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	Tue 10 Feb	Blue recycling
	Tue 17 Feb	Green bin
	Tue 24 Feb	Blue recycling
	Tue 3 Mar	Green bin
	Tue 10 Mar	Blue recycling
	Tue 17 Mar	Green bin
	Tue 24 Mar	Blue recycling
	Tue 31 Mar	Green bin



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

If you would like to volunteer to help rotate the books than please get in touch.

Thankyou

*Cathy Miah  
17 Springfields*

Food waste bins are collected on each of these dates.

**Note:** Garden waste collections, for those who have paid for them, normally coincide with the collection of the blue recycling bins.

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February / March



For those of you who remember the BBC series *Softly Softly* from the late 1960's, this picture might prompt memories. It's a photo of the 12th-century Rochester Castle, as featured in the opening sequence of the show. It's one of the few things that hasn't changed during the 40+ years since I last lived here. The adjacent cathedral is another—it's still essentially the same as it was 1422 years ago when it was built.

Owing to an oversight by local government, when they changed the name of Rochester to 'Rochester Upon Medway', they forgot to reapply for City status. So officially we are now no longer a city, even though we have a cathedral. We *do* have a Soviet era submarine (U-475 *Black Widow*) moored in the river though, so that's alright then.

The next town along is Chatham—possibly twinned with Chernobyl.

I just thought I'd tell you a little about where I'm now living, and why I miss Padbury so much. Enjoy this issue of The Pump won't you.

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## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, PADBURY

Having enjoyed celebrating Christmas, we are now looking forward to Lent and then on to Easter, which falls at the beginning of April this year.

**Shrove Tuesday Treats** Tuesday, 17 February - 2.30 pm

There will be a VERY short service with hymns and prayers in St Mary's, followed by a Pancake Party to which all are welcome. There is no charge and you do not need to book ahead. *Do come and join us for a time to think and a time to enjoy the company of others whilst sharing tea.*



**Services and other events at St Mary's from now until Easter:**

**8 February - 10.30 am** Holy Communion

**15 February - 9 am** Holy Communion

**18 February - Ash Wednesday - 12 noon**

Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes followed by a simple 'Ploughman's type' lunch.

You are welcome to join a Zoom meeting each Friday during Lent from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm, called *The (Real) Cost of Living*.

**1 March - Village Praise** St David's Day will be the theme of this service

**8 March - 10.30 am** Holy Communion

**15 March - Mothering Sunday - 9 am**

Holy Communion followed by a simple breakfast. Of course children are particularly welcome on this day!

**3 April - Good Friday - 2 pm**

Please join us for *An Hour at the Cross*, a quiet time of prayer and reflection on Good Friday.

More details can be found in the February and March 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**.

### 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  
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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.



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## WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY / MARCH ISSUE



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 Please submit items for the Pump to the editor by email no later than Friday 20th March 2026. Any copy or changes received after 22nd March **will not be included.**

Some annoying news received by email from Microsoft tells me that, later this year, they are discontinuing support for the software we've been using these past years to create The Pump. After that date, I won't be able to open the Pump's files, which is a nuisance. Not to worry — I am already investigating alternatives.

You shouldn't notice much difference when I switch over to using new software I use. However, there might be some subtle changes. Whatever happens, The Pump will remain a source of news and information from in and around Padbury, so please keep those articles coming in.

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

Any copy or changes received more than two days after these deadline dates **will not be included** in that issue.

Easter is in early April this year, so please send your contributions early so I can be sure to have the next issue ready in good time to include any Easter events.

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](http://Padbury Parish Council) website after it has been circulated to all households in the village.

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## PADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### THANK YOU TO OUR EDITOR

We would like to thank **Dex Cooper**, who despite moving out of the village, will continue to edit The Pump. Without Dex kindly volunteering his time and expertise, we would no longer be able to offer such a worthwhile newsletter to Padbury.

### HELPING YOU, HELPING US

The Parish Council is very aware of the escalating everyday costs that families face in today's climate. To this end, we have worked hard NOT to raise this year's precept so that residents can keep a few more pounds in their pockets.

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.

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.

### OWNERSHIP OF REDUNDANT EQUIPMENT

There are a few pieces of redundant equipment that the Parish Council plans to dispose of in the new year. If residents know of the ownership regarding these items currently in the Parish Council's guardianship, whether it be on grounds or premises, please do get in contact with **Clr. Dinwoodie** or the **Parish Clerk** no later than **Friday 6th March**. Thank you.

### REPLENISHMENT OF SALT BINS

Padbury has several salt bins that have been topped up and are ready for the icy weather. These yellow salt bins are sited in critical locations and are repaired and replenished throughout the winter. Although they are for public use to help keep the roads clear, the salt is not intended for use on private drives. Salt bins for private use are available from retailers, online and from Buckinghamshire Council for a fee.

### PARKING AT JUNCTIONS – YOUR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY

As well as incidents of parking on verges that have damaged the ground, there have been several reports of dangerous parking on roads in the Village. These roads include Main Street, Old End, Church Lane and Springfields.

As a reminder, the Highway Code (Rule 243) states:

DO NOT stop or park...

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- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
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## THE VILLAGE CALENDAR

When	What	Where
15 April	Annual Parish Meeting	Padbury Pavilion
September*	Padbury Produce Show	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 9:30am on the first Friday of every month.

### PADBURY COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH GROUP



Do you have a couple of spare hours a month?  
Would you like to tackle the problem of speeding within Padbury Village?

If your answer is 'YES' to the above, then please get in touch and join the existing volunteers of the

**Padbury Community Speedwatch Group.**

Please contact Carol (Parish Clerk) via: Tel: **07961 827302** or Email: [parish.clerk@padburyparishcouncil.com](mailto:parish.clerk@padburyparishcouncil.com)

- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities

...except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

The Road Traffic Act 1988 (Section 22) prohibits causing or permitting a vehicle to remain at rest in a dangerous position, condition, or circumstances on a road, risking danger to others.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### HEDGE CUTTING AND OVERGROWN VEGETATION

February is a great time to tidy up hedges and overgrown vegetation but please check first for nesting birds.

Avoiding cutting from March to the end of August prevents disturbing nesting birds and promotes other benefits to wildlife such as the shelter and berries that hedges can provide.

We often find that hedges over the years creep and obstruct footpaths and signage so occasionally need a hard cut.

We politely ask residents to regularly review boundary hedges.

### PLANNING MATTERS – PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 45 HOUSES

No new decisions were made by the time this publication had gone to press.

A second application for outline planning to develop up to 45 houses on the land north of the A413 (adjacent to The Paddocks on the Winslow Road, MK18 2AU) has been received. To make a comment on the application, please use the link below using the following details: **PL/25/5849/OA**. Comments should be made by **11th February**, but those received after this date may be considered before a decision has been made.

Individual comments on planning applications posted on the Buckinghamshire Council website no longer show your name and personal details due to data protection.

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The Parish Council would appreciate a copy of your individual comments after they have been submitted online to help put together our collective response. Please contact us via the Parish Clerk's email address at the end of this article.

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/>

### VILLAGE STEWARDS AND WORKING PARTIES – SAVE THE DATE

On **Sunday, 15th February**, the first volunteer working party will take place in the morning. Please do sign up as we are hoping that this will both encourage community interaction and keep our costs down.

Being involved in a working party would involve volunteering for a couple of hours at a weekend to get together for positive improvement, light maintenance, tree pruning, litter picking, weed clearing etc.

If you are interested in volunteering for this 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

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

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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

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

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

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

**Thursday, 5th February                      Wednesday, 15th April (Annual Parish Meeting)**

Residents are welcome to attend.

### PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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## THE NEW INN, PADBURY



A new dawn, a new day, a new year, a fresh start... whatever it means to you, let me firstly wish you all a safe, healthy and happy 2026!! January is the foundation of the year ahead and there is no right or wrong way to begin a year. So remember to breathe, recover, pause and enjoy the middle of winter. Lighter and warmer days are coming! I'm actually so ready for the lighter nights and beer-garden weather.

I do hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. The pub always feels extra magical at Christmas and we really enjoyed being involved with Padbury Advent Trail 2025. It was so lovely to see so many people over the festive period and to welcome many new faces. Christmas Eve was extra special and it was so lovely to see so many families after the Christingle Service held at St Mary's Church, Padbury. In between Christmas and New Year we had our festive quiz and, wow, what a fantastic fun night that was! A full house and an incredible atmosphere, with copious amounts of laughter, cheering and clapping. Can't wait for the next one on **Sunday 1st February 2026 at 7pm**. Going forward, we intend to have more regular quizzes. We had a lovely warm traditional New Year's Eve and toasted the hour in style.

The Guinness Six Nations 2026 is just around the corner. We're gearing up for a wicked tournament, and we will be open extra to show all games. The tournament runs from **5th February - 14th March 2026** ~ Save the dates!



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## BINGO

Bingo is going strong, apart from a couple of hiccups when I've had to cancel. Hopefully we are now back on track.

I'm very pleased to say that I donated to the Village Hall £1,045 last week. From March 2025 through to January 2026 we have donated £2,445 to help with the upkeep of our lovely Village Hall for which I'm very proud.

Big thanks go to my ladies who help me each week, **Bob** who calls for me, **Carol** our caretaker who sets up ready for me and everyone else who will always help me if needed. To all those people that support my bingo every week.

Unless I have to cancel Bingo for any reason there will be Bingo **every Friday** starting at 8pm right through now until May 22nd, apart from the **Easter Bingo** which will be on **Thursday 2nd April at 8pm**. We will then resume on the **19th June** after our summer break.

Everyone is very welcome to come and join in our Bingo whether you live in or outside the Village. Our Christmas Bingo went down a storm as usual, great evening with lots of laughs and over 70 raffle prizes again most of which were donated by supporters which I'm very grateful for.

Any enquiries please contact me on either **01280 308311** or **07747 718175**.

*Carol Bloxham*

## PADBURY PRE-SCHOOL

### PADBURY PRESCHOOL 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.**

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## GREENER PADBURY GROUP – [WWW.GREENERPADBURY.COM](http://WWW.GREENERPADBURY.COM)

Go Wild in the Woods is back in February half term! Julie will be running two sessions on **Thursday 19th February**. To book your space, visit our website and follow the booking link on the home page: [www.greenerpadbury.com](http://www.greenerpadbury.com)

We have lots of plans for 2026 and would love to welcome more volunteers. There are many ways to get involved...

**Woodland work party** – if you'd like to join the mailing list for news of woodland work parties, please drop Robert a line: [robertmanasse123@gmail.com](mailto:robertmanasse123@gmail.com)

**Verges and ponds volunteers** – and to get involved in greening the spaces in the village, email Kas: [kasgillie@me.com](mailto:kasgillie@me.com)

But getting your hands dirty in the name of supporting local wildlife is not essential – you can help us while you shop too.

For **Waitrose Buckingham** customers, we're delighted to be in the Community Matters "Green Token" Scheme so next time you're picking up some groceries, please do vote for us.

For **Co-op** customers, we would be very grateful if you chose us on the app as the cause to get a share of their Local Community Fund.

These schemes will allow us to run more Go Wild and Muddy Toddlers sessions, and make wildlife-friendly changes around the village.

Thank you for all your support.

## ECO TIPS

It's not too late to make resolutions to take the next steps on the eco ladder!

**Washing up:** move away from plastic-based sponges towards natural fibres, such a cellulose and coconut fibre. The former degrade into small plastic particles which will enter the food chain through the waterways or take many years to degrade on rubbish tips, or release toxins if burnt.

Natural fibres can be composted or the coconut scourers can go in the garden waste bin and the cellulose sponges in the food waste bin. Find both at ethical stores such as **Planet Refill** or ask your favourite food store to stock them.

## LITTER PICK

The Great British Spring Clean in 2026 will take place from 13 to 29 March 2026. The Padbury Litter Pick will coincide with this on the morning **21st March**. If you have helped before, there will be an email inviting you to join in again. There will be a post on the village and the Greener Padbury Facebook pages, or you can simply give me a ring or send an email if you'd like to join the team!

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

Another year ahead and another list of food vans will be visiting the pub at regular intervals. We also have some music evenings in the pipeline and details will follow shortly.

I also am incredibly grateful for a really special gift I received from an amazing group of people who support the New Inn. There had been a secret collection to purchase a new glasswasher, and it was presented on Saturday 20th December. The old one had been broken for years and they are expensive to replace, hence washing the glasses by hand. I can't express enough gratitude and I am still so blown away by people's generosity, kindness and friendship.

You and your continued support are what inspires me to make the New Inn such a warm, welcoming and friendly village pub. So whether you are a regular or a first-timer, pop in and say HELLO, we would love to see you!

Here's to beginning 2026 gently...

*Nicki Hoddy—The New Inn, Padbury*

## PADBURY FRIENDLY AFTERNOON CLUB

It seems a long time ago since we had our Christmas tea with the u3a Bellringers, who entertained us with a Christmassy programme. We enjoyed their music and their company afterwards and admired the skills required to read the scores and play in time together!

In January fifteen of us enjoyed coming together for a meal at the Bell in Winslow. We were only sorry that Carol was not well enough to join us, as it was her idea!

On **11th February**, the children from Padbury School will be coming to join us again for a session of games. Because of the school day, we will start earlier at 1:15pm and the children will join us around 1:30pm. It was such a fun event last year – do join us if you can for lots of laughs!

Our March meeting will hopefully be a Bingo session at the normal time of 2pm on **11th March**. Our **April meeting on 8th** comes just after Easter, so we will be having an activity with that in mind. Please be looking out a favourite poem or reading to bring and share.

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### Do you need a lift?

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

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**

## PADBURY WI

Padbury WI finished 2025 with a Christmas party where we brought along food to share and were entertained by the Buckingham Ukulele Group. The splendid decorations in the hall really added to the ambience and we had a great time.



Unfortunately it was a cold, wet and windy evening for our January meeting but the intrepid members who did venture out discussed and voted on the five NFWI resolutions. Other members gave their votes by email.

We will be learning about mandala dot painting and making a card at our February meeting. This is described as a meditative art form so it should be a calm and relaxing evening.

Our **Annual Meeting is on 12th March**. For the rest of the year we will have talks from a landscape gardener, somebody who worked for the MET, and a representative from the Florence Nightingale Hospice. Other evenings will cover first-aid including CPR, Tai Chi, drypoint printing, flower arranging and willow weaving.

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*

## WHAT TO SOW THIS MONTH

With the Padbury Produce Show scheduled for later this year, **Charles Illing** has helpfully provided some tips on what you might like to sow during February and March in readiness. Flex those green fingers!

### February

What to sow...	Classes...
Kale	5.3 Onions (any size)
Broad beans	6.3 Onions (not more than 3" diameter)
Onion & Shallots (seeds)	11.3 Large Tomatoes
Cabbage	12.3 Small tomatoes (Cherry type)
Tomatoes	14.1 Cabbage
Aubergine	16.1 Plate of any 5 different vegetables
Chilli Peppers	17. Any other vegetable (not listed above)
Salvia	27.3 Dahlias
Cosmos	33. A vase of annuals (all one variety)
	34. A vase of mixed flowers

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*Padbury Produce Show*

### March

What to sow...	Classes...
Chard	5.3 Onions (any size)
Peas	6.3 Onions (not more than 3" diameter)
First Early Potatoes	8.3 Beetroot (leaves off)
Beetroot	13.3 Shallots
Cucumber	14.1 Cabbage
Lettuce	16.1 Plate of any 5 different vegetables
Brussel Sprouts	17. Any other vegetable (not listed above)
Cabbage	27.3 Dahlias
Onions & Shallots	33. A vase of annuals (all one variety)
Lupin	34. A vase of mixed flowers
Aquilegia	
Zinnias	

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## Police Contact Details Winslow and District Neighbourhood Team

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## AVAILABLE FOR HIRE MONDAY TO FRIDAY PADBURY PAVILION

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

<https://padburyparishcouncil.com/amenities>

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

[parish.clerk@padburyparishcouncil.com](mailto:parish.clerk@padburyparishcouncil.com)

- **Community Hub:** A vibrant pub signals a strong community spirit, which attracts buyers looking for a sociable environment, making the entire village more desirable.
- **Social Amenities:** These pubs often offer more than just drinks, acting as community centres, offering food, Wi-Fi, and local meeting spaces, which enhances the lifestyle appeal of the area.

Almost one quarter (24%) of UK homeowners factored in their house's local pub when deciding where to buy their home. 42% of all homebuyers said that the quality of a local pub was important in the home-buying decision, with this figure rising to 48% among men. Over half (53%) of those who visited a pub after viewing a property said that they made the decision to purchase while at the pub, with 44% placing the offer on their future house from the public house.

We have 140+ residents signed up to receive our update emails to keep everyone informed on our progress towards the grand reopening that we expect to happen in the spring. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to be, please email [kasgillie@me.com](mailto:kasgillie@me.com).

Thank you for your valued support, and we look forward to welcoming you very soon to The Blackbird.

*Neil Gibbard, Chairman*

### Advertise your business in the Pump for just £50 a year

The *Padbury Parish Pump* is published six times a year and is delivered to every house in the parish.

For information about advertising in the *Pump* please contact Sue Paxton on

[susanepaxtono2@outlook.com](mailto:susanepaxtono2@outlook.com)

### PADBURY COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH GROUP

Do you have a couple of spare hours a month?

Would you like to tackle the problem of speeding within Padbury Village?

If your answer is 'YES' to the above, then please get in touch and join the existing volunteers of the **Padbury Community Speedwatch Group**.

Please contact Carol (Parish Clerk) via:

Tel: **07961 827302** or

[parish.clerk@padburyparishcouncil.com](mailto:parish.clerk@padburyparishcouncil.com)

## PADBURY VILLAGE HALL

The members of the village hall committee are looking forward to this year, with several events planned.

### Save the Date

An Evening in Padbury.  
Live Music from Singer Richard Stark.  
Saturday March 28th at 7.30pm.

Featuring music from a variety of genres, including pop from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Ticket price £15, with a free drink and light refreshments included.  
A bar will be available.

For tickets, please contact **Carol Bloxham, 07747 718175 or 01280 308311**.

### 100+ Club- January Winners

1st £50, No 40 – Mr P Ingram      2nd £50, No 95 – Mr N Gibbard.

### Thanks, from the Village Hall Committee

**Ange Nottage** has generously donated the proceeds from her popular Christmas Quiz to the village hall funds. Many thanks Ange.

**Carol Bloxham**, once again, donated the proceeds from Padbury Bingo to the village hall funds. Many thanks Carol.

### Coffee Morning

The village hall coffee morning is held on the first Friday of every month. We hope you can join us for a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake.

### Hiring the village hall

To hire the village hall please contact the Booking Secretary, Sue Hamp – [susanepaxtono2@outlook.com](mailto:susanepaxtono2@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**.



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## THE BLACKBIRD PUB — REOPENING

Following the village meetings in 2025, we have received initial funding through some wonderful people in our community who offered pledges to help us progress with the reopening of The Blackbird.



We are progressing well with our plans, with the Hub Team working closely with the current owners of The Blackbird to negotiate a lease and arrange access to the pub to carry out some vital work prior to reopening.

The Facilities Team has been established, and already the guttering has been fixed, the grounds tidied and a start made on some internal works, with more to come once the lease is finalised.

The Marketing Team have been looking at branding, taking over ownership of The Blackbird Facebook page and will create a new Blackbird website where future events and updates will be available.

We also have a group of volunteers who are looking to improve the current décor making The Blackbird a more welcoming place to visit.

Further good news is that our insurance covers us for the provision of food from Day 1, so planning will start on this soon.

Our next step is to welcome everyone who is willing to volunteer and/or take on some of the more day-to-day operations and roles to a meeting at the Village Hall on Tuesday **17th February at 7pm**. These roles are mostly needed, only for the first 12 to 15 months.

At the meeting we will cover the plans on reopening, how we expect the pub and café to work, and confirm how many volunteers we need and in what capacity. We will provide role profiles for the key roles prior to the meeting, so people can better understand what we need.

Once The Blackbird is up and running, we will focus on getting the share prospectus finalised and issued around May, in preparation for the share offering going live in August / September 2026 ready for us to buy the freehold in 2027.

### Now some Statistics....

According to estate agents, having a well-regarded village pub can significantly boost your property's value. Positive Impacts of a Good Village Pub include:

- **Increased Property Value:** A popular, well-run pub (especially a gastropub or community hub) is a strong selling point, with some estimates suggesting a 10% uplift in property prices.
- **Buyer Preference:** Surveys show that a significant percentage of buyers consider a good local pub an important factor in their decision to purchase.

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