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Pump

August / September 2025



I enjoyed walking around the village during the Padbury Open Gardens weekend of 21st/22nd June. Visitors experienced some wonderful and beautifully-presented gardens, and met some of the lovely people that live in our idyllic village.

The Bee competition was won in great style by **Alice McHenry**, shown here with the judge, **David Illing**.

A musical performance on guitar by **Henry Sampson** was a delight in the barn, but the photo was unfortunately too dark to reproduce effectively in this publication, for which I apologise to Henry and to **Margaret Templeton**, who supplied the photos. The flower photos are my own, and sadly don't show their beauty in the printed copy.

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Do you have a couple of spare hours a month?



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Please contact Pam (Parish Clerk) via:
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Email: padburyparishcouncil@gmail.com

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, PADBURY – AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

3 August – Trinity 7	No Service
10 August – Trinity 8	10.30 am – Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
17 August – Trinity 9	9 am – Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i>
24 August – St Bartholomew	No Service
31 August – Trinity 11	Benefice Service St Cecilia's, Adstock <i>Jeremiah 2:4-13</i> <i>Psalms 81:1, 10-16</i> <i>Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16</i> <i>Luke 14:1, 7-14</i>
7 September – Trinity 12	10.30 am – Village Praise <i>All age service</i>
14 September – Holy Cross	10.30 am – Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
21 September – St Matthew	9 am – Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i>
28 September – Trinity 15	No Service

All the latest news from St Mary's can be found in the Monthly Edition of the **Lenborough Lantern**. It is not practical to print and deliver the Lantern to every household in Padbury, but it is available as follows:

- On-line via the Village Facebook page.
- Via e-mail. If you do not already receive a digital or a hard copy, and would like to do so, please get in touch.
- The latest copy is on the Noticeboard in the church porch.



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WELCOME TO THE JUNE / JULY '25 ISSUE



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Please submit items for the Pump to the editor by email no later than Friday 19 September 2025 please. Any copy or changes received after 19th September will not be included.

I sincerely hope you have enjoyed the Padbury Parish Pump, and have found the information it contains useful during the two-and-a-half years I've been editing the Pump.

If this sounds very 'final', that's because it is — For personal reasons I now need to hand the Pump over to a new Editor, and I ask you, the residents of this incredibly lovely village, to consider whether you would like to take on the editorship of the Pump – a role that's important to yourselves, your neighbours, and your family and friends who live here.

Please contact me by the padburypump@gmail.com email address, or through my mobile telephone number **07901 905904** (during social hours please!) if you are interested and would like to know more.

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October/November 2025	19th September 2025
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*The December/January issue covers the Christmas period and MUST be available for distribution before the start of December.
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All it remains for me to do is, once again, 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, and to thank you all for making it such a pleasure and a privilege to live in Padbury.

As before, there will be a colour copy of this issue available on the [Padbury Parish Council](http://Padbury Parish Council website) website after it has been circulated to all households in the village. You'll be able to see the beauty of the few Open Gardens photos I've included on the front page in their full glory on that website.

Dex

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PADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

APOLOGY AND CORRECTION

In the June/July copy of The Padbury Parish Pump, the name of our former Chairman, Peter Burton was incorrectly typed and printed as Peter Long. Fortunately, the online copy was corrected before placing on the Parish Council website.

Padbury Parish Council apologises for this error and hopes that this did not cause Mr. Burton any distress. We would like to take this opportunity to again thank Peter for his continued support and dedication to the Council.

WORKING WITH THE GREENER PADBURY GROUP

Padbury Parish Council continues to work with Greener Padbury to improve biodiversity in the village. We have agreed several verges to be maintained by the group, which will encourage both insects and hedgehogs. These verges are marked using signs made from reclaimed wood.

We are also working with the group to improve the biodiversity in Millennium Wood.

SUPPORTING PADBURY VILLAGE FOOTBALL CLUB

We are currently working with Padbury Village Football Club who is the biggest user of the Pavilion. The Club plans to make some improvements to the interior of the changing rooms and function room at Padbury Pavilion. These include a trophy shelf, some painting and branding.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank **Chris Hill of D & A Sheds** who has kindly agreed to repair the damage to the bus shelter adjacent to the Padbury Fold development without cost to the village residents.

PLANNING – DECISIONS MADE BY BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

- 25/01061/APP – Primrose Cottage Main Street, Padbury. Application for construction of part single part two storey rear extension with mobility level access shower **REFUSED**

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

<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/online-applications//search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

VILLAGE STEWARDS – AN UPDATE

Cllr. Dinwoodie is in the process of creating a list of jobs to be completed that will both improve and maintain our village.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any suggestions regarding these jobs that we can collectively take care of to improve our environment, please do contact Cllr. Dinwoodie or the Parish Clerk. Thank you for your consideration.

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THE VILLAGE CALENDAR

When	What	Where
6 Sep	Padbury Produce Show	Village Hall
9 Sep	Parish Council Meeting	Padbury Pavilion
25 Oct	Quiz + Fish & Chips	Village Hall
6 Dec	Local Crafts and Produce	Village Hall
9 Dec	Parish Council Meeting	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 9:30am on the first Friday of every month.

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. You would be 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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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 in 2025:

Tuesday 9th September Tuesday 9th December

Residents are welcome to attend.

Contact details overleaf..

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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PADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Trish Iliff-Rolfe Retirement

After twenty years as an extremely hard-working member of the village hall committee, two of which were as Chairperson, Trish has decided to retire.

Trish's contribution to the running of the village hall has been immense.

As mentioned last month, she was responsible for obtaining the FCC Grant for the new roof, overseeing the work, and took it upon herself to clean up the dust at the end of each day.

Over the years she has been instrumental in organising many highly enjoyable events for village residents; these are too numerous to mention but include Theatre in the Village, and recently the brilliant VE Day Anniversary celebrations with the Polka Dots.

The village hall committee would like to thank Trish for her amazing contribution and wish her well for her retirement.

Chairperson change

For personal reasons, Dex (Derek) Cooper will be resigning from the position of Chairperson of Padbury village hall committee.

The committee would like to thank Dex for his time as Chairperson.

For Your Diary.

- Quiz/Fish & Chip Supper – Following the success of the last quiz, there will be another chance to attend this popular event on Saturday 25th October.

Please see the next edition of the Pump, Padbury Facebook page and posters around the village for details.

- A celebration of local craft and produce- Following last year's opportunity for local people to sell their craft and produce, this event will be repeated this year on Saturday 6th December.

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

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PADBURY VILLAGE FOOTBALL CLUB



PVFC has commenced preparations for the new season, which will start in August. The 1st team playing in the SSML Division 2 commencing with an opening home fixture v Codicote on 9th August. The team has been drawn away to Buckingham FC on 27th September, in the Galdwish Cup, which promises to be an entertaining local derby.



The Youth section resumes in September with Padbury entering mixed boys & girls teams in 7 different age groups from U7s to U16s for the 25/26 season in the MKDDL League. Mini Kickers for youngsters aged from 4 to 6 will resume in September with training on a Saturday morning.

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 are available to businesses and will be displayed on Saturdays around the ground during the Youth and 1st team fixtures. For further details please contact the Club.

Information including fixtures, match reports, newsletters, and events can be found at www.pvfc.org.uk. Anybody interested in playing, volunteering, or sponsorship, should contact either Peter (Chairman), petermchenry@hotmail.com, 07740 930913 or Mike Marshall, Director of Football, Mikey.marsh71@gmail.com.



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Sick Benefit Society

The village hall committee would like to thank **Tony Picketts, Barry Picketts** and the **Padbury Sick Benefit Society** for the very kind donation to the Village Hall fund.

Coffee Morning.

The village hall coffee morning is held on the first Friday of every month, from 10:30am until 12 noon. If you would like to join us for a cuppa and delicious homemade cake, we would love to see you.

Hiring the village hall.

To hire the village hall please contact the booking secretary, **Sue Hamp-**
susanepaxton02@outlook.com

Wendy Bull, Secretary

BINGO

Having had a break for the summer, Bingo is now back. Apart from Friday 5th September and any unavoidable hiccups, we will have Bingo every Friday night right through until Christmas. Bingo starts at 8pm but I ask, if possible, for people to come by 7.45pm so we can start on time and usually finish about 9.30pm.

Just a gentle reminder that to qualify for our Christmas Bingo you must have been to Bingo at least four times between 1st September and 28th of November. This makes things fair to all our regular supporters.

Everyone will be very welcome, especially if it's the first time you have decided to join us. We are a friendly crowd, have lots of laughs, with nothing taken too seriously.

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

Carol Bloxham

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FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE OUR WEBSITE
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or our Facebook page
Or contact : Cheryl, Monica or Jackie

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We opened our Allotment during Padbury Open Gardens Weekend in June and many of the local community were impressed and commented on how lovely it was to see the school making a significant contribution to the community as well as learning about growing food. Thank you to **Mrs Kelly, Mrs Grace, Miss White and Mrs Bulley** for leading the charge on making this magic happen.

Eco Schools –

Green Flag with Distinction and Gold Award for reducing Single Use Plastics!

A huge thank you to the Eco Council and **Mrs Bulley** for organising, leading and completing the Green Flag with Distinction award this year.

The Eco Council worked on three areas: Litter, Marine life, and Biodiversity. We also have managed to secure the Gold Award from Buckinghamshire Council on how we are trying to reduce Single Use Plastics in school. A great achievement. Well done all!



The Great Padbury Pen Recycle!



At the beginning of the summer half term **Greener Padbury Group** joined forces with Padbury C of E School's Eco Council to challenge our village to recycle as much plastic waste as we could under Terracycle's Office Supplies Zero Waste box scheme.

I'm happy to report that the children and villagers rose to the challenge brilliantly and have diverted 13.5kg of waste from landfill. This was largely made up of pens, glue sticks and plastic wallets. This waste has now been sent back to Terracycle and will be sorted into different categories which can then be used to make new items such as garden furniture and watering cans.

GPG would like to thank the school for embracing the challenge and offer a particular 'well done' to **Sycamore class** who collected the bulk of the items – a reward will be coming your way!



Many thanks
Lucy McFarlane

PADBURY FRIENDLY AFTERNOON CLUB

We have had lots of fun on our last two meetings: In June we had a strawberry tea in my front garden, It was really well attended and even the brilliant team of helpers who put up the gazebo stayed for some cake and chat! It was a warm sunny day and very convivial company.

In July we used the Winslow community bus to take us to Campbell Wharf in Milton Keynes for a pleasant canal boat trip on the Electra boat – a custom built 12 seater electric canal boat with a lift, a bar and all facilities! It's a lovely way to spend the afternoon – even if the day was rather on the hot side! We were able to get a little breeze through the cabin and there was room for a few to stand at the prow, where it was cooler.

We do not meet in August, and due to low numbers for the September meeting and my being unavailable, we will next meet on **8th October** and have a game or so of Bingo.

In November we will be celebrating 60 years of Padbury Friendly Afternoon. I will have some of the old records and photos to display. We will be entertained with songs from the six decades, which we will hopefully know and join in with!! If anyone would like to bring some other memorabilia, that would be great.

I would like to update my contact information, so if you have not already done so, please will you let me have any mobile phone numbers you have as well as an emergency contact name and phone number.

Many thanks.

Tina Mitchell 01280 814544 randtmitchell@tiscali.co.uk



Strawberry tea
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Electra boat canal ride
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PADBURY TENNIS CLUB

The club's team in the TennisMK summer tennis league is progressing with 5 of the 6 matches completed. The team is currently lying 4th out of 7 teams, behind Wolverton, Olney and Newport Pagnell tennis clubs. So far we have one win and a draw, so are looking for a good result against Stony Stratford in the last match on the 4th of August.

The annual club championships have started, initially with what is now the Open Singles, to allow better ladies to compete. With 16 entries, this year's two seeds are last year's winner **Jason Brogden** as top seed and the other finalist **Ken Orledge**. There are some new younger players participating who will be looking to knock these two off their perch! Finals day will be on Sunday, September the 28th.

Adult coaching continues every week through the summer with 8 participating most weeks. Coach **Edward Harwood** will be signing up juniors for the autumn term starting in September after the school holidays. Plenty of space for younger children or teenagers, contact Ed through our new website.

The new website was launched recently and contains information on coaching, court availability, and how to join and play. The site is www.padburytennis.co.uk

There is plenty of availability on the courts for prospective members, particularly at weekends. Check the web site on how to join and play as a family or with a friend, or even join in club organised activities.

Dave Green



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NEWS FROM PADBURY CE SCHOOL

We have made it to the end of the year! Well done everyone. There have been many challenges this year, but we have continued to push on and achieve in many different areas!



Academic Achievement:

Phonics check – 100% of children passed the check this year, securing their phonic skills successfully into yr2.

Multiplication check – 100% of children scored above 21.45% secured the top grades. The average score was 23.5%. This has been no mean feat this year. It has come about through sheer hard work and determination of the adults working with the children to secure these skills. Thank you to all involved in helping make this happen.

KS2 outcomes are equally amazing with 100% of children reaching the expected standard in reading and maths and 94% in writing. Not only this but 81% of children achieved the Greater Depth Standard in reading and maths, which is simply stunning.

Character Education

This year we launched the Junior Duke for our yr3/4 children to develop our character education programme. The children loved it and rose to the challenge of completing the activities to gaining the Junior Duke of Edinburgh Award. We will continue this next year moving the children through the different levels. 30% of our yr3/4 children now hold the Bronze Junior Duke of Edinburgh Award, moving to silver next year if they wish.

Outdoor Learning - Allotment

Our allotment has been a huge project this year and one where we have had a lot of success. Look at the picture to see the progress made! In Spring we were able to complete the raised beds and fill with topsoil. We now have the most stunning allotment with each class growing different fruits and vegetables. All children have been involved in planting, watering, harvesting and eating the fruits of our labour!



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The visit was a powerful reminder of the value of partnership in countryside stewardship. By sharing knowledge and aligning our efforts, we are optimistic about the potential to strengthen conservation outcomes for both Padbury Hill Farm and the Millennium Woods.



Our heartfelt thanks go to Justin and Sue Farrington Smith of Padbury Hill Farm, and to Duncan Puller, Gamekeeper and Conservation Manager, for their generous hospitality and inspiring commitment to protecting our natural environment.

Muddy Toddlers:

It's been a busy term at Muddy Toddlers. We've had our biggest and youngest cohort so far with toddlers as young as 14 month up to our pre-schoolers about to start school. The focus has been on sensory experiences for the littlest ones and water play has definitely been a big hit! The children have loved swinging in the hammock, making mud paint and making creatures with playdough and natural resources. Digging up some mud and using the diggers to carry the mud away has also been popular. It has been lovely to see the little ones get to know each other and get really comfortable with their surrounding in the allotment, exploring and getting more confident. It has also provided a chance for parents and carers to connect with other parents and have a chat whilst the children explore.



Scything

Did you grow your lawn for 'No Mow May'? Would you like to learn a traditional skill to enable you to cut the long grass? Or perhaps you would like to be part of a team looking after some of the meadow at the top of the woods? We have arranged for a scything teacher to come and train us in this wonderful ancient art on 20th September 2025.

If you would like to participate, please book your place. Greener Padbury has funding to subsidise the course so it will cost you a reduced price of £25 for the day.

You do not need to own a scythe. You will need to bring your own lunch.

Coming up!

We're running more Go Wild in the Woods free holiday activity sessions. There are a just a few spaces left so book yours at www.greenerpadbury.com. Look for booking details for the scything workshop on our website. If you'd like to find out more, please contact Tina: randtmitchell@tiscali.co.uk

A poster for the Padbury 45th Produce Show. It features a sunflower, a basket of produce, and wheat stalks. The text reads: "Padbury 45th Produce Show 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025 New Beginnings". Below this, it says: "This year's show will be on the 6th September & the theme will be: 'New Beginnings'". It then says: "We welcome all villagers to partake and support our annual village produce show- there are classes for everyone. Join in, support, showcase your produce, and most importantly- join in on the fun!". There is a section for "Class 63- A Photo" with a camera icon and text: "Entries can be in the form of a hard copy, which can be sent up to and on the day of the show (06/09/25), OR digitally, uploading a photo on to our Facebook page by FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST". At the bottom, it says: "Make sure to head over to our Facebook page to find our judges hints, tips & more." and includes a QR code with an arrow pointing to it.

PADBURY WI

Padbury WI had good fun learning how to play Mexican Dominos at our June meeting.

We ran a successful tombola at the Padbury Open Gardens on 21st and 22nd June, so thank you to everyone who donated prizes, helped on the stall or had a go.

At our July meeting **Hilary Erenler** returned to talk about the importance of flower-visiting insects to our gardens.

Once again we take a break for the summer with no meeting in August.

In September **Thelma Sackman**, our Bucks Federation adviser, will give us a talk about her career as a nurse and her involvement with the WI.

Visitors are very welcome at any of our meetings, which are held in Padbury Village Hall. The entrance fee is £4.00 including refreshments. If you would like somebody to accompany you or give you a lift, please contact us via the email below.

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



Sue Christelow, Secretary



PADBURY COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH GROUP

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

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

Please contact Pam (Parish Clerk) via: Tel: **07961 827302** or Email: padburyparishcouncil@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**.

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Verges signs:

We have had lots of positive feedback about the wooden signs marking out the green areas that are part of our verges project – the A413 gully, the bank on Lower Way, the Main Street verge and the bottom of the playground. Even at its most beautiful, nature isn't the tidiest, especially while an area is getting established – but the signs reassure that these areas are intentionally wilder. If you'd like to find out more about these spaces, please scan the QR code.



The Great Padbury Pen Recycle:

At the beginning of the summer half term Greener Padbury Group joined forces with Padbury C of E School's Eco Council to challenge our village to recycle as much plastic waste as we could under Terracycle's Office Supplies Zero Waste box scheme. We're happy to report that the children and villagers rose to the challenge brilliantly and have diverted 13.5kg of waste from landfill. This was largely made up of pens, glue sticks and plastic wallets. This waste has now been sent back to Terracycle and will be sorted into different categories which can then be used to make new items such as garden furniture and watering cans. GPG would like to thank the school for embracing the challenge and offer a particular 'well done' to Sycamore class who collected the bulk of the items – a reward will be coming your way!



An Evening of Conservation at Padbury Hill Farm:

Members of Greener Padbury were recently welcomed to Padbury Hill Farm for a unique and insightful evening dedicated to conservation and countryside management. With the Millennium Woods adjoining the farm, we were particularly keen to explore opportunities for closer collaboration to protect and enhance the natural environment we share.

The evening began with an informative presentation outlining the farm's conservation practices. The discussion shed light on the thoughtful, strategic land management approaches being implemented to promote biodiversity across the farm's varied landscape.

A highlight of the evening was the guided tour, led by Justin and Duncan. Travelling in the farm's gun truck, we explored the 12.5-year-old plantation and gained valuable firsthand insight into its growth and the techniques used to support its ecological value. Notable features included the winter wild bird cover strips – critical habitats that provide essential food and shelter during the colder months – and a fascinating comparison between actively managed areas and those still awaiting intervention.

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