PADWORTH NEWSLETTER

November 2026



Padworth Newsletter

Welcome to the November edition of the Padworth Newsletter!

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

We are always delighted to welcome new submissions, so if you have something to share, please email padworthnewsletter@yahoo.com by the 25th of the month for publication on the 1st. The newsletter is available on the Padworth Village Hall website, the Padworth Parish website and local Facebook pages, where it can be downloaded and read at your leisure. If you would prefer to receive a copy directly by email, please contact padworthnewsletter@yahoo.com to be added to our distribution list.

This month, we're casting our lines towards all things fishing, exploring local facilities and featuring Tadley Angling in our Spotlight on Local Business. We also shine a light on a Pillar of the Community.

Next month, we'll be getting into the Christmas spirit! If you have a special story to share, a favourite festive recipe or details of a Christmas event, we'd love to hear from you. Please send your contributions to padworthnewsletter@yahoo.com.

We hope you enjoy this edition!





The Flying Scotsman Visits Aldermaston

On Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October, the iconic Flying Scotsman passed through Aldermaston Station, attracting families and individuals eager to catch a glimpse of this magnificent steam locomotive. There is something truly special about watching it majestically roll through the station, with its billowing steam.

Built at Doncaster Works in February 1923, the Flying Scotsman (60103) made history on 30 November 1934 when it became the first locomotive to be officially authenticated at 100 mph.

Thank you to Lee Hunt for sharing the photo.

Spotlight on Local Businesses

Tadley Angling Ltd
A passion for fishing at the heart of Padworth Common

Situated on Reading Road, in the heart of Padworth Common, Tadley Angling Ltd is a familiar local business with a long history of serving the fishing community.

I recently met Andy Wicks, one of the three partners who run the shop, alongside Keith Brown and Paul Cribbs. Andy's enthusiasm for fishing is infectious, and it is clear that this is much more than just a business – it is a real passion and Aladin's cave in the shop.

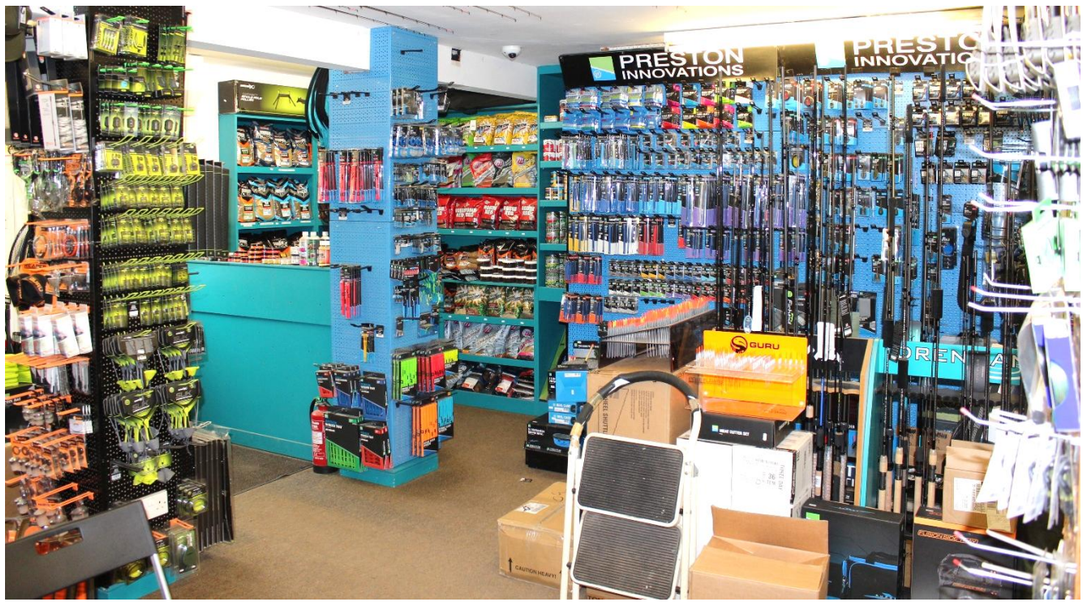
The current partnership has been running the shop for over eight years, but there has been a fishing tackle shop in the area for more than 30 years, highlighting just how well-established fishing is in our local community.

As keen anglers themselves, Andy, Keith and Paul understand the local fishing scene and the variety of opportunities available, from lakes and rivers, 'coarse fishing' across the area. The shop reflects this stocking a wide range of bait, tackle and equipment to suit everyone, from complete beginners looking to get started to experienced anglers and those who compete in fishing competitions.

One of the things Andy finds particularly exciting is the resurgence of interest among younger people taking up fishing. It is encouraging to see a new generation discovering the sport and enjoying the outdoors, while continuing a tradition that has been part of the local area for decades.

Whether you are an experienced angler or simply curious about giving fishing a try, Tadley Angling Ltd offers local knowledge, advice and the equipment to help you get started.

It is great to have a specialist business like this on our doorstep, supporting local anglers and helping to keep the area's fishing community thriving.





Fishing Galore

Angling is one of the UK's most popular pastimes, and here in Padworth we are lucky to have so much choice right on our doorstep. Whether you enjoy lake fishing, spending time beside the river or casting a line along the canal, there are plenty of local spots to explore.

Local fishing venues include:

- Court Farm Fishing Lakes, near Tadley Angling Shop, with three established coarse fishing lakes.
- Wasing Estate, offering fishing on its lakes and river.
- Kennet and Avon Canal, with local stretches available for fishing.
- Seven Lakes, Paices Hill, offering a choice of 7 lakes.
- Reading District Angling Association

Depending on where you choose to fish, you will usually need a permit, day ticket or annual membership. Permits for the Kennet and Avon Canal can be purchased through the canal's website, so it is worth checking the requirements before heading out.

Who keeps an eye on our waterways?
You may occasionally meet a fishing bailiff while enjoying a day by the water. Bailiffs have an important role in protecting local fisheries, checking permits and helping anglers follow the rules. They also help safeguard fish stocks and discourage illegal fishing.

The role has a long history, dating back centuries to the protection of fishing rights and fisheries. Today, there are different types of bailiffs. Those appointed by angling clubs or private fisheries help manage their waters and check that anglers follow local rules, while Environment Agency fisheries enforcement officers have statutory powers to tackle offences such as illegal fishing and poaching. Club and fishery bailiffs generally do not have the same legal powers as statutory officers, but they play a valuable role in looking after the waters they patrol.

So, whether you are an experienced angler or thinking of giving fishing a try, there is plenty to discover locally. Just remember to check the relevant permits and fishing rules before you cast off!



Seven Lakes Fishery

Situated near Aldermaston, Seven Lakes Fishery at Paices Wood Country Parkland offers a wonderful setting for anglers of all abilities. Set within a tranquil, 68-peg country parkland complex, the fishery has a variety of lakes to suit different levels of experience, with opportunities for both daytime and night fishing. There are also lovely walks around the lakes, making it an ideal spot to enjoy the countryside and spend time outdoors.

I recently visited Seven Lakes and saw many fishing pitches booked, as I walked around the lakes, I was lucky enough to see Joshua land a carp (see photo) – a lovely moment to capture!

‘Winter Tickets’ have recently gone on sale. For further information, visit www.sevenlakes.co.uk or the Seven Lakes Fishery Facebook page.

We will share more details in the spring about Seven Lakes’ Get Fishing events which run from April to October. The Get Fishing events offer a great opportunity for newcomers to give fishing a go and enjoy an outdoor experience.

SEVEN LAKES FISHERY



Court Farm Fishing Lakes

Court Farm Fishing Lakes, near Tadley Angling Shop, has three well-established lakes that have been open for over 20 years. The fishery has become a popular coarse fishing venue for both beginners and more experienced anglers.

The health of the fish is important, and the lakes are carefully managed and maintained. All three lakes have recently had additional fish introduced, including trench, bream, barbel and double-figure carp. All swims have also been renewed to improve access as part of the regular maintenance programme. The fish undergo health checks every two years.

Tadley Angling Shop can recommend suitable bait for fishing at the lakes.

The lakes are open every day except Christmas Day. Opening hours are Monday to Saturday, from 7am until dusk or 9pm, and Sundays and Bank Holidays, from 7am until dusk or 8pm.

River Kennet at Padworth

Check out these links for information of permits, rules, availability
https://www.thatchamanglingassociation.co.uk/taa-waters/river-kennet-padworth-details/
https://www.rdaa.co.uk/lake-venues/padworth-river

Kennet and Avon Canal, Aldermaston Wharf

Check out these links for information of permits, rules, availability
https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/things-to-do/fishing/where-to-fish/waterway-wanderers-scheme



Crayfish in the Kennet Valley – A Local Delicacy with a Difference

North American signal crayfish are causing problems in the River Kennet, but a local businessman based in Thatcham is turning this invasive species into a local delicacy.

Andrew Leech, who runs the Kennet Crayfish Company, has been catching crayfish from the River Kennet for more than 20 years. Licensed by the Environment Agency, he empties up to 150 traps a day, helping to control a species that has become increasingly widespread.

Originally introduced to the UK around 50 years ago for farming and export to European markets, signal crayfish escaped into the wild and their numbers rapidly increased. They also carry a disease that has had a devastating impact on our endangered native white-clawed crayfish. Strict regulations now prevent the sale of live signal crayfish, as moving them risks spreading the species to other waterways.

Andrew has invested in processing and packaging equipment to sell his catch part-cooked or fully cooked, rather than live. His business website highlights the distinctive flavour of Kennet Valley crayfish, caught in Berkshire's chalk streams.

Although crayfish have a long history in the Kennet Valley, they remain an unfamiliar food to many people. Andrew hopes to encourage more people to try them. Kennet Crayfish were recently at Newbury Show and I have to say I did sample the Crayfish and they were incredibly tasty.

It is an unusual example of how a local business is making use of an invasive species, while helping to manage a problem that threatens our native river wildlife.





A Pillar of the Community – A Big Shout-Out to Hazel and the Jumble Sale Team

This month, our Pillar of the Community is Hazel Ewart, who has been organising monthly jumble sales for more than 15 years, raising money for a variety of charities while giving pre-loved items a new lease of life. Recycling at its best! It all began many years ago when Hazel organised a couple of jumble sales to raise funds for Panthers Football Club, where her son played. What started as a small fundraising effort soon grew, with two sales becoming four a year, gradually snowballing into the regular monthly events we know today.

Hazel is supported by a loyal team of volunteers who give their time and energy to make each sale possible. Donations come from people dropping items off, while Hazel also offers local collections for those unable to deliver them. Many donations come through referrals and house clearances.

Most items find a new home through the jumble sales, but occasionally, more unusual or valuable donations are taken to the local auction, with the proceeds going to that month's chosen charity. Hazel attends the auctions with her neighbour and close friend, Sheila. She says she gets a real buzz from watching the auctioneer sell the donated items, especially when they achieve more than expected.

Hazel admits that organising the sales is hard work, but seeing the money handed over to the chosen charity after each sale makes it all worthwhile. Her dedication, alongside the generosity of local people and the commitment of her volunteers, is a wonderful example of community spirit in action.

A huge thank you to Hazel, Sheila, Ophelia and all the volunteers who help keep the jumble sales going and make such a positive difference to so many charities.



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**.

October Jumble raised a wonderful £640.82 in aid of Prospect House Hospice
November – No Jumble Sale
December 5th in aid of St. John the Baptist Church, Padworth
January 2nd in aid of Padworth Village Hall



Charities the Jumble Sale has supported over recent years:

- Padworth Village Hall
- Padworth Church
- Save the Children (Local Branch)
- St Michaels Hospice Basingstoke
- Alexander Devine Children's Hospice
- Wessex Cancer Trust
- Thames Valley Air Ambulance
- Kingsclere Group Riding for the Disabled
- Royal Berkshire Hospital Radio
- RNLI
- Prospect Hospice in Wroughton

Finding the Magic of Christmas in Lapland

By Laura Dean, The Travel Design Company

For many families, a trip to Lapland to meet Father Christmas is one of those childhood dreams that feels almost too magical to be real. Snow-covered forests, reindeer pulling sleighs through the trees and the anticipation of finally meeting the man himself combine to create an experience that children remember for years to come.

But not all Lapland holidays are the same. From the familiar festive atmosphere of Santa Claus Village to secluded forest encounters and cosy log cabins surrounded by snow, there are many different ways to experience this corner of the Arctic. Choosing the right destination and experiences can make all the difference, particularly when there is so much more to discover beyond the visit to Father Christmas itself.

Rovaniemi: the home of Father Christmas

For the classic Christmas experience, Rovaniemi in Finnish Lapland is an obvious starting point. Known as the official hometown of Santa Claus, Santa Claus Village sits on the Arctic Circle and offers the chance to meet Father Christmas, visit his post office and send a letter home with a special Arctic Circle postmark.

There is a wonderful festive atmosphere here, particularly in December, with snowy paths, Christmas lights and the excitement of families arriving from around the world. Beyond the village itself, there are opportunities to meet reindeer, try husky rides and explore the surrounding winter landscape.

Santa Claus Village is open throughout the year, but winter is when it feels most like stepping into a Christmas story. It is also worth remembering that Rovaniemi is a real Arctic town, not simply a Christmas attraction, with forests, rivers and wilderness just beyond its centre.

A more secret encounter in the forest

For those who imagine a quieter, more intimate meeting with Father Christmas, there are other possibilities. Across Finnish Lapland, selected experiences take families into the forest to meet Father Christmas in a secluded cabin or woodland setting, sometimes with elves, festive activities and the chance to enjoy a warming drink beside the fire.

These encounters can feel particularly magical for younger children, when the journey through the snow becomes part of the story itself. The experience varies considerably between providers, so it is worth looking carefully at what is offered and choosing something that feels right for your family rather than assuming every visit will be the same.

Choosing where to stay

Lapland is not one single destination, and where you stay can shape the whole experience. Rovaniemi offers convenient access to Santa Claus Village and a good choice of activities, while Levi combines festive experiences with a lively ski resort and opportunities to explore the surrounding countryside.

Further north, places such as Saariselkä offer a quieter Arctic setting, with snowy forests, open fells and a wonderful sense of space. Here, the appeal may be as much about the landscape and time spent outdoors as it is about meeting Father Christmas.

Accommodation can make a real difference, too. A traditional log cabin tucked among the trees creates a very different atmosphere from a hotel close to the main attractions. Some families will love the convenience of being near the action; others may prefer somewhere peaceful to return to after a day in the snow. There is no single right answer, but it is worth thinking about the kind of Christmas experience you want before deciding where to stay.

When is the best time to visit?

December is an understandably popular time to visit, when the festive atmosphere is at its height. However, late November and January can also offer wonderful winter experiences, depending on the dates & activities you have in mind.

Snow conditions vary from year to year, and while Lapland is well known for its winter landscapes, no particular date can guarantee perfect conditions. The Northern Lights are another possible highlight, but they are a natural phenomenon and sightings can never be promised.

For families with school-age children, the Christmas holiday period may be the obvious choice, but travelling earlier in December can sometimes offer a different pace. Whatever the timing, warm clothing, sensible layers and time to enjoy the outdoors are essential. Many organised experiences provide thermal suits and boots, although it is always worth checking what is included.

Making the magic last

Perhaps the most important thing when planning a Lapland trip is not to try to do everything. It can be tempting to fill each day with husky rides, reindeer safaris, snowmobiling and festive activities, but some of the simplest moments can become the most memorable.

Building a snowman outside your cabin, watching the sky change colour in the afternoon, listening to the crunch of snow beneath your feet or sharing hot chocolate after an adventure can be every bit as special as the headline experiences.

It is also worth thinking about what will capture each child's imagination. For some, meeting Father Christmas will be the moment they have been waiting for all year. Others may be more excited by the huskies, the reindeer or the prospect of exploring a snowy forest. Allowing time for those individual interests can make the trip feel much more personal.







WHATEVER. THE. WEATHER

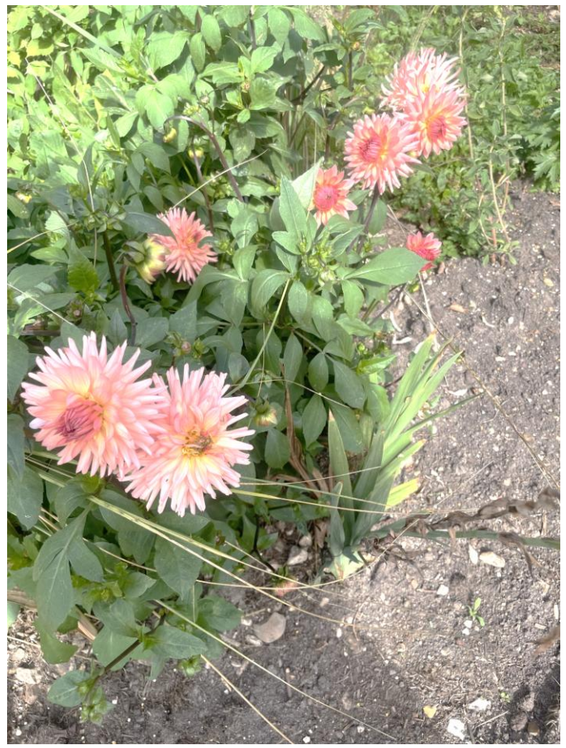
I must apologise for missing last month, but I was recovering from a trip to hospital. To my amazement the operation was carried out by a robot not the surgeon. What a world. So I now have to careful for several weeks and gardening is a no no. I do walk around and make a list of jobs for the future. I will definitely leave all the dead looking shrubs until Spring, and see what surprises and pleases me by putting on fresh growth. I foresee a lot of cutting back. I have ordered quite a few young plants that are said to be drought tolerant, Osteospernums, Lavenders, Sea Hollies, Verbenas, Hardy Geraniums, Euphorbias, Agastache. I will also cover the ground with a really thick layer of mulch. Bulbs like our very stony ground so I have another 500 of different varieties to plant.

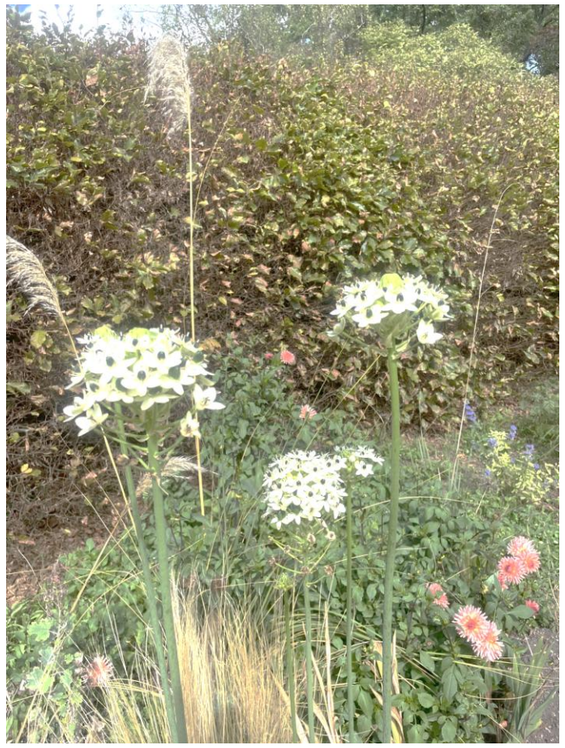
The lawns completely died and now need a good scarifying, something I can't do yet. After the rain finally arrived the lawns became green, not with grass, very little of that showing, but with wildflowers, Yarrow, Sorrel and Cats Ears. The seed must have been in the ground for years. I now have to decide whether to leave things alone, or scarify the lot and reseed with grass. Decisions !

I will not be tempted to cut the hedges this year but I will use the small trimmer to tidy up the topiary.

In flower at the moment are the Dahlias, who have really welcomed the real water, ie rain, and have lots of flowers, the Rudbeckias, Delphiniums, and Rhododendron Christmas Cheer. This Rhodie is supposed to flower in February and March, so why now and why call it
Christmas ? My star, literally, is The Tall Star of Bethlehem, Ornithogalum arabicum, also known as Arab's Eye and Lesser Cape Lily. From a bulb tennis ball size it has grown many thick long upright leaves, a five foot tall stem with an orange sized flower on top. This amazes me as to where it finds the nutrients in this ground to grow so tall and floriferous.

Raining now, so time for a groan.
I was taken by taxi to the laundrette, a journey of only two miles and charged £50, it felt like I was taken to the cleaners.
What's made out of leather and sounds like a sneeze ? A shoe.
If you order an axe from France and have it shipped, you will have a foreign accent.
Who can drink five litres of petrol and not die ? Jerry Can.
Keep warm and dry, and rejoice in the rain.
Mike Warner





'PADWORTH PAST'

Rabbits, rabbits, rabbits ….

If we hear the word rabbit we probably immediately think of the lovely, furry creatures which make great domestic pets and are beloved by children and adults alike. However, historically, rabbits were very much part of our economy and indeed our sustenance. The Romans farmed rabbits (cuniculture) introducing them into Britain by the 1st century AD. The Normans then re-introduced them around the 12th century, as they had struggled with our cold climate.

Medieval monks used rabbits for meat and fur and reputedly ate newborns during Lent as they were classified by the Church as 'aquatic' or 'fish-like'. At this time, rabbit-keeping was often tied to manorial rights or monastic control.

During the Industrial Revolution, rabbits became a cheap urban food source and by the 19th century Victorians had started to breed them for shows and competitions.

Did you know, then, that Padworth had its own warren on land opposite Hatch Farm towards Oxenheath on Padworth Common, by the 'A' Clump? There is historically a 1663 lease for 'Cunny Burrowes', referring to this land which was used for breeding and keeping rabbits. This 7-year lease was granted by Samuel Brightwell (Padworth) to Humfry Marsh of Aldermaston. The yearly rent was

'twenty and five cupples of large good and sweet cunnies weekly or otherwise as and when the Lessor had need for them …. and to be delivered to his house in Padworth. At the end of the Lease the Burrowes should be given up in good order, stocked with at least two dozen cunnies.'

A nearby wooded area bordering the Padworth Common road is still known as the Old Warren.

The rabbits were kept in artificial earthworks/enclosures called pillow-mounds or warrens. These were long mounds of soft earth with a firm rubble base for drainage and to stop deep burrowing. This in turn encouraged breeding and made culling easier. A single rabbit could be worth more than a labourer's daily wage and often Professional Warren Protectors lived on site as the rabbits were so highly prized for their meat and fur, the latter often used to trim the robes of the elite.

By the 18th century, many rabbits had broken out and then become food for the poor. As agriculture intensified and the Ground Game Act of 1880 removed protection and management of the pillow mounds, many were abandoned and ploughed up. This is probably what happened to a large extent at Padworth.

Delia Potter

DOWN ON THE FARM – RAIN!

I asked for more rain and now we are getting it!

On October 21st, I measured 40ml (1½ ins) of **rain** in my rain-gauge, with more to come over the next few days. Reading from my farm diary, in 1976 following a prolonged summer of drought, it never stopped raining and we had a really wet winter. Will it happen again this year?

We are currently waiting for our contractor to come and lift the **fodder beet**, an important cash crop for us. We have a large area to harvest, around 100-400 hectares and lifting conditions are perfect at the moment. If all goes well, we expect to sow **winter wheat** immediately afterwards. The soil should be in ideal condition as harvesting the beet involves moving the top 8 inches of soil. But NOT TOO much rain, please. (You can never satisfy some people!)

NEWS

During the past week, we have had a **collective farm machinery sale**. Any local farmer or related business can enter and offer for sale any items of interest to buyers. Items ranged from modern tractors, sprayers, drills, cultivators, trailers, plus more vintage editions, fencing materials, gates, barriers, feeders' engines and tyres - plus a large array of useful spare parts. There were more than 700 entries.

In former years, the sale day was a large social event with hundreds of interested people arriving at the site where all the entries were laid out on display with their allotted numbers. The professional auctioneer would proceed in numerical order to offer and sell each individual lot. It was a very jolly occasion, meeting up for a chat with old and new friends and exchanging news and views. It's all changed now. The whole process takes place online. It is very impersonal but very efficient and much less time-consuming for all parties involved. There is no printed catalogue and no contact between auctioneer and clients. Bids are registered and recorded in the auctioneer's office online and the successful bidder is then notified. You can follow the bidding and bid live online as well.

Our congratulations and thanks must go to **Angus Hodge**, the farmer of Old Farm, Padworth, who has driven twice to Ukraine to deliver a pick-up vehicle loaded with essential supplies. He plans to go there again soon. Well done. We are certain that your efforts are very well appreciated.

From our Agricultural Correspondent

ALDERMASTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term our Collective Worship theme is Curiosity – one of our three school values, the others are Compassion and Courage. Throughout the term, children are being encouraged to be curious about themselves, other people, the world around them and the bigger questions of life and faith. We are exploring what it means to ask thoughtful questions, listen carefully to the ideas of others, seek truth and remain open to learning.

We are also continuing to use our Windows, Mirrors and Doors approach to spirituality. Children are encouraged to look outwards at the world (Windows), reflect on what this means for them personally (Mirrors) and consider how they might respond through their choices and actions (Doors).

Our dedicated PTA team has arranged another successful Glitter and Glow Disco which was much enjoyed by the children and adults alike. Other exciting activities are planned for later in the term.

We held another Family Learning Morning which was well attended. The curriculum topic this time was Science, and parents were able to see how the subject is taught across the different classes and to get involved with various experiments including dissolving sugar in water and creating a puppet show.

Finally, a reminder that we have an Open Morning on Tuesday 10th November 9.15-10.15am for prospective families. See the school website for more information. Do come along and see what makes our school such a special place to learn, grow and belong.
Cathy Jones, Foundation Governor



Aldermaston Parish Council – Notes of Meeting - 13 October 2026

Open Forum
Dave Shirt - our highly respected colleague, Dave Shirt, resigned. He has been a Councillor for 33 years including a 14-year stint as Chairman. APC is proposing to make him a Freeman of the Parish in recognition of his exemplary contribution.

Two residents expressed concerns about unauthorised development

Citizens Advice West Berkshire helps clients with issues such as debt, housing and benefits, and last year 45 Aldermaston residents used the service. The CA relies on charitable funding and had made a grant request to APC; later in the meeting we agreed a contribution of £200.

West Berkshire Library Service gave a presentation explaining library services for PCs. For a fee Pop-Up libraries can be set up in the community—bookshelves with access linked to suitable events like coffee mornings. The PC like the idea of improving access to books and will consider whether the services could work in our Parish. There is also an At Home Service for housebound individuals. We requested more information to share with our residents.

Planning
We agreed:
Objection to 21 applications for traveller pitches at the Reading Road site
No Objection to an extension in Heron Way
No Comment to the discharge of a SuDS Condition at Young's.
WBC had approved an extension at Church Lodge

Appeals
Young's had partial success in appealing a Section 73 application to remove planning conditions.
A revised Enforcement Notice for the Reading Road travellers site
A revised Enforcement Notice for Padworth Sawmills. We will issue a written response to this.

Under enforcement we noted two probable planning breaches on Paices Hill—the storage of tyres at the car supermarket and open-air waste at Aldermaston Recycling. Both sites require Environment Agency permits so we will contact the agency to check rules and regulations are being adhered to.

Other Matters
The following will be raised with the relevant agencies:
A loose manhole cover on Wasing Lane
Anti-social behaviour and damage to the Kestrels Mead playground
A caravan illegally parked on Winkworth Lane

AWE
The next AWE LLC meeting is on 4 November and AWE has agreed a contact person to liaise with our Local Councils FMC Group. Separately our Ward Councillor Dominic Boeck will raise concerns about the FMC development at the next Full Council meeting of WBC.

The Rec
We agreed a quote for tree works on the Rec

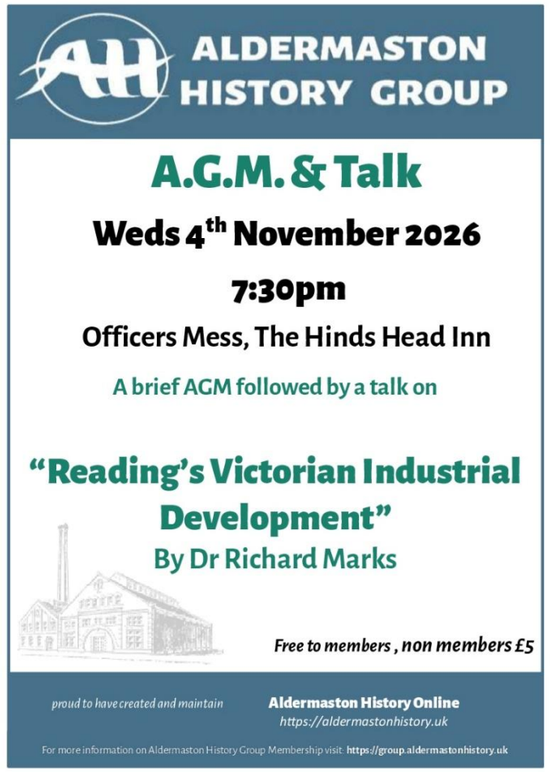
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Next meeting
Tuesday 10 November – at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
All parishioners welcome

Sophie Crawford
Chairman
For details visit https://aldermaston-pc.gov.uk/









ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 10 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
RAFFLE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE TO BUY
The Christmas Bazaar is a key community event for fundraising, fellowship & fun. Donations We are looking for donations for stalls: handicrafts, bottles, toiletries, sweets, conserves, chocolate, items for the home & garden stall, raffle prizes etc. Cakes can be delivered the evening before/on the day. Donations of time & assistance are also very welcome. Thank you. Churchwarden





Padworth Village Hall – Fundraising for upgrades to the kitchen

We have some exciting plans for improvements to the kitchen facilities, if you would like to learn more or make a donation.
Please email info@padworthvillagehall.co.uk for more details on how to donate.



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



Tea Rooms Aldermaston Wharf

Opening hours: Tuesday – Sunday
9.30am – 4pm

tearoomsaldermaston@gmail.com

WEST BERKS FOOD BANK

See www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk for full details of requests.
Collection from Tesco Burghfield, Co-Op Mortimer or 07955 626621.
Requested: savoury biscuits, baby wipes, toilet cleaner, toilet roll, tinned fruit, instant noodles, mug shots, cuppa soup, cereal, deodorant.

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Environment Agency (24hr)	0800 807060	
Ladies at Lunch – Caroline Givan	07808 400843	caroline.givan@gmail.com
Mobile Library	01635519827	
Neighbourhood Watch		
Neighbourhood Watch Police	101	
• Rectory Road – Mike Warner	01189700391	
Network Rail 24 hr Helpline	08457 114141	
Newsletter		**padworthnewsletter@yahoo.com**

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Environmental Health	01635 519192	
Fly Tipping & Waste	01635 519080	
West Berkshire Libraries	www.westberks.gov/libraries	library@westberks.gov.uk

Burghfield Common Library

0118 983 3632

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

Monday	1-5pm
Wednesday	10.30am-5pm
Thursday	2pm-6pm
Friday	10.30am-5pm
Saturday	10am-12.30pm

Thatcham Library

01635 866049

Opening Hours

Monday	9.30am-5pm
Tuesday	9.30am-5pm
Thursday	9.30am-5pm
Friday	9am-5.30pm
Saturday	10am-12.30pm