

The Paddbury Parish Pump



August / September



If you would kindly allow me a little indulgence, I would like to mention the ever-popular 1940's weekend events that occur at Bletchley Park. Some of you know that, even though I now live in Kent, I regularly travel to Bletchley Park as one of the park's volunteers (actually in the National Radio Centre there). Visitors sing the park's praises whenever they visit, and particularly so on these weekends when the park has 1940's-themed exhibits, music, dancing, and so many interesting things to see and do for all the family.

Many visitors dress up in 1940's styles and military uniforms to add to the atmosphere, although you don't have to.

Bletchley Park is an amazing local attraction, and I have been astonished at the number of visitors I've met there who tell me it's their first visit even though they've lived within just a few miles of it for many years. Your ticket lasts a year, which means you can visit as many times as you like during that period.

Popularity of the 1940's weekend has prompted the park to hold the event twice each year - the first event was in June, and the next is over the weekend **26-27 September**. See the park's website for details - <https://www.bletchleypark.org.uk/plan-a-visit/>

I hope to see you there!



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Welcome to the August / September issue



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Please submit items for the Pump to the editor by email no later than **Friday 25th September 2026**.

Any copy or changes received more than **two**

days after the deadline *will not be included*. Please **do not** leave your article submission to the last minute!

To borrow a hackneyed expression from the tabloids — ‘phew, what a scorcher!’ Depending on your preferences, and how your farm, garden or allotment has reacted, the weather has been either wonderful or a complete disaster. I hope you have found some enjoyment in it though.

That’s enough of the British predilection of talking about the weather, and let me instead welcome you to this issue of the Padbury Parish Pump. It’s a little light in content this time, as it often is over the summer holiday season when families are away doing fun things.

Issue	Deadline
October / November	25th September
December / January	20th November 2026
February / March 2027	22nd January 2027
April / May 2027	19th March 2027
June / July 2027	21st May 2027

Articles received up to two days after these deadline can be included ***if there is space***. Any copy or changes received more than two days after these deadlines **will not be included** in that issue.

Deadlines for forthcoming issues of The Pump are listed above. However, I’ve noticed a trend for some contributors to submit their articles very close to my ‘two-days-later’ hard deadline. I’m aware that meeting dates and other events can mean this is unavoidable, but if an article *can* be submitted early, then please do so. Late submissions usually require considerable additional time to reorganise pages and articles to make efficient and effective use of the space.

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

The Pump will remain a source of news and information from in and around Padbury, so please keep those articles coming in. 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.

Best wishes - Dex



Padbury Parish Council

THANK YOU TO BOB GOUGH

We would like to thank Bob Gough, as he steps down from his role, for all that he has done as village caretaker. Bob has worked quietly for many years ensuring that the pavilion is ready to welcome residents, footballers, and community groups. We also have Bob to thank for painting the gate white as you enter the village from Winslow. Thank you Bob! We hope that you enjoy a well-deserved rest.

REMINDER OF ANGLIAN WATER HOSEPIPE BAN

During the temporary use ban, you must not use a hosepipe for things like:

- Watering your garden
- Watering plants
- Washing your car
- Cleaning patios and driveways
- Cleaning walls and windows
- Filling paddling pools, swimming pools or hot tubs
- Filling ponds and ornamental fountains

The restrictions also apply to sprinklers and pressure washers connected to the mains water supply.

However, there are some statutory exceptions, including those residents listed on the Priority Services Register. For further exemptions, please check the Anglian Water website: <https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/help-and-advice/save-water/hosepipe-restrictions>

VILLAGE CARETAKER REQUIRED

We are seeking a reliable, proactive, and community-minded Caretaker to look after the Sports Pavilion and surrounding village facilities. This is an important role that helps ensure the facilities are clean, safe and welcoming to residents, Padbury Village Football Club, community groups and visitors.

Contract: Part-time, self-employed, permanent, 1-5 hours per week (flexible)

Key Responsibilities • Grounds maintenance duties such as mowing, strimming and hedge trimming • General maintenance tasks and reporting to the Clerk any minor repairs and issues that require contractors • Ensuring the building and grounds are kept tidy and hazard-free. • Ensuring the cleanliness of changing rooms, toilets, kitchen areas and communal spaces in liaison with the cleaner. • Providing cover where required (e.g. holiday cover) for opening and locking the pavilion for bookings, matches and events.

We are looking for someone who • Is dependable, organised and able to work independently • Has good practical skills and a hands-on approach • Takes pride in maintaining clean, safe facilities • Communicates well with the public and local groups • Is willing to work flexibly around pavilion bookings.

Previous caretaking, cleaning or maintenance experience is essential.

For more details and to apply, please contact **Carol Swannell**, Clerk. Email: clerk@padburyparishcouncil.gov.uk For an informal discussion about the role, contact the Parish Clerk on **07961 827302**.

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE VILLAGE PICNIC AND SPECTACULAR

Thank you for attending the village picnic and Pantaloons performance of The Hound of the Baskervilles on Sunday 28th June. A great time was had by all!

A special thank you to all those who organised and took part in the event, including **Trish Illif-Rolfe** for putting in so much time and effort to make the day a success, **Margaret Templeton**, **Maggie Holloway**, **Marcus** for his amazing poetry recital, **Miles Nottage** for his fantastic piano playing and **Meg Illif-Rolfe** for her beautiful singing.

Also, we much appreciated having a bar and BBQ provided by Padbury's own. Thank you to **Nicki Hoddy from The New Inn** and to **Elliott Thompson** along with help from **Neil and Sue Hamp from Padbury Meats**.

We are so lucky to have such talented people in our village!

PLANNING MATTERS

Decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council (Aylesbury Vale):

PL/26/03539/FA 5, Bennetts Close. Demolition of conservatory to rear. New single storey extension to rear. New windows, enclosing porch at front. APPROVED

PL/26/03253/PNC Land at Grange Farm, Thornborough Road. Prior notification under Class R of Part 3, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 - Proposed change of use of an agricultural building to Indoor Sport (use class E (d)). APPROVED

Please note that individual comments on planning applications posted on the Buckinghamshire Council website are no longer visible online due to data protection.

To view local planning applications, decisions and to comment online, please use the link: <https://publicaccess.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

VILLAGE STEWARDS AND WORKING PARTIES

Cllr. Dinwoodie runs regular working parties which are very sociable and relaxed. Being involved in a working party involves volunteering for a couple of hours at a weekend to get together for positive improvement, light maintenance, tree pruning, litter picking, weed clearing etc. This encourages both community interaction and helps to keep our costs down. Thank you to all our volunteers.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

ROAD CLOSURES

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

HIRER OF PADBURY PAVILION

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

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – WE WELCOME VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US!

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

By becoming part of this campaign, you can play a part in sharing this data with Thames Valley Police to help prevent vehicles travelling at excess speeds in Padbury. As well as increasing Police presence this could lead to further traffic calming measures being implemented. Full training is offered for all new volunteers. This would include gathering data with two other volunteers at the roadside as vehicles pass. The Parish Clerk can provide further details.

USEFUL LINKS – A REMINDER

FIX MY STREET <https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/> - please note that this is the site used to report potholes, pavement damage etc.

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).

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE PLANNING APPLICATIONS (from August '25) <https://publicaccess.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full copies of the agendas and minutes from meetings can be viewed on the Parish Council website or outside the village hall on the village noticeboard.

Our meetings will be held at 7pm at Padbury Pavilion on the following dates:

12th August, 14th October, 9th December

Residents are welcome to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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Letter Writing - A Lost Art...?

Many years ago, my early career placed me aboard ships, sailing from one of the world's exotic ports to another. During each posting, which could last for anything up to six months, the only contact I had with my family was by writing letters, or occasionally making very expensive phone calls by shortwave radio.

During voyages between ports, which could last several weeks, I would start a letter on departure from one country, and would continue adding to it each day until I could load and seal it into a thickly-stuffed envelope. I'd then address it, add a sequential number to the back to enable it to be opened in the correct date order, and drop it into the ship's post box with the requisite 10p coin to cover the subsidised postage.

Within minutes of doing that, I'd then make a start on the next letter home. Yes - in that short space of time I'd have thought of something else I wanted to tell them about. It was usually nothing important or urgent - just inconsequential information about everyday life on board that would paint a picture for them and maybe bring our thoughts closer together.

That's what happens when you miss each other.



Letter writing seems to have dwindled to nothing these days. Maybe that's down to the cost of postage - the 10p I and the rest of the crew paid to post letters from anywhere in the world was heavily subsidised by the shipping company. The only letters I receive now are bills, tax and bank statements, and junk mail.

The near-demise of letter-writing can largely be attributed to the introduction and resulting popularity of email. These days, ships are well-provided with internet services that support email, by satellite if far remote from land. However, there was no such thing when I was at sea. I'd send 'text messages' using Morse code, again carrying significant costs-per-word.

Email is often beyond the reach of some, particularly the very elderly who perhaps have never come to terms with the computer revolution. It's a wry family memory that my mum complained that she hadn't been told when my brother changed his email address - yet she possessed no means to send or receive emails! If my mother were still alive, I'd have to rely on hand-written and posted mail, or the telephone when I couldn't visit.

The years march forward, and I rarely if ever receive personal email nowadays - those I do receive are usually business-related, Pump articles (greatly appreciated!), and spam or scam messages (not so welcome). Personal communication has largely moved over to instant messaging - text messages or voice/video communications.

Text messaging is generally brief, certainly when compared with the over-stuffed envelopes I sent from the ship. I wonder whether we've lost something meaningful because of that. Hand-written letters are tactile - receipt of a personal letter through the post means you are holding something that the sender has handled and has thought about carefully. They've probably checked the sense and the spelling before posting it - no 'autocorrect howlers' there! They may even have binned their letter and restarted it more than once to better express themselves.

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But the result is a personal transfer of their thoughts and feelings, in what they've written, their style of writing, and the shapes of the letters on the page. That makes it special. You'll be able to recognise the sender's handwriting, and maybe even tell what frame of mind they were in when they wrote the words — excited, happy, nostalgic... Simply hacking away at a keyboard or jabbing at a phone screen conveys nothing like as much to the recipient.

So, how about finding yourself a pad of writing paper, a decent pen, and send a hand-written news-filled letter to that family member or friend you've been thinking about recently. I can safely guarantee they'll open and read it with delight – and may even respond in kind.

Yours sincerely – Dex

Padbury Tennis Club

Padbury Tennis Club Matches Start with Success!

You may not know, but Padbury Tennis Club runs a team in the Milton Keynes Tennis League and Cup and it is a great fun way to play some competitive tennis, but at our level as it is graded with promotion and relegation. We pull our team players from many of the surrounding villages including Padbury, Adstock, Coombs, Preston Bissett and Stowe so don't be shy in coming forward if you do want a game. Match highlights tend to be discussed over a pint in the New Inn at Padbury afterwards for essential rehydration.

The team had a good start to the season with two thumping wins and a draw in the league and a win and close loss in the cup. However we did succumb to the team that is above us in the division, a good Stony Stratford side on the 11th of June.. This week we played our 5th and last match of the season against Wolverton F at home who are the bottom team. The result was a very solid 8-0 win. This puts us temporarily at 2nd in the league though we may end up 3rd.

Many of you will be aware of the courts at the back of the playing field. There is plenty of availability and we also have the benefit of flood lighting to allow play into the autumn and winter. Membership is a modest cost and a great way to get some outdoor exercise.

Coaching for adults continues Wednesdays for adults and some sessions for juniors over the summer. The club runs a social tennis group on a Tuesday at 6pm. Anyone is welcome to come along and join in to see if you like it. The popular junior programme will be back in September on Tuesdays. Contact **Ed to sign up on 07548 254948**.

All details are on our web site: www.padburytennis.co.uk

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Padbury Village Hall

100+ Club – June and July winners

June: 1st £100, No 145 - **G. Mallam** 2nd £50, No 9 - **M. Taylor**

July: 1st £50, No 91 - **M. Nottage** 2nd £50, No 112- **E. Lane**

Dates for your diary

Quiz/ Fish & Chip Supper.

This popular event will take place on Saturday 24 th October.

Details to follow in September, please see Padbury Facebook Page and posters around the village.

A Celebration of local crafts and produce.

This Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday 5th December**.

It is a lovely opportunity to browse the array of original products supplied by villagers and people from the surrounding area.

For more information or to reserve a table, please contact **Pam Sirett-**
pamsirett725@btinternet.com

Coffee mornings.

There is a coffee morning at the village hall on the first Friday of every month, from 10.30am until 12 noon.

We look forward to seeing you for a cuppa, a slice of homemade cake and a chat.

Hiring the village hall.

There is now the facility to book the village hall online.

The website address is: <https://padburyvillagehall.org>. Once there you will be asked to set up an account (this should only take a few minutes). That will give you access to our calendar and everything you need to book.

For further information please contact, Louise Sargeant- lou29ise@gmail.com or Wendy Bull - email@wendybull.co.uk or **07808 620553**.

Wendy Bull, Secretary

Do you need a lift?

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

If so, there are people in the village who are happy and willing to help.

Initially, please call Sara Birch; although she may not necessarily be able to help you herself, she should be able to find someone who can!

07880 547494



The Blackbird Pub

Back in July we held a volunteers' day to say a proper thank you to everyone who has helped bring The Blackbird back to life. Behind the bar, in the kitchen, on the cleaning rota, down in the cellar, serving coffee, baking, fixing the utilities, or simply helping shape how the place looks and feels- none of this would have been possible without them, and it was a pleasure to celebrate that together.



While we were all there, we also took the chance to look back at everything achieved in The Blackbird's first three months, and to look ahead at what's needed to secure its long-term future, including buying the pub outright before our 12-month lease runs out. To help make that happen, we'll be launching a community share issue in August.

If you'd like a copy of the prospectus and key features document by email, and aren't already on our mailing list, drop a line to kasgillie@me.com. Printed copies will also be available in the pub from early August.

And there's plenty to look forward to: August and September brings a great line-up of events, including our Summer Party on **Saturday 22nd August**. Thank you to everyone who's supported us so far and hope to see you soon.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

- Sat 1 Aug – Quilters Morning, 10-1pm
- Tues 4 Aug – Sip & Paint, 7pm
- Fri 7 Aug – Spud Thyme food van, 5-8pm
- Sun 9 Aug – Sunday Roast, Elenness Events 1-3.30pm
- Wed 12 Aug – Women Who Wine, from 5pm
- Wed 19 Aug – Cards evening, 7-9pm
- Sat 22 Aug – Summer Party from 5pm
- Tues 25 Aug – Owlswick Morris Dancers, from 7.30pm
- Wed 26 Aug - Quiz Night with Tabs & Fliss from 7pm & Food Van from 5pm

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Sat 5 Sept – Quilters Morning, 10-1pm
- Wed 9 Sept – Women Who Wine, from 5pm
- Fri 11 Sept – Spud Thyme food van, 5-8pm
- Wed 16 Sept – Cards evening, 7-9pm
- Sat 19 th Sept - Pan Java (Indonesian) food van, 6-8pm
- Sat 26 th Sept am – Painting class with Art Friends, 10-1pm
- Sat 26 th Sept pm – Live music with 'Down to the chords', from 4.30pm
- Sun 27 Sept – Sunday Roast, Elenness Events 1-3.30pm
- Wed 30 Sept - Quiz Night with Tabs & Fliss from 7pm & Food Van from 5pm



Summer Term 2026 - News from Padbury CE School

I can't believe we have come to the end of another academic year. This end of term is especially poignant as I am leaving at the end of term for pastures new. **Laura Mackenzie** is also moving on to new and exciting challenges. I have no doubt that the school will continue to thrive under the Executive Leadership of **Mel Nugent** and Head of School **Emma Gooding**. Padbury CE School is a special place to live and work, and I wish everyone the very best as it continues its journey onwards.

Ofsted

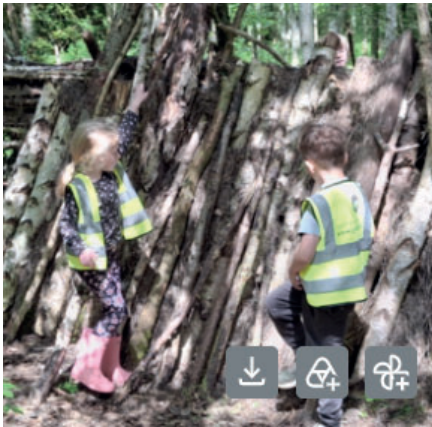
In April we were lucky enough to be visited by Ofsted. It was a very positive visit with positive outcomes. We were pleased to be judged as strong in Attendance and Behaviour, Achievement and Personal Development and expected in all other areas. This is a testament to our ongoing work to be the best that we can be and I am happy that we leave the school in a strong position for the future.

Inspection report: 21 April 2026

Exceptional	
Strong standard	● ● ●
Expected standard	● ● ● ●
Needs attention	
Urgent improvement	

Forest School

For the first time this year, we have managed to run Forest School sessions throughout the whole school, from EYFS through to Yr6. It has been great to see the pleasure Yr6 children still get when they have time to just be and to have time to work together on projects in the woods.



Allotment

Our allotment has been up and running again this term and we are now tripping over potatoes, beetroot and strawberries. We have enjoyed sampling beetroot smoothies, boiled new potatoes, and strawberries. The children will be entering their produce in The Padbury Produce Show again in September and hope to win more prizes than last year!

Father's Day

This year the singing and presentation of presents for the Dads was particularly lovely. All the adults commented on how well the children sang and how lovely it was to see everyone having time to play together afterwards.

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Sycamore Class Residential

Our Yr5/6 class have had an amazing time at Whitemoor Lakes this term, making the most of the lovely weather when it was not too hot! The children all challenged themselves in different ways and loved the opportunity to be away from home and create memories.



Summer Fete

We celebrated a lovely Summer fete this term on one of our very hot days. As a leaving Headteacher I thought it only right that I should take my turn in the stocks! It was actually a very cooling experience and the children had lots of fun throwing sponges at myself and two other willing members of staff!

I wish everyone in the Padbury Community the very best for the future. Thank you for supporting the school in so many ways and I know the community and school links will continue.

I hope you all have a lovely summer.

*Take care
Lucy McFarlane*



Padbury Village Football Club



Padbury Village FC resumes training in August with Padbury entering mixed boys and girls teams in eight different age groups from U7s to U18s for the 26/27 season in the MKDDL League.



Mini Kickers for youngsters aged from 4 to 6 will resume in September with training on a Saturday morning. New players for all age groups are invited to contact the Club for further information either through the Club [website pvfc.org.uk](http://website.pvfc.org.uk) or contact Mike Marshall, Director of Football, Mikey.marsh71@gmail.com

The Club is particularly seeking new players for the Padbury Raptors U18s team which will play fixtures on a Sunday afternoon in the coming season. All other teams play Saturday mornings with training on a Wednesday evening.

Costs have risen considerably in recent years and the Club is seeking additional sponsors to support the financial sustainability of the Club. Match Day Advertising Boards at a cost of £200 for two seasons plus the cost of the board (c. £100) are available to local businesses. The Boards are displayed on Saturdays and Sundays around the ground during fixtures from September to May each year. All enquiries to Peter (Chairman), petermchenry@hotmail.com.



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.





Kid's Corner - Great Holiday Adventure

Welcome to this issue of Kids' Corner! Whether you are heading to the sunny beach, exploring somewhere new, or enjoying a fun staycation at home, grab your crayons and chef's hat for an action-packed holiday double-page spread.

5 Mind-Blowing Holiday Facts!

1. Pigs Love Holidays Too: On Big Major Cay, an island in the Bahamas, wild pigs live on the beach and spend their days swimming in the warm ocean!
2. Ice Cream Overload: The largest ice cream cone ever created was over nearly 3 metres tall in Norway!
3. The Longest Non-Stop Flight: The longest regular passenger flight in the world takes almost 19 hours non-stop, flying all the way from Singapore to New York.
4. The Eiffel Tower Grows in Summer: High summer heat causes the iron in Paris's Eiffel Tower to expand, making it grow up to 15 centimetres taller!
5. Postcards from Space: Astronauts on the International Space Station can actually send emails and messages back to Earth that act like digital postcards from space.

5 Hilarious Holiday Jokes!

1. Q: Where do sharks go on vacation? A: Finland!
2. Q: Why don't mummies go on summer holidays? A: They're afraid they'll unwind!
3. Q: What do sheep like to do in the summer? A: Have a baa-baa-cue!
4. Q: What travels around the world but stays in one corner? A: A stamp!
5. Q: What does a snowman like to do on vacation? A: Just chill!

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Holiday Wordsearch Challenge

Can you find all 8 holiday words hidden in the grid below? Words can go across or down!

S U N S H I N E A B
A T O W E L P Q R E
N R S I O C E A N A
D A U M B R E L L A
C V A C A T I O N C
A E S U N G L A S S
S L P A S S P O R T
T S U M M E R K I E

Words to Find:

1. SUNSHINE
2. BEACH
3. OCEAN
4. UMBRELLA
5. VACATION
6. PASSPORT
7. SUMMER
8. TOWEL

Easy Recipe: Strawberry & Banana “Sushi” Rolls

Ingredients

- 2 large soft tortilla wraps (flour or wholewheat)
- 4 tbsp cream cheese
- 1 large banana
- 4-5 fresh strawberries, washed and thinly sliced

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Spread 2 tablespoons of cream cheese evenly all over the wrap, leaving a small gap at the edges.
2. Place the whole banana along the bottom edge of the wrap. Scatter your sliced strawberries over the rest of the wrap.
3. Starting from the bottom where the banana is, tightly roll the tortilla all the way to the top into a long log shape.
4. Using a butter knife, slice the roll into 3cm thick wheels. Turn them upright so they look like mini sushi rolls and enjoy immediately!



Greener Padbury Group -- www.greenerpadbury.com

Medication blister pack recycling: Thank you to everyone who donated their medication blister packs for recycling. We were able to send 5.5kg of waste back to Terracycle so that the materials can be sorted and repurposed into items such as outdoor benches and garden products. The scheme was so well supported that we will run it again – so please continue to drop your empty blister packs in the box at the Blackbird, and we will continue to see they don't end up in landfill. We are also looking into collecting other hard-to-recycle items – watch this space!

Tawny owls have come to Lenborough! We're delighted that one of our recently placed tawny owl boxes in Lenborough has received two orphan owls from **Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital**. We hope to be able to show some photographs here in the next edition. Our box should be a great starting point for them to explore their new surroundings, and if we're lucky they may choose to come back in the autumn.

A second tawny box has been placed, with the help of the **Bucks Owl and Raptor Group (BORG)** in the churchyard to replace one that was no longer viable.

Hedgerows for Hairstreaks: the sighting of the endangered black hairstreak larvae in the Millennium Woods has spurred us on to prioritise their hedgerow habitat and implement the recommendations made in the ecological survey we commissioned back in 2022, namely cutting the blackthorn on a rotation of 3 to 5 years, so different sections are cut at different times, rather than flailing the lot, thereby creating a more diverse habitat structure. We're planning a work party day (with edible incentives!) in September and will be grateful for many hands as it's no small task. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook site for details. We were pleased to show **Butterfly Conservation's black hairstreak expert Stewart Hodges** around the woods and to get his advice on optimal management and are excited to be working these into our plans.

Elsewhere in the woods, we continue to create scallops in the rides, letting light in and diversifying the fringe habitats, and the scything volunteers will soon be limbering up to cut the meadow which has boasted several orchids this summer. In the village itself, you may have spotted some new trees planted – and being watered by a team of volunteers, as well as wonderful progress clearing the ponds by the Main Street play park. Britain has lost a staggering number of ponds over the past fifty years; reviving them is one of the simplest ways to boost biodiversity and climate resilience.

If you'd like to get involved in any of these initiatives – recycling, or being a woodland, verge or pond volunteer – please do let us know: agreenerpadbury@gmail.com

Worried about a vulnerable friend, relative or neighbour?

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

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



Padbury WI

We were well supported by visitors at our June meeting when Steve Parker talked about his time serving in the drug squad at the MET. Sadly our garden visit had to be cancelled due to the heatwave but we hope to rebook for next year. We ran a successful tombola at the Pantaloons and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

In July Alan Watt told us all about the Florence Nightingale Hospice. Although we do not meet in August we are looking forward to a meal out. We will return on 10 th September for a talk about Tai Chi and demonstration with Fraser Winterbottom. Said to improve health and well-being we will be able to give it a try.

Our meetings are held in Padbury Village Hall and start at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome – entrance fee is £5.00 including refreshments.

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

Sue Christelow, Secretary



One of our Presidents, Izzy Older, in face paint with committee member Veronica Gibbard at the Pantaloons.

Bingo

Bingo is going along nicely — a little slow, but that's nothing unusual for the summer months. We are also a few bingos down, as I've been unwell and in hospital so had to cancel a few. Hopefully next report will be a bit more positive.

I'd like to thank everybody for their kind wishes during my recent illness.

Regards Carol



The New Inn, Padbury



The New Inn, as an independent free house, holds an identity that belongs entirely to Padbury, run with a personal touch that stays true to classic pub traditions.

First and foremost, a pub is a pub because of its beer and customers. Driven by that passion, we have built a renowned reputation for quality real ales and are immensely proud to be featured in the **CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2026**. Alongside this dedication to great beer, we also have a vibrant dining scene; back in 2020, we introduced the very first food trucks to Padbury right here at The New Inn, sparking a proud independent food tradition that is still thriving today.

As we look ahead through August and September, we are excited to bring to the village an upcoming calendar of independent food talent and live local entertainment — not forgetting, of course, our hugely successful and lively quiz nights. Pull up a chair and join us for our next gatherings:

JULY & AUGUST LINEUP

- Weds 29th Jul: Gurkha Streetfood
- Thurs 30th Jul: Friends & Flavours
- Fri 31st Jul: Wesley's Artisan Pizzeria
- Sat 1st Aug: Miles Nottage & Friends (Live Music)
- Sat 1st Aug: CPK (6:00pm – 8:30pm)
- Sat 8th Aug: Gurkha Streetfood
- Thurs 13th Aug: Friends & Flavours
- Fri 14th Aug: Addy's Chopz
- Sun 23rd Aug: QUIZ NIGHT
- Thurs 27th Aug: Friends & Flavours
- Fri 28th Aug: Wesley's Artisan Pizzeria
- Sat 29th Aug: Pick & Mix (Live Music)

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SEPTEMBER LINEUP

- Weds 2nd: Gurkha Streetfood
- Sat 5th Sept: Addy's Chopz
- Thurs 10th Sept: Friends & Flavours
- Fri 18th Sept: Baja Cantina
- Thurs 24th Sept: Friends & Flavours
- Sat 26th Sept: Gyro World Greek
- Sun 27th Sept: QUIZ NIGHT

Please note that there will be additions to these dates which are yet to be confirmed. Please look out for these on our New Inn Facebook Page or at the pub.

As we continue to soak up the lovely summer sunshine, let me remind you that the mature, leafy beer garden is a timeless space to unwind, perfectly weathered and welcoming to families and muddy paws alike. It remains the quintessential place to catch the evening sun, listen to the breeze and reconnect with friends and neighbours without any rush or agenda.

Without fanfare, The New Inn continues to do what it does best — offering a peaceful corner, a familiar face and a dependable backdrop to village life. Gathering here isn't about obligation; it is about appreciating the quiet, irreplaceable magic of a local landmark that belongs to all of us.

Nicki

Padbury Friendly Afternoon Club

The last few months have seen the sad loss of **John Depear** and **Jean Winkworth**. **Pat Reilly** has now moved away to be nearer her family after a long spell of ill health. Some erstwhile regulars now feel unable to come, so the number at each meeting is declining. It is time to think about the way forward for the group and on **9th September at 2pm**, we will have an extraordinary meeting to discuss this. Any interested people are very welcome to attend – we are an open group, rather than a club. Afterwards there will be a game of Bingo or Lotto!

Our Summer Garden Tea did go ahead, despite the hot weather, with the help of **Chris Sutton**, **Peter and Karen Burton** and **Den Hosking** to put up the gazebo near the shade of a cherry tree.

Thanks to all of them. It was a merry party, made more so by a surprise bottle of rose!!

Enjoy the remaining summer, see you in the Autumn.



Tina Mitchell randtmitchell@tiscali.co.uk 814544



Wag the Dog

It is wonderful to have your best friend move into your home. But how much does adopting a dog actually set you back? Let's run through the numbers quickly.

Adopting a dog moves you into the realm of becoming a "pet guardian." Small dogs have the longest lifespan estimated at 12-14 years. Medium dogs come in at 10-12 years, and the large dogs at 8-10 years. But, we have all met older dogs who live such a good life that they stay with their family longer, these are just guidelines.

Up Front Expenses £650

Adoption fee: £200-300.

The local RSPCA in Quainton, Blackberry Farm, has adoption fees from £200 to £280. This covers all the upfront costs of your dog receiving a micro-chip, being spayed or neutered, and receiving all their vaccinations. Over at Chilterns Dog Rescue Society in Chivery they have a set adoption fee of £250. Purchasing a dog privately through a breeder or a pet store can be more expensive. Always, always, always check the seller's credentials.

Bedding and Crate: £20 & £40

Entertainment: £30

Leash/harness for those perambulations along Padbury's varied footpaths, pathways, and tracks: £10 for a leash and £15 for a harness. Chew toys range from £5-25.

Dog Obedience Training: £50 x 6-8 weeks = £300-400 total for group sessions.

We know that dogs are happier if they can understand their human. A six-week training-course in a group setting is usually the cheapest option. Individual lessons are pricier.

Animals can enrich our lives and we have a duty to properly care for them throughout theirs.

Monthly Expenses £100

So far we have covered up-front expenses you can expect as the pet guardian for your canine friend, now let's look at the monthly breakdown.

Pet Insurance: £30 per month on average.

Pet insurance to cover any medical necessities that arise over the course of the dog's life with you is a necessity. The charity PDSA (People's Dispensary for Sick Animals) estimates you'll pay between £7,500 to £11,800 in vet costs over a dog's natural life. Accident-only cover starts at £6 per month for one dog all the way up to £60 per month to cover pretty much any situation including dental and pre-existing conditions.

Food: £50-100 per month.

Food varies in prices from dry crunchie nuggets £1-3 dependent on the size of your dog. Wet food cans and pouches tip the scale at a more expensive option from £2-6 (50-100% more than dry). And finally, the raw food diet with a variety of meats and vegetables can range anywhere from £5-15 (minimum 200% more expensive than dry).

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Poo bags and poop-picker-upper: £3 and £15.

Boarding: £20-45 per day.

For those times you jet off on holiday and cannot take the hound with you, boarding kennels are a prime choice to ensure your best friend has a holiday of their own.

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In the next issue: fleas, faeces, and other fun stuff.

By Lally-May

INDEPENDENT LOCAL VETS:

Windmill Veterinary Centre, Winslow: <https://windmillvets.co.uk/about-us/price-lists/>

Buckingham Vets for Pets, Osier Way: <https://www.vets4pets.com/buckingham>

CHAIN: The Vet Centre, Maids Morton: [unbranded-pet-vacc-schedules_dog2.pdf](#)

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Would you like to tackle the problem of
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If your answer is 'YES' to the above,
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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 dependent on space and there is a small charge to cover the cost of the hall.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE OUR WEBSITE

www.winslowart.org.uk

or our Facebook page

Or contact : Cheryl, Sylvia or Caroline.

Winslow And District Art Society

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First Friday each month 10:30 until 12:00	Coffee and cake morning	Padbury Village Hall
5 December	Christmas Fair	Padbury Village Hall

* 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 10:30am on the first Friday of every month.



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We also need to undertake important work on the lime trees that line the public footpath and border the churchyard car park. These mature trees are potentially hazardous and require pollarding to ensure they remain safe and healthy.

The work will cost several thousand pounds. In keeping with good environmental practice, no work was carried out during the spring and summer to protect nesting birds and other wildlife, but it can now be undertaken during the autumn. We hope you will come along and support these events. Not only will they be enjoyable occasions to meet with friends and neighbours, but every pound raised will help us care for St Mary's and its surroundings, ensuring they remain safe, welcoming and well maintained for everyone to enjoy.

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To make donations, or for more information, please contact **Pam Sirett 07870 828591**.



Thank you.

*Pam Sirett
Bamber House
Springfields*

* I have not verified collection dates around the Summer Bank Holiday. Please check local information.

Food waste bins are collected on each of these dates.

Brown bin garden waste collections, for those who have paid for them, are on the same day as the collection of the blue recycling bin

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