

## DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2021

11 <sup>th</sup>		Prescription Rota – Babs Grenet 670978
24 <sup>th</sup>		Book Club by Zoom : A Thousand Splendid Suns – Khaled Hosseini
25 <sup>th</sup>		Prescription Rota – Michele Johnson 670770

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).

As your monthly newsletter drops through your door, it seems a good time to say thank you to our distributors: Michele, Puffin, Jenny, Julie, Clare and Alison. We really appreciate your commitment to keeping everyone informed.

Remember, if you want to keep up to date with village matters, even between newsletters, there are four systems set up to help.

1. The village Facebook page , “Radway Village Community”. Contact Sophie on [sophiestephens@radwayparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:sophiestephens@radwayparishcouncil.org.uk) to get something posted.
2. An email circulation list, used by the Parish Council to circulate useful bits of information. Contact Sophie on the address above and ask her to add your email to the list. (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.

## RADWAY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021

**A Happy and Peaceful New Year to You All**

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### Parish Council News

The Christmas decorations, the post box and the lit-up tree have disappeared, and it is time to thank the people who delivered the cards and those who put on an outdoor display of lights and decorations to cheer us all. Thank you too to the organizers of the Advent Windows project and to the many households that took part. The village looked gorgeous throughout December and we raised the fantastic sum of £200 for Helen & Douglas House. To put our fundraising into context, this could be used to pay for an ‘animal afternoon’ at the hospice when the children get to meet lambs, rabbits, baby chicks and ducklings.

Thank you to Hadsham Farm in Horley for donating a magnificent Christmas tree this year, and thanks also to Yve and Steve Freer for providing the lights and supplying the power for these.

**Outdoor table tennis** The table is now in place and looks great! A lockable receptacle will soon be placed at the back of the village hall where four bats and balls will be stored. Please contact any Parish Councillor for the code for the lock to access the bats and balls and disinfectant wipes. Please wipe the bats and balls before you use them and when you return them after you’ve had a game.

**Old Graveyard** The grant application to Cotswold National Landscape has been approved and £1,400 has been given. This will enable further improvements; the sycamore and ivy bush have now been removed. The removal of the sycamore reveals the only visible remains of the old St Peter’s church. We look forward to the appearance of the daffodils in the spring.

**A Radway Community Allotment?** There is plenty of evidence that working on a community project is good for us and when that involves being in the fresh air, growing fresh produce, sharing experience across all age ranges, then the benefits just multiply!  
So, could Radway support a Community Allotment? Would you like to be involved in some way? No need for gardening or allotment experience, although plenty of opportunities for those with green fingers.  
We will shortly be emailing out a Survey to gauge interest. Please do complete and return, and this just might be the start of a flourishing community enterprise!

(This is a link is to an article extolling the benefits of Community Allotments: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/get-involved/community-gardening/why>)

**Climate Change** We would like to start a conversation in our village about Climate change. We all know that Climate Change is a Global Challenge, temperatures are getting warmer, ice caps are melting and sea levels are rising. Sometimes this can seem far removed from our everyday lives, particularly when we live in a small village. How can one person's actions make a difference? We want to start a multi generational group (kids are invited) that can focus on local initiatives, whether big or small. Things that Radway can do to build a sustainable community or make a change to our climate, "stick by stick we build a bundle". Please contact Penny on 07976 179834 [pennyg34@gmail.com](mailto:pennyg34@gmail.com) if you or a member of your household would like to be involved.

### **Village Hall Committee**

A new infra-red heating system has been installed, and is controlled by a clever timing device that means the heating goes on automatically half an hour before your booking. This means it is lovely and warm and welcoming as you walk in. The floor has also been repolished and looks very smart, so when at last we are able to use the Hall again for village events, you can be assured of a warm welcome!

The Committee is applying for planning permission to put secondary glazing in the Village Hall to improve the heating even further.

### **Litter Along Our Lanes**

Litter picking in the village.....a big thank you to the families and individuals who continue to keep our beautiful village free from litter. A reminder: It is a criminal offence for a person to drop, throw down, leave or deposit litter in a public place. Fines can be imposed by the police for such littering, but the Parish Council would hope that such measures would not be necessary. All of us are responsible for keeping our lovely village looking its best, so please take your litter home!

### **News from the Radway Events Group (REG)**

We all look forward to the time when we can gather together again and have a jolly good party! With this in mind, members of REG got together by Zoom and discussed ideas for when current restrictions are lifted. The next Zoom meeting to plan events will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April, from the comfort of your own home. All interested residents are welcome to attend; we are always looking for new ideas (and volunteers!) Contact Lilian on 670767 and she will send you the link nearer the time.

Even before that happens, there is a Valentines Quiz (by Zoom) arranged for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. If you would be interested in taking part, please let Rob Cooper know on 07920 107486.

### **Easter Egg Trail**

Following the success of our Halloween Pumpkin Trail and Advent Windows, the REG group thought it might be fun to arrange an Easter Egg trail around the village. It would be lovely if we could decorate our windows or front gardens the week before Easter and add some chocolate treats for the Easter weekend. If you would like to get involved, please let Clare (670703) or Alison (678321) know.

### **Chambers Trust Help Available for Radway Children**

The Chambers Trust has some funding available if any children in the village are in need of device to help with school work during this current Lockdown.

Please contact Clare Rankin 670703 or [clarerankin@aol.com](mailto:clarerankin@aol.com)