

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER 2020

3 rd		Prescription Rota – Clare Rankin 670703
6 th	10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
17 th		Prescription Rota – John Feilding 678390
20 th	3pm	Nativity Service round the village and in St Peter's Church
21 st	8pm	Online Village Christmas Quiz.
23 rd	6pm	Carol Singing on the Rec if allowed. See below.
25 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion for Christmas Day at St Peter's
31 st		Prescription Rota – Sandra Wilkins 670229

DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY 2021

3 rd	8.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
14 th		Prescription rota – Michele Johnson 670770
17 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
28 th		Prescription rota – Lilian Smith Vincent 670767
		Book Club – Where the Crawdads Sing

A reduced Mobile Library Service is currently in operation. Staff can select up to 4 books per customer to be collected from designated locations around Warwickshire. To arrange a collection of books, contact the Mobile Library Team on 01926 851031 [or mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk).

All the information in this edition of the newsletter is correct at the time of going to press. However, in these extraordinary times the one thing we can be sure of is that things will change, often without much warning. If you want to keep up to date with village matters there are four systems set up to help.

1. The village Facebook page , "Radway Village Community". Contact Sophie to get something posted. sophiestephens@radwayparishcouncil.org.uk
2. An email circulation list, contact Sophie with your email address (we promise not to bombard you with marketing or sell your details on!)
3. For those of you with smartphones and the 'WhatsApp' app there is a village info and support group. Contact Lilian on 670767 to be added.
4. Notices will be added to the notice board on the bus shelter.

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Radway Village Christmas 2020

The Festive Season and the Church

You will shortly receive a Christmas card from St Peter's Church which tells you of a variety of services over Christmas, both here in the village and around the area. As you will see, the Christmas Day Communion service at St Peter's Church in Radway will be held at 10.30 am. All will be very welcome.

In previous years we have had a Christingle service in the church which has been popular with the children. Sadly, we cannot hold that this year, but plans are afoot for a Christmas story activity on the 20th December, aimed at families with young children. Some of the advent windows around the village will tell parts of the nativity story, and displays in the church by our talented flower-arranging team will help us remember the events of Christ's birth. Nearer the time we will be providing more details and asking families to book a place.

Radway Advent Windows

Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered to do an Advent window. There will be windows dotted around the village from 1st December and in the church from Saturday 19th December. We hope you enjoy walking round our beautiful village and admiring them. Many of the windows will have at least one star in the display, so do encourage the children to count the Christmas stars! We are also raising money for Helen & Douglas House children's hospice and if you would like to make a donation please go to : www.justgiving.com/fundraising/radwaylightupdecember2020. These details and an Advent calendar map are enclosed with the newsletter.

Parish Council news

Outdoor table tennis The Parish Council's application for a grant of £400 from Warwickshire County Council towards the cost of an outdoor table

tennis table has been successful. This will cover the majority of the cost with balance being met equally between the Chamber's Trust and the Parish Council. The table will be sited on the hard-standing area of the recreation ground.

Public footpaths In an attempt to lessen the muddy paths around the village laying bark will be used on the very popular paths to counteract the mud. The pathway by the cartwash again has been flooded and this has been reported to County Highways. Please notify Clare Rankin of any issues concerned with the public footpaths around the village.

Clearing grids Ensuring that the grids are clear of leaves is particularly important at this time of year to reduce the risk of floods. Residents are requested to regularly check that grids near their properties are clear.

Old Graveyard The new bench has now been installed on a temporary base and the daffodil bulbs have been planted. A grant application will be submitted soon to Cotswold National Landscape, to cover the cost of further improvements which will include the removal of a sycamore and ivy bush, a permanent base for the bench and an information board, as well surveying the headstones and securing the listed headstone.

Village Christmas tree We are very grateful to Hadsham Farm, Horley for their generous support in providing this year's Christmas tree for a donation of £20 to their village charity, The Michael Harding Trust.

Parish Council Meeting It is planned to hold a virtual meeting across the internet on Thursday 21st January at 8.00pm using Zoom. Members of the public can join the meeting if they have access to the internet and Zoom. The details for joining the meeting can be obtained from the Ian Wilson, the Parish Clerk on 07725 071616 or clerk@radwayparishcouncil.org.uk.

Film Nights

Film nights are still on hold and will remain so until the rules about social gatherings change. Sadly we don't expect to be showing films until 2021. Rob and Jim have got lots of DVDs that villagers are able to borrow. Please contact them if you are interested, Rob (07920 107486) Jim (07802 411943)

REG (Radway Events Group)

A Christmas online quiz is planned for Monday 21st at 8pm. Hopefully we may be able to form small teams at home to take part in a quiz of all things festive. Contact Lilian 670767 if you want to have a go!

Carol singing on the Recreation ground on December 23rd at 6pm

If things return to what they were before the present lockdown, we will be able to gather on the Rec to listen to/join in with carols relayed by outdoor speakers from the village hall.

The recreation ground will be decorated with lights and all are requested to bring lanterns etc. to create a festive atmosphere.

Everyone will be asked to remain socially distanced within their household or small group of 6 and should bring their own refreshments.

If we can go ahead, we do hope you will come along and make this a memorable evening- different, but we hope still a joyous gathering.

Last minute information on this will be posted on the village WhatsApp group, Facebook page, email tree and village noticeboard.

Face masks

Doreen Brown would like residents to know that she has made a donation to Myton Hospice from the sales of face masks she made and sold in and outside the village. If anyone needs a new face mask, feel free to contact Doreen who is happy to make more.

Christmas cards

The Christmas post box for internal Radway cards will be erected by the bus stop on December 11th. The collection will be at 6pm on the 18th after which the cards will be delivered around the village by volunteers. Please put the full name on the envelope as we had a few puzzles last year!! A donation of 10p per card is invited, please put the money in an envelope in the post box. Over the last few years, an alternative 'tradition' has led to people displaying one card, with a message to all their village friends, on the display board at the back of the bus stop, and giving a donation to charity.

And Finally.....

As is traditional, there will be no separate newsletter for January as your editor and distributors take a well-earned rest. May we be some of the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!