

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER 2025

2 nd	8.30 am	Holy Communion in St Peter's Church
9 th	10.45 am	Remembrance Sunday Service at Lych Gate
11 th	7.30 pm	REG meeting in the Village Hall. We will be focussing on ideas for events and activities for next year, so please come along with your suggestions.
13 th		Prescription rota – Lilian Smith-Vincent 670767
16 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion in St Peter's Church
18 th	11.30 am	Mobile Library at bus shelter
20 th	10.15 am	Bells will be rung by The Four Shires Guild of Ringers
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall. All residents welcome to attend.
21 st	7.00 pm	Beetle Drive in the Village Hall (see main text)
27 th		Prescription rota – Babs Grenet 670978

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Parish Council News

Hedge Cutting

Autumn is an ideal time to cut back hedges from footpaths and the relatively narrow roads we have running through the village. The Parish Council does not have the resources to do this and so relies on the goodwill of villagers to maintain their respective hedgerows to ensure they do not obstruct or restrict footpaths and roads in the village.

Road Closure

You have probably seen the road signs at either end of Langdon Lane to warn of the planned closure of the road between Sunday 2nd and Tuesday 4th November. The closure will start at the edge of the village to where Langdon Lane joins the B4086. The notice the Parish Council has received says that this is for "trial works to prepare for water pipe replacement". As with the recent footpath renovation, vehicle access will be maintained wherever possible, but we can all expect some disruption and the need to use a longer route to Kineton via Tysoe and Farnborough Roads. Given that this is a "trial works" closure we can expect there to be future disruption at some point when the full water pipe replacement is done. The Parish Council have no knowledge of this at present, but will obviously keep you posted as and when we hear anything.

Church News

Roof Repair and Restoration

Enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer that summarises what was covered in the open consultation held on 22nd October. We were delighted to welcome over 40 residents who came along and shared their thoughts and ideas as to what steps we must make to secure and preserve the church building for future generations. We have been touched and encouraged by the number of people who have offered to give their time and talents to help us in the tasks ahead, and it is not too late to add your name to this if you would like to help in any way. If you have any further questions or comments, do please contact either Clare or Puffin whose details are on the flyer.

Remembrance Sunday is a significant date in our calendar where the nation unites to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and

protect our freedom. This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on November 9th and all residents are warmly invited to the Lychgate for a lay-led service which will start at 10.45 am. A wreath will be laid and we will read out the names of those from Radway who fell in both World Wars.

Poppy Appeal 2025

Clare Rankin will be collecting for the Poppy appeal in November. The box will also be at Tea Chat and Play on Wednesday the 29th October and on 5th of November.

Harvest

The Church Council would like to thank all those that came along to the service on October 5th. Sadly neither Sarah nor Andrew Douthwaite were able to be with us this year owing to illness, but Andrew submitted a moving written account telling us about the joys and challenges of life on the farm over the last year. Peter Wilkins read this out to us and we reflected on the impact of the very wet winter, followed by the prolonged dry spell.

As part of the service we also listened to Maddy Craven who confidently delivered the first reading and rightly received a round of applause.

As ever, the people who spend hours decorating the church and arranging the harvest gifts surpassed themselves. The supper in the Village Hall on the 30th was an enjoyable evening with delicious food and the usual fun auction. Barry's rendition of "A lovely bunch of coconuts" will never be forgotten by those of us who were there!

The PCC would like to say a big thank you to all those who auctioned, cooked and served, recognizing how much time, effort and generosity goes into making any event a success. An amazing total of £600 was raised and will go towards the roof repairs needed on the church.

Radway Events Group (REG) News

The annual apple pressing event was a huge success with lots of participation and juice produced. With the long hot summer producing a bumper crop of apples and pears everyone who came was kept busy chopping, mulching and squeezing, producing bottles and bottles of both apple and pear juice. It was a great community event with villagers both young and old joining in the fun. A huge thank you to Rosamund & Mike Trotman for organising the event and for providing refreshments to those that came along.

Upcoming events for your diaries:

Friday 21st November – Beetle Drive in the Village Hall from 7pm

This fun packed evening will be returning for the 2025 autumn season! Food in the form of hot pork (or veggie) rolls will be served from 7pm with the Beetle Drive itself following on once everyone has had their fill. Tickets cost £8 per person for food and entry into the Beetle Drive (£4 if you don't want any food). To encourage families to come and join in the fun we are offering a family ticket for

£20 where children are under 14 years old. Please contact Rosamund on 07743422445 or 01295678384 if you would like a ticket. Please bring along your own refreshments to keep your energy levels up as the excitement of the Beetle Drive gets going!

Monday 15th December – Christmas Windows

If you would like to create a Christmassy themed window or garden display then please have these completed by Monday 15th December. The plan this year is to have all the displays ready in the run up to Christmas so that they can be enjoyed as you walk around the village trying not to worry that with less than two weeks until Christmas Day, you still have loads of presents to buy and jobs to do!!

Tuesday 23rd December – Carols & Village Christmas Party from 6pm at the Village Hall

The Village Christmas Party will take place in the Village Hall preceded by carol singing around the village Christmas Tree by the bus stop. The plan is for carols to start from 6pm with a seamless transition to the Village Hall once we all get too cold or too hoarse – probably around 6:45 – 7pm. Everyone is encouraged to come along and bring some food and refreshments to share with other residents as we kick start the festive season for another year.

Radway Village Hall

We have had a number of one-off bookings recently, which we enjoy facilitating. We think we are one of the best value local halls, at just £16 for two hours for residents, including kitchen facilities and heating. This compares with: Tysoe Village Hall £20 for two hours (Kitchen additional £10 for 2 hours) Ratley Village Hall £50 for minimum three hours, (with additional surcharge for heating)

Kineton Village Hall £26 for two hours.

So if you would like to book with us for your own event such as a birthday party, family event or work meeting, please call Nicola on 07766 417302

IMPORTANT: NOVEMBER 5th

Please remember that we have an understanding in the village that we will not have large firework displays in our gardens for two reasons:

- 1) The number of thatched buildings here that are extra vulnerable.
 - 2) The number of dogs, cats, horses, cattle and sheep in close proximity who are easily frightened by fireworks, and may panic and injure themselves.
- Thank you for supporting this.