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June / July 2025



Continuing my annual theme of pets taking a surreptitious holiday break while their owners are also away on theirs, here is Titus visiting his far distant cousin Myrtle while enjoying some of the sun's rays on the beach. What a lucky tortoise! Love that shirt!

For those days when you're not away on holiday, there are some wonderful events occurring over the summer months in Padbury and in the surrounding villages. Many of them are listed in the pages of this issue, but please keep an eye on the Padbury noticeboards, the Facebook pages for the Village and the Village Hall, and on the various WhatsApp groups for news and updates. It'd be a shame to miss anything.

If you are going away on holiday, please stay safe, enjoy your break, and come back refreshed and with some excellent memories to dwell on later in the year.

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PADBURY COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH GROUP



Do you have a couple of spare hours a month?

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.

Please contact Pam (Parish Clerk) via:
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WELCOME TO THE JUNE / JULY '25 ISSUE



Ed: Derek (Dex) Cooper
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Please submit items for the Pump to the editor by email no later than Friday 18 July 2025 please. Any copy or changes received after 20th July will not be included.

I didn't quite have enough material to fill all the pages in this issue. For practical reasons, each issue has to have a multiple of four pages, so I've re-used some village photographs provided by Victoria Murray for the December/January issue as I think they are rather excellent. I hope Victoria doesn't mind that I have included them again.

Issue	Deadline
August/September 2025	18th July 2025
October/November 2025	19th September 2025
*December 2025/January 2026	21st November 2025
February/March 2026	23rd January 2026

*The December/January issue covers the Christmas period and MUST be available for distribution before the start of December.

Please make sure you plan and send your submissions in good time, and use these deadlines as an absolute latest target date.

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My thanks to the Parish Council for helping to fund The Pump's production costs. I know that it is appreciated by many in the village. 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.

All that remains is to thank everyone for continuing to make living in Padbury such a pleasure and a privilege.

Dex

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PADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

WELCOME FROM YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCIL

At our May meeting we welcomed a new Padbury Parish Council. **Cllr. Craig Dinwoodie** was voted in as Chairperson and **Cllr. Vicky Murray** was voted in as Vice chair.

We also welcomed five further elected councillors who will serve the residents of Padbury for the next four years - **Cllr. Stephen Dickens**, **Cllr. Isobel Clymer**, **Cllr. Sarah Ovey-Horwood**, **Cllr. Robert Manasse** and **Cllr. Alison Tulud**.

In April's edition of the Pump we introduced **Carol Swannell** who was recently appointed as Parish Clerk.

Your local Parish Councillors are all volunteers, supported by Carol and collectively will be working to represent local residents and help keep living in Padbury a joy! Our updated contact details are at the end of this article.



Pictured. Back row, left to right, Cllr. Robert Manasse, Cllr. Stephen Dickens, Cllr. Craig Dinwoodie and Cllr. Isobel Clymer. Front row left to right Cllr. Alison Tulud, Cllr. Sarah Ovey-Horwood, Cllr. Vicky Murray and Carol Swannell.

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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, PADBURY – APRIL AND MAY

8 June – Pentecost	10.30 am Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
15 June – Trinity Sunday	9 am – Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i>
22 June – Trinity 1	No Service
29 June – St Peter & Paul	6 pm – Licensing Service for Revd Dr Quentin Chandler
6 July – Trinity 3	10.30 am – Special service at Holy Trinity Gawcott led by our new vicar Revd Quentin Chandler
13 July – Trinity 4	10.30 am – Holy Communion
20 July – Trinity 5	9 am – Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i>
27 July – Trinity 6	No Service

The Lenborough Benefice is pleased to announce that the **Revd Dr Quentin Chandler** has accepted the position of Vicar of Lenborough.

We look forward to welcoming Revd Quentin and his wife **Jeanette** to the Benefice and give thanks to Almighty God for leading them to this corner of North Buckinghamshire.

His licensing will be conducted by the **Right Reverend Canon Dave Bull**, Bishop of Buckingham, on **Sunday, 29 June at 6 pm at St Mary's, Padbury**. Everyone is warmly invited to attend this service and to join us for refreshments afterwards.

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.
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We would like to thank Peter Burton who has stepped down as Chair, Fred Morris, David

Green and David Barnes for their dedication to the residents and years working for the village as Parish Councillors. These former councillors have all given their time and skills generously including many hours completing jobs around the village. They have all kindly offered to support the new councillors during the period of transition.

HELP US WIN THIS YEAR'S BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE!

We have entered this year's Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village competition and are looking for all residents, organisations and businesses to support us in showing the best of Padbury. Judging will take place between 1st June and 14th July.

The judges will be looking at the provision, maintenance, and overall appearance of the following:

1. The graveyard
2. The greens, the playing field, the children's play areas, Millenium Wood.
3. Floral displays (hanging baskets, tubs, planters, flower beds etc.)
4. Community facilities (Village Hall and Pavilion)
5. General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, the pond, brook)
6. Shops and pubs (Padbury Meats, The Blackbird, The New Inn)
7. Bus stops, bus shelters, public seating, dog bins, notice boards, information signs
8. The War Memorial
9. Quality of Competition entry - up to date and detailed map with features highlighted (Map near the Main Street Play Area)
10. Evidence of community engagement (website, newsletter, posters and general community involvement in the Competition).

REMINDER REGARDING CONSIDERATE PARKING

We would like to remind residents to please be mindful regarding where they park. Parking on the grass verges may cause damage to the wet ground and obstruct the vision of motorists when pulling out from their properties. Parking close to junctions is also dangerous. Main Street and Springfields have been highlighted as particularly vulnerable. We all value considerate parking. Thank you for your co-operation.

VILLAGE STEWARDS – AN UPDATE

We are supported by an amazing group of volunteers who complete many worthwhile jobs around the village and always welcome more support.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any suggestions regarding jobs that we could collectively take care of to improve our environment, please do contact Cllr. Dinwoodie or the Parish Clerk. Thank you for your consideration.

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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/>

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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

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 the village Speedwatch 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 if you would like to join.

USEFUL LINKS – A REMINDER

FIX MY STREET <https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HIGHWAYS - to report fallen trees etc. Tel. **01296 382416** (during office hours) or **01296 486630** (out of hours emergencies).

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

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

PLANNING

Decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council (Aylesbury Vale Area):

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

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 in 2025:

Thursday 12th June Tuesday 8th July Tuesday 9th September
Tuesday 9th December

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THE VILLAGE CALENDAR

When	What	Where
14 Jun	Quiz + Fish & Chips	Village Hall
21-22 Jun	Padbury Open Gardens	Padbury village
8 Jul	Parish Council Meeting	Padbury Pavilion
6 Sep	Padbury Produce Show	Village Hall
9 Sep	Parish Council Meeting	Padbury Pavilion
25 Oct	Quiz + Fish & Chips	Village Hall
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.		

PADBURY VILLAGE FOOTBALL CLUB



Champions



Padbury Village Raptors u15s - MKDDL Division 5, 2025
Congratulations to all the players, management, volunteers & supporters



Padbury Raptors U15s achieved the first league silverware in the Club's history becoming Champions of the MKDDL Division 5, 2025. With a team consisting of players that joined together as youngsters, aged 5 & 6, at Padbury Village Mini Kickers, it is a fantastic achievement by the players, management, volunteers and supporters.

The Club will be celebrating the success, and that of all its participants from Mini Kickers, through the age groups – Eagles, Panthers, Pumas, Falcons, Cougars and Raptors and adult 1st team, at our end of season awards in June.

Padbury Cougars U13s and the adult 1st team both finished the season strongly with a run of positive results. Both teams struggled before Christmas, but the New Year brought an upturn in form, helping both teams to rise in their divisions and generate promise for next season.

At the non-competitive aged groups U11s, U10s, U9s and U7s, the season concluded with each team enjoying a number of positive results as they continue their development. Mini Kickers continues to thrive with new youngsters joining the Club to play football for fun.

The Club would like to acknowledge the continued support from multiple sources for their assistance in 2024/25 including the Parish Council; villagers/supporters; parents; sponsors; funding grants - Tesco Stronger Starts, Coop Local Community Scheme, Padbury Sick Benefit Society; Thornton College and Sir Thomas Freemantle School. With Club membership continually growing, the Club continues to be challenged on & off the pitch. It is grateful for all support, in varying capacities, that enables the Club to provide access to football, for boys & girls, from age 5 to adult.

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



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TRISH ILIFF-ROLFE — A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

There can be few people in Padbury who have not been into the Village Hall for some sort of activity. In fact it is estimated that over 200 people use the hall each week. The building has been pivotal to the Village since it was built as a school in 1840, and then from 1965 when it became a centre for 'the benefit of the Village and neighbourhood'.

You may well have noticed the scaffolding around the Village Hall for a few weeks in March. You may even have been slightly concerned about the brick dust in your coffee, or even very inconvenienced by the occasional cancellation. On the other hand, you can't have failed to be impressed by the ariel photos of the work in progress and the brand-new roof.

We did ask Trish if she had climbed up a ladder to take the photos, and frankly, we wouldn't have been surprised if she had said she did! Thankfully, someone had a drone, because, without those photos, the grant would not have been forthcoming.

Looking back, Trish must feel that, helping to organise buckets, and juggling them to catch all the drips during what was about the wettest winter ever, was absolute child's play compared with what came afterwards. The grant application document was 63 pages long – it took her days to fill in and that wasn't all. She had to produce multiple quotes, endless documentation, and supervise the work, and give evidence of completion for every little step. AND the hall had to be cleaned at the end of every day to make it usable for the evening.

Of course, Trish didn't do all of this entirely on her own, the fantastic Village Hall Committee gave her encouragement, support and help, but, on this occasion, it is largely thanks to Trish that we now have a safe, dry Village Hall. Mind you, she can't rest yet, the committee is still organising fund raising events to help pay for the Hall's share of the bill.

But, in the meantime, a huge and heartfelt thank you to Trish for all she has achieved for the benefit of Padbury.

Margaret Templeton

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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

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or our Facebook page
Or contact : Cheryl, Monica or Jackie

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PADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Roof

As you may have noticed, the village hall roof has now been replaced. The committee hope that, following the disruption caused by the work, village hall users will now be able to enjoy the leak-free facility.

For Your Diary

Quiz/ Fish & Chip Supper – This popular event will be held on **Saturday June 14th** at 7.30pm.

Fish & Chips will be provided by Howe & Co chip van. There will be a bar and raffle.

Ticket price £15.50, available from **Carol Bloxham- 01280 308311** or **07747 718175**.

Padbury Open Gardens Weekend – Saturday 21st / Sunday 22nd June from 2pm -5pm.

The village hall will be hosting a variety of village groups who will be providing refreshments, stalls and entertainment – see Open Gardens programme on the day for details.

A celebration of local craft and produce – Following last year's successful opportunity for local people to sell their craft and produce, the event will be repeated this year on Saturday December 6th .

For information, or to book a table, please contact **Pam Sirett** –
pamsirett725@btinternet.com

Coffee Morning – The village hall coffee morning is held on the first Friday of every month, from 10.30 until noon. Join us for a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake. We would love to see you.

Village Hall Vacancy

A vacancy for the part-time position of Village Hall Caretaker is about to become available. For information about the post, please contact **Dex Cooper** –
derekcooper059@gmail.com

Hiring the village hall

To hire the Village Hall please contact the Booking Secretary, **Sue Hamp** –
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Wendy Bull, Secretary

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Do you need a lift?

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

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF JUNE TERRY

It is with deep sadness that we share news of the passing of **June Terry**, a beloved member of our village, who died peacefully on May 1st at the age of 84 years.

June lived in the village for over 50 years with her beloved partner **Dickie Cox**. She will be dearly missed by her daughter **Hannah**, and son **Dejon**.

May she Rest in Peace.



PADBURY FRIENDLY AFTERNOON CLUB

Our April Bingo meeting seems a long way away now, but it was a fun event. Our May meeting was a concert with many familiar tunes, provided by the Buckingham U3a ensemble, followed by a splendid tea, in celebration of VE day 80 years ago. Thanks to all who helped and provided food and to the band members, who pitched in and set up and decorated the hall, served the teas and cleared up afterwards. It was lovely to see so many there. We are now looking forward to our garden teas at Rekela Cottage, Main Street on Wednesday 11th June 2 – 4pm and our canal trip on Thursday July 10th, [note the different day!] pick up 1:30pm at the Village Hall. If you would like to know what is going on at the Friendly Afternoon, please send me an email so that you can be added to my contact list. Everyone welcome!



Tina Mitchell randtmitchell@tiscali.co.uk



Visiting Padbury School

GPG have visited Padbury C of E School to deliver an assembly about the work it carries out in the village. The school is currently working towards their Eco-Schools Green Flag certification and have a very active Eco Council. Two of the subjects which the children identified as being important to them are increasing biodiversity and reducing plastic pollution, and these tie in perfectly with our current projects.

We introduced the children to the village verge project, aimed at increasing biodiversity along the roadsides to promote pollinators. We also asked that they help the project by protecting the verges and not picking wildflowers from them as they grow. We talked to them about the woods and how creating scalloped edges will increase the biodiversity, and how we are monitoring this by way of regular moth trapping and recording – and invited them to come along to these sessions with their families.

It was fantastic to see how many children had spent time in the woods with the Go Wild project – which will be back in the summer holidays!

ECO TIPS

Litter Pick

This year we joined with the Great British Spring Clean run by the Keep Britain Tidy group and pledged 9 bags of rubbish to their total. With 8 volunteers, we were able to fulfil our pledge. Many thanks to those who took part as well as to those who are regularly picking in the village throughout the year.

While it is satisfying to see spaces cleaned up, it is also sad to see how many recyclables end up discarded in the countryside and around the village. Cans, especially aluminium ones, have a value when recycled. Aluminium is one of the easiest metals to recycle and using recycled aluminium products saves destroying swathes of ground from mining and turning people off their ancestral lands.

Eco Tips

How green is your washing up liquid? Did you know that popular brands may have a surfactant, which is in fact an oil based derivative. Good for bubbles, but less so for the environment! A study that was published in the Journal of Applied Microbiology says, "Surfactants are capable of penetrating the cell membrane and thus cause toxicity to living organisms. Accumulation of these compounds has been known to cause significant gill damage and loss of sight in fish."

So by throwing away our washing up water, we may be contributing to the pollution of our waterways. Look at companies like, Ecover, Bio-D, Method, and Greenscents for better, more environmentally friendly cleaning solutions. Labels such as "vegan", "organic" and "palm oil free" are also important to further guarantee sustainability.

Tina Mitchell.

Millennium Woods biodiversity project

We could not have asked for better weather for the birdsong walks at the end of April, and the Millennium Woods' feathered residents obliged us with a hearty chorus at dawn and dusk. Also gracing us with an appearance in the evening were bats – much to the delight of the youngest explorer in our party.

Next time you are walking around the woods, listen out for the blackbird, black cap, chaffinch, chiffchaff, goldfinch, pheasant, skylark, song thrush, long tailed tit, robin, garden warbler, great tit, house sparrow, wren, magpie, jackdaw, and pigeon too! Also heard was the lesser whitethroat, not so common at all. The Merlin app is a great way to help you identify the singer.

Other developments to look out for as you take a stroll: yellow rattle, buttercups, vetch and other wildflowers coming up in the meadow, flowering native bluebells and emerging flora in the newly cut scallops along the rides. And most excitingly of all: our first orchid! And it's a pretty special one – the Greater Butterfly (see pic). The flowers produce a scent at night which attracts night-flying moths which are responsible for pollination. This interconnectedness in nature is at the heart of what we are trying to preserve and promote.



The Great Padbury Pen Recycle

We have joined forces with Padbury C of E School's Eco Council to bring The Great Padbury Pen Recycle to our village! So, if you've been planning a clear out of your office or 'that' drawer that everyone has, you might be able to help us. We're aiming to fill a Terracycle Office Supplies box with waste to divert it from landfill. There are lots of items we can accept on the scheme (detailed below). We are running a competition in the school to see which class can collect the most waste, so if you know a Padbury School child, please do give your items to them so that it counts towards their total. If that's not an option but you still have items to donate, please do leave them in a bag/box outside Sunnyhill Farm, Old End. We'll be running this scheme until the end of the summer term, or until the box is full.

Accepted waste: Pens, clips & clamps, rubber stamps, file pockets & binders, pencil sharpeners, tape dispensers, correction products, business card holders, staplers & hole punches, glue sticks, plastic file dividers & folders.

No wooden pencils, electronic waste or batteries please.

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What have we been up to?

I can't believe we are approaching the summer term half term already. The weather has been glorious, and the children have enjoyed being able to play on the field earlier than usual this year. Rain, however, is already much needed!

We have had another busy term with a residential visit to Everdon Outdoor learning Centre for our yr3/4 children, which was an excellent place to visit, a visit to Rectory Farm with our youngest children seeing lambs being born, a fantastic science fair at the Royal Latin, and a variety of different sporting events.

The most exciting news is that we now have our extra room, thanks to lots of fundraising support and use of reserves. We are able to use this room when we need to split classes for things like phonics, spellings but also as an intervention space. It will make a huge difference, and thank you to all that helped contribute towards it.

Last time I wrote, the allotment was being prepared for growing. I am pleased to say that we are now up and running! Each year group has visited the allotment this half term and planted different fruits, vegetables and flowers. We have strawberries, different currant bushes, carrots, tomatoes, radishes, pumpkins, runner beans and more all growing. We also have wildflowers growing in one bed to support the pollination process. We hope to be open during the Padbury Open Garden's Weekend, so please do come and visit us there! Thank you to Mrs Grace and Mrs Kelly for all their hard work in making this happen.



We have taken part in a lot of sport this term. We have had a dodgeball tournament, a tennis competition, a racket sports skills session, netball and football. The most recent event was cricket last week where Padbury won the tournament. The children played very well as a team with some excellent fielding skills to work together to succeed.

The Eco Council have also been very busy preparing our evidence to achieve the Green Flag Award by July. We held a Belated Earth Day in early May where the children focused on the issues affecting our seas and oceans. Mrs Bulley and the Eco council helped raise awareness with different activities

through the day which culminated in a display to help remind people of the issues with marine ecology and what we can do to help.

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We also had a visit from members of the Greener Padbury Group to share what they are working on currently and to raise awareness for our children on what else we can be doing to support biodiversity in our local area. We were also reminded from a talk on plastic pollution. Following that, a competition led by Greener Padbury called 'The Great Padbury Pen Recycle' at school has begun. The children are bringing items into school that can be recycled. The class who collects the greatest mass of materials at the end of the competition will win a prize. If any residents have any of the items in the 'yes' section on the photograph (and wish to drop them into the

school office), we will distribute them into the class boxes to support an excellent cause.

*Many thanks
Lucy McFarlane*

PADBURY TENNIS CLUB

Taking advantage of the super April and May weather, tennis activities are in full swing. The Tuesday and Saturday social tennis sessions are up and running with a regular cohort of village members coming up to play, and enjoying some good sport and exercise.

We have the coaching sessions for adults and juniors running on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with the adult group being usually full. There is room for more juniors, so anyone wanting their children to get some good exercise and learn a life skill, please get in contact with the club or our head coach, Ed Harwood – eddharwood@hotmail.com – to find out more detail and join up.

The club is launching a new website in May and will have all details on club sessions and coaching activities together with contact details : www.padburytennis.co.uk

The match season has started this year with a warm-up match back in April that we comfortably won against a Buckingham side, and gave confidence to the players as they took on Milton Keynes Tennis Club's E team on the 8th May. The side consisted of **Jason Brogden, Paul Armitage, Chris Hill and Fred Green**. We're pleased to report a comfortable 7-1 win to put us currently in top position of Division 5 of the TennisMK League as it is now called. Next match is on the 30th May away at Wolverton.

The Club welcomes new members. Anyone interested to join the club would be most welcome, whatever your standard. Contact the membership secretary, **David Green** on padburycmemb@gmail.com for more information.

Dave Green

OPEN GARDENS CLASSIC VEHICLES EVENT

On Saturday 21st June from 12.00 – 4.00pm as part of the Open Garden Weekend we are holding a classic vehicle event at the village church.

If you, a friend, a family member, or just someone you know has any of the following:

Car, Motor bike, Scooter, Tractor, Military Vehicle, Fire Engine, horse-drawn vehicle and horses, or anything you think may be suitable, please ask them to register and come along.

We are also looking to show about ten performance cars in the grounds of Padbury Lodge, so again if you believe you or someone you know has a suitable vehicle, please get in touch.

The whole event is free-of-charge. We would, however, like to sell some raffle tickets and something from the BBQ.

For enquiries or registration forms please contact

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Neil Gibbard

VILLAGE SUMMER FETE PRESTON BISSETT

The Preston Bissett Summer Fete is on Sunday 6 July at 13:00-16:50.

There's a Dog show with registration from 12:00, and the Preston Bissett's Got Talent Craft show – bring along your entries before 13:30 on the day.

Live music on the keyboard, Joy Handbells and Buckingham Ukulele group. BBQ, bar, teas and cakes, ice-creams, traditional games for adults and children, classic cars and vintage tractors, tractor rides, raffle, tombola and various stalls.

See the [Preston Bissett website](http://www.prestonbissett.co.uk) (www.prestonbissett.co.uk) for more information, in support of St John Baptist church.

Michelle Taylor

PADBURY OPEN GARDENS

Padbury



Open Gardens
21 & 22 June

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June
from 2pm – 5pm on each day. £5 per adult

All weekend - 17 Gardens, the Allotments with Muddy Toddler Activities and the 'Greening' of Padbury Verges, art and photographic exhibitions.

AND in the Village Hall – teas, plant sales, raffle, W.I. tombola and Green-er Padbury.

- Chelsea medal winning Rootfull at Barn One, Church Lane.
- Find out when Queen Elizabeth visited Arnold's Close!
- Tea, scones roses at 24 Main Street
- Music in Rekela – Sat 2 pm the U3a ensemble & 3pm U3a recorders
Sun - 2pm Strictly Recorders & 3pm Heart Strings

On Saturday a Show of **CLASSIC VEHICLES**, with BBQ and games.

- 2pm Organ recital in Church
- 4pm **Miles Nottage** in the Village Hall
- The Padbury Gardeners Pop Up, Plants Bring & Buy at 25 Old End

On Sunday in the Village Hall U3a ukelele group 3.15 pm & 4.15 pm

- Church Bells at 2pm
- Henry Sampson at 3pm in Potters Glen

AND pre-booked luxury set afternoon teas at PADBURY LODGE, £20 a head, 2pm on Sat and 2pm & 3.30pm on Sun. To book:

Margaret Templeton, templeton.padbury@gmail.com 07720 285978

To pay: by cash/cheque or bank transfer Mrs K Bradley 30-63-97 27740060

Parking is next to the Church, entry payment by card and cash at the Church and Village Hall and by cash only at indicated gardens.

For the first time in 30 years the newly restored **PADBURY LODGE** will be open for luxurious afternoon tea. Served in the splendid Hall, you can enjoy a Ritz style experience, together with a stroll in the traditional walled gardens of the Lodge.

Teas will be served at 2pm and 3.30pm each of the above days and will be limited to 25 people for each sitting. **Note: The 3.30 sitting on Sat 21st is Sold Out.**

Just £20 per person - pre-booking and pre-payment is essential. To book, contact: Margaret Templeton, templeton.padbury@gmail.com 07720 285978.

Pay by bacs to **Mrs K Bradley** 30-63-97 27740060 or by cash or cheque to Margaret.

Parking will be in the nearby Church car park.

Margaret Templeton



Padbury 45th Produce Show

6TH SEPTEMBER 2025

New Beginnings

This year's show will be on the 6th September &
the theme will be:

'New Beginnings'

We welcome all villagers to partake and support our
annual village produce show- there are classes for
everyone. Join in, support, showcase your produce, and
most importantly- join in on the fun!



Class 63- A Photo

Entries can be in the form of a hard copy, which can be sent
up to and on the day of the show (06/09/25), OR digitally,
uploading a photo on to our Facebook page by FRIDAY 29TH
AUGUST

Make sure to head over to our Facebook page to
find our judges hints, tips & more.



BINGO

Bingo is still going strong. With the summer coming we know it will slow down with holidays etc, however, as long as we are still being supported it will continue. Please keep your eyes on the Padbury Facebook site as I've had to change some dates:

- Friday 6th June at 8pm
- Friday 13th June at 8pm
- Thursday 19th June at 8 pm **not Friday**
- Friday 27th. No Bingo
- Thursday 3rd July at 8 pm
- Friday 11th. No Bingo
- Friday 18th at 8pm
- Friday 25th at 8pm
- Friday 1st August at 8pm

Everyone is very welcome.

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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**.

PADBURY WI

Our open meeting on 10 th April included a talk about the **Medical Detection Dogs** charity (<https://www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk/>) and was well attended with a good number of visitors. An excellent talk, and some of us will be attending one of their Super Sniffer Days.



Victoria Grainge came to our May meeting to tell us all about creating a cherry orchard in Great Horwood, a very interesting enterprise.

At our meeting on 12th June we will learn how to play Mexican Dominoes, a fun and addictive game. Sombreros optional!

We are running a tombola at the Padbury Open Gardens on 21st and 22nd June, so come and see us in the Village Hall to take part.

For our meeting on 10th July we are delighted to welcome back **Hilary Erenler**. This time she will be talking about the importance of encouraging insects to visit our gardens.

As usual we take a break for the summer with no meeting in August.

Visitors are very welcome at any of our meetings, which are held in Padbury Village Hall. The entrance fee is £4.00 including refreshments. If you would like somebody to accompany you or give you a lift, please contact us via the email below.

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

Sue Christelow, Secretary



PADBURY COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH GROUP

Do you have a couple of spare hours a month?
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**.

Please contact Pam (Parish Clerk) via: Tel: **07961 827302** or Email: padburyparishcouncil@gmail.com

