

## DIARY DATES FOR MAY 2026

3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30 am	Holy Communion in St Peter's Church
5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Village Hall
9 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	REG Desert Island Discs in Village Hall – see main text
12 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 – 11.50 am	Mobile Library at the bus shelter
14 <sup>th</sup>		Prescription rota – Sandra Wilkins 670229
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion in St Peter's Church
19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Annual Church Meeting in the Village Hall All are welcome.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	A Quarter Peal of bells will be rung
28 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	Parish Assembly followed by Parish Council AGM and Parish Council meeting. Everyone welcome.

### Your Parish Council

Simon Hooker Chair 07740 844304 Penny Gardner 07976 179834  
 James Stephens 07967 146988 Colin Mathews 07764 178442  
 Helen Hide-Wright [clerk@radwayparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@radwayparishcouncil.org.uk)

Village Hall Booking line – Nicola Steddy on 07766 417302

## RADWAY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER MAY 2026

### Parish Council News

#### Dog Fouling

At the Volunteering Day last month, the litter pickers collected many bags of dog mess that had been left on the verge, or hanging in the hedgerows, from the roads around the village – particularly along Langdon Lane. There are bins strategically placed around the village for dog walkers to deposit these bags. It should not be left to others to collect the bags, so could dog walkers please ensure they tidy up after their dogs and use the bins that have been provided. Thank you.

#### Crisis Resilience Fund

You may be aware that the Government has announced a Crisis Resilience Fund (CRF), which provides additional financial support for low-income residents experiencing financial shock and struggling to meet essential costs.

Warwickshire has been identified as an area with a higher reliance on heating oil and will receive an additional allocation of CRF funding to support people who are facing difficulties with heating oil costs. Initially, support will be provided through the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme, administered by Warwickshire County Council. Each application will be considered on an individual basis, taking account of a person's individual circumstances.

For residents applying for help with heating oil costs, advisers will discuss when they usually purchase oil, how they purchase it, the typical price they would expect to pay, and why they are currently unable to meet the cost. Residents are advised to contact the Local Welfare Scheme on 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182 if they would like to take advantage of this scheme.

#### Defibrillator Training

A reminder that there will be a training session on how to use the defibrillator that is located on the side of the village hall. The training is open to everyone and no prior first aid knowledge is required. The session will last about one and a half

hours and will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the village hall. There is no need to book in advance, just turn up on the night.

### **Parish Assembly**

The annual Parish or Village Assembly will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm in the Village Hall. The Parish Assembly is the opportunity for anyone in the village to come and talk to the Parish Council about any issue or concern they have. Whilst there is no detailed agenda for topics to be discussed the Parish Council would like to discuss the idea of creating a Parish Plan for Radway; what one is, what will be involved in creating one and what it might contain by way of an action plan to identify and prioritize tasks and actions to shape the village over the coming years.

It would be great to hear your views on this important topic, so please put the date in your diary and come along to have your say.

### **Next PC Meeting**

Please note the date of the Next Parish Council Meeting has changed and will now be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall. The evening will start with the Parish Assembly from 6:30pm with the AGM at 7:15 and the regular Parish Council Meeting following the AGM at about 7:30pm. .

### **Radway Village Hall**

Our Village Hall recently held its AGM, where the Trustees reflected on 2025, a year in which the hall hosted around 150 village events: some regular, some occasional, and some one-offs.

In addition to village events we had a pleasing increase in private bookings, both from locals for parties, but also from outside the village, making use of our excellent location. All of these bookings are essential to sustain the hall, as costs, as for everyone, are only going one way. Electricity accounts for over half our expenditure, and has doubled in two years.

Maintenance of our wonderful asset is always a priority, and in 2025 the Trustees repainted all the external wood cladding as well as undertaking numerous indoor jobs.

The Trustees, (Jean Welsby, Jim Brown, John Hutchinson, Mike Trotman, Zanna McKail, and treasurer Julia Douthwaite), would particularly like to thank all those who carried out a tremendous deep clean of the hall during the Community Day.

### **Church News**

#### **Radway Grange Open Gardens – Saturday 6 June**

Planning for this special afternoon is going well and advance tickets are now available to buy at £5 each (under 10's free). To buy your tickets please go to <https://www.radwayevents.co.uk>. If you would prefer to pay cash, please contact Clare or Alison. Tickets on the day will be £7.50 each.

This event is our first big fundraiser for the church roof fund and helps demonstrate our commitment when we are applying for grants. To help make it a great success, please share the details with your family and friends. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help on the day and we still have a few slots available if you would like to join us – the more the merrier! We also need homemade cakes for the tearoom, plants and gardenalia for the gardening stall and raffle prizes. Please let us know if you can help in any way and if you have suggestions as to who we can approach for raffle prizes.

Clare 07976 286037 or 01295 670703 Alison 07831 632864 or 01295 678321

#### **Easter Egg Trail**

This year we again held an Easter Egg Trail around the churchyard, led by Matthew. It was hugely popular: there were 20 children who came along, supported by their parents and grandparents. Everyone hunted down the chocolate eggs, in the church and around the churchyard. Then we listened to each other read passages from the Gospel that told the Easter story.

#### **Annual Church Meeting**

This will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

#### **Something new has come to Radway**

An art embroidery club is held on Sundays once a quarter and run by Nicola Steddy of Stable Mews.

She has been a professional embroiderer for 35 years and since 2015 has guided this group of stitchers in creating artworks with needle and thread.

Residents are very welcome to pop in and have a look at the works in progress. The next meeting is on Sunday, 10 May from 11am to 3pm. Radway Events Group

### **REG News**

At the REG meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April there were a few updates to upcoming events, so please note these below.

The first update affects the talk in May. REG are extremely pleased to say that Martin and Mish Dunne have agreed to be featured in Radway's answer to Desert Island Discs with our very own Rosamund Trotman asking the questions and walking Mish & Martin through their life stories and the music that has inspired them along the way. The event will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm with tea and cake served as refreshments. Tickets cost £7.50 each – please contact Rosamund on 07443 422445 or email her at [trotmans6@btinternet.com](mailto:trotmans6@btinternet.com) if you would like one, or more!

Here is a summary of some other upcoming events and ideas for others that the REG team are firming up:

- Open Garden at The Grange on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 2-5pm – An event specifically organised to raise money for the church roof.
- It was decided to move the Progressive Supper from July (school holidays) to September to hopefully get more attendees.
- The Rose & Crown in Ratley will apparently soon be under new ownership, so a summer walk from the village to check it out was suggested. Please look out for more details in future newsletters.
- A brewery tour of the Hook Norton Brewery is being investigated. Another ideal summer activity, so again please look out for more details in the weeks to come.
- Looking further ahead to the autumn REG will be organising the annual apple pressing event and are considering combining this with a baking contest, with categories for bakers of all standards, or none!

Sat 2nd May	Kineton 3rds	12.30 pm
Sat 9th May	Stockton 3rds	12.30 pm
Sat 16th	Kineton 3rds	12.30 pm
Thurs 21st	Oxhill	6.00 pm
Sat 23rd	Stockton 3rds	12.30 pm
Sun 24th	Bishops Itching	1.00pm
Thurs 28th	Oxhill	6.00pm
Sat 30th	Kineton 3rds	12.30 pm

We are delighted to say that Radway's cricket pitch is ready for play. Many Thanks to everyone who has managed to achieve this state of readiness, whether by labour or by funding.. The pavilion is in the process of a make over, starting with protective coating on the outside. Anyone wishing to give ideas, wishes or help please do let the club know. If you have any old pictures of players or the club house old or new that you are willing to share we would love them to decorate the interior of the club house.

### Radway Cricket Club

April 25th	Stockton 3rds	Time ?
------------	---------------	--------