

The Padbury

Parish Pump



February / March 2021



Snowfall works its magic in Padbury

SNOW! A glistening weekend in a rather long January. Outdoor fun that didn't involve mud. A joyful escape from the four walls of the (home) school -room, a dose of normality, an *event*. What a welcome sight that was for Padbury's children — and many of its adults too.

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Welcome to the February 2021 issue



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A slimmer edition of the *Pump* this time round, and regrettably back in digital form only again. If you know of anyone who would like to read the magazine but cannot access it online, please turn to page 6 for details on how it can be got to them.

While we plod through these rather grey months, we can look back fondly on the joyous Christmas tree festival and those brilliant displays that kept us cheerful throughout December. A sincere thank you to everyone involved. And ahead of us, somewhere on the horizon, sit balmy weather and the freedom to enjoy something as simple as a coffee in a neighbour's garden. We'll get there.

In the meantime, take yourself to the St Valentine's cake stall outside the village hall on the morning of Saturday 13th February and treat yourself to something to jolly up a

coffee in your own home!

Here's hoping that next time round the *Pump* will be back in paper form, and, on behalf of our younger villagers, that we have a another snow day...

Stay safe and well.



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Padbury Parish Council News

SCOOP THE POOP! There has been a recent and significant increase in the amount of dog excrement being found on our footpaths, verges and private front gardens. Please act as responsible dog owners and without fail, scoop the poop. Dedicated red dog waste bins are located around the village. For the convenience of dog owners who walk their dogs near the park, a dog waste bin is located on Main Street near the War Memorial and Old End notice board. Further red bins can be found at Springfields, Lower Way and on the green at Station Road. Support and advice can be found at www.rspca.org.uk and www.dogstrust.org.uk

PARISH COUNCIL SPORTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES: Please continue to follow the current government guidelines regarding Covid-19. The latest accurate advice can be found at www.gov.uk and www.nhs.uk. The following information was correct at the time of going to print.

The Main Street Play Area is currently OPEN. However, during this time please pay attention to the guidance offered on the signage outside the play area before entering. Should the play area need to be closed; the gate will be clearly labelled. Do NOT enter if you are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, have had a positive test result in the last 10 days (at least) or have been advised to self isolate.

The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Springfields is CLOSED. Please do not attempt to enter the court as the gate is locked.

Padbury Tennis Courts are CLOSED. Please contact Padbury Tennis Club for further details.

Due to the current government guidance, Padbury Sports Pavilion must also remain CLOSED. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further information. Please note that any bookings may have to be cancelled or postponed to adhere to government guidelines.

MAKE A CHANGE - JOIN US - BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR:

What do Parish Councils do? Padbury Parish Council has overall responsibility for the wellbeing of your local community. The work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services;
- Improve quality of life for residents;
- Give communities a democratic voice.

Becoming a local councillor - As a local councillor you can become a voice

for your community and make real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve.

Local councillors have three main responsibilities:

- Decision-making;
- Monitoring;
- Getting involved locally.

Getting elected - To stand for election to a local council you must be:

- a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland;
- at least 18 years old;
- an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

FIX MY STREET.COM: Please continue to report all damage to the highway and pavements online at www.fixmystreet.com This includes fly tipping, potholes etc.

PLANNING: Decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council (Aylesbury Vale):
NONE

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Padbury Parish Council is currently holding online meetings via the Zoom platform. If you would like to participate in the public consultation at the beginning of the meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesdays 9th February at 7.30pm and 9th March. Full copies of the minutes from meetings can be viewed on the Parish Council website. A copy of the minutes agreed at the previous meeting can be found outside the village hall on the village notice board.

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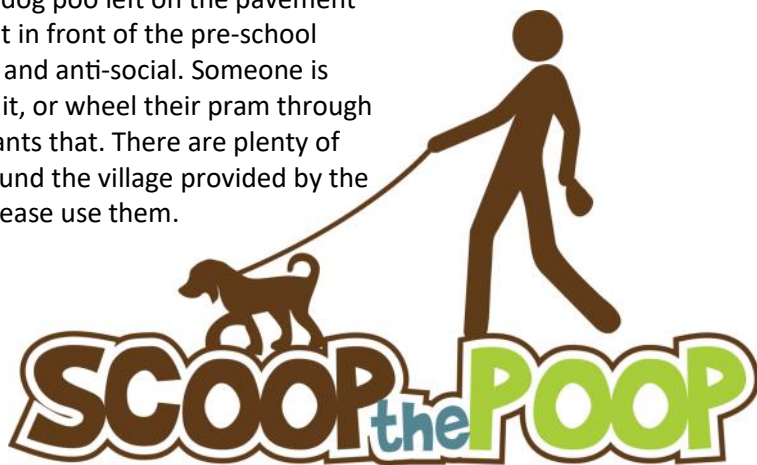
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DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN'T READ THIS ONLINE?

In normal times, the *Pump* is delivered to every house in the parish. We understand not everyone can access the internet so will not be able to read this edition. If you know of someone who would like a printed copy, **please ring Debbie Gibbs (T:815044) or email padburypump@gmail.com with their name and address.**

A plea to all dog owners

It is rare for a month to pass without the *Pump* receiving an email relating to dog poo — but this month correspondence has been at a record high. It's not just Padbury: the national press is reporting on communities across the land facing this issue. Since the first lockdown, dog ownership has rocketed, and people are understandably making the most of having a reason to get out and about rather than letting their dogs use the garden. But **please be a responsible dog owner and clear up after your dog**. Dogs are great, and we all recognise that keeping active is so important to our physical and mental wellbeing — but dog poo left on the pavement (in one case, right in front of the pre-school gate) is revolting and anti-social. Someone is going to tread in it, or wheel their pram through it, and no one wants that. There are plenty of dog poo bins around the village provided by the parish council. Please use them.



Village Hall

Well, the new year has started much as the old one ended, the Village Hall remains closed for all social activities and meetings, in line with Government Rules and Guidance. We will, of course, open up again as soon as it is safe and possible to do so.

The Village Hall has had the benefit of some Government financial support to offset the losses caused by the repeated closures, and I am pleased to say we are financially stable at present.

We held the AGM by Zoom in December. It was decided that hire charges for the hall would not be raised as in more normal times they are still meeting the basic running costs of the hall. Charges are reviewed annually and therefore will be looked at again in next November's AGM.

I would like to welcome Brenda Nunn who has volunteered to join the Committee. The members who were re-elected were as follows: Chair: Diane Long, Secretary: Trish Illif Rolfe, Treasurer and Booking Secretary: Shirley Hemes, Carol Bloxham, Wendy Bull, Lynnese Simpson, Fred Morris, Judy Austin and Linda Marriott.

One of the suggestions which we have been considering for some time was the installation of Wi Fi in the hall and this has now been done. The new Wi Fi password will be displayed in the hall as soon as we are allowed to re-open.

Take care and stay as safe as you can, and if you have an enquiry please email Shirley Hemes on sahemes55@gmail.com

Diane Long (Chair)

Coronavirus Village Support

The village support network is still active, so if over the coming weeks you need to quarantine and need help with things such as shopping or collecting medications please do get in contact with us on **01280 469495** or email lucyread@hotmail.co.uk leaving your name, contact number and location and one of our volunteers will be in touch.

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The close of the year for the Hub Team was spent working up a response to the current owner's appeal to his original planning application which you recall got refused. Shortly after filing our comments the appellant posted a viability report conducted on his behalf by Savills, and the local planning authority then invited comments on this report which we duly obliged with. The Hub Team comments now go back to the appellant, but we don't get to make further comments. We may see the planning inspector's decision in the next 4-6 weeks.

We started the year with the good news that we are now a legal entity. We are now officially Padbury Community Hub Cbs Ltd, our thanks go to our legal director/solicitor Stevyn Jackson. If you get a minute Google Community Benefit Society (Cbs) and it will be explained better than by me, the rules drawn up by the FCA. We have four directors in our team which currently stands at five. If we secure the site, elections will be held to form a management committee of seven.

The other good news is we have finally got our bank account up and running and ready to receive funds. Each house in the village and surrounding area will receive a copy of the share prospectus which will include a share purchase application form. We are scheduled to deliver the printed prospectus from 12th February. Please take time to read the fruits of our finance manager Kas Gillie's hard work, Kas has spent many hours over this prospectus which should answer any questions you may have, however contact information will be there as to where you can field any additional concerns or questions you may have. It will shortly become time for you to purchase your shares and help us to deliver this once in a lifetime project for now and future generations, we need to exceed the figure already pledged so please, please dig deep.

The Hub Team still have vacancies for a website designer and social media manager, can you help?

Only together can we get this done.

Neil Gibbard

Chairman, Padbury Community Hub Cbs



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Padbury Friendly Afternoon

Although many of our members had to change their plans at the last minute and were unable to go to visit relatives, everyone seems to have made the best of the Christmas break, with in some cases generous neighbours and friends leaving Christmas Dinners on the doorstep. Zoom was also well used and the telephone is still there for those without that technology! In the run up to Christmas everyone received a card, some cake and a small gift of a wax cloth, which should prove helpful in reducing the amount of clingfilm we use! Most of our over 80's have now had their first injection and we are looking forward with hope to being able to meet friends and family again in the not too distant future. This January we are looking at childhood photos of some members [with a few 'wild' photos] and guessing who's who! We can't follow our provisional programme yet, so the monthly activities will continue, possibly quizzes, games or crafts, as will the weekly phone calls. If anyone would like to join the club, please get in touch with us. It may be strange times, but we are here to support you.

Tina Mitchell and Celia Fletcher

Padbury WI

Due to Covid we have had zoom speakers.

In December, we held our Christmas meeting via zoom. People talked about and showed things that they had been doing during the year.

In January our speaker was Ray Rowson talking about the Silk Road. 13 members attended this including a WI member from High Wycombe.

In February we shall have Julie Grose talking about Sculptural Blacksmith. In March our speaker will be Jo De Montgros talking about their career as a Green Energy Engineer.

Unfortunately due to Covid we will be having zoom meetings for a few more months.

Hoping you are all keeping safe at the sad time and doing all those jobs we never get round to doing.

All visitors are welcome to come to any meeting which is always on the second Thursday of the Month at the village hall starting at 7.30 pm when we are able to resume meetings again.

Sue Paxton, President



As I write this update, we are a couple of weeks away from the February half term. Since January, the school has only been open to the children of critical workers and

children who are considered 'vulnerable.' While this is the second lockdown and you might think we are beginning to 'get used to it', this time it feels very different. This time, there has been a much clearer directive to ensure all children continue to receive high quality education remotely. There have also been many more children in all schools, ours included, as the critical worker list has been extended. While it is lovely to have more children with us, the concern over keeping everyone safe needs managing. There is no doubt that this has been the most challenging time yet for us as a school in this pandemic.

Our parents have all been amazing. Trying to manage and support the home learning as best they can, while some are also trying to work from home is not an easy task by any stretch of the imagination. The requirement for the children to be logging onto live lessons at particular times dictates the day and being flexible around that with all the different priorities people have is not underestimated. On top of this, children wanting to see their friends and have 'normal' routines and not being able to has made it harder. The sheer fact that the weather is colder, darker and wetter has also meant the opportunities for playing in the garden have been somewhat limited!

However, there is always hope and there has to be positives in all of this. This lockdown, the school has embraced remote learning through the use of Google Classroom for the older pupils and the use of Zoom live teaching lessons for the younger pupils. This means that all the children in school have had the same high-quality education from the teachers, supported by the parents. All children through the school now all have access to a device of some description. For those pupils who didn't have any access, they all now do as a result of some very generous donations within our school community. It has been a steep learning curve for all of us but I can safely say that our computing skills have shown 'accelerated progress...!' The teachers and teaching assistants have shown their brilliance yet again in adapting readily to change, embracing the challenges positively and putting in hours above and beyond any expectation to ensure that what we offer counts and works for each and every family.

The work the children are undertaking has been amazing. Listening to

some of the written stories, letters, presentations and more all are showing that while the children are not in school, they are still producing high quality work in a range of subjects across the curriculum. There has been brilliant musical compositions, great artwork and PE lessons have become very creative!

The hope that we may be able to come back together as a school before the Easter holidays is also keeping us going. To have everyone back, even if just for a few weeks will be the lift we all need. Staff are also testing twice weekly now with the lateral flow tests so at least we are moving towards reducing the risks as much as we are able until such time that the vaccination programme reaches the teachers in school.

These are tricky times but being in and amongst children as ever is always the best place to be. I hope by the next edition of the *Pump*, I will be able to talk of news from a school full of children.

Take care everyone.

Lucy McFarlane, Headteacher

Padbury Parents and Friends Association (PFA)

We are very grateful to the Buckingham Rotary Club for making it possible for Father Christmas to make his annual tour around Padbury and Adstock. And thank you to all who so generously donated. This year, the float raised a fantastic £381 for Padbury School and Pre-school.

While most of our regular festive fundraising efforts had to be shelved, we have been selling Christmas decorations kindly donated by Wyevale Garden Centre. We would also like to thank Louise Smith and the PFA Volunteers for including us in the Christmas Tree Festival which also drew us in a wonderful sum and to Cathy Miah who donated £33 to the PFA from her puzzle stall. We are extremely grateful for these donations.

The PFA has therefore been able to purchase 15 sets of smart water-proofs with logos for every reception child so they can enjoy learning outdoor in all weathers. Our thanks go to Storkwear for the fantastic deal on the waterproofs and to Travis Perkins in Buckingham for providing a shed to store our waterproofs. We have also just purchased another large set of new books for school, and a splendid new sandpit for the pre-school.

WANTED: CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!

**In the autumn, we will be holding a pre-loved Christmas jumper sale — we can all get a new one without it costing the planet. And we can raise some money for the school and pre-school while we're at it! If you've grown out of yours — or have simply tired of it — please it drop off at
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Here are some suggestions to help the wildlife in your garden flourish as spring approaches:

1. Keep feeding the birds. Put up nesting boxes.
2. When doing your first lawn cut, keep the blades high. Why not keep the grass a little longer this year – it will provide cover for many beneficial insects.
3. Make a small water feature. Half a wooden barrel or even a washing up bowl will provide water for all sorts of creatures. Ensure there is a ramp for them to climb up if they fall in.
4. Try 'no-dig' in your veg patch
5. Tear up boxes you have had delivered and mix with grass clippings to make a balanced compost. Remove any plastic tape & labelling first.
6. Leave or make a hedgehog gap in your boundary fences.
7. Leave a 'scruffy' patch and a pile of old wood to house insects.
8. Put up insect and solitary bee hotels. Easy to make yourself, or buy from Men in Sheds!
9. Don't disturb your compost bin too early – there may be overwintering creatures hibernating in it!
10. Make your own fertilizer from nettles or comfrey. They should be chopped and left in a bucket of water for 6 weeks, and diluted again before use.
11. Wash and reuse plastic pots and buy seeds rather than buy bedding plants which just come in more plastic.

Make your pledge at www.greenerpadbury.com

COMING SOON: local beekeeper Jim Lawson's blog on 'A Year in the Apiary' — new to the Greener Padbury website!

**If you would like to get involved in building a greener community here in Padbury, please join our next meeting on
MONDAY 1st MARCH at 7.30pm**

Please email Rachael (rachael.guy@gmail.com) for Zoom details.

The Facebook group page is a forum to share green tips and activities:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/248348999880840>

News from St Mary's

Until further notice CHURCH SERVICES

Every Sunday
10.30am

Benefice Holy Communion on Facebook

Copy 'St Mary the Virgin Padbury Church Facebook' to your browser to get to the right place to find links to anything that the Benefice has streamed; either watch live or later.
Good news - you do not have to 'BELONG' to Facebook.



St Valentine's Cake Stall

**13 February
8.30 am until noon**

Outside Padbury Village Hall

Sausage Rolls	Lemon Drizzle Cake
Sausage Plaits	Carrot Cake
Rocky Road Hearts	Shortbread
Chocolate Brownies	Millionaire's Shortbread
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Next Cake Stall - 3 April



Lent in a Bag

Welcome to Lent in a Bag, an opportunity to journey through Lent as an individual, family or support bubble.

In the bag you'll find symbols
of the Lenten journey.

Each week there is a short reflection, Bible passage and prayer and an activity for you to do linked to one of the objects in the bag.

The bags will be delivered quarantined, in time for you to quarantine them too.

I invite you to journey with me and each other during this Lent.

For more information or to request a bag contact Rev Ros.

For more information about any of the activities please contact:

Rev Ros Roberts: 01280 813162 | Lenborough.vicar@gmail.com

More church news is available in *The Lenborough Lantern*, published in digital form each month. If it has not already made it to your inbox and you would like a copy, please email Kay Bradley to join the mailing list:
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Padbury Allotments

The excessive rain over the last few months has left the ground completely waterlogged, especially the area around the entrance, so the gate will remain locked until further notice. It has been too wet to carry out any work near the gate so we will have to wait until later in the year.

I have been trying, unsuccessfully, to outwit the mice who visit my greenhouse and feast on my newly planted broad beans. They must have an amazing sense of smell and an equally amazing ability to find the gaps to get into the greenhouse, climb up the staging and nibble through the covering to reach the pots and delve in to find the bean. Every year I am frustrated and impressed in equal measure.

The garden centres are open, unlike during the first lockdown and this is the time of year when gardeners plan their crops and start sowing seeds. If you are reluctant to go to a garden centre you might find the following website helpful. www.dtbrownseeds.co.uk

This is a well established seed company (estd 1908) and there is an offer if you use the code **D21GN2**. Postage for seeds costs 95p and every order comes with free seed labels.

Allotment rents are due on 25th March, rents are the same as last year and cheques should be made payable to St. Mary's church Padbury. All enquiries about allotment matters can be made to harper828@btinternet.com or by text to 07831688209

If you have already made an enquiry about having an allotment then I haven't forgotten you. Looking forward to longer days, drier weather and purple sprouting broccoli.

Kate Harper

Shrove Tuesday Holiday Happening

'Pancake Passion'

Tuesday, 16 February at 4.30 pm

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Holiday Happening
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If you have a passion for pancakes join us for our Pancake Party, for a flipping good time.

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Zoom link will also be on School website.

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Youth Club

Padbury Youth Club



I am very sorry to say that Youth Club is still closed until further notice. If I hear anything from Action4Youth about a change in policy I will, of course, email all the members. As a committee we have decided that we will not be able to open safely until social distancing has been relaxed.

I am sorry to announce that, due to personal circumstances I am not going to carry on as Chair. It has not been an easy decision to make as I know it lets the members down but I am hopeful that one of our parents will come forward to take over the role.

Pre Covid we had set up the parent volunteer rota so going forward this will make life much easier for any new Chair. In addition I am very happy to do a handover period and I would also like to see somebody come forward to act as secretary to help with planning and rotas.

In addition, Jennie Beebee has also announced she would like to hand over the Treasurer role. Jennie, too, is also happy to do a handover period.

The Treasurer and Secretary roles could be filled by anybody not just parents with members at the club. However the Chair does need to be actively involved as they will have overall responsibility for the proper running of the club.

If you feel you can volunteer to help with any of these roles I would be delighted to hear from you. Or if you just want more information before you decide then please get in touch. Also if you can just volunteer to help with an occasional session then please let me know.

If you are thinking of joining the club after this is all over then please contact me for the enrolment forms and see below for details of club opening hours and age groups.

The earlier session runs from 6-7.30pm and is for members age 7+. The second session for our older members, runs from 7.30-9pm and is for those in year 6 and above. Older members are welcome at both club sessions for the one sub fee of £2.

We look forward to welcoming new members and offer a free trial first visit to the club.

For more information on the club or to offer to help please contact Debbie Gibbs at email: oaktreemadhouse@aol.com or call 01280 815044 /07967 657077.

Stay safe and well.

Debbie Gibbs



Member of the Governing Board at Furze Down School

We are currently looking for 2 new co-opted governors to join our friendly governing body.

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:-

- ♦ Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- ♦ Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- ♦ Has spare time and the energy for the role
- ♦ Is able to work well as part of a team
- ♦ Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- ♦ Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements These volunteer positions are open to parents/carers or other people from our community. Co-opted governors are not elected by a parent election but are instead appointed directly by the governing body.

What is the role of the governing body?

Helping to set and review the school's strategic direction and agreeing targets for improvement

Holding the headteacher and school leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils

Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure public money is well spent

What does the role offer?

A chance to develop your own personal skills

Access to a programme of free training in respect of education/governance matters

A sense of achievement in helping make a difference to children reaching their potential

The support and guidance from fellow governors

In looking to fill these vacancies we are particularly interested in applications from people with education experience and also people who can occasionally visit the school during the day, although please do not be put off if you do not have these skills. What is more important is enthusiasm, interest and the willingness to learn.

Applications

If you are interested or know of somebody else who would be then please complete the application form and return it to **Linda Patterson, Business Leader**, lpatterson@furzedownschool.org.uk. We are unable to accept handwritten applications.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the role before submitting an application, please leave your contact details with the school office, using the number below, and a member of the governing board will be more than happy to call you or meet up for an informal chat.

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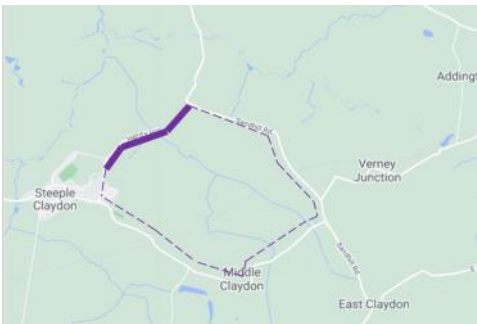
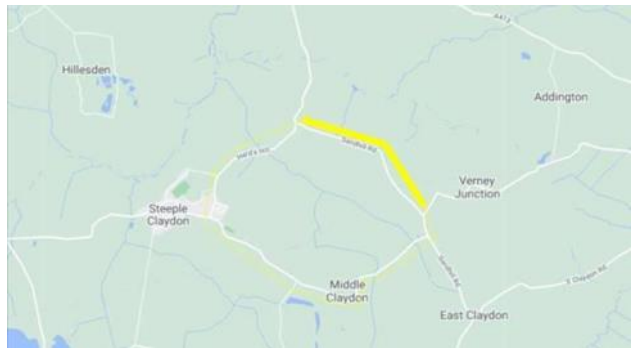
East West Rail Traffic Management Updates

Right: Steeple Claydon Road will be closed until 12/2/21 and Ox Lane, Padbury will be closed until 19/2/21; this is subject to change pending the flood water receding.



Left: Full closure on Lenborough Road and two-way signals at London Road/Buckingham Road junction from 22/2/21 to 5/3/21; this is subject to change pending the flood water receding.

Right: Herds Hill will be closed from 15/2/21 to 5/2/21 for the construction of passing bays.



Left: Sandhill Road, Middle Claydon will be closed from 8/3/21 to 22/12/21 for bridge repair, utility and road improvement works.



Discovering Padbury with the Young Editors

For this edition of Discovering Padbury, we had the pleasure of speaking to Justin, a chief executive who also owns Padbury Hill Farm with his wife Sue. They have owned the farm since 1998 and are only the second owners. Before they bought the farm, it was owned by All Souls College, Oxford University and had been owned by them for over 500 years! It was allegedly a gift from King Henry VI to the College, along with many other places in Padbury. Did you know that if a house in Padbury had a cream or brown front door that showed that it was owned by All Souls College?

Justin had wanted to own a farm since he was very young, and he told us that he used to cycle many miles to visit his aunt and uncle's farm back when he lived in the Isle of Wight. Each weekend he would cycle down to the farm to help out in any tasks and work he could.

Although it must be a change in scenery - Padbury has no sea to admire-, Justin says that he loves Padbury and the community he has lived in for over twenty years. Justin explained he and Sue were stunned by the Christmas Tree Festival this year and it is such a good example of how welcoming and caring this village can be.

Justin describes himself as a 'hobby farmer'. Although he and his wife own Padbury Hill Farm they also both work fulltime in other jobs. They contract the arable land to a local farmer and a local shepherd grazes his sheep on the land. DIY stables and paddocks support a livery for 28 horses. There are many animals on their farm including chickens, pigs, sheep and pheasants. There is a lot going on!

The farm also has a river running along it. This river is a tributary to the river Ouse, which is the sixth longest river in the UK. However, this river can cause problems for the farm especially when it floods as it can wash away new seeds. The farm is also on Oxford Clay soil, similar to most of the area nearby. Oxford Clay holds a lot of water so it can be difficult to plant it if we have had a lot of wet weather. Justin explained that the weather has made things quite difficult this



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winter. Imagine trying to get big farm machinery and tractors across a muddy, clay field. This means that planting has been delayed from last autumn.

Justin talked about how he and his wife are keen to protect the planet and are always thinking about the impact on the environment. They have planted several acres of woodland on their

farm. "Since we planted the woods and songbird crops we have regularly noticed lapwings and other songbirds on the farm. It is really good to see such a variety of birds across the land." Justin explained how they are both passionate about the countryside and the land they own. They want to preserve and offer more habitats for wildlife.

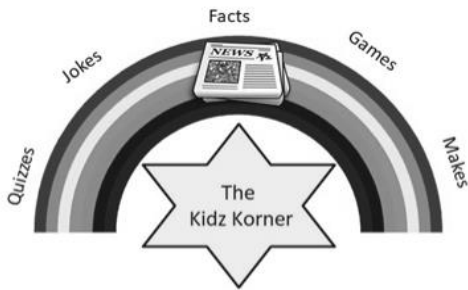
As well as living on a farm, Sue, Justin's wife, founded and runs Brain Tumour Research, a charity which has rapidly grown into a national organisation. Although this year has been particularly difficult for the charity due to the coronavirus, Sue has pushed on and the charity continues to raise money to fund life saving research. It was really interesting to meet Justin and speak to him about how he handles both aspects of his busy life.

We conducted our interview by zoom call but we hope that once lockdown is over that we might be able to meet Justin on his farm and learn more about life on our doorstep. He has invited us both to experience harvest 2021 - so more to follow!

Lily and Freya



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Hi guys, Lily and Freya here with the February/ March edition. Valentine's day is approaching and helping the environment is crucial at the moment. So, we thought for this edition we could show the planet a little love to celebrate Valentine's day. There are eco-friendly crafts, some environmental riddles and a word search!

Environmental Riddles

I touch your face, I'm in your words, I'm lack of space and beloved by birds.

What am I?

A thousand coloured folds stretch toward the sky, atop a tender strand, growing from the land 'til killed by maidens' hand, perhaps a token of love, perhaps to say goodbye.

What am I?

I am a blue sheet which covers the whole world. *What am I?*

I never bother to wake you up, but in any weather and any season, you open your eyes, stretch and yawn, you rise the moment you see I have risen. *What am I?*

I am caused by pollution such as smoke and gas, I cause temperatures to rise and ice caps to collapse, everyone will have to do their part so that I can relax. *What am I?*

Answers: 1) Air 2) Flower 3) The Sun 4) Climate 5) change



Cool Craft for your feathered friends: A simple bird feeder made from recycling a plastic bottle!

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You will need: Plastic bottle, wire or string, bird seed, scissors

- 1) Cut a hole in the side of your plastic bottle, make sure it is big enough for a bird to eat from but make sure that all the seeds won't fall out.
- 2) Cut 2 or 3 small holes in the bottom of the bottle so that if rain goes in the feeder it can drain out.
- 3) Tie some string or wire below the rim of the lid to hang from.
- 4) Hang your fabulous new bird feeder from a tree or your washing line!

Tip: If your bird feeder starts to wear out or the seed in it starts to go mouldy, clean it out and recycle it and make another one!

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MK Women's Refuge Collection

St Mary's are collecting for the Women's Refuge again this year. Items can be left in church in the box by the main door. The toiletries donations are much appreciated by the women who usually arrive at the refuge with very little.

For more information on the refuge's work and its needs please contact Grace Tearle (01280 813600)

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