

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER 2025

6 th	10.30 am	Making props in the church for the Nativity service and decorating the Christmas Tree.
7 th	8.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
11 th		Prescription Rota – - Julia Douthwaite 670528
14 th	3pm	Nativity Service in St Peter's Church Posting box in place for village cards, by the bus shelter.
15 th		Advent decorations in windows and gardens in place.
16 th	11.30-11.50	Mobile Library
23 rd	6pm	Carols round the Christmas tree. (see text in newsletter)
	6.45 pm	Christmas party in the Village Hall
25 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion for Christmas Day at St Peter's Prescription rota date to be confirmed – Mish Dunne
26 th		A quarter peal of bells will be rung at 3.00 pm

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Parish Council News

Home to School Consultation

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) are conducting a public consultation to help shape changes to their Home to School and College Transport Policy. The consultation started on 4th November and lasts until 4th January, 2026. For families in the village with school age children this is an important opportunity to have your say on this important policy change. The WCC website has lots of information on the background to why the policy is changing, what the public consultation hopes to achieve and how you can engage with the process. The link to the website is <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/home-to-school/>.

WCC Help & Support – Beyond Storm Claudia

Whilst storm Claudia passed without major incident in Radway, WCC had issued the Parish Council with advice from, and contact details for, various support and emergency services that could help if residents had had issues during, or in the immediate aftermath of the storm. So please remember that the Parish Council may be able to provide you with useful contact information for support services should you ever need it.

Winter is coming....

The recent cold snap reminds us that winter is on its way and can be a difficult time for some residents. Radway's community spirit is well known, but it is worth reminding everyone to look out for friends and neighbours over the coming months. As well as all of us looking out for each other, WCC offers support for people with issues such as loneliness or isolation, energy (heating) costs and other social services.

Conservation Area

Another theme of winter is tidying up our gardens, pruning back hedges and trees. Please be reminded that most of Radway sits in a Conservation Area and as such there are tighter rules on what we are allowed to do without the requisite planning consent. Stratford District Council's website has details on how to obtain planning approval.

If you would like help accessing any of the resources mentioned above please get in touch with any member of the Parish Council who would be happy to help.

Next PC Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 15th January, 2026 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

The Festive Season and the Church

By now, all residents will be aware of the challenges we face owing to the state of the church roof. The church architect has completed a detailed inspection of the state of the building and plans are being refined to make grant applications to the Coventry Diocese and the National Lottery to help with this.

A meeting was held in the Village Hall in October to consult with residents, and we were encouraged by the number of people who came along, and also by the offers of practical help and support that we received.

A main working party of six volunteers has been set up to drive the project forward and make the necessary grant applications that we will need to undertake this. We will still need to raise significant funds from local sources and the National Lottery likes to see village commitment in the fund raising activities. If you have already offered help we will be in touch shortly but there are still plenty of opportunities to get involved, and to offer your help, should you wish to do so.

Please contact either Clare on 07976 286037, or Puffin on 07811 783272. They would be very happy to hear from you.

Celebrations over Christmas

All children in the village are invited to come along to the church on Saturday 6th December at 10.30 am to make decorations for the church Christmas tree. We will then decorate the tree and the pulpit with baubles, lights and tinsel galore. Please do let Rosamund on 01295 678384/07443422445 know if you intend to come along so we can be properly prepared.

Come and join us for the Nativity Service at St Peter's at 3pm on Sunday 14th December where there will be mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies afterwards. This will help us tell the story of Jesus' birth in a traditional setting with opportunities for the congregation to take an active part, including the placing of the Nativity figures in the stable.

As always, there will be a collection of children's used toys and books that are in good condition and wrapped in festive paper. These are donated to the Warwickshire Integrated Disability Service whose staff use these gifts as an aid to their work of assessing and supporting children who have developmental difficulties. Please label your gift to indicate what age child the gift is suitable for.

On Tuesday 23rd December, everyone is encouraged to gather round the village tree near the bus shelter to sing carols at 6.00 pm. Any children who come are encouraged to dress up as characters from the Christmas story. Carol sheets will be provided, but you might like to bring a torch and some jingle bells to accompany our singing!

Please come along and join us, and then come over the road to the Village Party in the Hall. This delightful event will start at approximately 6.45pm, and we hope to see lots of residents there of all ages. If you have friends and relations staying for Christmas, do bring them along too. Please bring a bottle, and some food to share.

Don't forget to pop into the church to see the decorations done by our amazing, talented, flower arrangers. They recently surpassed themselves when decorating the church for **Remembrance Sunday**.

This year, the Remembrance service was led by Mike, Rosamund and Puffin and took place as usual at the Lychgate. Several members of the congregation read parts of the service, and a special mention should go to Elly who read her part beautifully.

Christmas cards

The Christmas post box for internal Radway cards will be in place by the bus stop on December 14th. A donation of 10p per card is invited, please put the money in an envelope in the post box. The last collection will be at 5pm on the 21st, after which the cards will be delivered around the village by volunteers.

Over the last few years, an alternative 'tradition' has led to people displaying

one card, with a message to all their friends, on the display board at the back of the bus stop, and giving a donation to charity. You may like to hang a decoration up too.

Radway Events Group (REG) News

A late rush for tickets meant the Beetle Drive on 21st November was well attended and the village hall full of enthusiastic Coleoptera artists (of varying degrees of talent and accuracy!). It was, as usual, a lot of fun with Rosamund taking centre stage controlling, educating and encouraging everyone in their artistic endeavours. A lot of fun was had by all who attended the event. A huge thank you to all those who helped organise the event, but an especially big thank you to Rosamund for the delicious pork rolls and her unbridled energy and enthusiasm!

Monday 15th December – Christmas Windows

If you would like to create a Christmassy themed window or garden display then please have these ready by Monday 15th December. The plan this year is to have all the displays ready so that they can be enjoyed by us all as we walk through the village in the run up to Christmas.

At the REG Meeting on 11th November a few ideas for next year were discussed. With the church roof repair fund likely to involve various fundraising events next year, REG will bear this in mind when planning activities for 2026. Plans and ideas that were talked about included;

- February - Board games evening in the Village Hall
- March - Volunteering Day – an opportunity to join in with village maintenance and tidying up activities.
- May – A talk in the village hall – presenter TBC.
- June – Progressive Supper
- October – Apple pressing
- December – Village Party

The next REG meeting will be on Thursday 22nd January, 2026 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm and will include the AGM, where the decision how to allocate REG funds raised this year across local groups will be made. Everyone is welcome to come along.

4 th	8.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
8 th		Prescription rota – Clare Rankin 670703
15 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall
18 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
20 th	11.30 am	Mobile Library visit to the bus stop.
22 nd	7.30 pm	REG AGM and planning meeting in the Village Hall. All welcome. Prescription rota John Feilding 07718 037142

And Finally.....

As is traditional, there will be no separate newsletter for January as your editor and distributors take a well-earned rest. May we be some of the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!