

DIARY DATES FOR JULY and AUGUST 2026

JULY

5 th	8.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
7 th	11.30 to 11.50	Mobile Library at the bus stop
9 th		Prescription Rota – Babs Grenet 670978
19 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Compton Verney Cycling Triathlon
23 rd	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall. All are welcome. Prescription Rota — Mish Dunne 670391

AUGUST

4 th	11.30 – 11.50	Mobile Library at the bus stop
9 th		Prescription Rota Sandra Wilkins 670229
16 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
20 th		Prescription Rota – John Feilding 07718 037142
27 th	7.30 pm	REG meeting in the Village Hall All welcome.

Cricket News

We are delighted to say that Radway's family friendly fun cricket day was enjoyed

by all ages. Traditional half time tea and cakes by Hilary and Clare. (Amazing) huge thank you. We thank everyone who contributed to this event and all who came. Bbq chef did a great job too. Yes we hope to do it again.

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Parish Council News

Parish Assembly

Thank you to everyone who came to the Parish Assembly on 28th May. It was a very interactive meeting with lots of lively discussion around issues that concern residents. The main topics discussed were;

- Speeding – what can be done to ensure vehicles do not drive through the village at excessive speed. Village Gates, traffic surveys and signage were all discussed. The Parish Council will investigate these and other measures. It is worth reminding all drivers that the 30mph limit is just that, a limit, but a slower speed is often appropriate depending on the size of your vehicle, the visibility you have (especially around parked cars) and the weather conditions. We all have a responsibility to keep Radway a safe place for road users and pedestrians alike.
- Parish Plan – The Parish Council gave a presentation on what a Parish Plan is and whether Radway needs one. There was much discussion on the merits of such an idea and the effort required to create one. In the end it was agreed that the PC should pursue the idea, but that community engagement and involvement will be key to its success and adoption.
- Grass Cutting – Grass cutting around the village had not been done for a few weeks in May while the village lawn mower was being serviced. The PC engaged a contractor to cut the grass on the Recreation Ground as a one-off task and are pleased to report that the village mower is now back in operation and will be used regularly to keep the village tidy for the rest of the summer.

As always, the minutes and full details of the Parish Assembly and other Parish Council Meetings, can be found on the Parish Council website at www.radwayparishcouncil.org.uk.

The Compton Verney Triathlon is being held on Sunday 19th July and the route for the cycling will pass through the village. Please be aware that there will be a lot of cyclists riding through the village and on the roads around Compton Verney on that day. Full details of the route can be found on the Compton Verney website.

Church News

The **Radway Grange Open Garden** on Saturday 6th June was a great success. Undaunted by the weather, over 400 people wandered around the stunning gardens (many clutching a glass of Pimms!), bought gorgeous handmade crafts and homegrown plants, and enjoyed a delicious Radway tea. The event raised over £4,700 which is a great start to the church roof restoration fundraising campaign.

Thank you so much to David and Karen Richards for opening their beautiful garden to the public, to Rob and the Grange team for their incredible support, and to everyone who baked cakes, donated plants and volunteered on the day.

In addition to our local fundraising, the Church Roof Project Group, (which is a subgroup of the Parochial Church Council and made up of residents in the village, (namely Clare Rankin, Melanie Mathews, Julia Winter, Alison Hooker, Puffin Pocock, Rob Cooper and Guy Jackson) have also made bids for the greater part of funding to organisations offering dedicated funds for historic buildings, including churches. By mid to late July we hope to have submitted a bid for £250,000 to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Thank you to everyone who has filled in the Church roof survey and offered other supporting information, these will help strengthen our submission. The turnaround time on bids submitted is between 8 - 12 weeks. In addition, we have also submitted an initial expression of interest to Historic England (HE) who have recently opened a fund specifically for places of worship. We will know early in July if they (HE) are inviting us to submit a full bid. The total amount we need just to renew the roof is around £285,000. When we know how successful these applications have been (fingers crossed!) we will be able to make decisions on how to proceed with further fundraising. The application we are submitting focuses strongly on our commitment to preserve a place of worship, a community asset and the home of the Battlefield Exhibition, with its associated links. If we can achieve our primary goal to secure the roof, we can then consider other improvements to the church building and exhibition to make it more accessible and comfortable for all.

Radway Events Group (REG) News

The Desert Island Discs 'talk' with Mish & Martin Dunne was a great success. Rosamund gently guided us through five pieces of music and the memories that they hold for Mish and Martin. The afternoon would not have been complete without some delicious cake and a nice cup of tea! A huge thank you to Mish,

Martin & Rosamund for entertaining us all and to those who helped refreshments.

REG Plans are firming up on events for later in the year, please add these to your diaries!

Progressive Supper – Saturday 12th September

This popular event will start in the village hall at 7pm with drinks and appetizers. Main courses will be served at the homes of willing volunteers – please contact Simon (07740 844304) if you would be happy to host a group of 6 to 8 guests. Desserts and coffee will be served back at the village hall at the end of the evening. It will cost £25 per person, again please contact Simon if you would like to come along to what is always a fun evening.

Apple Pressing & Baking Competition – Saturday 10th October

There will be an exciting new dimension to the annual apple pressing event this year with the addition of a baking competition – Radway's very own Bake Off! Alongside the usual cutting, squeezing and bottling of apples and pears we will be giving villagers a chance to enter categories such as: an apple related baked item, U15 bakers, the 'novice' baker, 6 cup-cakes with a theme, chocolate brownies and brightly coloured cake(s). Don your aprons, dig out your recipe book and enter a cake or two!

Quiz Night – Friday 13th November

Starting at 7:00pm in the village hall with jacket potatoes and fillings we invite you to form teams of four people to join us for an evening of quizzing. The cost will be £10 per person for the quiz and food, please bring along your own drink and sweet treats for the evening.

Looking further ahead to next year, we are thinking of holding an exhibition of old photos and pictures of Radway and the surrounding countryside. If you have any photos you think other villagers would be interested in viewing, please dig them out from the loft, or the back of that cupboard and contact Tim Smith-Vincent (07899 902608).

Editor's note

Traditionally, there is no separate newsletter for August in order to give a holiday to your editor and the trusty distributors. We hope you all have a happy holiday too.