

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

1 st	11.30 – 11.50	Mobile Library at the bus stop
3 rd	7.30 pm	Prescription Rota – Julia Douthwaite 670528
6 th	8.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter’s Church
10 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall.
12 th	6.45 pm	Progressive supper – see main text
17 th		Prescription Rota – Clare Rankin 670703
19 th	4.00– 4.45 pm	Midlands Young Ringers Tour at the Church Listen out for the bells!
20 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter’s Church
23 rd	3.00 – 4.30 pm	Tea Chat and Play supporting Macmillan Coffee Morning – see main text
27 th	3.00 pm	Harvest Festival Service in the church
28 th	7.30 pm	Harvest Supper in the Village Hall with fun auction – see main text
29 th	11.30 – 11.50	Mobile Library at the bus stop

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 seeing, please dig them out from the loft, or the back of the cupboard and contact Tim Smith-Vincent (07899 902608).

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Parish Council News

New Councillor

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that Mike Gardner has joined the PC to fill the vacancy left by Clare Rankin who resigned last year. Mike has lived in Radway for over ten years and brings an enthusiasm for village life along with practical problem solving skills to the team. We look forward to working with Mike in the months and years ahead.

Old Fridges & Freezers

Warwickshire County Council have announced a temporary halt to the recycling of old fridges and freezers. This is due to a national shortage of recycling capacity which means recycling centres throughout the county can no longer accept old fridges and freezers for recycling. It is not clear when the ban will be lifted and the current advice is to store old devices safely at home or contact the retailer to see if they will take an old appliance when purchasing a new one. Further details can be found on the WCC websites and those of our local recycling centres.

Litter Hotspot Survey

Stratford District Council are undertaking a survey to identify litter hotspots across the district to target inspections, cleansing activity and local litter picking initiatives. There are many residents who regularly pick up litter from the roadside and hedgerows around the village, but the survey is an opportunity to provide feedback to SDC directly about the issue in our area. The QR code opposite should take you to the online form where you can provide your response to the survey. The closing date for responses is **Friday 11th September**. If you need help accessing the survey, please contact a member of the Parish Council.



South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP)

The latest public consultation phase for the South Warwickshire Local Plan is now open until **Tuesday 8th September**. The plan outlines the strategic development needs of the area as proposed by both Stratford and Warwick District Councils. The consultation is part of the legal process required to get the plan approved and is known as ‘Regulation 19’. There is a lot of information online about the plan and the process, and a portal for people to provide their feedback and

opinions. This is the chance for you to have your say about the development needs (industrial, transportation and housing) for the area in which you live. If anyone needs help accessing the online resources, please contact any member of the Parish Council who will be happy to help.

Next PC Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 10th September at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Please note this is a change to the previously published date.

Church News

Church Roof Restoration Update

We are pleased to be able to report that the bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) has now been submitted. Getting the bid ready has been a lengthy process whilst we secured relevant evidence to support our application and responded to professional advice. The roof replacement and associated works have an estimated cost of approximately £270,000 . The bid submitted to NLHF is for the greater part of the funding, we have asked for approximately £244,000 . This includes the construction costs, professional fees and monies to protect and safely store the exhibition whilst work is in progress. The remaining funds (if our bid is successful) will be covered by other fundraising and so far we have secured £10000 from the Diocese Building Fund; £1000 from the Warwickshire County Council Grants Fund (with thanks to Cllr. Chris Mills for his support with this). We have £5000 of funds raised by village activities.

Further bids are being submitted to other charities which support this type of project . Generally, these offer between one and twenty thousand pounds, the majority being at the lower end. We will continue local fundraising, it has been great to have so much support from Radway residents to date and are sure this will continue.

We are confident that we have a strong bid but we know that we are submitting to a very competitive market, so fingers (and toes) crossed ! The NLHF has an eight-week response time. We hope the results will be positive and, if so, the construction work would start in late Autumn.

Harvest Celebrations

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be in Church at 3.00pm on Sunday the 27th. Please come along and show particular support for our farming community this challenging year. Any donations of fruit, vegetables and flowers would be welcome and, if you are unable to bring them to the service, they can be left at Puffin's house, number 1 The Green, outside the front door, on Friday evening.

The Harvest Supper and Auction will be on Monday the 28th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. If you would like a ticket for this delicious, tasty and fun event please contact Clare Rankin on 07976 286037.

Tickets are £8.50 and it is a Bring Your Own drinks event. After the meal we auction the gifts donated, and this year the funds will be shared between the Church Roof Appeal and a farming charity in Remembrance of Brian and Wenda Douthwaite.

Radway Events Group (REG) News

The trip to the Hook Norton Brewery was a great success with about fifteen people joining the tour itself with a couple of extras for lunch beforehand. The tour was fascinating and brought to life by our excellent guide, Steve, who had many a story to tell about the characters, history and brewing process, not to forget the three horses the brewery still 'employs' to deliver beer to one or two local pubs and add a touch of the unusual to the odd wedding. It is well worth a trip if you ever have a couple of hours to fill. A big thank you to Rob Cooper for organising and the four drivers.

Progressive Supper – Saturday 12th September

The Progressive Supper is a great opportunity to come together and share a lovely evening over a three-course dinner – canapes in the Village Hall, main course at a host's home and back to the Village Hall for dessert and coffee. It is nice to catch up with old friends, talk to people who you may not see that often, or indeed, meet for the first time. To reserve your ticket (£25 per head) please contact Simon Hooker (07740 844304). We probably have enough main course hosts, but if you would like to volunteer to make some canapes or a dessert then please also contact Simon. It would be great to see some new people come along to this ever popular event. Profits from the evening will go to the church roof restoration fund.

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.

Cricket club update.

The Trustees write: We are pleased to say that we have managed to keep the ground safe to play despite the drought. A big thank you to all the maintenance team.

Radway cricket team hosted Stockton on the 8th August. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Lots of spectators and good banter play and Radway showed excellent promise with good bowling and fielding. Stockton’s bowlers made Radway’s runs hard to get with Stockton reaching over 200 and Radway not quite 100. Excellent tea with Clare and Ellie kindly donating lovely cakes.

There are two more weekend games, then we can concentrate on refurbishing the pavilion toilet facility ready for next season. We are delighted to inform you that our County Councillor Chris Mills has awarded us £750 toward this work.

There are many jobs to undertake so, if you would like to help, please let us know. A very big thank you to all our supporters. All the various jobs that you do enable the club to offer the facility for use to other clubs as well as grow our own team and be accessible to all. We very much look forward to your continued support.

Congratulations!

It’s a good time to recognize all our young people who have received their results in assessments this summer. Whether you are starting a new school year, or setting out on the next step in your educational journey, your community congratulates you and wishes you well.

Get Involved

Tea, Chat and Play would like **your support for our version of the MacMillan Coffee Morning on Wednesday 23rd September from 3pm to 4.30 pm.** Please join us to support this great annual charity event. All donations on the day for tea and cake will go to MacMillan.

There are numerous opportunities to get involved with various activities in our village. Here are details of three regular clubs that you might like to consider:

Bridge Club

New members or visitors are welcome to join us in social bridge every Tuesday from 4-6 pm. Contact Lilian on 07786 325196 for further details

Craft and Natter

New members welcome- whatever your craft – just bring it along!

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in each other’s homes
From 2-4 pm Contact Lilian on 07786 325196 for further details.

Tea, Chat and Play

We meet in the Village Hall every Wednesday from 3 to 4.30 pm. There is always cake, and a warm welcome.

Do you have a smartphone?

If so, you might like to join the Village WhatsApp group, called “Radway Info and Support.” On there, you can post, or read, everything from recommendations for tradespeople or services, to upcoming events, wayward sheep and the rich wildlife population we see around us.

To join the group, contact Lilian on 07786 325196.