

 <b>DUSTBIN DAYS</b>	Tue 6 Feb	green bin	 <p>Next to village hall entrance, contains both adult and children's books.</p> <p>Collection is regularly refreshed. Any donations of books please drop to <b>Dave Illing at Byways Corner.</b></p>
	Tue 13 Feb	blue recycling	
	Tue 20 Feb	green bin	
	Tue 27 Feb	blue recycling	
	Tue 5 Mar	green bin	
	Tue 12 Mar	blue recycling	
	Tue 19 Mar	green bin	
	Tue 26 Mar	blue recycling	
<b>Wed 3 Apr*</b>	green bin		

Food waste bins collected on each of these dates. Information supplied from [www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk)

\*To be confirmed—Bank Holiday collection schedule for Easter weekend

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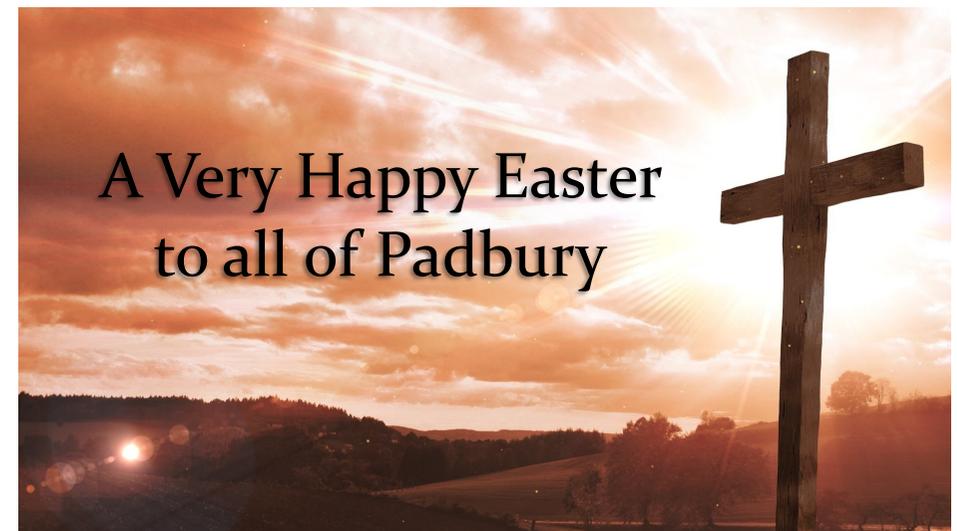
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February / March 2024



Easter is the oldest and most important moveable feast in Christianity. Its date is determined by a calculation known as computus (which is simply Latin for 'computation'). The celebration occurs on the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon on or after March 21st in an approximately 19-year cycle.

It just so happens that this year, Easter falls just as this issue of The Pump expires and hits the bottom of your blue recycling bins at the end of March. So, whether to you Easter is the most important event in the Christian calendar, or an opportunity to eat chocolate without having to make excuses, or an excuse to coo over bunny rabbits, or a herald to the imminent start of the English cricket season, let The Pump and all who are involved in its creation and distribution be the first to wish you all a Happy Easter.

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## Services at St Mary the Virgin in February and March

Sun 4 Feb	10.30 am - Village Praise - All Age Worship
Sun 11 Feb	10.30 am - Holy Communion - Common Worship
Wed 14 Feb	12 Noon - Ash Wednesday - Deanery Holy Communion followed by Ploughman's Lunch
Sun 18 Feb	9 am - Holy Communion - Book of Common Prayer
Sun 25 Feb	10.30 am - Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Gawcott
Sun 3 Mar	10.30 am - Village Praise - All Age Worship
Sun 10 Mar <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	10.30 am - Holy Communion - Common Worship
Sun 17 Mar	9 am - Holy Communion - Book of Common Prayer
Sun 24 Mar <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10.30 am - Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Gawcott
Thurs 28 Mar	7 pm - Agape Meal re-enacting the Last Supper
Sun 31 Marc	9.30 am - Easter Service followed by breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

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

## EASTER LILIES

It is our custom to decorate the Church at Easter with white lilies that have been donated in memory of loved ones. Anyone is welcome to take part in this scheme.

If you would like to remember someone special to you, please give their names, together with a donation to:

**Grace Tearle**, The Gables, Main Street, **813600**, or

**Jenny Shields**, 8 West Furlong, **814474**

Names will be displayed in the Church during the Easter period and you are welcome to go in at any time for a few moments of quiet reflection.

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN

As this edition of the Pump goes to press, we look forward to welcoming Spring and celebrating the festival of Candlemas. Snowdrops, also called Candlemas Bells, are bravely pushing up through cold soil and coming into bloom. As a village, might this be an indication of what lies ahead.

As you know, Padbury is now without a vicar and it is going to take a great deal of bravery and strength to ensure that the lovely village church is not swallowed up by a greater entity. It will be necessary to 'push hard' to persuade the 'powers that be' in Oxford, that the Lenborough Benefice is alive and well, needing and deserving a new incumbent. You will be kept up-to-date as we move forward but if we are to succeed, we will need help from you all.

**Easter** is reasonably early this year, falling on 31 March. It's a busy time, starting with:

- a special noonday service on 14 February (which includes a ploughman's lunch),
- **Mothering Sunday** on 10 March
- **Palm Sunday** on 24 March,
- the **Agape Supper** on 28 March which re-enacts the Last Supper with delicious, traditional food and worship.

This period of activity all culminates in a **joyful service on Easter Day. The Easter Day service** will start at 9.30am with a family communion. Then there will be bacon, sausage, egg butties, pastries and perhaps a few sweetmeats, and of course, tea, coffee, juice, etc., **could we call it brunch?** Of course there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children.

### Padbury Parochial Church Council members

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## WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY / MARCH '2 ISSUE



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**COPY DATE: Items for the Pump should be sent to the editor by email no later than Friday 23 March 2024 please.**

Good Heavens! Where has this year gone? This issue of The Pump is my sixth, meaning that I've now completed a full year of editing it after taking over the reins from **Cassie Rigg**, who still contributes to the magazine by supplying the Greener Padbury articles. I hope the folk of Padbury like what I'm doing with The Pump (even though I make mistakes, as in the previous issue when I again mixed up the bin collections.)

Please read the article about St Mary's Church by Kay Bradley on page 22 in this issue. St Mary's Church is an ancient and vital part of this lovely village. Whether you visit the Church to attend services, or whether you use it during non-services times as a quiet oasis of peace and solitude to commune undisturbed with your inner self, you will always be welcome there. 'Use it, or lose it'.

As usual, my thanks go to everyone who contributed to this issue of The Pump. It's your contributions that make the magazine one that tends to remain handy for the longest time among the many A5-sized publications that find their way through our letterboxes each month. I'm also grateful to the Parish Council for helping to fund The Pump's production costs, and avoiding the need for turning it into a publication that is almost entirely advertising.

The deadline for the next issue is **23rd March**. 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. Have a very Happy Easter.

Dex

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## PADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### SEVERE WEATHER

During this season we generally experience severe weather. It may be useful to note the following links and telephone numbers to check/ report poor weather conditions:

- 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).

### COMPLETION OF PADBURY SPORTS PAVILION

The pavilion is now near completion with just the ramp access to be finished. Visitors will notice the large extension with a new kitchen as well as improved toilet and changing room facilities. The old cricket scoreboard hut has now been converted to a referee's room with changing facilities.

The most notable difference is probably the increased head height in the extension to the main/function room which now gives it a more spacious feel. We look forward to it being used again shortly and welcome enquiries regarding its hire. Please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

### MAIN STREET PLAY AREA – THE VOTE IS IN!

Children in the village as well as others attending Padbury CE School and Padbury Pre-school were asked to vote for their preferred piece of playground equipment. The children voted overwhelmingly for a new cableway to replace the zipwire.

The Parish Council is now looking to secure funding for this item. If you know of any funding opportunities or are able to fundraise, please contact the Parish Clerk.

### RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Padbury Parish Council welcomes responsible dog owners and supports dog ownership by making the perimeter of the recreation ground available to owners with dogs being walked on a lead. We have also increased the number of red dog waste bins around the village including one in the pavilion car park.

Unfortunately, we continue to receive a number of complaints regarding dogs fouling on the playing field, around the village and in the woods. Please be considerate to others, aware of where your dog is at all times and clean up your pet's mess immediately. Thank you for your co-operation.

For residents wishing to report cases of dog fouling, please use the following link. Fines may be issued by Buckinghamshire Council:

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

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## BINGO

Bingo is still going well. We had a great Christmas bingo once again. People that support us and also help me were so generous donating Raffle Prizes. We had 81 all together, lots of fun and laughs were had. I certainly couldn't run the Bingo on a Friday night without the people that help me. I'm so very grateful to those who do, as without them there would be no Bingo: It's impossible for me to do it on my own.

We are now back to normal with Bingo every Friday evening at 8pm, apart from when I'm not available plus Bank Holidays. If anyone is interested in coming to Bingo and wants more any information, please feel free to contact me either by phone **01280 308311**, or call at **The Ridings, Lower Way**. I would love to see a few more Villagers come, as Bingo is run to help with the upkeep of our Hall which we are very proud of.

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

*Carol Bloxham*

## ALLOTMENT NOTES

I spent a peaceful hour on my allotment on Saturday 20th January, joined by a hopeful robin who followed me as I filled small pots for planting my broad beans. I had to break some ice to get sufficient water to start them off, and then I left them well-covered in my shed. I was hoping to pick some spinach but it had turned to mush with all the recent frosts. It's very bleak and wet on the plots at the moment and we have a lot of winter yet to come, so the ground is not going to dry out anytime soon. The high winds around the new year did some minor distribution of loose stuff, mainly frames, storage containers, bins and netting, but all has now been restored apart from a few compost bin lids. Thanks to **Tracey Kelly** for checking up on the site and keeping people informed.

Two half plots have become vacant and, as there is no waiting list for villagers wanting an allotment, some exciting plans are being formed to make good use of the available ground. One of the plots will be used to plant a mini orchard with low-level hedging around it, and it is hoped that this can be done soon while bare root trees are available. The second piece of ground needs to be completely cleared and then it will be developed as a community plot. Grant funding has been applied for, and if the bid is successful the plot can be fenced and sectioned into small beds. A community allotment offers a way for gardeners to share their skills with like minded people, or to teach people who want to learn about growing food, and it is a rewarding and sociable way to spend time. We will start slowly and engage some experienced and keen volunteers. I will keep plot-holders updated as news becomes available.

*Kate Harper*

## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

We continue to monitor the data collected by the mobile vehicle speed detection devices (speed signs). Padbury Parish Council also has a speed monitoring kit and can offer training to volunteers if you would like to become part of a speedwatch campaign.

The Parish Clerk can provide further details.

## 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.

## INCONSIDERATE PARKING

We politely request that drivers be considerate when parking in the village. As well as damaging the grass verges, some drivers are causing an obstruction which is particularly dangerous when this does not allow emergency vehicles to pass.

Inconsiderate parking may also be illegal. Buckinghamshire Council has the right to impose parking tickets and fixed penalty notices where bylaws are in place and the Police have powers dating back from 1847 to prosecute drivers who have committed a criminal offence.

## 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>

## D-DAY 80 – 6th June 2024

In commemoration/celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings.

If any residents wish to form a working group to arrange an event to mark this anniversary, please contact the parish clerk.

## PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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David Barnes (Councillor) David.barnes@padburyparishcouncil.com | 07836 728747

## PLANNING

Decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council (Aylesbury Vale Area):

- 23/02475/VRC - Variation of condition 2 (Approved drawings) attached to listed building consent 22/01343/ALB (listed building application for removal and replacement of existing fibre cement slates to main roof, catslide roof and porch roof, lower sill to central dormer window, new windows and associated lead work to 3no. dormer windows and PV panels (inset) to rear roof slope (south east)) - Bennetts Farmhouse, Main Street. **CONSENT GRANTED**
- 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**
- 23/03171/APP Householder application for first floor extension to existing single storey annexe to side of main property – The Paddocks, Winslow Road. **APPROVED**

## 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:

- 13th February
- 23rd April
- 21st May
- 9th July
- 10th September
- 10th December

Residents are welcome to attend.

*Thank you*



Padbury Sports Pavilion – January 2024

## The New Inn — Dates for your diary

From **Fri 2nd Feb** to **Sat 16th Mar** — showing Six Nations Rugby.



- Sat 3rd Feb — **Friends and Flavours Gourmet Burgers** 5 to 8:30pm
- Thu 8th Feb — **Gurkha Streetfood** 5:30 to 8:30pm
- Fri 9th Feb — **Farm Slice Pizza** 5 to 8 pm
- Wed 14th Feb — **Tear & Share Camembert Evening** (*Booking required!*)
- Thu 15th Feb — **Quiz Night** from 7:30pm
- Fri 16th Feb — **Baja Cantina Mexican** food 5:30 to 8pm
- Wed 21st Feb — **Gurkha Streetfood** 5:30 to 8:30pm
- Wed 28th Feb — **GKitchen Authentic Indian Streetfood** 5:30 to 8:30pm
- Fri 8th Mar — **Baja Cantina Mexican** food 5:30 to 8pm
- Fri 15th Mar — **Friends and Flavours Gourmet Burgers** 5 to 8:30pm
- Wed 20th Mar — **Gurkha Streetfood** 5:30 to 8:30pm
- Thu 4th Apr — **Gurkha Streetfood** 5:30 to 8:30pm
- Sat 6th Apr — **Friends and Flavours Gourmet Burgers** 5 to 8:30pm

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

*Nicki Hoddy—Telephone 01280 813173*

## GET A REDUCTION IN YOUR WATER RATES?

You may already know this, but just in case you don't, read on.

Surface water is the rain that drains from the roof of your property and other surfaces, like driveways. It normally flows into a highway drain or a road gully and then into Anglian Water's sewers. But in some cases the surface water drains into a soakaway in the garden.

If you can show that none of the surface water from your property drains to the public sewerage system, either directly or through intermediate sewers or drains, you can reduce the fixed sewerage charge part of your water rates bill. You will already have this reduction if your water bill shows 'foul only' in the sewage section. An entry of 'foul and surface' means you may be eligible for a reduction.

More details are at <https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/account-and-bill/tariffs-and-charges/sewerage-charges/surface-water-drainage/> where there is a form to apply for a reduction. Or just call Anglian Water on **03457 919 155**. Have your account number ready but Anglian Water should be able to find you based on your address.

Success is not guaranteed and it mainly affects newer houses. The reduction could be worth £20-30 for each 6-monthly bill going forward, but if you are eligible the reduction is backdated for 6 years or to the start of your occupation, whichever is the latest. That could be worth something!

## 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 from 1pm to 7:30pm.

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

### Special events

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.

The New Inn's core licensing hours allow us to open from 11am to 11pm each day. If your special event needs to extend outside these hours, The New Inn must apply for a special licence 14 days in advance. To avoid disappointment, please notify us in really good time if your event starts earlier than 11am or if it might finish late.

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## WINSLOW AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY (WADAS)

At our last demonstration for 2023 our demonstrator was **Leanne Ellis** who gave an excellent demonstration on using mixed paints. Her demonstration was fun for us all and centred on using special effect paints which gave vibrant and different effects. Leanne's style was slick, but relaxed and she shared lots of tips and encouraged us to believe we could produce something similar with the right paints. We hope to invite her to come again.

So, why not join us for a future demonstration evening? You do not need to be an artist, just somebody interested in art. There is a small charge of £5 which includes refreshment, and doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start at the Winslow Bowls club. See more details below.

And then of course we held our exhibition on the weekend of 25th and 26th November. It was great to hold our exhibition in the newly refurbished public hall in Winslow. We received very many compliments on the paintings, craft work, refreshments and raffle.

We plan to hold another exhibition next Spring.

*Cheryl Wilman* chair 01296 640755  
*Jackie Chambers* treasurer 01296 713607  
*Monica Gilbey* secretary 01296 711915

### Police Contact Details

#### Winslow and District Neighbourhood Team

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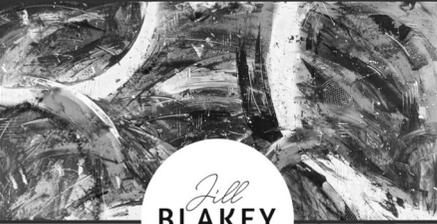
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**PADBURY PRE-SCHOOL**

The Pre-school has had a great start to the year with the theme of "Once Upon a Time". Our preschool forest school sessions have continued at the allotments on a Monday afternoon. The children are really enjoying getting involved and learning more about nature, even in wetter weather. We are short on equipment for our Forest School so donations for any manual tools (trowels, hand-drills etc.) would be gratefully received.

We were delighted to receive a **GOOD** rating from OFSTED on all counts in our Halloween visit. The inspector reported that the "Children are happy and at ease within this nurturing Pre-school. They are warmly greeted by staff, who know the children and their families well". A huge congratulations to **Mandy** and all the staff at Padbury Preschool. The preschool is a huge asset to our community.

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)

We have relaunched our fundraising for the much needed new building. This is to enable more 1-to-1/ small group work and to provide a quiet space for the children with SEN and the older children who are preparing for school. If you would like to donate, please find us on Just Giving, Go Fund Me or alternatively, we accept cheques and BACS payments.

Contact Claire (email above) for more information or go to <https://www.justgiving.com/padburypreschool>

Thank you for your continued support.

Shauna Hayward  
Preschool Committee

**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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## PADBURY VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee is looking forward to the coming year and has several events planned. The first of these is a Cheese & Wine Evening, featuring the 100+ Club Grand Draw. There will be live entertainment from Paul French.

This popular event will be held on **Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm**. Tickets are available from **Carol Bloxham-01280 308311** or **07747 718175**

### Save the Date

**An evening of entertainment by Miles Nottage**

Saturday 11th May 2024

Venue- *To be confirmed*

Ticket information to follow on Padbury Village Facebook site and posters around the village.

Proceeds from this exciting event will be shared by Padbury Village Hall and Thornborough Village Hall.

### Thanks, from the Village Hall Committee

For the past 10 years the proceeds from Padbury Bingo, run by Carol Bloxham, have been donated to the village hall funds. The total amount donated is an impressive £12,274. **Many thanks, Carol.**

Angela Nottage raised £125 for the village hall funds with a Christmas quiz. **Thank you, Ange.**

All proceeds donated to the village hall funds go towards the day-to-day upkeep and running of the hall. The next big project that is likely to require funding is the repair of the ageing roof.

### 100+ Club

Notice of recent winners of the 100+ Club draw.

December 2023: 1st £100, No 57- M. McCrostle 2nd £50, No 77- K. Livingstone  
January 2024: 1st £50, No6- John Deeley 2nd £50, No 156- Jennie Beeby

### 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 the Booking Secretary, Shirley Hemes—[sahemes55@gmail.com](mailto:sahemes55@gmail.com) or **01280 812617**.

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## GREENER PADBURY GROUP

### Go Wild for Change: Thursday 15th February.

The highly popular school holiday nature-based activities in the woods, run by **Julie Lloyd-Evans**, are back for 2024!

Our focus is on the positive impact we can make for nature, the greener action we can take away to our own homes, gardens and community. Book now at [www.greenerpadbury.com](http://www.greenerpadbury.com)

### Volunteer woodland work days in February.

On **Thursday 15th** and **Saturday 24th February** (nominally 9.30 am - 12.30 pm, and 1pm to 4 pm on each day) we would be very glad of your help in the woods. Planned activities for the days include putting up nest boxes, doing some tidying/weeding around the plug plants that we put in last year, and also some general tidying.

It would be helpful to have an idea of numbers so please sign up via the Greener Padbury website (Latest News section).

### Graphic designer wanted!

Do you have graphic design skills and are able to spare Greener Padbury a little of your time? We plan to install two information boards in the Millennium Woods to support our biodiversity project and would very much appreciate professional input. If you can help, or you'd like to find out more, please contact Felicity: [fmallam@btinternet.com](mailto:fmallam@btinternet.com)

### Facebook users.

We have a new Facebook page! Our new site means we can be more interactive and connected. If you already follow us, you will be invited to migrate to the new page; if not, please search for 'Greener Padbury Group' or scan this QR code which will take you straight there.



Thank you.

### Eco tips

Following on from December's tips, here are some more horrific food waste statistics:

- The UK produces the largest amount of food waste in Europe. WRAP [Waste & Resources Action Programme] estimates that 70% of food waste comes from households (6.7 million tonnes), 16% from manufacturers, 12% from hospitality and food services, and 2% from the retail industry
- The average household spends £470 on food that ends up in the bin every year.
- The hospitality and food service sector (including restaurants, hotels, and catering) generates around 920,000 tonnes of food waste annually.

Food Waste Action Week 2024 will now take place from the 18th- 24th March. Find out more at <https://wrap.org.uk/>.



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.



Support YOUR village

See the next page for advice on what to sow during this part of the year.

The Government has pledged to ban peat in bagged potting compost "by 2024"

Peatlands are wet, boggy habitats that are hugely important as a carbon store, reduce flood risk, and are home to diverse wildlife. Peatlands store over twice as much carbon as all the world's forests combined, so keeping peat in bogs and not in bags for compost is an essential part of fighting climate change.

We can all play our part by going peat-free in our gardens. For information about using peat free composts or making your own composts go to <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/peat/for-gardeners>.

## PADBURY FRIENDLY AFTERNOON CLUB

The new format for our Christmas Dinner and entertainment was a success. Thanks to **Kay Bradley** for providing the main course and pudding. A real treat! Thanks too for the team of ladies who spun into action like a well-oiled machine to make everything ready in my absence and to those who made alternative desserts. Also to **Helen Kemp**, who came to entertain the group with jazzy versions of carols and popular Christmas songs on her saxophone. Our January meeting was a fun afternoon of Bingo.

On **February 14th**, we are looking forward to a craft session on a Valentine's day theme and on **March 13th** some of the children from Padbury School are coming to join us to play games. We will need to start playing with the children as soon after 2pm as possible, to allow for them to get back up to school for home time. You can bring one of your favourite games to play – the children may well not have come across them!

If you are retired and looking for some company, do come and join us on the second Wednesday of every month except August.

*Tina Mitchell 01280 814544*

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## PADBURY TENNIS CLUB

Now that spring is around the corner, Padbury tennis club welcomes new members of all ages at our Tuesday (7pm) and Saturday (4pm) social mix-ins. Free membership until the end of March.

The club will also be fielding a team in the MK Tennis League again this year, with pre-season training with our resident coach **Ed Harwood**. Ed continues to offer junior coaching on Tuesday evenings, and has adult groups on a Wednesday evening. He is also available for one-to-one coaching.

The club always welcomes new members of any ability so why not come and give tennis a try! Like to have a go? Then give us a call. Contact **Dave Green** on **07920 297891** or email on [padburytcmemb@gmail.com](mailto:padburytcmemb@gmail.com).

*Dave Green*

## 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. Padbury 1st team secured a 4 - 2 victory against Newport Pagnell Athletic, to move into 2nd place in the North Bucks Premier Division, though lost on penalties to Marsh Gibbon in the North Bucks Challenge Cup.



In the MKDDL Youth League, Padbury has had mixed results in the limited games played. Padbury Rovers u18s lost to Tattenhoe Whites u18s 5 - 2, the Raptors u14s secured a 3-3 draw with Olney and the Cougars u12s won 5 - 0 versus Wixams.

Non-competitive age groups i.e., u10s and below, will resume at the end of January / early February, weather permitting. 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\\_marshall71@gmail.com](mailto:Mikey_marshall71@gmail.com).