

# The Padbury

Parish



Pump

April / May



Easter tide is a festal season in the liturgical year of Christianity that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Preceded by Lent, it begins on Easter Day (Sunday 5th April this year), which initiates Easter Week in the Western Christian calendar. Traditionally lasting 40 days to commemorate the time the resurrected Jesus remained on earth before his Ascension, in some western churches, Eastertide lasts 50 days to conclude on the day of Pentecost or Whitsunday.

Eastertide customs across the Christian world include flowering the cross, sunrise services, the wearing of Easter bonnets by women, and decorating Easter eggs, which symbolise the empty tomb by appearing dead on the outside but with life inside. Egg hunts are popular with children too. The Easter Bunny, symbolising fertility and renewal, features in Easter folklore, together with the Easter Lily arising from a pagan association of the plant with motherhood and fertility. Some of these symbols appear in the picture above, which children might like to colour in when they're not attending to their chocolate.

Happy Easter from all of us involved with the Padbury Pump.



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## Welcome to the April / May issue



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Please submit items for the Pump to the editor by email no later than **Friday 22nd May 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!

As you read through this issue, you might notice a few subtle changes to how it looks. This is because this is the first issue that I am editing using different computer software. The content should be familiar though, with the addition of the Kids' Corner feature, submitted kindly by Vicky Murray. Regular contributors should please continue to submit their articles in the same way as before.

Please note that there have been important changes to Parish Council contact details on page 7 of this issue. Notably, the previous '.com' email addresses have changed to '.gov' ones as required under recent legislative changes. This affects the Parish Council website address too. If you're reading the Pump online, you can click on links to open an email already pre-addressed in your email program. Our contact for advertising has changed too - see the back page for details.

Issue	Deadline
June / July	22nd May
August / September	24th July
October / November	25th September
December / January	20th November 2026
February / March 2027	22nd January 2027

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Thanks to you, the readers, and to the regular contributors and advertisers, the Pump will remain a source of news and information from in and around Padbury, so please keep those articles coming in.

I'd like to include the village calendar again for as much of 2026 as I can. If you have a village event planned, such as the Produce Show, please let me know, even if all you can confirm is the month.

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

**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.**

Sorry - lack of space prevents me including a table of contents this time.

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## **Padbury Parish Council**

### **ENTRY INTO BUCKINGHAMSHIRE'S BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

We have entered this Year's Best Village Competition because we are very proud of Padbury and always strive for it to be the best it can be. The judges will inspect the village from 1st June to 14th July. So, we have plenty of time to put up some hanging baskets, mow our lawns and maintain our verges so everyone can see what we see.

Marks are given to the provision, maintenance, and overall appearance of the following:

1. The graveyard
2. Green, playing field, children's play area, outdoor recreation facilities, designated nature conservation area (Millennium Wood)
3. Floral Displays (hanging baskets, tubs, planters, flower beds etc.)
4. Community facilities (Village Hall, Padbury Pavilion)
5. General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, pond, stream etc.)
6. Padbury Meats, The Blackbird, The New Inn
7. Bus stops, bus shelters, public seating, dog bins, notice boards, information signs
8. War memorial
9. Quality of entry - up to date and detailed map with features highlighted
10. Evidence of community engagement (eg. website, newsletter, posters and general community involvement in the Competition)

### **WEBSITE AND COUNCIL EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATE**

Did you know that [Padbury Parish Council](#) website is accessible?

There are two icons – one is an image of a person with their arms and legs outstretched – this shows the Accessibility Tools and allows you to do things such as changing text size and the background colour. This will help our dyslexic readers and those who would benefit from reading in a larger text. The other button at the top of the page shows a speaking head. This represents the On-screen Reader. You can simply press the play button to hear the page read aloud.

We are looking at improving the website even further by including adding a planning icon so that residents can easily access the planning portal. We would welcome any suggestions for improvement to make the site more user-friendly and increase users so please do contact the [Parish Clerk](#) to comment.

Due to new government regulations, we are moving from being a '.com' to a '.gov.uk'. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause as it will impact both the website as well as the clerk and councillor emails. However, we have put measures in place to ensure a smooth transition.

### **PADBURY PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE**

Are you aware that Padbury Parish Council has a Facebook page? It's a great way to keep up to date with what we've been doing, road closure notices, event dates and planning information. It's an alternative to our website and may help keep residents up to date with the latest news. Like and follow us!

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## **PLANNING MATTERS**

Decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council (Aylesbury Vale):

**PL/25/3211/FA** - Primrose Cottage Main Street Padbury MK18 2BJ - Construction of detached annex room with associated internal and external works – APPROVED (Conditional Permission)

**PL/25/5208/FA** - The Old Vicarage Thornborough Road Padbury MK18 2AH - Household application for demolition of an existing 2 storey annex known as Stablegarth, erection of two storey and single storey extensions to the Old Vicarage, removal of an existing detached single storey timber garage building, and erection of one and half storey detached coach house building – APPROVED (Conditional Permission)

\*\* An outline planning application to develop up to 65 houses (Use Class C3), a shop/ community building (Use Class F2), a mobility hub, associated public open space (including a Locally Equipped Area for Play), landscaping and sustainable drainage system on Land South Of Springfields, Winslow Road has been received.

To make a comment on the application, please use the link below using the following details: **PL/26/01503/OA**. Comments should be made as soon as possible. Please note that it may be easier to cut and paste your comment as you are given little time to complete the online form. \*\*

Individual comments on planning applications posted on the Buckinghamshire Council website are no longer visible online due to data protection.

To view this and other local planning applications, decisions and to comment online, please use the link below:

<https://publicaccess.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

## **CONSIDERATE PARKING – WORKING TOGETHER**

We continue to see parking at junctions and damage to the verges. Again, Main Street, Old End, Church Lane and Springfields appear to be an issue. Please avoid causing an obstruction as this may result in an accident or delay emergency vehicles being able to get through.

The area outside the Main Street Play Area has been cordoned off to allow the ground to repair. This area will remain out of use until the grass grows and strengthens.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## **HELPING YOU, HELPING US – A REMINDER**

The precept is the 'Padbury' portion of your council tax bill and is used to pay for street lighting, the pavilion, the playing field at Springfields, the Main Street Play Area, the Parish Clerk's salary and other village maintenance and improvements. This year, the Parish Council has NOT raised the amount you pay towards the village.

We have managed to make savings by including volunteer work in place of paying contractors where possible, so please do volunteer your time and expertise where possible. Please see below for the date and details of the next working party.

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## VILLAGE STEWARDS AND WORKING PARTIES

The next working party will take place on 11th April with the aim of focusing on the Best Kept Village Competition. Please contact **Cllr. Dinwoodie** if you are able to make this date.

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.

If you are interested in volunteering for another 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/>

## HIRE 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.

## 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://public-access.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>

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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 Pavilion on the following dates:

15th April,

13th May,

10th June

Residents are welcome to attend.

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## Padbury Friendly Afternoon Club

For our February meeting, we were joined by children from Padbury school for an afternoon of games and fun. They were really interested that the Village Hall was once the village school, and having a real life ex pupil to explain how it used to be is such a bonus! Thank you to **Lucy McFarlane** and her helpers for bringing the children.

In March we had the old fashioned Lotto board and cards out for a game of Housey Housey and thanks go to **Annie Tinson** for her great calling!

Our April meeting is in the week after Easter, so we are going to have a time of listening to stories, poems or memorabilia about spring or Easter time and do some crafts and colouring. Please bring with you something written or tangible that you love about Spring.

In May, there will be an outing for tea at the Garden Centre in Bicester Avenue. Details to follow at our April meeting.

Enjoy the warmer and longer days!

Tina Mitchell 01280 814544 [randtmitchell@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:randtmitchell@tiscali.co.uk)

### Police Contact Details

Buckingham and District  
Neighbourhood Policing Team

**302 North Row, Witan Gate East,  
Milton Keynes MK9 2DS**

or

**Wendover Road,  
Aylesbury HP21 7LA**

Both stations are open 8am until 8pm

Tel: 999 in an emergency

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safety messages



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Please visit the Parish Council website for the details of the hire charges and conditions of hire:

[WWW.padburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/amenities](http://WWW.padburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/amenities)

For all enquiries and to check availability -  
Please contact the Parish Clerk on:

[clerk@padburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@padburyparishcouncil.gov.uk)



## Padbury WI

At our February meeting we all decorated a card using the mandala dot painting technique and were very impressed with the results.

Our Annual Meeting on 12th March saw us appoint **Melissa and Izzy Older** as our joint Presidents. **Sue Christelow** continues as Secretary and **Karen Burton** remains in the role of Treasurer. **Veronica Gibbard** is the fifth member of our committee. We thank **Sue Chadbund** for her long service to Padbury WI, especially for her many years as Secretary and President.

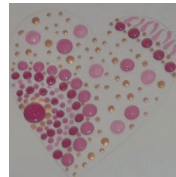
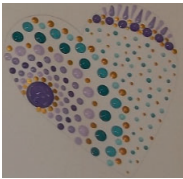


On 9th April **Paul Howard** will talk about his career as a landscape gardener, which includes time at Legoland and designing a medal-winning garden at Hampton Court. **Lucy Read** will be at our 14th May meeting to talk about Daisy First Aid and CPR.

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](http://padburywi.weebly.com) or email [padburywi@gmail.com](mailto:padburywi@gmail.com).

*Sue Christelow, Secretary*



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## Padbury Village Hall

### 100+ Club Lottery

This lottery raises much needed funds for the village hall. By paying £20 per year, your name will be entered into a monthly draw. You could win £100 or £50.

Each March, the end of the lottery year, there is a Grand Draw with a top prize of £250. The Grand Draw for the year 2025/2026, took place at the sold-out social evening, on the 28th March. This was after The Padbury Pump went to print, winners will be published in the next edition.

The first draw for the year 2026/2027 will take place towards the end of June. There is still time for you to support the lottery, if you haven't already. If you would like to join please contact, **Wendy Bull** - [email@wendybull.co.uk](mailto:email@wendybull.co.uk). If you are already a member, your collector will be in touch at the beginning of May for renewal of your subscription.

**February Winners:** 1st £100, No. 55 - Owain Jones      2nd £50 - No.36- Sian Jones.

### Village Hall Book-swap Cupboard

Responsibility for the maintenance and stocking of the cupboard, which is outside the village hall, has been taken over by **Pam Sirett** of the village hall committee.

It has had a spring clean, and the books have been replenished. Books will be changed regularly. To donate books, or for more information, please contact Pam – **07870**

**828591.**

### Coffee mornings

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

We look forward to seeing you for coffee, homemade cake and a chat.

### Hiring the village hall

To hire the village hall please contact the Booking Secretary, **Sue Hamp** - [Susanepax-tono2@outlook.com](mailto:Susanepax-tono2@outlook.com) or **07725 565219.**

*Wendy Bull, Secretary*

## 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 Village Football Club



Padbury has had some good results over the last couple of months when the weather has allowed matches to be played. The adult team have shown improved form beating 61st Luton and drawing with Tring Corinthians in recent home matches. The Raptors U16s have similarly had positive results against Tattenhoe and MK United. The Cou-



gars U14s, who play home matches at Thornton College, have moved to the top of their division after a string of wins.

With the team locked in a title battle with local rivals Winslow United U14s, the Club is hopeful that the team will be rewarded with silverware for its excellent performances over the season. The Falcons U12s are under new coaching management and achieved an encouraging draw with Tingewick U12s, showing positive signs of improvement for the remainder of the season.

In the non-competitive section, training and fixtures continue with the focus on individual development and enjoyment. PVFC Panthers U11s, Pumas U10s, Eagles U8s and Vipers U7s have all secured positive results in recent weeks. Mini Kickers for youngsters aged 4 to 6 continues training on Saturday morning.

The Club will be holding its end of season awards and presentation for all the teams in May.

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



### 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

The Blackbird is landing this Easter. Join the flock!

After months of hard work from an incredible team of volunteers, The Blackbird will be opening its doors this Easter - and we hope you'll come and see what Padbury has built together.

On Saturday 4th April, our Great Easter Egg Hunt sets off from Padbury School at 11am for under 12s, with prizes presented afterwards at The Blackbird from around 12:30pm. We'll also be announcing the winners of our Little Fledglings Art Competition - and an ice cream van will be on hand to keep everyone happy whatever the weather.



### The Café

Open every day, 9am–12 noon (teas, coffee & cakes)

### The Bar

Tue–Thu: 4–10pm | Fri: 2–11pm | Sat: 12–11pm | Sun: 12–6pm

Bank Holiday Easter Monday we'll be open from 12–6pm

The Blackbird belongs to Padbury - built by the village, run by the village, for everyone who calls it home. Every visit, every cup of tea, every pint helps keep it flying. We'd love to see you there.

*The Blackbird*



# PADBURY PRESENTS...

The  
**PASTALOIS**



## HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

**Save the date: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at Padbury  
Pavillion.**

### **Bring your own Picnic and Gazebo**

Set up Gazebos - 10:30am - 11:30am

Picnic & Games - 11:30am onwards

Show time: Hound of the Baskervilles - 15:00pm - 17:00pm

Miles Nottage - 17:00pm - 18:30pm

Refreshments available (More info to follow).

Please leave your Hounds at home.

**Please email or call Trish for your free ticket.**

[Trishi-r@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Trishi-r@tiscali.co.uk)

**07778 172 008**



## Kids' Corner!

Welcome to our Easter Eggstravaganza- packed with giggles, yummy treats, and egg-citing facts!

We're looking to bring you jokes, fun facts, a recipe, a puzzle and some colouring in each copy - and you're welcome to be a junior contributor! The next theme will be SUMMERTIME so, if you want to send in any jokes, recipes, facts of puzzles; please do!

### Five Fun Easter Facts

1. The tradition of the Easter Bunny comes from Germany.
2. The world's largest Easter egg was taller than a giraffe - over 10 metres tall!
3. Baby rabbits are called kittens!
4. Easter is celebrated on a different date each year.
5. The most expensive chocolate egg ever made was worth thousands of pounds! Wow!

### Five Egg-cellent Jokes

1. Why did the Easter egg hide?  
😊 Because it was a little chicken!
2. What do you call a mischievous egg?  
😊 A practical yolker!
3. Why shouldn't you tell Easter eggs jokes?  
😊 They might crack up!
4. What kind of music do bunnies like?  
😊 Hip-hop!
5. Why did the bunny go to school?  
😊 To get a little "egg-ucation"!

### Easy Easter Treat Recipe: Chocolate Nest Cakes

You'll need:

- 200g milk chocolate
- 100g cornflakes
- Mini chocolate eggs

Steps:

1. Melt the chocolate in a bowl (ask an adult for help!).
2. Stir in the cornflakes until coated.
3. Spoon the mixture into cupcake cases.
4. Add mini eggs on top like a nest.
4. Let them cool in the fridge for 1 hour.

Enjoy your crunchy, chocolatey nests! Yum!



## Easter Challenge!

Can you:

1. Draw your own Easter egg design?
2. Hide 5 objects around your room for a mini egg hunt?
3. Make up your own Easter joke?

You're welcome to share photos of your Easter nests and colouring on the Padbury Parish Council Facebook page but please check with a parent first!

## Easter Word Search

E A T R C H O C O L A T E G H  
 G J G E G E A S T E R J E B N  
 S G E S A T L H H O D A Y S U  
 T F A L N G D E C O R A T E D  
 R L E R L A D A B I P O Y S C  
 G O G G R Y A C A R R O T E H  
 D W E S G I B B U N A N Y S I  
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 S P R I N G T U L I P A G D S



BASKET	DUCKLINGS	JELLYBEANS
BUNNY	EASTER	PARADE
CARROT	EGGS	RABBIT
CELEBRATION	FLOWERS	SPRING
CHICK	GRASS	SUNDAY
CHOCOLATE	HOP	TULIP
DECORATED	HUNT	



Have a hoppy Easter full of fun, laughter, and treats!

Remember, if you have any good ideas for the next copy of Kids' Corner, please email them to: [clerk@padburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@padburyparishcouncil.gov.uk). See you next time!



## Padbury's Cherry Trees Through the Ages

The six beautiful polyflora cherry trees on Main Street are just coming into their annual stunning floral display. What's the history behind them?

The original trees were planted under the auspices of the All Souls College, Oxford who were the major property owners in the village back in the 1930s. Ornamental cherry trees have an average lifespan of 20-30 years and ours have been replaced at various times, many by our parish councillor **Stephen Dickens** and one most recently by the **Padbury Women's Institute**. More trees are planned to be introduced following a grant from Heart of Bucks awarded to The Greener Padbury Group.

Our oldest trees belong to the Japanese Kanzan Cherry variety grafted onto Wild Cherry root stock which provides the masses of blossom. Strangely enough, this is actually a Chinese variety later adopted widely in Japan. Being ornamental, they do not produce fruit. You will note that our northernmost tree in front of College Farm has a paler blossom than the more vibrant pink of the next five trees. This is just one of the quirks of cultivars – a range of colours from white to deep pink.

The trees have been under regular pruning and health checks for the past three years to remove dead branches and those damaged by delivery vans and weather. Hopefully they will be with us for many years to come.

*Words by Alison Tulud*

*Photo: © Kathryn Carleton*



## Greener Padbury Group -- [www.greenerpadbury.com](http://www.greenerpadbury.com)

**Dawn chorus walk – Sunday 26th April:** You are invited to attend a free Spring-time guided walk through Padbury Millennium Woods to listen to and learn to identify the songs and calls of birds in the woods. Blackbird, robin, dunnock, chaffinch, blue-tit, great-tit, wren, song-thrush, chiff-chaff and green woodpecker can all be seen and heard in the woods, and buzzards and red kites are often sighted from there.

The walk will start at the play area on Main Street at 5.30 am. Please bring your own refreshments and binoculars. All welcome, novice and experts alike. To book your space, visit [www.greenerpadbury.com](http://www.greenerpadbury.com) – and click on the yellow bookings tab on the home page. (We hope to do a dusk walk too – please keep an eye on the website for details.)

**Needle in a haystack? Not if you've got the right torch!** Birds aren't the only flying creatures we're keen to see in the woods. The blackthorn stand at the meadow end of the woods is perfect for Hairstreak butterflies – it is where they lay their eggs. Thanks to a game-changing new technique in conservation, it's so much easier to detect their presence. Rather than hoping to see a tiny white egg on the underside of a leaf in winter, or spot a dark butterfly up a tree in summer, the idea is to survey in between (late April/early May) for the caterpillars – because they glow in the dark! If you would like to get involved in caterpillar spotting, please contact Robert: [robertmanasse123@gmail.com](mailto:robertmanasse123@gmail.com)

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**NEW: Wildlife camera lending library!** If you've wondered who is visiting your pond, or what is making your dog go crazy in the evening, or who dug that hole, then setting up a wildlife camera may provide you with the answers! Thanks to a grant from **Heart of Bucks**, we are launching a wildlife camera lending library where Padbury residents can borrow a camera for a two-week period. This is a new scheme and we are keen to make it as accessible and affordable as possible. We hope it will bring you closer to the wildlife in your garden. To find out more and book your slot, visit our website.

**We need your empty medicine blister packs!** In celebration of Global Recycling Day (18th March), Greener Padbury Group has purchased a medications blister pack recycling box. So, if you take daily medication and always feel guilty putting the empty foil packets in the bin, please now hold on to them and drop them in the box at **Sunnyhill Farm**, Old End. Together we can divert up to 4300 packets from landfill with Terracycle, which I hope you'll agree is very worthwhile. Please make sure the packets are completely empty - and this collection is just for the foil strips - no pots or other medicine containers please. Keep an eye on the village social media pages as they will keep you updated on the campaign's progress and there may be another deposit point open soon.

**Go Wild in the Woods is back for the Easter holidays!** Julie is running two sessions on **Wednesday 1st April**. In the morning (10.30 to 12), have lots of **Egg-cellent Easter Fun** with a trail around the woods, and in the afternoon (1.30 to 3) there will be a **Food and Fire** session at the allotment. Using bushcraft skills we will whittle a damper stick, light a fire and cook something tasty. Please note that owing to the activities, the minimum age for the afternoon session is 8 years old.

**Go Wild – but not that wild, please!** We're delighted that families are enjoying being in the woods – connecting people with nature is an important part of what we do. If your children do play in the woods, please can you remind them to be respectful of both the nature and GPG's equipment – the shed, etc. Public funds and money generously donated has been used to provide these for the benefit of us all.

**Muddy Toddlers new term dates:** 17th April – 22nd May. Visit our website to book your space.

## Litter Pick

We had perfect weather for our litter pick this year. As we started off, I was thinking what a pleasure it is to live in a village, which is kept so clean. When we returned, however, each of us had managed to amass quite a lot of debris. We can add 10 bags to the total of the Great British Spring Clean run by the Keep Britain Tidy group.

We found some dumping of plastics and polystyrene. Those could easily have been put into a normal household waste bin. Several cans and bottles find their way into hedges and undergrowth on the footpaths round the village. If you take drinks and snacks with you, please remember to take a bag to bring back and recycle the empties.

There is some garden waste in the Spinney next to the allotments. Please do not tip your garden waste. Either make a compost heap, take it to the tip, which will soon be open again, or get a brown bin.

A big thank you to our 8 adult volunteers and 2 juniors, who were helping as part of their Junior Duke Award. They want to help again, so it must have been fun!!

*Tina Mitchell*



## Eco Tips

No mow May is approaching! Leave a patch of unmown grass in your garden to provide shelter for invertebrates and encourage nature into your garden.

Watch out for hedgehogs. They are mostly nocturnal, so if you see one out and about during the day, they will be sick. Provide some water and phone St Tiggywinkles for advice on **01844 292292**. Hedgehogs need a wide area to forage, so why not agree with your neighbours to leave gaps in your boundaries, which they can use to travel through?

## The New Inn, Padbury



Spring has sprung, so time to spring into action and get the beer garden ready for the good weather. The secluded garden is hidden round the back, but rest assured we definitely have one! Plenty of food vans are booked-in to visit over the coming months, and you are always welcome to enjoy their cuisine in the pub.

From cask to glass, be assured the real ales change regularly featuring local and regional brews, but not forgetting the favourites! We also serve a lovely pint of Guinness and take pride in serving and pouring 'the velvet dream in a glass'. A good selection of lager is also available on tap, as well as our lovely draught cider. Not forgetting, of course, that we also offer a great selection of alcohol-free beers and spirits for your enjoyment.

**Easter Weekend** is fast approaching and we have extended the opening hours:

- GOOD FRIDAY 2-11 pm
- EASTER SATURDAY 2-10 pm
- EASTER SUNDAY 2-8 pm
- EASTER MONDAY 2-8 pm

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## Pub Sunday Quiz

So lovely to have our traditional **Sunday Quiz** back!! You just have to love a pub quiz... we had an amazing and well-attended fun quiz night in March with plenty of chatter, banter & laughter. Don't miss the next one — booking a table is advised. Be prepared for a barrel of laughs & a cocktail of questions. Teams of 6 max, but if you are solo we will find you a team.

**Quiz night dates** going forward are:

- SUNDAY 19th APRIL at 7pm
- SUNDAY 17th MAY at 7pm

## A Social Oasis

The **New Inn** is more than just a business, it is a meeting place, a place to chat, a spot to rest, reflect & relax, to celebrate or commiserate... there is always a friendly ear. I am deeply grateful for the friendly community that has been built within these walls. Rooms filled with laughter, chatter, friendship and unforgettable memories.

Some of you may think running a pub is all about pulling beers and telling stories... and while there is some of that, it's also a lot of love. A love for the local community, early mornings, late nights, a passion for the craft, providing a service, a clean and tidy space and a perfect serve every time.

From pulling pints to mowing the grass, I am proudly doing it all myself to keep the spirit of The New Inn alive. Thanks for supporting this one-person show. I am the face behind every pint and every smile, ensuring a warm welcome every time. That's the charm!

Your support, loyalty and kindness are so valued, and ensure the continuation of keeping this charming, cosy village pub alive.

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart.  
Nicki*

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## Bingo

Bingo is still going along nicely.

We have been a bit low in numbers lately but during the winter months this does happen, there are so many coughs and colds about. Unfortunately I also had to cancel a couple of bingo sessions due to my own health. At the moment I'm waiting to go into the John Radcliffe to have a new heart valve, so please keep your eyes on Padbury Village Facebook as to whether I have to cancel Bingo at short notice. Hopefully, if I do it will only be a couple of sessions as the ladies that help have said they will do all the running and I can just sit and oversee. I don't know what I'd do without them, especially as none of them are local to Padbury.

Again big thanks go to all who support our little Bingo and are so understanding of the present situation I find myself in.

*Regards Carol.*

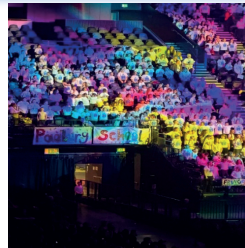
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## Padbury CE School

### Young Voices 2026

Wow! Another amazing night for our KS2 children at Young Voices back in January. The children had an absolute ball. The children were brilliantly behaved, represented the school beautifully and we are incredibly proud of them. Thank you to the staff for being so keen to give up time to allow the children to have this experience. What a night!



### Spellathon 2026

Every year we choose to support a charity to raise money as part of our commitment to making a difference in the wider world and supporting others. This year we are raising money for the Peace and Hope Trust. Mrs Grace's Uncle & Grandad came in to speak to the children about their project and how they were supporting building a nursery in memory of Mrs Grace's mum who helped in building the original school 15 years ago. The children were inspired to help the cause having listened to the talk and decided they would like to raise as much money as they can. We hope to continue that support into developing links between Padbury and the school in Bluefields, Nicaragua.

The children have recognised that the Spellathon is not a competition against others; it is a competition against themselves to see how many words they can spell correctly to reach or even exceed their target. A huge amount of money has been raised, over £1600! Well done everyone.

### Sycamore Class (yr5/6)

Sycamore Class have had a super busy half term! They have enjoyed their English unit on 'Darwin's Dragons' and have produced some fantastic pieces of persuasive writing. In Maths, children have been applying their mathematical understanding to work collaboratively and solve some complex multi-step problems, and we have been impressed with their determination to keep trying until they found the solution.

As part of our conversations around keeping safe online, children enjoyed a visit from our local PCSO. It was a great opportunity to learn more and to ask questions.

We have also been proud of our peer mentors and play leaders who have so willingly given up their free time to help others and to make sure that playtimes are positive and that everybody is included in games.

### Oak Class (yr3/4)

Oak class have enjoyed learning about the Romans in history and are very excited to show everyone their play in the last week of term. The children have done a fantastic job learning their lines and the songs are sounding great! In English we have enjoyed exploring the book the 'Tin Forest' and the children have we created some absolutely brilliant persuasive leaflets - we are very proud of all their hard work. In French, we have been learning and practising some classroom instructions and classroom objects. We are looking at sculpture in Art, and we have been using chalk on the playground to create big 3D looking drawings and even made some sculptures by carving soap!

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## Beech Class (yr1/2)

Beech class has been full of excitement this term! In Maths, we have been diving into multiplication and division, using a range of fun, hands-on resources to help bring our learning to life. In English, we have been becoming fact-file experts, learning how to organise and present fascinating information clearly. In Science, we have been making magical links between materials, animals and our favourite fairytales, using our knowledge to explore and create in imaginative ways. It has been a fantastic term full of curiosity and creativity!

Lastly, our children are very excited for Padbury's Got Talent at the end of term. We have seen lots of practising at break and lunch times and are looking forward to seeing all the acts come together for a performance. It really is quite a show!

## Car-washing Service...

My name is **Matthew Read** and I'm 13 years old.

In the summer of 2027 I will travel to Tanzania with my school and stay for four weeks. During this time we will volunteer and support local communities, whether it's through helping to build a school, public toilets or perhaps setting up a clean water system.

To enable me to do this, I have to raise over £5000! So I am offering a car washing and detailing service in Padbury. What you choose to pay for this is completely up to you and all the money raised will go directly towards the chance to help communities in Africa.

I can offer anything from a quick wash to a full sparkle clean inside and out. My last happy customer said:

*"Super thorough clean, pleased he took care of all the dog hair!"*

*Claire, Buckingham).*

If you would like to arrange an appointment, please text **Lucy Read** on **07599 919589** (evenings and weekends only).

*Thank you - Matthew*

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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 Carol (Parish Clerk) via:

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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 dependant 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](http://www.winslowart.org.uk)  
or our Facebook page  
Or contact : Cheryl, Monica or Jackie

### Winslow And District Art Society Contacts :

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## The Village Calendar

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
15 April 13 May 10 June	Parish Council Meeting	Padbury Pavilion
First Friday each month 10:30 until 12:00	Coffee and cake morning	Padbury Village Hall
28 June	The Hound of the Baskevilles	Padbury Pavilion

\* Refer to the village Facebook page, Parish website, Village Hall website or this and future issues of The Pump for information.

\*\* Coffee mornings at the Village Hall are held from 10:30am on the first Friday of every month.



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## St Mary the Virgin, Padbury

### Services at St. Mary's in April and May

- 3rd April - Good Friday - 12 noon - An hour before the Cross. A reflective service with prayers, readings and music.
- 4th April - Easter Eve Vigil - 7:30 pm - First Easter Holy Communion and blessing the Paschal Candle. The service on Easter Eve offers a traditional and beautiful welcome to Easter. The Paschal Candle will be blessed and carried in.
- 5th April - Easter Day.
- 12th April - 10:30 am - Holy Communion, Common worship.
- 19th April - 9:00 am - Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer.
- 3rd May - 10:30 am - Village Praise, concentrating on Padbury's bells.
- 10th May - 10:30 am - Holy Communion, Common worship.
- 17th May - 9:00 am - Holy communion, Book of Common Prayer
- 7th June - 10:30 am - Village Praise, on the theme of Trinity - 'Three in one'.

More details can be found in the April and May editions of the Lenborough Lantern. This is distributed electronically, so if you do not already receive it and would like to be added to the mailing list please send your email address to [kaybradley@sky.com](mailto:kaybradley@sky.com). Please note: Kay's phone number is now **01280 423577**.

*Kay Bradley*



### St Mary's Church Flowers

My thanks to the group of flower arrangers who helped to assemble the best part of 100 posies for Mothering Sunday. They were blessed at the 9am Service and then distributed between the Church porch, the school gate and the play area, for people to help themselves. This is a kind gesture that is greatly appreciated by many people in the village.

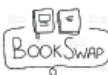
At Easter we also decorated the Church with lilies that had been donated in memory of loved ones as a quiet act of remembrance. Thankyou to all of those who contributed.

*Margaret Templeton*

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 <b>DUSTBIN DAYS</b> 	<b>Wed 8 April</b>	Blue bin recycling
	Tue 14 April	Green bin
	Tue 21 April	Blue bin recycling
	Tue 28 April	Green bin
	<b>Wed 6 May *</b>	Blue bin recycling
	Tue 12 May	Green bin
	Tue 19 May	Blue bin recycling
	<b>Wed 27 May *</b>	Green bin
	Tue 2 June	Blue bin recycling

Please take donations to **Byways Corner**. To prevent us being swamped, please only leave them if you have spoken with **David Illing**.



Thank you.

*Pam Sirett  
Bamber House  
Springfields*

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 bins.

\* Dates for collection around the May Bank Holidays haven't been posted on the [Buckinghamshire Council website](#) yet. These dates are my best guess, but you should check nearer the date for confirmation.

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