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October / November 2024



As many of you know, I try to keep the tone of the Padbury Parish Pump informative, upbeat, and light-hearted.

However, at this time of year, I wish to remember and give thanks to those who have sacrificed their lives in the causes of freedom, so that we can all live our lives substantially without fear, intimidation, or tyranny.

It is not only those who fought and died for the causes of freedom that we should be remembering, but also the many civilian casualties who have quite innocently become caught up in conflicts that were not of their own making and in which they have taken no voluntary part.

May I respectfully also ask that we remember the many journalists and photographers who risk their own lives to shed the light of truth on what's happening in far-away battlefields, so that evil cannot persist, unchallenged, in the shadows.

Thank you.

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ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	READINGS	PADBURY
6 October 19th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 28.11-18 Psalm 122 1 Peter 2.1-10 John 10.22-29	10.30 am : Village Praise
13 October 20th Sunday after Trinity	Amos 5.6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90.12-end Hebrews 4.2-end Mark 10.17-31	HARVEST FESTIVAL 10.30 am : Holy Communion
20 October 21st Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 53.4-end Psalm 91.9-end Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45	9 am : Holy Communion
27 October 22nd Sunday after Trinity		NO SERVICE
3 November 4th Sunday before Advent	Deuteronomy 1-9 Psalm 119 1-8 Hebrews 9.11-14 Mark 12.28-34	10.30 am: Village Praise
10 November 3rd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday		REMEMBRANCE
17 November 2nd Sunday before Advent	Daniel 12.1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25 Mark 13.1-8	9 am: Holy Communion
24 November Christ the King		NO SERVICE
1 December First Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33.14-16 Psalm 25.1-9 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end Luke 21.25-36	10.30 am : Village Praise

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**COPY DATE: Items for
the Pump should be
sent to the editor by
email no later than Fri-
day 22 November 2024
please.**

In an effort to bring this issue to you on time, rather than being regrettably late, as have been the previous two, I imposed a strict cut-off date for articles this time. My sincere thanks therefore go to all the contributors in this issue, who have sent their submissions through on time.

Editing this newsletter is a voluntary task for me, and one that I enjoy. However, I also work at a full-time job, and recently I've had to work late into the night, or very early in the morning, to manage both my job and The Pump. Hence the lateness of recent issues. I hope you will understand.

So saying, as the next issue will cover the Christmas period, and will therefore include notices of many celebrations and events starting early in December, may I please ask that contributions and submissions are sent to me as early as possible? **Anything received after 24th November will not be included in the next issue!**

My thanks go once again to everyone who contributed to this issue of The Pump. I'm also grateful to the Parish Council for helping to fund The Pump's production costs. My thanks also go to the team of unsung heroes who collect the completed Pump from the printer in Buckingham and deliver it to all the households around the village. I really do appreciate your help and dedication.

The deadline for the next issue is **22nd November**. Please make sure you send articles for inclusion in good time, and certainly no later than 24th November. I'll send a reminder in the week leading up to the deadline.

As before, there will be a colour copy of this issue available on the Padbury Parish website after it has been circulated to all households in the village.

All that remains is to thank everyone for continuing to make living in Padbury such a pleasure and a privilege.

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PADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

The National Association of Local Councils and the Local Government Association are presenting a free online event to promote the idea of standing as a Parish Councillor at the May 2025 local council elections. People from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the communities are needed to put themselves forward. Join this event to hear from experts in the field who have become brilliant local councillors at various local government levels.

This unique free event will provide a valuable opportunity to learn about the work and role of local councillors in your community and answer your questions about becoming a local councillor in May 2025.

A diverse panel of experts will share their insights, experience, and advice. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussions with representatives from areas which held local council elections in May 2024.

This online event is free! It is on 13 November 2024 at 12.00pm and lasts for 75 minutes. Tickets can be obtained from www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/democracy-in-action-tickets-947971106097

STICKS AND STONES

Please take the opportunity to check your property boundary this Autumn as hedges and vegetation will have grown over the past two seasons. Do you have an overgrown hedge or vegetation that restricts the use of the road or pavement?

Hedges and vegetation should not obstruct the highway or pavements. The responsibility for maintaining these lies with the property owner.

Also, if you have a drive that is made of stones, gravel or similar please sweep back any that has migrated to the public footpath or road. As well as retaining your drive you are removing a hazard. As well as causing possible damage to the footpath, a stone could be flicked up and hit a passing pedestrian or vehicle. You could be liable for any damage or harm caused.

Thank you for your co-operation.

PADBURY PLAY AREA FUNDING UPDATE

Our application to receive a 50% project grant (match funding) from Winslow and Villages Community Board has been successful. We are now in the process of ordering a Wicksteed 25m steel cableway (zipwire) and a Galaxy Spring Mobile (springy). The new equipment should be in place by the Spring. Please note that it is likely that the play area will be closed during the ground preparation and installation phase for Health and Safety reasons. Further information will follow.

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ST MARY'S, PADBURY – HARVEST FESTIVAL FLOWERS

We will be celebrating this lovely time of the year in St Mary's at 10.30am on Sunday 13th October.

We will be decorating the Church on Friday 11th October from 10am. In an effort to be appropriately 'green' we try to use mostly garden or hedgerow flowers and berries and if you have an abundance and could spare some, we would be delighted to receive them from about 9.45am. If you would like to stay and help out, you would be very welcome – coffee and chat and no skill required!

We hope that some of the children from school may be contributing by adding their own posies arranged in jam jars with their own personal messages. Anyone from the Village who would like to do something similar please come up on the 11th or leave your posy in the Church porch. Containers will go for recycling as flowers fade.

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Please note that due to East West Rail planned improvement works, Ox Lane will be closed from Monday 16th September – Friday 4th of October 2024. Lenborough Road will be closed from Monday 7th October to – Friday 11th October 2024.

For more information, please visit <https://one.network/>

PADBURY THROUGH THE YEARS

A date will be arranged and communicated when residents will be able to collect their copy of "Padbury Through the Years" from Padbury Pavilion. A minimum cash donation per copy of £20 is suggested on the day. All proceeds after costs will go

towards the proposed new zipwire at Padbury Play Area. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further details.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Thank you again to the residents who continue to maintain our verges and keep our village looking attractive. The results of the Best Kept Village are in and unfortunately, we were not successful in winning a cup this year. We have had great successes in previous years so are confident that with the support of residents, we will win again.

HIRE OF PADBURY PAVILION

Please visit the Parish Council website for details of the hire charges and conditions of hire. Alternatively, please contact the Parish Clerk who can provide further details and check availability.

VILLAGE STEWARDS

Padbury Parish Council is always looking for volunteers to join our group of village stewards. If you have half an hour or longer that you could spare to make a difference; please contact the Parish Clerk. You don't need to have any special skills. All materials will be provided. We look forward to hearing from you.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

By becoming part of the village speedwatch campaign we can share data with Thames Valley Police to help prevent vehicles travelling at excess speeds in Padbury. As well as increasing Police presence this could lead to further traffic calming measures being implemented. Full training is offered for all new volunteers.

You would be gathering data with two other volunteers at the roadside as vehicles pass. The Parish Clerk can provide further details if you would like to join.

FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL:

Could you get pension credit?

Following the government's decision this week to withdraw the winter fuel payment from most pensioners, Buckinghamshire Council is advising residents of pensionable age and their friends and families that it's vital they find out which government benefits they can claim to help them meet their living and fuel costs.

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The winter fuel payment is now limited to people over state pension age (currently 66) who are receiving pension credit or a limited number of other benefits.

Older people over state pension age and on a low income may qualify for pension credit – which offers support for a range of household expenses including the winter fuel payment, but many are not aware and are not claiming this support that they are eligible for.

According to the government, only about 60% of eligible people currently claim pension credit countrywide. This means four out of 10 eligible pensioners are missing out on benefits of up to £3,900 a year.

The council is also highlighting that support is still available through its Helping Hand service for people who may not qualify for pension credit but who are still struggling financially. The team can offer emergency support, practical guidance or supply contact details for other organisations that provide food support or specialist advice.

To find out all about pension credit, including whether you qualify and how to apply, go to buckinghamshire.gov.uk/pension-credit. Buckinghamshire Council's Helping Hand team can be contacted at Help with the cost of living (Helping Hand) Buckinghamshire Council or on 01296 531151.

USEFUL LINKS – A REMINDER

- FIX MY STREET** <https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>
- FLOOD ALERTS** <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>
- ROAD CLOSURES** <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/check-for-roadworks-and-closures/>
- BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HIGHWAYS** - to report fallen trees etc. Tel. 01296 382416 (during office hours) or 01296 486630 (out of hours emergencies).
- DOG FOULING** <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/street-cleaning/report-dog-fouling-inline/>
- PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE** – <https://padburyparishcouncil.com/> - lots of information is available on our website including further useful links and contact details.

PLANNING

Decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council (Aylesbury Vale Area):

- 22/03695/AOP – Outline application for up to 79 dwellings and associated works with all matters reserved except for access – Land North of A413. REFUSED. However, the developer has appealed against this decision. The reason for the appeal has not been given at the moment. Therefore the final outcome of this application may not be known for some time.
- 22/03735/APP Householder application for proposed freestanding solar photovoltaic system – College Barn, Thornborough Road. DISPOSE OF OLD APPLICATION

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Twyford United in the County Cup hopefully has brought the team back on track.

With the Youth section commencing later, limited matches have occurred though the Raptors U15s started with an entertaining 6-4 victory away to Deanshanger. Padbury Cougars U13s opened their 24-25 home campaign at Thornton College, against a competitive Shenley team. Padbury have sourced a second 'home' location due to the Springfield ground unable to accommodate all the Youth teams due to Club growth. In the non-competitive age groups, U11s to U7s training and matches have commenced. Youngsters from last season's Mini Kickers have graduated into a new Padbury Eagles U7s team, whose first match proved to be a high scoring and enjoyable fixture v Yardley Gobion.

Off the pitch the Club would like to express their gratitude to the Padbury Sick Benefit Society who made a generous donation of £700 towards the Club as one of their community supported projects for 2024. Also, from October 1st to 31st December, PVFC are one of the three community schemes selected by the Tesco Stronger Starts programme for funding. Please support the Club by allocating tokens collected from the checkouts to the PVFC glass bay at the stores. Funding is awarded on a proportional basis according to number of tokens received, so the more the better. PVFC intend to utilise the funds donated to purchase additional grounds maintenance equipment which will allow Club volunteers to undertake grounds maintenance rather than pay 3rd party contractors.

With increasing operating costs including: hire of 3rd party facilities i.e., at Thornton College on match days and winter training at Swan Astro; and additional costs associated with the 1st team playing in the higher league; all such funds like those generously donated by the Padbury Sick Benefit Society and the Tesco Stronger Starts programme, and our range of Club sponsors (as highlighted below and on the website) are really appreciated. Helping secure the financial sustainability of the Club and assisting to ensure the Club is accessible to all.

Information including fixtures, match reports, newsletters, and events can be found at www.pvfc.org.uk. Anybody interested in playing, volunteering, or sponsorship, should contact either **Peter** (Chairman), petermchenry@hotmail.com, 07740 930913 or **Mike Marshall**, Director of Football, Mikey.marsh71@gmail.com.



- 24/00791/APP – Conversion of barn outbuilding with alterations and extensions to dwelling with allocated car parking spaces and private amenity space – 7 Bennetts Close. APPROVED
- 24/01637/AGN – Erection of agricultural building – Folly Farm, Winslow Road. APPROVED.
- 24/01988/ALB – Listed building application for replacement rear door – Stratfords, Lower Way. CONSENT GRANTED

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full copies of the agendas and minutes from meetings can be viewed on the Parish Council website or outside the village hall on the village noticeboard.

Our meetings will be held at 7pm at Padbury Pavilion on the following dates:

10th December 2024

11th February, 15th April (TBC) 2025

Residents are welcome to attend.

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ALICE BESSIE POTTER TRUST

I hereby give notice that the 2024 Annual Benefit Determination Meeting of the Alice Bessie Potter Trust will be held at 16 West Furlong, Padbury on **21 November 2024**.

Please note that previous Beneficiaries need not re-apply, but others wishing to become Beneficiaries should apply before that date. Those wishing to apply must have been inhabitants of Padbury for at least four years prior to the November 2024 meeting and must be of pensionable age.

The Trustees wish to point out that all applications, which must be in writing, will be treated in the strictest confidence and will NOT depend on any investigation of the applicant's financial position.

Applications may be made in writing to any Trustee or to me the Trust Clerk. The trustees are A Picketts, A Cox, K Hodges and J Beckenham. The Trust Clerk is C Gibbard, 8 Bugbrooke Road, Gayton, Northants, NN7 3EU.

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Lucy McFarlane
Headteacher

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Demonstrations are on the evening of the last Thursday of the month in Winslow Bowls Club hall. Weekly painting groups meet in Padbury village hall on Tuesday mornings and Winslow Bowls Club on Thursday mornings. Places are dependant on space and there is a small charge to cover the cost of the hall

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Members gathered in September to hear about the history of the WI and to talk about memorabilia, which included a cup, plate and suffragette badge. We had the banner and pennant on display along with other, more personal, items from members. We also had a 'guess who?' competition with photos of members when they were younger.



Our October meeting is a presentation on the climate issue from the WI perspective, the role of BFWI Climate Ambassadors in local campaigning and ideas for cutting carbon emissions.

November will be our Annual Meeting. We will complete the year with some folk dancing at our meeting in December.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm. Refreshments are available. Visitors are always welcome to join us at a cost of £4.00.

To find out more about Padbury WI please visit our website padburywi.weebly.com or email padburywi@gmail.com.

Sue Christelow, Secretary

WINSLOW AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY (WADAS)

Whether you're a seasoned artist or simply enjoy dabbling and would like to meet with like-minded people, we would be delighted to welcome you. Bring your paints, pens, pencils etc and join us at Padbury Village Hall on Tuesdays, or Winslow Bowls Club on Thursdays from 10am to 1 pm. As a group we enjoy sharing our artistic progress and learning through the support, tips and advice we give each other.

As well as the weekly meetings, we host professional demonstrations and guest speakers on the last Thursday of the month at Winslow Bowls Club, from 7.30-9.30 pm. On October 31st the demonstration will be by the renowned artist **Anne Blankson-Hemans** and for November, **Matt Waruszynski** will be showcasing his use of oil paints. (Please note November's demo will be held on Thursday 21st). There is a small charge of £5 for guests, which includes refreshments.

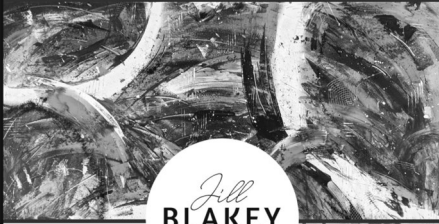
If you would like further information please contact **Cheryl Wilyman** (chair) on 01296 640755, **Jackie Chambers** (treasurer) on 01296 713607 or **Monica Gilbey** (secretary) on 01296 711915.

Worried about a vulnerable friend, relative or neighbour?

Buckinghamshire Council's Adult Social Care team is checking in with all vulnerable residents.


Please let the team know if you know of someone who might need their help by calling the Adult Social Care team on 01296 383204.

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parish.clerk@padburyparishcouncil.com

took the visitors on a tour of the school which was magical as many people used to come to Padbury School in some capacity. We are continuing these links this year by inviting the community to come and watch our school nativity performance on 12 th December. If you live in the village and would like to attend, please contact the school office: office@pdb.odbst.org.

Allotment Update

Mrs Kelly, one of our Teaching Assistants, has taken on the challenge this year of transforming our allotment. This is what she has done so far...

'During the start of the Summer holidays the ground was covered and left for three weeks, this allowed the grass to die off enough to lift. The grass was cleared by me and a couple of ladies who have allotment plots who kindly gave up their time. I was then able to cover the ground with a weed membrane. Miss White and I then placed pallet collars on the plot creating raised beds, this gives a raised bed for each class, plus an extra two beds to grow flowers and strawberries. We also planted a hedge of Raspberries.'

Before:



After:



I am very excited that the whole school will now be able to access the allotment and get into growing crops for harvesting. We are now sourcing bark for the floor, manure and topsoil for the beds and then we will be ready to go!

Other things we are looking forward to this year:

Forest School for all

With Mrs Grace back, we are now able to offer Forest School to all of our year groups to expand our outdoor learning provision. The children in KS2 will have traditional forest school sessions throughout the year and will also look to see where there are more opportunities for learning different parts of the curriculum outside the classroom.

School Visits

Already, Sycamore class, our yr5/6 class have visited the National Space Centre to inspire and excite them to learn more about their current unit, Space. We have visits planned locally this year again and a residential planned for our yr3/4 children to Everden Learning Centre, near Daventry.

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Eco Tips

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Leaving your vehicle engine running whilst parked uses fuel and contributes to the pollution of the environment. Please turn it off!

Leaves have now started falling. You can leave them on the ground to provide shelter for invertebrates over the winter, but if you want to clear them, why not make leaf mould, either in an open wire cage or in a hessian sack? Just put the leaves in and wait until next year for some great soil improver.

Ray and Tina Mitchell

NEWS FROM PADBURY CE SCHOOL

I am pleased to report that this year the school is at 'capacity' in that we have started the year with 105 pupils. This is great to see the school so full of life and enthusiasm for learning. We are fully staffed for the year as well and let's hope that we continue to remain well and healthy as we move into another school year. We welcome 15 new rabbits into our reception class this term:



Violet, Brodie, Grayson, George, Fred, Draven, Jamie-Rose, Hugo, Miles, Elena, Marnie, Lucian, Joshua, Lilly-Rose and Ronnie (with many new families) into Maple class.

We also welcome **Mae** who has joined us in Oak class and **Mrs Ballav** into Sycamore class as a trainee teacher this year.

Update on last year

Last year we were very pleased again with our school outcomes. High percentages of children secured the good level of development in Reception, yr1 succeeded with 93% reaching the phonics pass mark and yr4 blew our minds with their times tables knowledge!

Yr6 children did particularly well in the reading and maths outcomes with high percentage reaching the expected standard and as well as the greater depth standard. This is a testament to the continued good teaching the children receive at the school and the great team we have here.

Tea and cake for the community

One of the lovely events we held in the summer term last year was inviting the Padbury Friendly Group and the Church community into school where the yr5/6 children made cakes and served teas and coffees. The children also sang some of their favourite songs from their end of year performance which was a real delight for everyone. They also

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PADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Dates for your diary.

Quiz night with Fish & Chip Supper.

This popular annual event will be held on **Saturday 26th October**. The Quiz Master will be **Neil Holman**, who did such a good job last year.

Fish & Chips will be fresh from the **Howe and Co** van.

Tickets priced £15, are available from **Carol Bloxham**- 01280 308311 or 07747 718175.

A celebration of local crafts and produce

This opportunity for local people to sell their crafts and produce will be held in the village hall on **Saturday 7th December**. For information about this event, or to book a table please contact **Pam Sirett** – pamsirett725@btinternet.com.

Village Hall Committee - Annual General Meeting.

The AGM will be held on **Thursday 5th December** at 7pm, in the village hall. It will be open to village hall users and village residents.

Village Hall Committee-Vacancy.

There remains a vacancy for the position of Booking Secretary for the village hall. It is crucial, for the smooth running of the hall, that this position is filled.

If you are interested in taking over this important role, please contact **Trish Iliff-Rolfe**, trishiro4@gmail.com or 01280 822643.

Village Hall Clock.

For over 25 years the clock outside the village hall has been wound, every week, by **Graham Hemes**. Graham has decided that it's time to retire from this role, the clock will now be wound by **Robert Manasse**.

The village Hall Committee would like to thank Graham for his years of help, and Robert for offering to take over.

100+ Club.

Notice of September winning numbers.

1st prize £50, No 153- **Trevor Birch**. 2nd prize £50, No 139- **Alice Wesolowski**.

Coffee Morning.

There is a coffee morning at the village hall on the first Friday of every month, from 10.30 until midday. We look forward to seeing you for delicious homemade cake, a cuppa and a chat.

Hiring the Village Hall.

To hire the village hall, please contact the Booking Secretary, **Shirley Hemes** – sahemes55@gmail.com or 01280 812617.

Wendy Bull, Secretary.



PADBURY FRIENDLY AFTERNOON CLUB

We have started our tea and cake afternoons again after the August break. September saw us playing a 1950's game of Lotto or Housey Housey. Many people remembered family occasions when this was a favourite game!

Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month from 2 – 4pm. In October we will welcome **Roger Edwards**, who will give us a talk entitled "Oh Yes It Is! A short history of Pantomime".

In November **Margaret Templeton** is kindly coming to help us make some Christmassy [or Advent] table decorations. We have been invited to visit the school in December for the final rehearsal of the Nativity Play, more information to come later.

We welcome anyone of retirement age to join us, especially if you have recently moved into the village. Come and make new friends and get to know your neighbours!

Tina Mitchell 01280 814544

BINGO

I would like to say a big thank you to all that support our Village Bingo, although it would be lovely to see a few more villagers come along as it's run to help with the upkeep of our lovely Village Hall.

There will be a new Snowball starting next week, as the Snowball was won on the 19th September. The lucky winner was myself (Carol) – the first time since I started running Bingo have I been so lucky!

Now is the time that I have to start thinking about our Christmas Bingo. To allow anyone to come they have to have been at least 4 times between now and the end of November. This is done so it's fair to all our loyal supporters who come every week.

I'd like to thank everyone for their continued support and to my helpers without whom there wouldn't be a Bingo.

Carol Bloxham

PADBURY TENNIS CLUB

Major Court Refurbishment Completed

Exciting news: the court surfaces were repainted at the start of September, restoring to original as new standard with a nice new grippy surface. They look really good. The Club has spent over £6,000 on this work, paid for through membership subscriptions through the sinking fund over the years. This work will give an extended life to the courts of hopefully 5-6 years. This year will be a 10-year anniversary of the new build.

The Padbury team had some great matches, with several new players participating. We ended up 7th in Division 4, so we will be competing in Division 5 next summer. Thanks to all for playing. Next year, early practises will get the team hitting the ground running.

The winter coaching programme is in full swing with **Ed Harwood**. Juniors on a Tuesday early evening and adults on Wednesday evenings. Trials welcome., contact Ed on **07548 254948**. As the summer is over, the club is offering a 50% discounts on any new memberships for the remainder of the membership year, which ends at the end of March. Contact **Dave Green** on **07920 297891** or padburytcmemb@gmail.com if interested.

Dave Green

