



PADWORTH NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Padworth Newsletter

Welcome to the May edition of the Padworth Newsletter.

As always, we are grateful to everyone in the community who takes the time to share news, photos, events, and recommendations, your contributions are what make this newsletter such a valuable and enjoyable read. A special thank you to our regular contributors for your continued support and enthusiasm.

We warmly welcome new submissions, so please do send in anything you would like to share by emailing padworthnewsletter@yahoo.com by the 25th of the month for publication on the 1st. The newsletter continues to be available on the Padworth Village Hall website, the Padworth Parish website, and local Facebook pages to ensure it is accessible to all.

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This month, we have ideas for summer holidays, features on the great local outdoors, a spotlight on local businesses, and many interesting updates about what's happening in Padworth and the surrounding areas.

Whether you're heading out with the family, going on a picnic or taking the dog for a walk, there's so much to enjoy right on our doorstep. Have you explored any of the local spots listed below. Our area is full of hidden gems just waiting to be discovered. If you have a favourite walk or a recommendation to share, we'd love to hear from you, please email padworthnewsletter@yahoo.com and help inspire others to get out and explore!



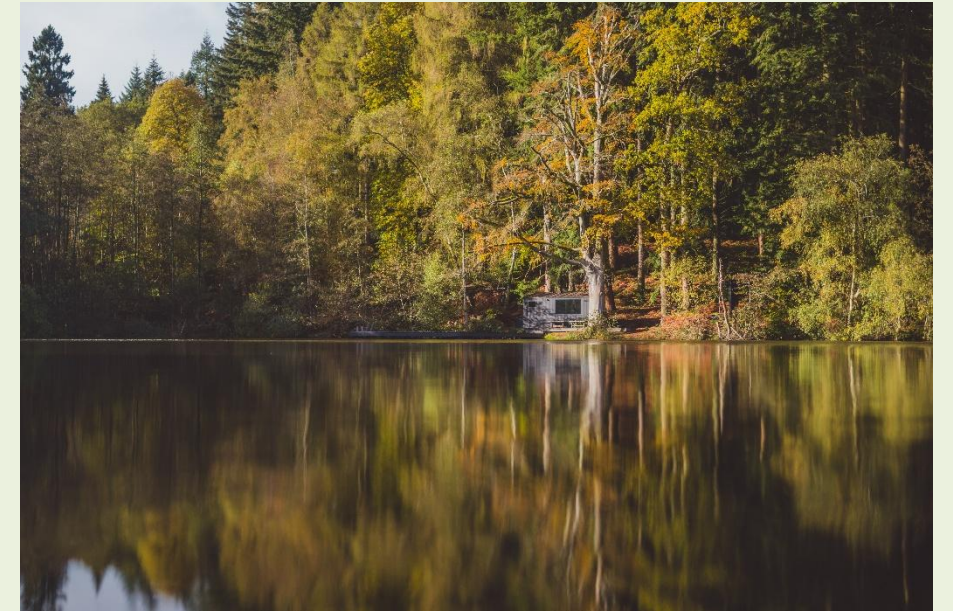
Kennet Canal footpath

There are some wonderful walks along the canal, perfect for all ages and abilities. Starting at Aldermaston Wharf, you can enjoy a gentle stroll along the Kennet Canal, with the option to begin or end your walk at the Aldermaston Tea Rooms while taking in the lovely scenery.

The flat towpath makes this an easy, relaxing route, ideal for families

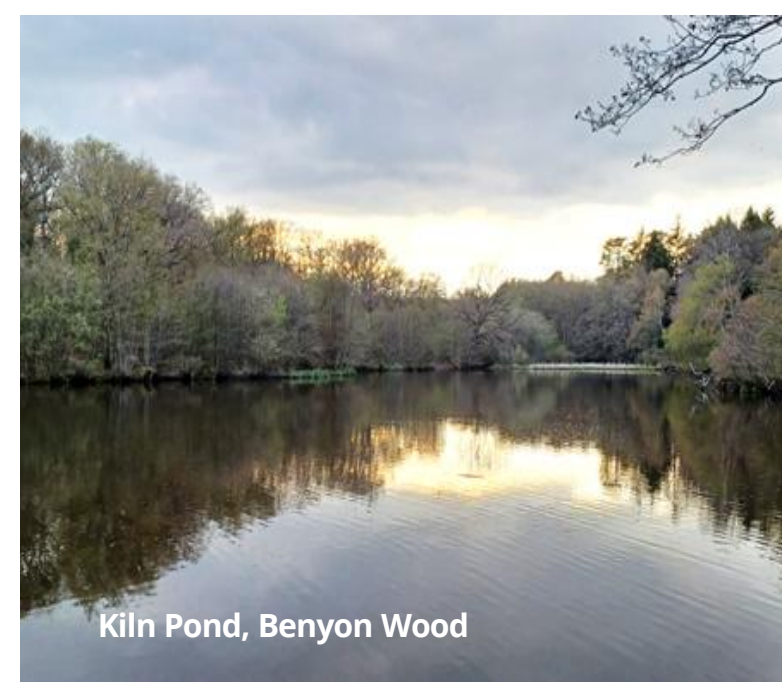
Wild Swimming & Wellness

Join Wasing Estate's monthly Saturday Swim & Sauna at its breathtaking Wild Swim Lake and Scandinavian wood-fired sauna - a restorative weekend ritual, right on your doorstep. Guided by a dedicated wellbeing host, these intimate sessions invite you to slow down and reconnect in nature, beginning with a refreshing dip in the lake's rejuvenating waters, followed by time to rewarm in the wood-fired sauna with panoramic views across the lake. The experience then concludes with a warming lakeside firepit lunch and a delicious sweet treat, leaving you feeling refreshed and deeply restored. www.wasing.co.uk



Silchester Roman Town Walls & Amphitheatre

For a memorable family day out exploring local history, a visit to Silchester Roman Town offers an exciting journey through time. One of the best-preserved Roman towns in Britain, it uniquely shows evidence of continuous occupation since the Iron Age. Families can walk along the impressive third-century town walls, which still form an almost complete circuit, and spot the earlier ramparts and ancient defensive ditches. Near the car park, the massive Iron Age earthworks give a glimpse into life long before the Romans arrived. The amphitheatre is a highlight for children and adults alike—its seating banks and arena spark the imagination with stories of gladiators, wild animal fights, and dramatic public spectacles. You can also explore the peaceful medieval Church of St Mary, with its 12th-century structure, earlier Norman features, and rare 14th-century wall paintings.



Benyon Wood & Kiln Pond

For families looking to combine fresh air with a sense of adventure, a walk around Benyon Wood & Kiln Pond is a fantastic way to explore a landscape steeped in ancient history. With a choice of well-maintained paths of varying lengths, it's ideal for all ages and abilities. The area forms part of an important Iron Age setting close to Silchester Roman Town, once known as Calleva Atrebatum. Along the trails, families can discover Benyon's Enclosure (The Frith), a univallate Iron Age hillfort hidden within peaceful woodland, where ancient earthworks are still visible. The circular routes linking Benyon's Enclosure and Kiln Pond make it easy to imagine how this landscape was once used and defended thousands of years ago. With its mix of nature, history, and a touch of movie magic, it is rumoured that the latest Star Wars film some of the location shots were filmed in the woods.

Family Adventures for the Summer Holidays

With the summer holidays approaching, many families are beginning to plan time away together. Increasingly, families are choosing to rediscover what's on their doorstep, opting for UK holidays that are simpler to plan and just as rewarding. The UK offers a surprising amount of adventure in summer, with long daylight hours and a huge variety of landscapes to explore, often without the need to travel far.

For a true sense of wilderness, head to the Cairngorms National Park. Around Loch Morlich, families can cycle traffic-free forest trails before stopping at its sandy beach for a picnic with mountain views. The funicular railway on Cairn Gorm Mountain makes the higher ground accessible, where short walks reveal sweeping panoramas, and ranger-led sessions often introduce children to local wildlife and tracking.

The Lake District is ideal for hands-on adventure. In Borrowdale Valley, guided ghyll scrambling takes families up rocky streams and small waterfalls, climbing, splashing, and occasionally jumping into clear pools. On calmer days, a boat on Derwentwater or a lakeside walk offers a slower pace, with plenty of spots to stop and take it all in.

Along the Pembrokeshire coast, the area around St Davids feels refreshingly unspoilt. Coasteering sessions at Abereddy Bay are a highlight for older children, combining climbing, swimming, and sea jumps under expert guidance. A boat trip out to Skomer Island in early summer brings the chance to see puffins nesting, often just a few feet away.

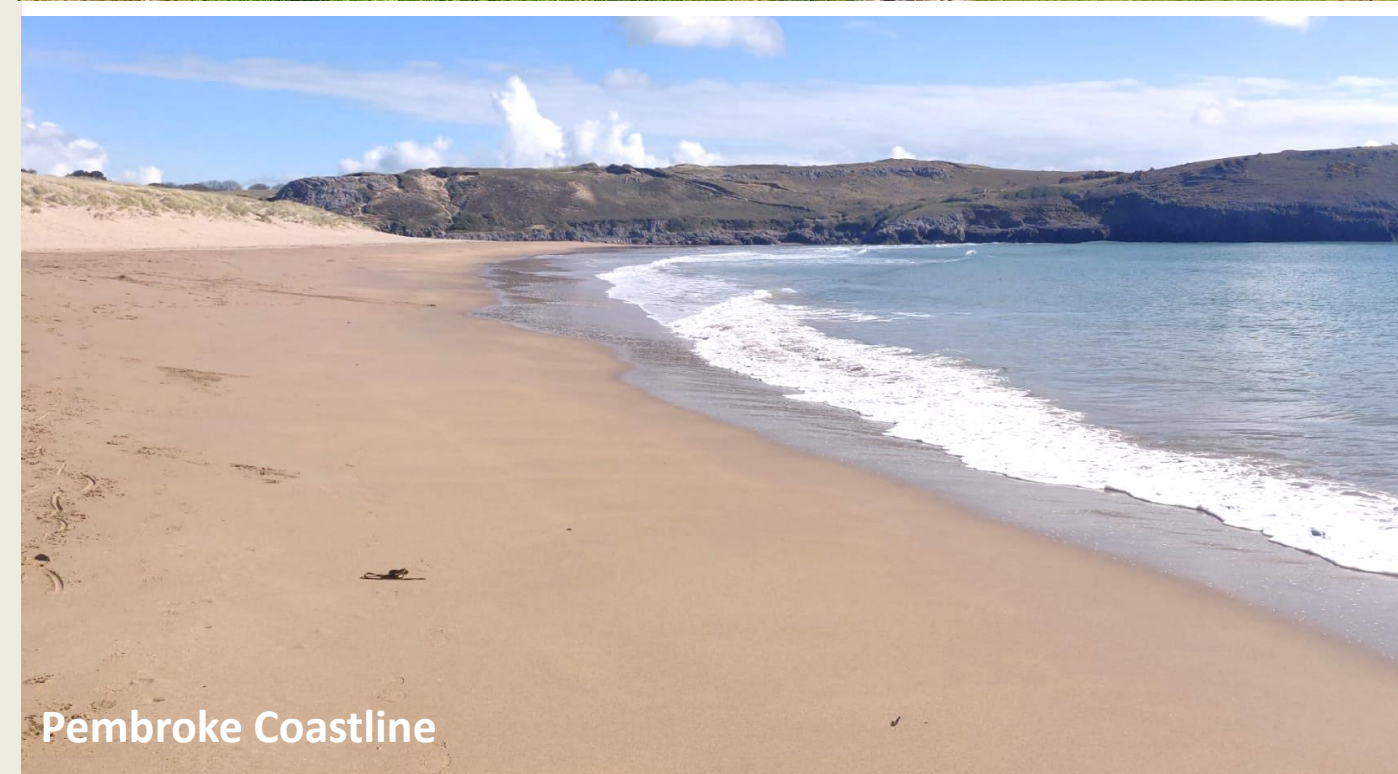
Further south, North Cornwall combines classic seaside charm with plenty of activity. Surf schools at Polzeath Beach are ideal for beginners, while nearby Rock offers calmer waters for paddleboarding and crabbing. Early morning walks along this stretch of the South West Coast Path are particularly rewarding, before the beaches fill and the day unfolds at a slower pace.

For a slower-paced but equally memorable trip, the Norfolk Broads are ideal. Hiring a small boat from Wroxham allows families to explore the waterways at their own pace, mooring up for picnics or short walks. Children often enjoy helping to steer, and there's always the quiet excitement of spotting wildlife along the reeds.

For something completely different, the Jurassic Coast offers a real sense of discovery. Around Lyme Regis and Charmouth, families can spend hours fossil hunting along the shoreline, searching for ammonites among the rocks. Guided walks bring the coastline's prehistoric past to life, and even a simple find can feel like uncovering a small piece of history.

All of these destinations are easy to reach and offer a genuine sense of adventure without leaving the UK. Whether it's scrambling up a waterfall, spotting a puffin for the first time, catching a wave, or discovering a fossil on the beach, these shared experiences are often the moments that stay with families long after the holiday ends.

Laura Dean
The Travel Design Company



Spotlight on Local Businesses – LEX Marquee Hire

Based right here in Padworth, LEX Marquee Hire is a local family-run business helping customers create memorable events across Berkshire, the Home Counties and beyond. Established in 2013, they have built a strong reputation for reliable service, quality equipment and helping take the stress out of planning.

Whether you are planning a wedding, birthday celebration, garden party, corporate event or a community festival, we at LEX Marquee Hire offer a complete range of stylish marquee options, including Capri, Pagoda and HEX marquees to suit events of all sizes. We also provide everything needed to complete your celebration, from tables and chairs to dance floors, lighting, sound systems, bar furniture, luxury toilet trailers and refrigeration trailers.

We offer a free, no-obligation site visit to discuss your ideas, measure the space and help design the perfect layout for your event. With years of industry experience and many repeat customers, our focus remains on friendly service, attention to detail and making every event run smoothly.

For more information or to request a quote for your upcoming event, visit www.lexmarqueehire.co.uk, email us at admin@lexmarqueehire.co.uk, or call us on 01189712180.

Exclusive Padworth Newsletter Offer: Receive 20% off accessories when you book a marquee package. Quote code PADWORTH20 when booking.

(Terms and conditions apply: Subject to availability, minimum booking value applies, and excludes toilet trailers and refrigeration trailers).



Interested in Gaming?



Got a gamer in your life who's always chasing the next level?

Continuum is a 4-day PC gaming experience hosted at Padworth Village Hall and it's so much more than just playing games. Think friendly competition, late-night sessions, new friends, and that unbeatable LAN-party atmosphere.

It happens three times a year, so there's always another chance to jump in. Whether they're hardcore, casual, or somewhere in between, this is their kind of weekend. Find out more and grab a spot: <https://continuumgaming.co.uk/>



Jumble Sale News and future dates



We are always grateful for your unwanted donations, which can be brought to Padworth Village Hall on the morning of the sale between **9:30am and 11:30am**. All jumble sales are held on the first Saturday of each month. Please note that we cannot accept furniture.

Please do not drop off donations at the hall on any other days. Items left outside these times will be disposed of.

Jumble can also be collected by calling **Hazel Ewart on 07876 073385** to arrange a collection, or you may arrange a time to deliver items by calling the same number.

The sale **starts at 2:00pm**, and there is a **small donation requested on entry, 50 pence**.

April Jumble raised a wonderful £764.33 in aid of Padworth Village Hall
May 2nd Jumble Sale in aid of the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice
June 6th in aid of St. John the Baptist, Padworth
July 4th in aid of Padworth Village Hall

ALDERMASTON COFFEE CLUB

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month any time from 10.00am – 11.30am

Join us in the café at Hilliers

Drop by for a chat, a chance to meet old friends and make new ones

Everyone is welcome – just come along

For further details contact Cynthia Newman
cmnewman2021@outlook.com 0118 9713 525



1970s Evening – Saturday 13 June, from 7pm until late.

Early booking rate of £25 to include a welcome cocktail and nibbles plus all food and entertainment.

Celebrate the 1970s at the Aldermaston Parish Hall, with DJ and disco. The hall will be set up for dancing to 1970s music so have your dancing shoes at the ready. 1970s dress encouraged, with prizes for best dressed outfits.

There will be a pay bar to include good value 1970s inspired drinks. The main food will need to be pre-ordered, including details of any dietary requirements. Food will be cooked fresh, with a fish and chip van on site, with a choice of fish and chips, chicken and chips, halloumi and chips, garlic mushrooms and onion rings with chips and salad.

For tickets and more information, please contact:
aldermastonparishhall@gmail.com or call 07748 791544



What ever the weather why not check out the Tea Rooms, Aldermaston Wharf

Opening hours: Tuesday – Sunday 9.30am – 4pm

**And open both Bank Holiday Mondays
9:30am to 4pm**

tearoomsaldermaston@gmail.com

PADWORTH PAST

I would like to tell you about something topical this month by way of a change, although it is still very relevant to Padworth in the past. However, I do hope that I will not be treading on the toes of our 'Whatever the Weather' contributor!

Several years ago, I wrote about a lovely old lady, Miss Ellen Cutler, who was a Padworth Junior School teacher for many years and lived in the quaint cottage opposite Lodge Farm in Padworth Lane. When she died in 1986 I was very much involved in clearing out her home. At that time, Millbrook Cottage had very few and very tiny windows that did not let in much light at all. On one window-sill she had a very small Thanksgiving cactus and I had only ever seen one flower on it.

However, I had to bring it home in the hopes that I could preserve it in memory of our dear neighbour. Over the last 40 years it has rewarded me multi-fold! Once it became established here it has flowered every year, often at Christmas and Easter. At one time I counted over 300 flowers on it and the stalks were between 3 and 4 feet long. I have given cuttings to several people and at one time a flower shop in Wokingham even had a huge one of its progeny virtually filling its front window.

A couple of years ago it had outgrown its own strength, with a main stem of about 4" diameter that was beginning to crack open. It no longer looked attractive and indeed had become very unstable. I decided, reluctantly, that 'major surgery' was needed and ended up having to throw away all but a few tiny pieces on the end of the stalks. These I planted up and incredibly this year they have started flowering again and 'Miss Cutler', as she has affectionately always been known in our home, is blooming again. The attached picture was taken at Christmas 2025 and she continues to flower this Easter - long may she continue!

Delia Potter



WHATEVER THE WEATHER

I'm getting there, 175 young plants planted out of the 251 I had in the greenhouse. Those still to plant are too small, especially the cosmos which are 2" high but will not have a strong enough root ball yet. One of the first things you have to learn when you start gardening is 'patience'. You just cannot rush seedlings, if you try and plant them too soon, they won't have enough roots to support them.

Having planted those ready, I am now putting mulch around them. You can use the compost from pots you've been growing bulbs in, its job is to keep the soil moist not provide food. Leaf mould is excellent at this. If you are getting your veg beds ready, then this is another good use of old pot compost, dig it in and it will help keep moisture in. Veg needs to be kept watered. My weather app says no rain for the next ten days, not good news on my so stoney ground..

The Rhoddies have started flowering and better than I expected, not as many flowers as previous years, but still good. Bulbs are going over but I've planted ones with different flowering times over the years so the display goes on. Blossom is coming out on the Cherries and especially on the Cornus, dogwoods. My favourite and such a showstopper is Eddies White Wonder a 20-foot waterfall of white blossom. I have four varieties of dogwood, Eddie, China Girl, Venus and Florida, all covered in flower. One of the azaleas has got the month right but not the weather, April Showers, see photo. What's happened to the showers? Several years ago, I planted two varieties of Camassias, blue ones and white ones. The blue, in the bog garden, have made a clump about 2 foot wide, the white, not in a bog but in the shade, have spread about three yards wide, both flowering now. At the same time, I planted three plugs of cowslips in the wildflower area. These have spread so much, see photo.

As you know I do like to let wildflowers self seed among the cultivated ones, but some do get carried away. In the past it's been the wild strawberries, but this year it's the Green Alkanet, with blue flowers, adored by bees. It is everywhere & it's not a small chap, 2' by 2'. While the shrubs and trees are breaking into leaf the Beechhedge isn't. It's still covered in brown leaves. There must be a reason for this but I don't know it. The Hornbeam has been out for weeks.

Sunflower seeds was the favourite bird food this winter, but now, completely untouched. The peanuts are still in use, mainly by the Great Spotted Woodpeckers. Phessies are down to two ladies & his lordship. I caught a rabbit in the live trap, the first for months, and he is now enjoying pastures new. Surprisingly when I took him out of the trap to release him, he sat in my hands quite calmly and didn't struggle. When I put him down he looked at me & walked away. An occasional Muntjac still visits & this morning there was a Heron on the pond for the first time in months. Two male Mallard ducks arrive every morning, I am feeding them.

Groan Time

Why is Argentina cold? Because it's bordering on Chile.

What do you call a funny group of mountains? Hillareas.

I got an email telling me how to spell maps backwards. It was spam.

I have twin daughters, I've called them Kate and Duplikate.

What do you call a rabbit with fleas? Bugs Bunny.

Keep Gardening, Mike Warner



ALDERMASTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are now in the summer term with lots to look forward to, including trips, visits and a range of outdoor activities. As always, the teachers have planned a full and rich curriculum for every child to enjoy and to benefit from exciting learning opportunities.



Our annual book week in March was a great success once again. As well as enjoying a range of activities in school, we reached out to the local community and businesses which supported us to help celebrate a love of reading and books. Activities across the week included a costume swap, creating a board game inspired by a character from a book, bedtime stories, extreme reading photography and a book and doughnut sale.

Attendance at school is an important area as it helps with children's learning, confidence and friendships. When pupils attend school every day, they are more likely to keep up with learning and develop positive habits that support future success. We encourage parents to support their child's attendance by sending them to school every day, if they are well enough, avoiding holidays during term time and arranging appointments outside of school hours, where possible.

The recent Family Learning Morning looked at our History Curriculum. We enjoy welcoming parents and carers into school each term and the pupils benefit from showing off their learning and enthusiasm for the topic. We explored how History is taught across the school and how children develop and progress their understanding across their school years. The next session will focus on Physical Education.

Cathy Jones, Foundation Governor

Down on the Farm – Spring

Looking back to last month's edition, I can record that all the tasks due to be done then have been completed. The **fodder beet** is sown and the necessary spraying and fertilizing is up to date. There are many more applications to make when the appropriate time comes. As arable crops grow, they become susceptible to various diseases and we try to keep ahead of the situation. Application of fertilizer follows a pattern, much governed by the growth stages but also determined by the amount of rain and so far this April we have had none or so very little as to have no influence. I do get very annoyed when the weather forecasters paint the picture of rain as being an interference. It is an essential commodity for all growth and why we live in such a beautiful verdant country.

As a consequence of the current situation, the recently sown fodder beet has not germinated much, although it went into an ideal seedbed. So, we now have to wait for the rain – but for how long? The answer is 2-3 more weeks before the seed itself loses its viability. The individual seeds have a protective coating which helps prevent early disease and enables the seeds to survive longer in the ground. We do not grow **spring-sown cereal** like spring barley, wheat or oats which are planted earlier, like late February/early March, but they have probably caught the rain. The **linseed** and **poppies** are more vulnerable as they are planted later.

It is lovely to see all the **trees** bursting into leaf and always interesting to note how much they vary in the timing of their emergence. The **horse chestnut** is early, the **oak** and **ash** much later.

How many of you have heard of or read about the **North Wessex Downs National Landscape**? **Padworth** just creeps into the area, in the extreme south east corner! It stretches in the west to Calne, Swindon, Wantage, Didcot, Goring and Pangbourne and on the southern boundary to Andover and Devizes. It is a huge area taking in *Pewsey Downs, Marlborough Downs, Lambourne Berkshire Downs* and *North Hampshire Downs* and cutting right through the middle are the **River Kennet** and the **Kennet and Avon Canal** running from west to east as well as the **River Lambourne**. It is beautiful, mostly open countryside.

The area is the third largest of Britain's 46 National Landscapes, covering 668 square miles straddling four counties. National Landscapes are **Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty**. You can find out more about it by going to <https://www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/> Being such a large area with the central theme of **chalk downland**, it is mostly farmland divided roughly 50-50 into grassland and cropped land. It is not possible to have hard and fast rules but the area is protected by law. It is committed to long-term conservation of nature but also allows for the inevitable changes that take place. Farming patterns will continue to change too: less livestock is being kept, therefore less grassland is required and the less productive land will be returned to woodland and nature.

The fragile nature of world peace should make us all realise that nothing is forever and we need to care for what we have and try to pass on to future generations something that is part-way sustainable.

From Our Agricultural Correspondent



A date for your diary!

Sunday 6th Sept

ALDERMASTON & WASING SHOW

Schedule of Classes

Re-vamped classes for clarity and today's world.

Get your schedule early so you can plan your veg & flower growing and practice your crafts

AVAILABLE from 1st May on our website

<https://awshow.org.uk>

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP ON THE DAY?

We are always looking for volunteers to help run this traditional village fete, you would be most welcome whether you can spare the whole day or just an hour or two.

Come along and be part of the show's history in this its 84th year.

Contact: secretary@awshow.org.uk



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 5th May, 7pm

Padworth Village Hall

If you would like to learn more about Padworth Parish Council or become a committee member

please feel free to come along.

Padworth Village Hall



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 12th May

At 6.30pm

If you would like to learn more about

the village hall or become a committee member

please feel free to come along.

Summer Music @ Aldermaston



Come and listen to some glorious music in a beautiful setting

At St Mary's, Church Rd, Aldermaston, RG7 4HR

Friday June 5th, 7pm

artist(s) t.b.c

Artist Information & Box Office :



<https://aldermastonconcerts.org>

Saturday June 6th, 7pm

Guitarist—Lucas

£20 Adult Ticket, £5 Children in full time education, under 12s free

Both nights: £30 adult, £10 children, under 12s free

includes a welcoming glass of fizz (or similar) and interval nibbles

All profits to St Mary's to help maintain this Grade I listed building

Padworth Village Hall

Padworth Village Hall has recently undergone a refurbishment of the main hall and toilets, making a huge difference to the building. If you are looking for a venue to host a party, training session, or meeting, please feel free to visit our website for more information. It is a fantastic community asset and an affordable option for a range of events.

<https://padworthvillagehall.co.uk/>



Aldermaston Parish Council – Notes of Meeting – 14 April 2026

Annual Parish Meeting

The community comes together to hear from local groups and organisations. This year we were joined by representatives from Aldermaston School, Charity, History Group, Parish Hall Committee, and the PCC as well as our Ward Councillor, Dominic Boeck. We also welcomed AWE who talked about the MoD's acquisition of Aldermaston Park and answered questions. It was an interesting evening and reassuring to hear that AWE intends to be a good neighbour and keep us informed as it establishes how it will develop and utilise the manor house and grounds. A report covering all the evening's presentations will be available on the PC website soon.

Parish Council Meeting

Planning

6 applications concerned varying or discharging Conditions from already approved developments - **no comments** deemed necessary

Church Lodge (2-storey extension). We noted that the Church Lodge Heritage Statement is incomplete and lacks crucial information on the impact of the sizable extension. This made it impossible for us to evaluate the development, so instead we will defer to the recommendation of the WBC Conservation Officer if/when additional information is supplied.

Veolia Padworth Recycling Centre (extension of operating hours. **No Objection** subject to extended hours only applying for workshop use and the limited number of trips indicated.

Decisions

26, Maida's Way – an extension which was in-line with our recommendation.

Padworth Sawmills application (25/01915/FULMAJ) - We noted that the revised timetable for deciding this application is still unknown (it was withdrawn from the March Planning Committee meeting). The PC will instruct a planning development lawyer to provide a legal opinion on the case in a similar way as done with the Easy Concrete/Woodstock site in 2023. We will also consider raising awareness of the situation with village residents who may be affected by an increase in HGV traffic along Church Road and through the village if a new B8 industrial estate on Raghill is established.

Finance

Our accounts for the last financial year were signed off and 3 grant applications considered: Tadley Scout Group and the charity PALS – rejected. We recognise the good work of both organisations, but neither can claim that Aldermaston residents are beneficiaries which is a key criterion for us.

Tadley CAB - We're inclined to support this request. They say they have helped 26 of our residents in 2024/25, but we will ask for more information before approving any grant in May.

PCC - St Mary's churchyard maintenance – this will be considered next month.

Next meeting

Tuesday 12 May – 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

All parishioners welcome

Sophie Crawford
Chairman, APC

For full details visit <https://aldermaston-pc.gov.uk/>

Beenham Parish Council – Notes of Meeting – 13 April 2026

Public Forum

The police had been informed of the quantity of empty vodka bottles dumped at the bottom of Beenham Hill and the PC is awaiting a response.

The WI offered to clean the roadside posts at the village entry boundary which were in poor condition

Some parishioners offered their views on the proposed **dog walking facility** which is subject to a current planning application.

This item was on the agenda under Planning Matters, but some discussion took place including potential noise effects, traffic increase, access and impact on listed buildings and benefits or otherwise for the community. (See agenda item below)

CCTV installation at Beenham School

An application to the PCC (Police and Crime Commissioners) fund for financial support had been submitted but unfortunately declined. The PC had suggested matched funding be sought but no further information on this was available. It was agreed to have further discussion between the school and PC. A proposal for a more basic system might be considered to cover the entrance gate and doors to both the school and Community Room.

Affordable Housing Initiative

WBC recently issued a formal *Call for Sites* throughout the Council area, which effectively stops individual initiatives until this is analysed by WBC and completed. We expect this to take some considerable time and will continue to monitor the situation.

SID (speed monitoring system)

Beenham shares the use of one of these systems with neighbouring PCs. The current one was damaged whilst being used in Beenham. It has been suggested that the PC might acquire one of its own. Aldermaston PC is currently claiming on their insurance for the damage. If this is successful, Beenham will continue to share the communal system.

Planning Matters

26/00439/FUL. Webbs Lane, Beenham. Application for a **dog walking facility**. Further to the discussion above, the pros and cons of the facility were discussed. It was agreed that the PC would submit its views and opinion based upon concerns that were identified, including potential traffic increase, access to the site, noise, potential further development, additional buildings being erected, impact on listed buildings adjacent to the site and also the potential beneficial impact for the wider community.

26/00662/MINMAJ. Veola Environment Services, Padworth Lane. This application is within the boundary of an adjoining PC so Beenham PC did not offer an opinion on that basis.

Decisions

26/00013/COND. Pips Way. Variation of Conditions. **Approved.**

25/02769/HOUSE. 76 Mallard Way, Aldermaston Wharf. Single storey extension. **Refused.** The applicant may appeal.

25/02784/HOUSE. Highdown, Webbs Lane. First floor roof extension. **Withdrawn.**

Parish Councillor reports

The PC offered its thanks to Gavin Leach for funding replacement pads for the defibrillator

Freddie Brown - It was agreed to publish the details of his funeral. Freddie owned Awberry Farm for many years and was a well known and liked parishioner. His funeral will take place at St Mary's Church, Beenham on 23 April at 2.00pm.

Next meeting

Monday 11 May at 7.00 pm in the Community Room

All parishioners welcome.

Peter Hamblin

Parish Councillor

All correspondence to the PC should be addressed to the Parish Clerk, Lauren West
clerk@beenhampc.gov.uk / 07919 916125

Parish Council website: www.beenhampc.gov.uk

Beenham Community Website: <https://www.beenhamonline.org/>

Useful Contacts and Numbers

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Environment Agency (24hr) 0800 807060

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Mobile Library 01635519827

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Neighbourhood Watch Police 101

• Rectory Road – Mike Warner 01189700391

Network Rail 24 hr Helpline 08457 114141

Newsletter padworthnewsletter@yahoo.com

Padworth Common Advisory Committee & Padworth Parochial Charity

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Parish Clerk (Beenham) – Lauren West clerk@beenham-pc.gov.uk

Parish Clerk (Padworth) – Ellie Brewer clerk@padworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Opening Hours

Monday 2-5pm
 Wednesday 2-5pm
 Thursday 10am-5pm
 Friday 2.30-6pm
 Saturday 10am-12.30pm

Mortimer Library

0118 933 2882

Opening Hours

Monday 1-5pm
 Tuesday 9.30am-5pm
 Friday 1-6pm
 Saturday 10am-12.30pm

Pangbourne Library

0118 984 4117

Opening Hours

Monday 2-5pm
 Tuesday 10.30am-6pm
 Thursday 9.30am-12pm
 Friday 10.30am-5pm
 Saturday 10am-12.30pm

Theale Library

0118 930 3207

Opening Hours

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 Wednesday 10.30am-5pm
 Thursday 2pm-6pm
 Friday 10.30am-5pm
 Saturday 10am-12.30pm

Thatcham Library

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