

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER 2022

1 st		Prescription Rota – Julia Douthwaite 670528
4 th	8.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
6 th	12.25 pm	Mobile Library visit to the bus stop.
11 th	3pm	Interactive Nativity Service in St Peter's Church Church bells will be rung.
15 th		Prescription Rota – - Mish Dunne 670391
23 rd	6pm	Christmas parties for children and adults. Carols round the tree. (see text in newsletter)
24 th	1.40 pm	Church bells will be rung.
25 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion for Christmas Day at St Peter's
29 th		Prescription Rota – Clare Rankin 670703

DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY 2023

3 rd	12.25 pm	Mobile Library visit to the bus stop.
12 th	7.30 pm	REG planning meeting in the Village Hall Prescription rota – John Feilding 07718 037142
15 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
19 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall. All residents welcome.
24 th	12.25 pm	Mobile Library visit to the bus stop.
26 th		Prescription rota – Sandra Wilkins 670229
29 th	10.30 am	Benefice Communion service at Shotteswell Church

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Parish Council News

Acorn Bioenergy Anaerobic Digestion

The open meeting held in the village hall on 10th November was attended by over 40 residents. The views expressed were overwhelmingly against the planning application for an anaerobic digester. The Parish Council has formally objected to the application and has encouraged as many residents as possible to object as well. Over 1000 objections have been sent to Stratford-on-Avon District Council. A decision on the application will be made in the New Year.

The Old Graveyard, Westend

In spite of the inclement weather the unveiling of the interpretation was well attended with over 50 people present. The information provided on the interpretation panel has been very well received.

Precept 2023/24

The precept for 2022/23 was increased by 2% giving a total income of £12,060.00. The inflationary pressure on residents will be considerable in the coming year given that inflation is currently 11.1%. It was therefore agreed that the percentage increase to the precept is maintained at the same level as in 2022/23, that is 2%.

The Stratford Energy Support Fund 2022

The scheme is administered and managed by Act on Energy on behalf of Stratford-on-Avon District Council who are offering financial support this winter for vulnerable households who are struggling to pay their energy bills. All homeowners, private rented tenants and housing

association/Council tenants, can apply or be referred for fuel vouchers or fuel payments if they:

- Live in the Stratford-on-Avon District
- Have a combined gross household income of no more than £30,000.00 per year.
- Have no household savings
- Have someone living in the home with a vulnerability

If you satisfy ALL the 4 criteria above, you can apply for support through the Stratford Energy Support Fund. To register for the fund complete and submit the 'Online Expression of Interest form' at <https://actonenergy.org.uk/project/energy-support-fund/> For any other queries please contact 0800 988 2881.

Conserving and enhancing Dark Skies

Dark Skies are important for landscape, heritage, wildlife, recreation and enjoyment and health and wellbeing. Dark Skies are an identified "Special Quality" of our designated landscape but they are under continued pressure from increasing light pollution from commercial and domestic security lighting, development and street lighting. The Cotswold National Landscape (CNL) is seeking the Parish Council's view on the importance of dark skies and whether there is support for doing more. Please let any Parish Councillor know your views on Dark Skies.

The Festive Season and the Church

Come and join us for the Nativity Service at St Peter's at 3pm on Sunday 11th December where there will be mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies afterwards. This will be a new format this year and people of all ages are welcome, but especially our older and younger residents who like to dress up for the occasion, and help us tell the story of Jesus' birth.

As always, there will be a collection of children's used toys and books that are in good condition and wrapped in festive paper. These are donated to the Warwickshire Integrated Disability Service whose staff use these gifts as an aid to their work of assessing and supporting children who have developmental difficulties. Please label your gift to indicate what age child the gift is suitable for.

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.

On Friday 23rd December, everyone is encouraged to gather round the village tree near the bus shelter to sing carols at 6.00 pm. Any children who come are encouraged to dress up as characters from the Christmas story. Carol sheets will be provided, but you might like to bring a torch.

Please come along and join us, and then come over the road to the Village Party in the Hall. This delightful event will start at approximately 6.45pm, and we hope to see lots of residents there of all ages. If you have friends and relations staying for Christmas, do bring them along too. Please bring a bottle, and some food to share.

Following on from last year's Advent Christmas Tree trail, Julia Winter has organised a display of Festive Windows and Gardens for us all to enjoy. See the list below for the dates these will go live. There will be a map in the bus shelter if you are unsure of road names.

Radway Village Hall

The Village Hall Trustees are pleased to confirm that, despite costs increasing, we are able to hold prices of renting the hall at current rates for another year. Our hall is one of the best value, and equipped, in the local area, and we are delighted it is being used for an increasing number of family events and parties.

If you would like to book the hall, please contact Jackie Dobbs on the hall booking number - 07387 312365

Mobile Library

It is wonderful to be able to report that the Mobile Library bus has returned to Radway. It will visit every three weeks and park by the bus stop between 12.25 and 12.45. The visits will be listed in the diary dates on the back of this newsletter.

We very nearly lost this service for good, so do please make use of it.

REG (Radway Events Group)

Our next planned event is a Beetle Drive to be held in the Hall on February 10th. Save the date in your diary now!

The next REG planning meeting will be in the Village Hall on January 12th. Everyone is welcome, so do please come along and help us plan some more interesting and exciting events for our village.

Calling all photographers

Following on from the photo competitions that we had during lockdown, Jim has volunteered to continue the great work done by Mike and run similar competitions throughout 2023. So get your cameras and mobiles ready and get out there snapping. Here are the topics for each month;

Jan – Winter scene Feb – What is it? March – Animals in our fields
Apr – Easter May – Spring in Radway June – Pets of Radway
July – Radway from a distance Aug – Summer flowers
Sept – Radway sunsets Oct – Autumn in Radway
November – Halloween Dec – Christmas time in Radway

Post your photos to the village WhatsApp page or direct to Jim McCartan on jimmccartan@hotmail.com. To join the Whatsapp group, contact Lilian on 670767.

Photos will be circulated for voting at the end of each month. The top 3 each month will be displayed in the bus shelter.

Christmas cards

The Christmas post box for internal Radway cards will be in place by the bus stop on December 15th. A donation of 10p per card is invited, please put the money in an envelope in the post box. The collection will be at 5pm on the 20th, after which the cards will be delivered around the village by volunteers. If you would like to help deliver these cards, please contact Michele on Mich@tysoe.net.

Over the last few years, an alternative ‘tradition’ has led to people displaying one card, with a message to all their friends, on the display board at the back of the bus stop, and giving a donation to charity. You may like to hang a decoration up too.

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!

Radway Advent Trail 2022

December	House
1 st	Belasyse – Farnborough Road
2 nd	Hemp Cottage - Langdon Lane
3 rd	Rose Cottage – Tysoe Road
4 th	The Holmes – Farnborough Road
5 th	The New Farmhouse – Farnborough Road
6 th	Grange Stables – Tysoe Road
7 th	Old School House – Tysoe Road
8 th	Oriel Cottage – Tysoe Road
9 th	The Hermitage – West End
10 th	Grange Cottage – Tysoe Rd
11 th	2 Stable Mews (Off Langdon Lane)
12 th	Astley House – Stable Mews (Off Langdon Lane)
13 th	1 The Green
14 th	Shakesfield - Tyose Road
15 th	Gunby Hall – Langdon Lane
16 th	Sunbeam cottage – Tysoe Road
17 th	Lane to Ivy Lodge (next to Oriel Cottage)
18 th	11 The Green
19 th	Pear Tree Cottage – Farnborough Road
20 th	Old Post Office – Tysoe Rd
21 st	Fairfax House – Old Stable Yard (Off Langdon Lane)
22 nd	Rose Cottage - West End
23 rd	Village tree - next to the bus stop
24 th	Radway Church windows and crib