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# The Padbury Parish Pump



April / May 2024



The BBC News website recently included a brief article revealing that at least one local authority has ruled out hosepipe bans for this year. Well, that's a relief! We've had some serious rain over the past few months, and the fields have been more suited to growing rice than their usual crops.

There have been a few isolated days when a venture outside rewarded us with a definite and most uplifting sniff of spring in the air. Easter and the Spring Equinox are behind us already, and we have the two Bank Holiday Monday's ahead of us in May. So there's a lot to be grateful for, and a lot to look forward to.

With the judging for the Best Kept Village occurring in June and July (*see the Parish Council article*), let's make our beautiful Padbury shine!

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First of all, let me apologise sincerely to the good people of **Padbury Women's Institute** for omitting their article from the previous issue. No excuses — my oversight entirely. Please see page 9 to catch up on what you missed and to see what the WI are planning for the next couple of months.

As a STEM Ambassador, I attended a school's Science Festival recently to help judge 75 science and engineering projects from Year 5 to Year 8 students. They were all excellent, and the students were clearly enthusiastic about their chosen subjects. However, one that stood out to me was a young girl's entry about bees. She was absolutely passionate about them, and wanted to follow a career that involved them. The **Greener Padbury** team have kindly provided in this issue of The Pump an envelope of seeds that produce bee-friendly flowers. Please read their article '**Bee Squared**' on page 15.

Having previously confessed that my horticultural expertise extends to being able to distinguish between grass and a banana, I can now admit to having planted a rose and a clematis around my door. I can only hope I've planted them the right way up!

As usual, my thanks go to everyone who contributed to this issue of The Pump. I'm also grateful to the Parish Council for helping to fund The Pump's production costs.

The deadline for the next issue is **24th May**. 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 continuing to make living in Padbury such a pleasure and a privilege. Enjoy the Spring weather, whatever it may bring us.

*Dex*

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## PADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### PADBURY PAVILION OPENING AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The opening of the extended and refurbished pavilion will take place on **Monday 20th May from 6pm – 8pm**. All residents are welcome to attend. This will be combined with the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting for residents to update them on what's happening in the village with reports from village organisations.

This event will give residents an opportunity to have a first look around the building. We expect that several village groups will be in attendance. There will be a brief period of Parish business at the start.

### PADBURY PAVILION - THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS

Padbury Parish Council would like to acknowledge the following organisations and thank them for their financial support by awarding grants for the extension and refurbishment of Padbury Pavilion:

- Buckinghamshire Council Community Boards
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Bee Green Grant Fund

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE

We are pleased to announce that we have entered this year's Best Kept Village Competition. The judging period will take place between **1st June and 14th July**.

Communal areas will be judged as well as verges, hedges, and flower beds so please help us work together to show Padbury at its very best.

### PARKING ON MAIN STREET

The Parish Council has received concerns regarding parking along a section of **Main Street** (where both cars and pedestrians use the same section). In some instances, due to parked cars, it is difficult for a pushchair or wheelchair user to pass. We request that all residents to be considerate when parking. Thank you for your co-operation.

### MUGA FENCING REPAIRED THANKS TO TESCO GRANT

We are pleased to advise that a section of the fencing at the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) has now been replaced.

The Parish Council received a grant of £500 from Tesco via their blue token collection to help pay for the new fencing, which was unfortunately damaged due to vandalism.

The Parish Council would like to thank Tesco and all the residents who voted for us.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Please see the article later in this edition regarding the decision made about developing a Neighbourhood Plan. Thank you.

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## ALLOTMENT NOTES – The Joys of Spring

I don't think I really appreciated the joys of spring until I got my plot over twenty years ago. The end of March and the advent of longer days inspires me to get going with sowing seeds and planning where I am going to plant my vegetables to make the most of the space I've got. I love to see the rhubarb pushing through and also the mint which grows, uninvited, between my early fruiting raspberries. My greenhouse is full of seedlings, some of which I have planted far too early because I was over enthusiastic, but as soon as they are large enough I will spend time pricking them out into pots until they are strong enough to be planted out. Most importantly, they need to be protected from frost, so I will nurture them until mid to end of May before planting outside.

I usually plant my first early potatoes on St. Patrick's Day, 17th March, but the soil is very wet so they are still chitting in my shed, away from frost but enjoying some light.

Last Summer I had a wonderful show of dahlias in spite of not digging them up and storing them over winter as the experts advise. So last autumn I left them in the ground again and marked their positions with small posts in the hope that they will come again. We have expert gardeners on our allotments who are really good at splitting dahlias and making new plants, so I am hoping to learn from them and make my collection even bigger for summer 2024.

The pathways and the open green areas are still waterlogged and any vehicles on site will cause damage, so the no cars rule is still in place until we get a decent dry spell. Let's hope that April brings some dry weather and we can get to work and enjoy our gardening.

Kate Harper

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN

### Services at St Mary the Virgin in April and May

14th April	10.30 am - Holy Communion - Common Worship <i>Revd Roger Hale</i>
21st April	9 am - Holy Communion - Book of Common Prayer <i>Revd J Shields</i>
28th April	No service
5th May	10.30 am - Village Praise - Café Church

The church is open during daylight hours and everyone is always welcome

## PADBURY PRE-SCHOOL

We have had a successful half term with a big focus on Forest School. Forest school provides the children hands-on experiences in the natural environment. It is creative and can increase a child's confidence as they problem-solve and learn to manage risks. We were delighted to come second in our blue token drop at Tesco, and we received £1000 to support the development of our Forest school programme. We would also be extremely grateful for any donations such as the list below:

- Digging equipment (small shovels etc)
- Garden storage
- A hammock
- Tools

We are also looking for a volunteer who can commit to coming to help with Forest school on a weekly or fortnightly basis. Get in touch if you're interested in supporting with this wonderful activity for our young people.

We are still working towards raising the new total of £30k in order to build a new garden building to support our children with Special Education Needs, as well as helping to prepare our older children for primary school. We have raised £18k so far but still have a long way to go. If you think you can help us raise these much needed funds, please get in touch! [Fundraising@padburypreschool.co.uk](mailto:Fundraising@padburypreschool.co.uk)

Some members of the committee raised over £500 this March by taking part in the Rotary Club's Swimathon at the Swan pool. Between the three of them they managed to swim 124 laps of the pool in 55 minutes. You can sponsor them here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/padburypreschoolswimathon2024>

Finally, Preschool have been working hard on speech, language and communication. We've had parents come in to read stories with our children and have loved playing word-based games. On that note, we'd be very grateful for any donations of Orchard Games, flashcards or matching games to support with our communication development.

*Jill Blakey  
Preschool Chair*

### 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.

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

## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

We can offer training to volunteers who would like to become part of a speedwatch campaign in the village. The Parish Clerk can provide further details.

### MICHAEL WILLIAMSON

We are sad to announce the death of a former Padbury Parish Councillor, Michael Williamson, who passed away on the 5th March 2024. Michael was a resident of Padbury from 1986 until 2021 when he and his wife, Sheila moved to Swanbourne.

Michael served as a parish councillor from 2015 to 2021. Our condolences and sympathies go to Sheila and family at this time.

### USEFUL LINKS – A REMINDER

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

**FLOOD ALERTS** <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

**ROAD CLOSURES** <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/check-for-roadworks-and-closures/>

**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

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):

- 23/03814/PIP – Application for permission in principle for the erection of minimum of 4 and maximum of 5 dwellings – Land Adjoining West Bourn, Main Street. **APPROVED**
- 23/03821/APP – Householder application for single storey side extension to form annex accommodation – Pen Y Bank, Main Street. **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**
- 23/02914/ALB Listing building application for structural repairs and underpinning of part of the foundations – 23 Old End. **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

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## 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 Sports Pavilion on the following dates. Residents are welcome to attend.

- 23rd April
- 21st May
- 10th September
- 20th May 6pm *Annual Parish Meeting*
- 9th July
- 10th December

## A neighbourhood plan for Padbury?

In the December/January edition of the Padbury Pump the parish council set out what a neighbourhood plan is and how it is produced. To recap, a neighbourhood plan:

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

The article included details of three sites in Padbury where developers have already indicated they would like to build at some point in the future. Although neighbourhood plans must 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 council in that article was 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. The council considered that a working group of at least 10 people was needed so that all the work did not fall on a few people.

The article called for volunteers and thank you to the two residents who did put their names forward. However, in view of this response, at its February meeting, the council decided that it would take no further action about a neighbourhood plan. If more people do come forward then this can possibly be reconsidered.

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## The New Inn — Dates for your diary

- Thu 11th Apr — **GKitchen Authentic Indian Streetfood** 5 to 8:30pm
- Sat 13th Apr — **Baja Cantina Mexican** food 5 to 8:30pm
- Fri 19th Apr — **Gurkha Streetfood** 5:30 to 8:30pm
- Sat 20th Apr — **Friends and Flavours Gourmet Burgers** 5:30 to 8:30pm
- Fri 26th Apr — **Tear & Share Camembert Evening** 6:30 to 8:30pm (*Booking required!*)
- Wed 1st May — **Gurkha Streetfood** 6:30 to 8:30pm

Please see the **New Inn Padbury Facebook** page for updated and additional events.



Nicki Hoddy—Telephone 01280 813173

## BINGO

Bingo is still going along ok. There are a few more people in the village supporting me, which is lovely to see, and the numbers are good at the moment. Undoubtedly they will tail off a bit during the summer with holidays etc, which is to be expected, but we'll keep plodding on. All the profits go towards the upkeep of our lovely Village Hall, which we are very proud of.

We will have had our Easter Bingo by the time this edition of the Pump is out to which we are all looking forward to.

Bingo is still every **Friday at 8pm** unless we need to use the Hall for anything different. I will always notify everyone as well as putting it on the Village Facebook site.

Hopefully we will soon have some lovely weather and all be able to enjoy the Summer.

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

Carol Bloxham

## THE NEW INN, PADBURY



### Usual Opening Hours

- Wednesday — 5 to 10pm
- Thursday — 5 to 10pm
- Friday — 5 to 11pm
- Saturday — 3 to 10:30pm
- Sunday — 2 to 6:30pm
- Monday and Tuesday — Closed\*

\*We always open on Bank Holiday Mondays. We can also open on Mondays and Tuesdays for special occasions too, by prior arrangement with The New Inn. Please contact us on **01280 813173** to make arrangements.

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In addition to The New Inn's usual hours listed here, we can open, on request, at different times to support your requirements. We are available for parties and receptions, baby showers, christenings, naming ceremonies, lunch clubs, walking and cycling groups, televised sports events, meetings, funeral wakes, and other events.

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## WINSLOW AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY (WADAS)

I am pleased to write that members continue to enjoy meeting up on a Tuesday morning in Padbury Village hall and in the Winslow Bowls club on a Thursday morning. On each of these mornings we very much enjoy chatting and sharing views, ideas and skills.

Sixteen of us got together at the Bowls Club in February for a day long workshop led by **Mark Warner** on creating a seascape in Acrylic. We all enjoyed the experience and agreed that we had gained from listening to Mark and trying out his suggestions and guidance.

Then on the 29th February we attended an excellent demonstration on still life in acrylics and collage by **Jan Munro**. It was a fascinating demonstration which achieved amazing results. Anybody is very welcome to come along to these demonstration evenings in Winslow Bowls Club for £5 entrance fee, which also includes refreshments, and doors open at 7pm. You can see information about these demonstrations below.

25-04-24 ....David Wilcox, demonstration, medium to be confirmed.

30-05-24 ....Paul Berryman, demonstration, medium to be confirmed.

27-06-24 ....Karen Thomas, demonstration on using graphite.

*Cheryl Wilman chair 01296 640755*

## PADBURY TENNIS CLUB

New tennis season starts next week, with the courts looking good after a professional clean. They will be re-painted later in the summer to return them to tip-top condition. The club's team is preparing for the start of the Milton Keynes Tennis League in May, where we are looking to improve on our Division 4 5th place of last year.

Social tennis up and running on **Tuesdays at 7pm** and **Saturdays at 4pm**, all welcome. Any prospective non-member players are welcome to come along for a couple of sessions on a trial basis. Always welcome.

Junior and adult tennis continues, and soon will all be in daylight. The junior sessions are early evening on Tuesdays, with several groups running for different ages. Contact Ed the coach, as below if interested.

The adult sessions are well attended, with normally 8 plus playing each week, coach Ed Harwood is offering additional sessions on the Wednesday night to allow more to come along to these enjoyable groups. Good exercise in a structured work out, with focus on improving a different skill each week. Please contact **Ed Harwood on 07548 254948**, even as a non-member (for a couple of lessons) if you'd like to have a go.

New coaching for beginners, rusty rackets on **Monday at 9.30am**. Open to non-members, this is a good chance to learn the basics and enjoy some good exercise and fresh air. The club will be holding an open day on Monday 20th May. Check the village Facebook page for updates.

*David Green*

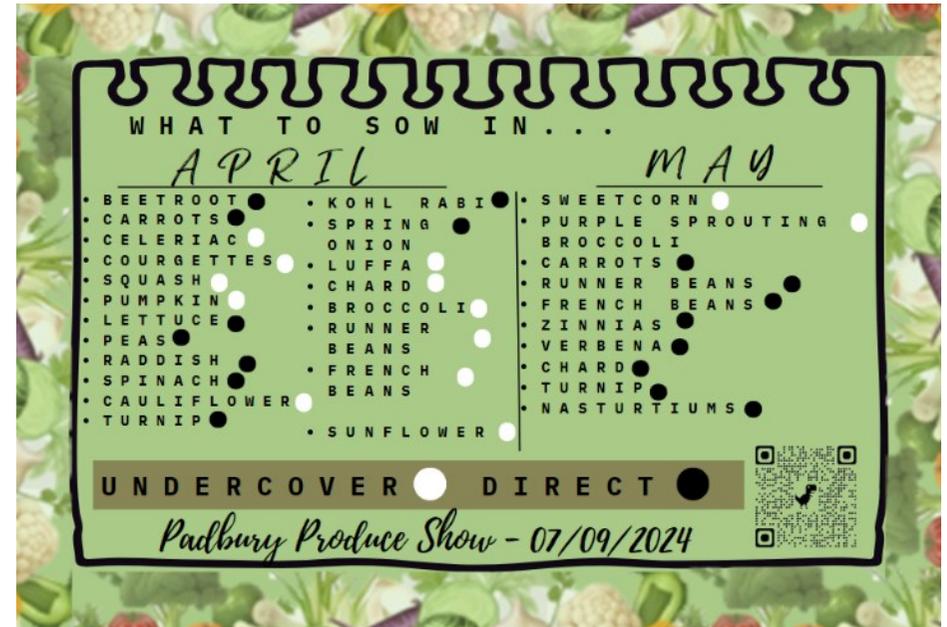


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**Power of Attorney and**  
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**PADBURY COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH GROUP**

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:  
**Tel: 07961 827302** or





This year's show will be on the 7th September & the theme will be 'Sunset'.



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!

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

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## PADBURY WI

Having been unfortunately omitted from the last issue of the Padbury Parish Pump (*My sincere apologies—Dex*), this is a slightly longer summary than usual!

We had an excellent evening at our December meeting with carols, songs and madrigals by Milady Clare's Musicke.

In January we discussed the four NFWI Resolutions and, when put to the vote, the majority went for 'Dental Health Matters'.

Our first talk for 2024 was all about Claydon House, given by **Daphne Preece**, who is a volunteer there. Despite the torrential downpours that day, the intrepid members who made it through heard a most interesting talk and hope to visit the house this summer.

At our March meeting we held a Beetle Drive, served a buffet supper, and had an accessories sale fundraiser.

On **11th April** we will have a talk about volunteering in Cambodia. There will be a pasta demonstration and tasting at our meeting in May. In June we will hold an open evening for anybody who wishes to know more about Power of Attorney and Living Wills.

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.**

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*

## PADBURY SICK BENEFIT SOCIETY

### A Brief History - Then and Now.

The Padbury Sick Benefit Society (PSBS) or Padbury Club as it is affectionally known in the village, is one of a very few remaining friendly / Benevolent Societies still remaining in England today.

These clubs were formed way before the welfare state was thought of, and many villages throughout the country had a society very similar to the one that remains in Padbury today.

The clubs were formed to provide some financial help to members and their families should they be unable to work due to sickness. The majority of members were agricultural workers or of similar skill, working-class men, with very little if any financial support.

Each member would pay a quarterly amount into a sickness fund which could be drawn upon if they were ill, to provide a small amount of financial security to the club member and his family. A death benefit was, and still is paid out to the spouse/widow/partner should the club member pass away.

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The original Society was formed in 1836 as a joint venture with the village of Hillesden; by 1856 membership had grown too large and a decision to dissolve the club was taken, following which both villages formed separate clubs, and so in 1857 the Padbury Friendly Society was born. That society grew in membership until, in 1899, when the decision was taken to dissolve it once more due to membership having grown too large. Although there had been a steady influx of younger members, many of the members were elderly. Each club member became richer by £2 or £3 (depending on their length of membership), a good deal of money to a working man in those days.

In 1899 and, despite families living in Padbury having the opportunity to join much larger societies such as The Oddfellows, The Foresters, or the Manchester Union, the then vicar of Padbury, Rev. T.K Norman encouraged 'The New Padbury Sick Benefit Society' to form. It is this Society that continues to this day. There is now a core committee of 12 members who oversee and run the Society's affairs, with a total membership of approximately 80.

Since 1856 the society club dinner has been held annually (with the exception of a pause during the World Wars and, recently, the COVID pandemic.) Traditionally this 'feast' was held on the Wednesday before Oak Apple Day, 29th May, but for the last 100 years it has been held on the Spring bank holiday at the end of May.

Almost all friendly societies celebrated around 29th May. The Oak apple, Acorn or Oak leaf are nearly always used as emblems for these types of societies, symbolising strength and unity; a link here which goes back to King Charles 2nd (the King famous for hiding in the oak tree) and the restoration of the monarchy in 1660. It was King Charles who granted the 29th May as a bank holiday, hence Oak Apple Day.

**And so, to this year 2024**

On **Saturday 25th May** in Padbury Village Hall, we are holding a dance, open to all. This is always a great evening and tickets are available now. See the village web page for more info, or posters around village. Good food, pay bar, great music, all for £12.50 a ticket.

On **Sunday 26th May**, members of the Society meet at the war memorial at 5.20pm for the parade to church, this year accompanied by Chiltern Hills Brass band, for the 6pm evensong service. After the 45-minute service we parade back through the village to the War Memorial. It is traditional for club members, friends and families to then visit our village pubs, the **New Inn** and the **Blackbird**. We very much appreciate Nicki and Lewis welcoming us.

On **Monday 27th May – Feast Day**. The feast will take place in the village hall at 1.30pm.

Those of you who are familiar with this event will know that, usually, we march around the village accompanied by a marching band. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, we do not have a band to enable the parade to take place (our usual band is taking part in the Whitt Friday Marches in Yorkshire). IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE

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## PADBURY VILLAGE FOOTBALL CLUB



On the pitch, due to the inclement weather there has been little action since the last edition of the Padbury Pump. It has been a frustrating start to 2024 which means Padbury has a backlog of fixtures across all teams to complete before the end of the season in May. Padbury's 1st team remain 2nd in the North Bucks Premier



Division, having enjoyed a 3-2 victory over Old Bradwell though suffering a narrow 2-1 defeat to Wing.

In the Youth section, Padbury Raptors U14 were victorious against Linslade 3-0, though lost 4-3 to Wing in an entertaining encounter. Padbury Cougars U12s sit 2nd in their division of the MKDDL, having enjoyed away victories at both Woburn and North Marston. With a run of home fixtures in April and May, the team will be seeking to push to win their divisional title.

In the non-competitive age groups, the poor weather has similarly had a significant detrimental effect on fixtures, with the Club enjoying a mixture of victories, draws and defeats across the age groups in the sporadic fixtures played.

All fixtures and further information including match reports, newsletters, events, and key contact details can be found at [www.pvfc.org.uk](http://www.pvfc.org.uk). Anybody interested in playing, volunteering, or sponsorship, should contact either **Peter** (Chairman), [petermchenry@hotmail.com](mailto:petermchenry@hotmail.com) or **Mike Marshall**, Director of Football, [Mikey.marsh71@gmail.com](mailto:Mikey.marsh71@gmail.com).



WHO CAN HELP US PLEASE LET US KNOW. Whatever the outcome, club members, guests and families will no doubt, and we hope, enjoy our village public houses, and a very special part of the yearly calendar of Padbury village.

The club has changed somewhat over the years. Our main aim now is to raise money (from social functions and collections during club weekend), which is deposited into a memorial fund and which, at the discretion of the committee, goes to village or local causes and national charities.

This year 2024, we will be donating to; Macmillan Cancer Support, Padbury School, Padbury Football Club and Padbury friendly Club.

We are very proud of our Society and can only hope it continues to serve the village of Padbury and its people for many years to come.

*Tony Picketts – Committee Member and Clerk.*

## ART NEWS

Padbury artist **Peter Austin** is exhibiting his work again at the St.Barbe Museum & Art Gallery in Lympington, Hampshire.

For those of you who are not aware of Peter's art, he is a professional artist, has lived in the village for 18 years and has a studio at his house in Bennetts Close. He has exhibited his paintings in several galleries including London's Royal Academy and The Royal West of England Academy in Bristol. He has been a regular exhibitor in Bucks Art Weeks and has recently been long-listed for The Contemporary British Painting Prize.

The Exhibition in Lympington runs until May 11th so if you are in the area during that time you might like to visit.

### PADBURY COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH GROUP

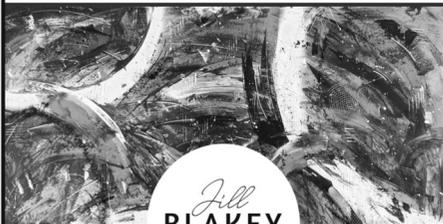


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## PADBURY FRIENDLY AFTERNOON CLUB

Our February meeting fell on St Valentine's day this year and we found ourselves crafting some paper roses, as well as having cake with our tea! In March we had a really lively afternoon playing games with the children for **Oak Class at Padbury school**. There was a good deal of laughter and it was lovely to see the interaction between generations.

We decided that after Easter, our **April 10<sup>th</sup>** meeting would be tea and entertainment, with cake. This will replace the planned beetle drive. **Margaret Hosking** had a good idea for the entertainment, so come along prepared to have a laugh! On **May 8<sup>th</sup>**, we look forward to **Roger Young**, who is coming to talk to us about Pearls. As there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the month, we will try to get together for another tea in the Blackbird on **May 29<sup>th</sup>** at 4pm.

We welcome people living in, or with connections to, the village who would like to make friends and have a chat over a cup of tea once a month, with a programme of activities and entertainment.

Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month from 2 – 4 pm, usually in the village hall. If you would like to try us out, do give me a ring – or just turn up!

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**PADBURY VILLAGE HALL**

**100+ Club**  
The first Village Hall fund raising event of the year was held on Saturday 23rd March. This was the popular Cheese and wine evening, featuring the 100+ club Grand Draw (the last draw of the lottery year).

**Notice of winners.**  
**February 2024:** 1st £100, No. 118- **Kay Bradley**      2nd £50, No. 77- **Karen Livingstone**

**March 2024 – Grand Draw:**  
1st £250, No.77- **Karen Livingstone**      2nd £150, No. 159- **David Webb**  
3rd £100, No. 154- **Mr D Hamilton**      4th £50, No. 113- **Carol Bloxham**

The 100+ Club lottery raises much needed funds for the Village Hall. By paying £20 per year, your name will be entered into a monthly draw. The first draw of the year 2024/2025 will take place in June 2024. For those who wish to renew their numbers, the committee member who collects from them will be in touch shortly. There is still time for you to support the lottery if you haven't already. To join please contact Wendy Bull- [email@wendybull.co.uk](mailto:email@wendybull.co.uk)

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## GREENER PADBURY GROUP

A huge thank you to all those volunteers who have been planting bulbs and putting up birdboxes in the Millennium Woods. Our biodiversity project continues!

We hope you will help give biodiversity a boost throughout the village itself with our **Bee Squared** project. Simply sow the seeds enclosed in this Pump (the poorer the soil, the more likely they will be to grow), then let us know!

### Muddy Toddlers

We are delighted to announce the return of our free Muddy Toddlers forest school playgroup for children aged 18 months to 4 years. Thanks to St Mary's church and the allotment manager, we now have a brand new location for our forest school at the Padbury allotment site, which offers a real 'mini' woodland experience (MK18 2AP).

We have space for up to ten families to join us for nature-based activity sessions on Mondays from **10am - 11am**. In the first 4-week term little ones will have the chance to make their own bird food and create forest wands amongst many other wonderful activities.

The group will be led by our forest school leader, **Laura Fox**. Places must be booked and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis: see booking details below.

### Coming up...

**Wed 3rd April** – Go Wild in the Woods: 'Beneath Your Boots'. 10.30 and 1.30 sessions

**Thurs 4th April** – Go Wild in the Woods: 'Plant Power'. 10.30 and 1.30 sessions

**Mon 22nd April** – Muddy Toddlers (4-week term)

**Sat 6th July** – Scything Day: free course to learn a new craft

To book any of these, please visit <https://buytickets.at/greenerpadburygroup>



### Eco tips

Thinking about your new summer wardrobe? Look for sustainable fabrics: bamboo, tencel, lyocell, organic cotton or recycled man-made fabrics. Did you know that it takes 2,700 litres of water to produce the cotton needed for just one t-shirt? In comparison, organic cotton only uses 243 litres of water to make one t-shirt. Conventional cotton is a very thirsty crop - it accounts for 69% of the global textile fibre production's footprint.

Washing your winter wardrobe? Why not try laundry sheets? They have far fewer emissions from transport costs, not to mention all those plastic bottles. If you really want to use liquid, re-use your bottles and refill at stores such as Planet Refill.

And don't forget – No Mow May will soon be here! Not convinced? Support biodiversity and pollinators by mowing on a higher setting, setting aside part of your garden for wildlife habitats, incorporating native plants into your planting scheme, and avoiding synthetic chemicals.

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### Litter Pick

It will soon be time for the first litter pick of the year. It will be held on **27th April**, with a social meet up afterwards in the Blackbird. Volunteers are only expected to do about an hour's picking. We meet at the playground in Main Street at 11am and go for refreshments from 12noon. Children are welcome to help on off-road sections. I will be emailing those who have helped in the past and will put the information on the village Facebook page.

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**Please use the QR code to let us know when you have planted your seeds so we can add a marker to our map.**



Thank you!

*If you cannot use your seeds, please give to a neighbour who can - or post into the 'returns' box provided by the Main Street playground gate and we can use elsewhere.*