers on her saxophone. You may have heard her play at the Christmas tree festivals over the last few years. We should finish at around our usual time. Many thanks to Kay Bradley for providing the main course and some pudding for us - we look forward to some delicious food!

**! Remember to bring a Secret Santa present, costing less than £5 !**

Our first meeting of 2024 will be on **January 10th at 2pm** in the village hall. Hopefully a new programme will have been sorted in time for the Christmas meal.

In the meantime, may I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

*Tina Mitchell 01280 814544*

Come along and join us for **Carols Around the Village Christmas Tree** on **Friday 8th December at 6:30pm**, and for a mince pie in **The New Inn** afterwards.  
Bring the family too!

*Fred Morris*



## THE NEW INN, PADBURY

The New Inn Padbury

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### Christmas & New Year Opening Hours



**CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: 3pm ~ 11pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: 12 noon ~ 2pm**

**BOXING DAY Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec: 2pm ~ 9pm**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec: CLOSED**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec: 3pm ~ 10pm**  
Quiz Night 7pm

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec: 3pm ~ 11pm**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec: 3pm ~ 10pm**

**NEW YEARS EVE Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: 6pm ~ LATE**  
Traditional New Years Eve Celebrations & Platters!

**NEW YEARS DAY Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan: 12 noon ~ 8pm**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January: CLOSED**



**Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!**

**A huge thank you for all of your continued support in 2023.**



## PADBURY PRE-SCHOOL

As always, the Pre-school has been very busy this term. Our pre-school forest school sessions have started at the allotments on a Monday afternoon. Activities have linked into this term's theme of learning about animals and their habitats. The children are enjoying observing the hedgehogs, red kites and spotting the bat boxes. We are in the Tesco blue token scheme in Buckingham until the beginning of January to enable us to get some warmer waterproofs and equipment. Please pop a token in the box for us!

It's the festive season and children are creating costumes, and learning poems and songs for their Nativity. If anyone is handy with a sewing machine than please let Miss Mandy know ([manager@padburypreschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@padburypreschool.co.uk)) The plan involves 26 pillow cases! Neck and arm holes need to be created.

We have had a kind donation from the Rotary Club towards the long-term fundraising goal of a smaller space to use for age related activities and for when children are settling in or have extra needs. We also have had a Tonie book donated to the settling for listening to audiobooks. As ever, the Pre-school have been working closely with the PFA. We received a generous PFA donation after the success of the circus, enabling the setting to do the extra bits of themed activities and Christmas gifts to the children.

OFSTED visited us a day after half term, on Halloween! The inspector observed the spooky activities with staff and children in fancy dress as per the day plan. A huge well done to all the staff on what was the busiest day of the week with the extra themed activities. We are awaiting the report and keeping everything crossed. Please have a look at our website for the parent feedback we received for the inspection.

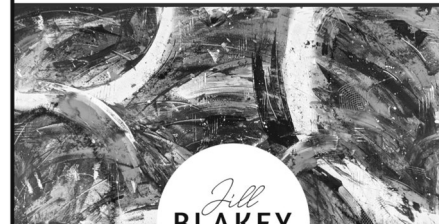
With changes in two-year-old funding coming in 2024, if you have a baby that you would like to go to the Pre-school end of 2024 or 2025, then please do get them registered. Due to closures of other pre-schools locally, we are expecting an increase in applications once the government releases the finer details in January. Please email Claire at [theark@padburypreschool.co.uk](mailto:theark@padburypreschool.co.uk).

Please see posters for the Santa float 9th Dec and PFA Christmas Festival on 3rd December. Donations for the tombola, bottle tombola, children's books and Teddy stall – new or nearly new – would be greatly received. Please drop them into Pre-school.

Merry Christmas and thank you for your continued support.

Cathy Miah  
Preschool Committee

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## PADBURY VILLAGE HALL

### AGM

The village hall committee held their AGM on Thursday 23rd November 2023. It was reported that the village hall finances for the year have been approved and are in a healthy position. It was agreed that charges for the hire of the village hall would remain unchanged going into next year.

Members of the committee were re-elected, with everyone willing to stand for another year. **Trish Iliff-Rolfe** will continue in the post of Chairperson on a temporary basis only, anyone wishing to take over this position please contact: **Wendy Bull** – [email@wendybull.co.uk](mailto:email@wendybull.co.uk) or **Shirley Hemes** – [sahemes55@gmail.com](mailto:sahemes55@gmail.com).

The village hall committee would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

### 100+ Club

Notice of recent winners of the 100+ Club draw.

October: 1st	£100, No 130- David Britain	2nd £50, No 52 -June Terry
November:	1st £50, No 7- Nicola Hoddy	2nd £50, No 20 -Sara Birch

### For your diary

#### Village Hall Christmas Disco

Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm

DJ Alan Taberer

Tickets £10, Contact **Carol Bloxham** – 01280 308311 or 07747 718175

#### Cheese & Wine Evening – Featuring 100+ Club Grand Draw

Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm

Entertainment provided by Paul French

Contact **Carol Bloxham** – 01280 308311 or 07747 718175

#### Coffee Morning

The village hall coffee morning is held on the first Friday of every month, come along for a cuppa and delicious homemade cake.

### Hiring the Village Hall

To hire the village hall please contact Booking Secretary, **Shirley Hemes** – [sahemes55@gmail.com](mailto:sahemes55@gmail.com) or 01280 812617.

The map is not that clear, it can be viewed at [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/tell-us-about-a-site-for-development/](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/tell-us-about-a-site-for-development/) then follow the links in the section 'sites previously submitted' and either view the list or the interactive map.

### Who can produce a neighbourhood plan?

Neighbourhood plans have to be initiated by a 'qualifying body', which includes a parish council. This does not mean that Padbury Parish Council has to, or can do, all the work. The view of the parish council is that a neighbourhood plan is a community effort and needs to be produced by the residents of the village. A range of skills is required, for example in drafting surveys, raising funds, report writing, planning law etc. It will not be a simple task and a working group of at least ten people is probably needed so that all the work does not fall on a few people.

### What can you do?

You can find more information about neighbourhood plans at [www.neighbourhoodplanning.org](http://www.neighbourhoodplanning.org) and [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/)

Then, if you are interested in joining the working group, please send your details (including a note of any skills that you have that would be helpful in drafting the plan) to the parish clerk at [padburyparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:padburyparishcouncil@gmail.com) by the **19th January**. If enough residents show an interest, the parish council will call a meeting to consider how the project can be taken forward.



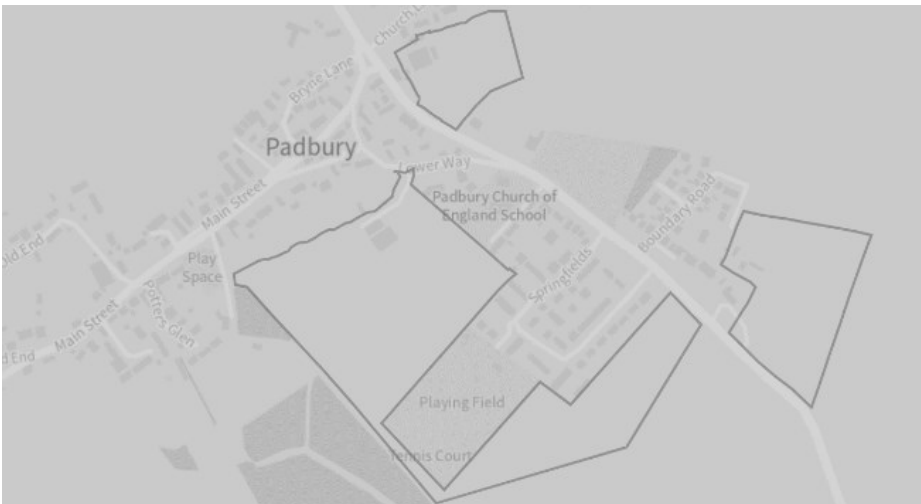
## What has happened so far?

The first stage of a neighbourhood plan is to designate the area that the plan will apply to. In the case of Padbury the area was designated some time ago to have the same extent as the area within the parish boundary.

At the beginning of the year, the parish council surveyed 19 parishes in the old Aylesbury Vale district council area who had made a neighbourhood plan. Eleven replied and the main conclusions drawn for the responses were:

- The main reason for a neighbourhood plan was to protect against unwanted development.
- A key issue is to establish a settlement boundary, inside the parish boundary in which building can be allowed (provided planning applications are approved).
- The shortest time to make a plan was approx. two years, longest four (but that was affected by covid).
- Generally the plan writing group consisted of residents and councillors, the chairman of which was not always a councillor.
- Most used an external consultant.
- Largest cost was £20,000 but grants are available.
- All reported that it was a worthwhile exercise.

As part of its work on writing a new local plan Buckinghamshire Council made a call for sites. That is, places where someone would like to build houses, subject to obtaining planning permission. Three sites are currently listed for Padbury, which are shown on the map below.



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## GREENER PADBURY GROUP

We were delighted to welcome more than 40 residents to our **inaugural AGM** at the Village Hall in October – and even more so when so many signed up to volunteer, either in the woods, on our communal green spaces project, for moth trap sessions and litter picks, or simply to be kept posted. Thank you all for your support. We were joined by Alex Cruickshank of the Wildlife Trust and he talked to us about what makes a ‘good wood’, and specifically about the challenges and potential of our own Millennium Wood. We were also pleased to welcome Sarah Ovey-Horwood as a trustee.

This autumn has seen us join Greener Winslow in partnering with Oxford Trees Collaborate for a **garden tree giveaway**, a fantastic initiative. Padbury is now 53 trees greener!

We have been enjoying the woods to the full this year with our free holiday activities – **Go Wild in the Woods** – held in each school holiday, as well as moth trap sessions and birdsong walks. Our final event was on Sunday 29 October where five families joined Julie and Robert for an inspiring and informative bat and moth adventure!

The wonderful news is that, thanks to a generous ‘Bee Green’ grant from **Gawcott Fields Community Solar**, Greener Padbury will be running Go Wild again in 2024 – and it will be bigger and better than before! Keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for more details...

Also back in the new year is the forest school playgroup **Muddy Toddlers** in its exciting new venue: St Mary’s allotments! A huge thank you to all involved in making this possible. We are able to continue offering this as a free class for families thank to the Tesco Community Fund blue token scheme.

Finally, if you’re scratching your head for a festive gift for that tricky-to-buy-for friend, would sponsoring a bat box be the thing?! Bats are a crucial part of our ecosystem but they have fewer places to roost these days; can you give them a boost this Christmas? Visit the latest news section of our website for more information: [www.greenerpadbury.com](http://www.greenerpadbury.com).

### Padbury Litter Pick

This was to have taken place on Saturday 4th November, but in the event, the weather was too wet to go ahead. However, some volunteers have tidied areas of the village and a special mention must go to Henry Sampson, who not only cleared the west end of the village, but went on to undertake clearing Ox Lane as far as the bridge. He recovered 143 discarded drinks cans from that stretch, along with other rubbish, filling three black sacks. If anyone would like to clean another area, please get in touch and I can lend you a stick and provide bags. Realistically, the next organised pick will now be in the spring.

*Tina Mitchell*

*We should emphasise that Ox Lane falls outside the remit of Greener Padbury and any work undertaken there is done solely at the individual’s own risk.*

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## A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR PADBURY?

### What is a neighbourhood plan?

Neighbourhood plans were introduced by the Localism Act 2011 (where they are referred to as ‘Neighbourhood Development Plans’). In very simple terms a neighbourhood plan is:

- a document setting out planning policies for the neighbourhood area – which are, in conjunction with county-wide policies, used to decide planning applications.
- written by the local community, the people who know the area, rather than Buckinghamshire Council.
- a tool to assist the community to get the right type of development, in the right place.

### Main parts of the process

Once a neighbourhood plan has been drafted (which is the larger part of the process) it must be publicised for a period of six weeks for public consultation. Any comments received need to be considered and, if appropriate, amendments made to the draft plan.

The draft plan is then submitted to Buckinghamshire Council, as the local planning authority.

It then undertakes another six week consultation. Any representations received and the draft plan are then submitted for an independent examination. This is to make sure that the proper legal process has been followed and that the plan meets the ‘basic conditions’ which are that the plan:

- has regard to the National Planning Policy Framework.
- is in general conformity with the strategic policies in Buckinghamshire Council’s local plan.
- contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.
- is compatible with human rights requirements.
- is compatible with EU regulations (these are matters that are incorporated into UK law and are generally about the environment).

If necessary, modifications may result from the independent examination to ensure the plan meets legal requirements. Once the examination is ‘passed’ the plan is then put to a public referendum in the parish. More than 50% of those voting in the referendum need to vote “yes” to bring the plan into force.

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**PADBURY COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH GROUP**

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Would you like to tackle the problem of speeding within Padbury Village?

If your answer is 'YES' to the above, then please get in touch and join the existing volunteers of the **Padbury Community Speedwatch Group**.

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Make your Christmas footprint smaller by reusing old wrapping paper and saving paper from this year's gifts for next year. Try to buy any new wrapping paper from shops where it is not wrapped in cellophane – it is good to see that this year some of our supermarkets have just put paper protectors on the rolls of wrap. Cards are also being sold in non plastic packing. Remember that glitter is made of plastic and really difficult to eliminate from water once it makes its way into the waste water system.

**Food waste:**

A staggering seven million tonnes of food ends up in the bin each Christmas in the UK. Unsurprisingly, this places 'the most wonderful time of the year' as the time of the year when food waste is at its peak. Here are some ideas to help the planet as well as your pocket:

- have a few more vegetables and a little less meat at your celebration.
- invest in organic and sustainable meat [plenty to be found at Padbury Meats!!]
- aim simply to buy less.
- plan your meals and resist the urge to impulse buy.
- If eating out, only order what you can realistically manage and ask for a doggy bag to take any reuseable food home with you
- use any leftovers to make delicious new meals!

We want Christmas to be a season of goodwill, and not a season of landfill!

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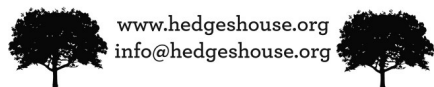
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## PADBURY TENNIS CLUB

With Christmas approaching we are entering the tennis quiet season, but tennis is still being played!

Match season ended with a 5th place from 7, assuring another season in Div.4. Top player was our club champion, **Jason Brogden**, with a 12th place out of 53 players in the league. **Paul Armitage** was second. New member **Chris Ashton** made a valuable contribution in his first season.

Coaching is still ongoing both for juniors and also adults with a good attendance. Ed's lessons are going down well all around. He is taking most of December off to take a well-earned break. But he will be back in January with full steam ahead, building skills for the summer season.

Club night continues still, for those keen to play in cooler weather under lights. **Tuesdays at 7pm** and **Saturday after 4pm**.

If anyone new, junior or adult would like to play the club can offer play for the rest of the season until the end of March for a very small charge.

Like to have a go? Then give us a call. Contact Dave Green on **07920 297891** or email on

## PADBURY VILLAGE FOOTBALL CLUB



Padbury have enjoyed some good results in recent weeks with the 1st team progressing into the Quarterfinal of the Berks & Bucks Cup Charles Twelfth Trophy after a 4-1 victory over Pundit FC.



On **December 9th** Padbury will entertain Burghfield with a Semifinal place up for grabs.

The U18s have beaten local rivals Mortenville 4-2 to move up to middle of their league whilst the U14 Raptors have progressed to the 3rd of their League Shield after a convincing 9-1 victory over Winslow.

The U12s have enjoyed success beating EB lions to maintain their 100% win rate in their league matches.

The non-competitive age groups (U8s to U10s) continue to thrive. The Club are seeking more girls to join with the intention to develop girls only and mixed teams going forward.

For further information please visit the club website - [pvfc.org.uk](http://pvfc.org.uk)

## EVENTS COMING UP AT THE BLACKBIRD

**Fondue & French Wine Night Saturday 2nd Dec from 6pm.**

Traditional fondue and a selection of French wines.

**Christmas Quiz Tuesday 5th Dec at 7.30pm**

£2 entry per person, teams of up to 6.

**Luigi's Pizza Van Saturday 9th Dec 5pm-8pm.**

**Live Music Christmas Eve from 7.30pm**

Harvey Fowler is back at The Blackbird.

**New Years Eve Karaoke from 8pm**

See in the New Year singing all your favourite tunes.

### Christmas & New Year Opening Hours

Friday 22nd Dec	12pm-11pm
Saturday 23rd Dec	12pm-10.30pm
Sunday 24th Dec	12pm-10.30pm
Monday 25th Dec	12pm-2.30pm (Last Orders at 2pm)
Tuesday 26th Dec	12pm-6pm
Wednesday 27th Dec	3pm-10pm
Thursday 28th Dec	3pm-10pm
Friday 29th Dec	3pm-11pm
Saturday 30th Dec	12pm-10.30pm
Sunday 31st Dec	12pm-Late
Monday 1st Jan	12pm-6pm
Tuesday 2nd Jan	Closed
Wednesday 3rd Jan onwards	regular opening hours resume.

**2024 Quizzes 9th Jan and 6th Feb**

*Tia and the team thank you for your continued support*

## 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 or 17 Springfields. Many thanks in advance.

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