

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER 2025

2 nd		Prescription Rota – Babs Grenet 670978
5 th	3.00 pm	Harvest Festival Service in St Peter’s church
6 th	7.30 pm	Harvest Supper and fun auction
11 th	11 am to 3pm	Apple Pressing event on the Recreation Field (see main text for details)
16 th		Prescription Rota - Sandra Wilkins 670229
19 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion in St Peter’s Church
21 st	11.30 – 11.50 am	Mobile Library at the bus stop
22 nd	7.30 pm	Church Restoration meeting in Village Hall. All welcome
30 th		Prescription Rota – John Feilding 7718037142

Your Parish Council

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Congratulations to John Feilding who celebrates his 80th birthday on Monday, 6th October. Thank you for all the help and support you have given to the village over the years.

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Parish Council news

Councillor Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council following the resignation of Clare Rankin. Clare has served on the Parish Council for seven years taking on various responsibilities including playground inspections and the maintenance of the defibrillator. The Parish Council would like to thank Clare for all her hard work and wish her well as she puts her energy into various other village and church related activities.

As a consequence of Clare’s departure, the Parish Council are once again looking for a new councillor to join the team. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council please contact Simon Hooker who can explain what is involved.

School Appeal Panel Members

Warwickshire County Council is seeking volunteers to become Independent Panel Members to hear school admission appeals. Independent Appeal Panels consider appeals by parents against school admission decisions in relation to schools within Warwickshire and some neighbouring counties.

The County Council is looking for:

- Lay Panel members - people without personal experience in the management of any school or provision of education in any school.
- Non-Lay Panel members - people with experience in education (such as current and former headteachers) who are acquainted with educational conditions in the area, or parents of a registered pupil at a school.

Panel Members need only dedicate as much time as they are willing to offer to this voluntary role, and exercise good judgement and demonstrate sound reasoning skills to ensure fair consideration of every case.

To find out more, please email schoolappeals@warwickshire.gov.uk, or contact one of the members of the Parish Council who can provide email and telephone details for Warwickshire County Council contacts.

Pavement Resurfacing

The work to resurface the pavement between Norton Lane & The Grange has been completed. The contractors have done a great job and were exceptionally courteous and helpful to residents whilst they worked. The Parish Council would like to thank residents who made allowances for road closures and restricted parking – your co-operation and flexibility made the contractors' lives that little bit easier – thank you!

Next PC Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 20th November at 7:30 in the Village Hall.

Church News

Radway Fête

The Gazebos have just dried out following the soaking received at the Radway Fete on 14th September

However, the event was a great success due the very hard work of all assemblers, stall holders and tremendous support of the residents of Radway and surrounding villages. Umbrellas at the ready, raincoats firmly buttoned up, our visitors toured the beautiful Ivy Lodge gardens and very generously supported all our stalls. The focus of most activity was, of course the tea tent. Homemade cake and tea refreshed us, and the Bottle store raised our spirits. Children's games and face painting were very well received.

The Dog show was popular, with as many entries as in 2023 when the weather was glorious, but the event was performed under cover much to the delight of our Judge Jenny Orchard. Waggy tails and shaggy coats were rewarded by many rosettes.

Considerable planning went into the event and in view of the adverse forecast it was decided to make the stall arrangement more compact and extra gazebos sourced so we managed to keep mostly dry,

Our thanks go to the many villagers who toiled to set and fill our stalls and the fete committee who have been working since January. The combined efforts ensured that just over £2,400 was raised for St Peter's Church. The fete would not be possible without the wholehearted support of Sir Martin and Lady Dunne in allowing access to their lovely house, Ivy Lodge and the gardens.

The Church Restoration Project

By now, most of you will be well aware that we have a major problem with the state of the church roof. There are several places where the tiles have slipped off the roof, and a small number of places where the rain leaks into the body of the church. We have therefore placed warning signs outside and taped off the areas where there might be danger to people walking near the building.

In order to keep everyone as fully informed as possible we are holding an information meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 22nd October when refreshments will be served and members of the Church Council will be there to give an update on the situation and answer any questions. Do please come along.

Harvest Festival and Supper

Everyone is welcome to the Harvest Festival service in St Peter's at 3pm on Sunday 5th October. Traditionally we have welcomed children and adults presenting harvest gifts during the service and we are happy to be able to do this again. If you are unable to be there, but would like to make a donation of flowers, fruit, vegetables etc you can leave them at Puffin's house, no 1 The Green, outside the back door, on Friday evening, the 3rd, or leave them at the back of the church by midday on Saturday.

Our team of flower arrangers always do a magnificent display with the help of your gifts, so let's set them another challenge this year!

All your gifts will then be part of the fun auction held at the end of the **Harvest Supper** which will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 6th October. Tickets are available from either Clare (670703) or Puffin (678682) at £8.50 per head. Bring your own drinks and join in the fun!

Radway Events Group (REG) News

Annual Apple Pressing Event - Saturday 11th October 11:00-2pm

The long hot summer has led to a bumper crop of fruit and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone to the annual Apple (and pear) Pressing event which will take place on the Recreation Ground / Village Hall (weather dependant) on Saturday 11th October from 11:00. If you have fruit to contribute, we can collect it on the day or you can bring it. Please let Guy (07720 775266) know if you need fruit collecting. Children are welcome to join in the fun but they must be accompanied by an adult to supervise the cutting up of the fruit before it is pressed. We need volunteers to chop and press and everyone is encouraged to **bring along an empty bottle or two** to take away freshly pressed juice for free.

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We will be serving bacon and veggie rolls, and biscuits for the workers for a small contribution along with hot and cold drinks – please let Rosamund (07443 422445) know so she can gauge numbers for catering.

Other dates for your diaries:

- Friday 21st November – Beetle Drive in the Village Hall 7pm start.
- Monday 15th December – Those wishing to display a Christmassy themed window or garden display should have them ready for viewing by Monday 15th December.
- Tuesday 23rd December – Carols around the village Christmas Tree followed by the party in the Village Hall. Singing will start at 6pm and the party will start when we get hoarse or too cold!

The next REG meeting will be on Tuesday 11th November in the Village Hall at 7:30pm, everyone welcome. At this meeting we will be focussing on ideas for events and activities for next year so please come along with your suggestions.

The Festival Choir

For many years, the Festival Choir has enhanced the services at Harvest, Christmas and Easter. The choir has long been directed by Shona Walton, who lives in Ratley, and has sent us this message to pass on:

“I am sorry to have to let you know that Ratley is unable to field The Festival Choir this year to support your Harvest Service.

Sadly, due to re-location and retirement from singing, we do not have the voices available. We would hope to recruit more singers for the Christmas services, from your congregation and communities.

We usually sing in four-part harmony, but can be flexible with whatever voices present themselves.

Our aim is to enjoy singing, develop our skills and repertoire, and to enhance the worship in our three lovely historic parish churches where music has been made for centuries.

I have been in the choir since the late 1980s, but it was formed by Jean Puddle, a Ratley resident, many years previously, and I inherited the baton when she moved away.

It has been something of a tradition - rather, I hope - than an anachronism, and would welcome any observations for its development.

Even more, I'd love some new singers - no previous experience required!!!”

If you could pass on the invitation to anyone interested, they can contact me on this email address: shona.walton@btinternet.com

Radway Bridge Group

A small but enthusiastic group of social bridge players meets in the Village Hall every Tuesday from 4pm to 6pm. We would love to welcome more players so please come along and join in the fun.

Thai Chi is for everyone

Gentle exercises for strength and balance; suitable for all ages and all abilities.

We meet on Thursdays at 5.30pm in the Village Hall. £8 per session. Please join us!

Contact Cath Heynes 07790 810922 for more information.

Radway Cricket Club.

Another cricket season draws to a close after a very dry and at times hot Spring and Summer. Plenty of cricket has been played with no games called off due to rain or wet ground conditions which hasn't happened for a very long time.

Radway CC haven't had a cricket team for the last three years, partly due to the effect the COVID pandemic had on changing social behaviour and a lack of junior teams feeding through younger players to senior teams.

Radway's ground has been used by Kineton 3rd team for a few friendly matches but next season they will use it for league matches for their 3rd team. Stockton Star 3rd team have played their home fixtures at Radway and are looking to do so again next season. Oxhill and Bishops Itchington teams have also used the ground for 6 fixtures each, along with a few other charity matches so plenty of cricket has been played.

Phil Douthwaite