What extraordinary times we are living through at the moment. They say that a crisis can bring out the best in people and that is certainly being shown across the country. In our own local communities people have come forward to offer help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, going to the post office or just to phone someone to help combat isolation or loneliness. See page 13 for information about who to contact if you would like assistance or you would like to volunteer.

And what would we do without the internet? For many people it has been an absolute life-saver, from ordering food and keeping the children occupied and educated to keeping your job. Have you tried out online Pilates? If not, see page 6 – Heather will put you through your paces as vigorously or as gently as you like. But perhaps it is a time to also be particularly aware of cyber-crime so Thames Valley Police have some tips of internet security – see page 13.

And talking of tips, the charity CCB (Connecting Communities in Berkshire) has some useful ideas for motivating yourself, keeping yourself fit and healthy, advice on fuel poverty and storing food – see page 5. And on page 4 we have a message from the CEO of the Royal Berks Hospital.

Needless to say this issue of the Newsletter is dominated by the effects of the coronavirus. Meetings, classes, events, halls all closed or cancelled and there are no dates for your diary except one – EASTER on Sunday 12 April! It may not be a very social event this year without friends and family but we hope you will be able to indulge yourself a little, perhaps with a chocolate rabbit or an enormous Easter egg or whatever makes you happy!

So we wish you all a very HAPPY EASTER, as far as possible. Keep smiling, keep laughing but above all keep safe!

Mary & Sheila

Deadline for next issue: 25 April 2020

Date for your DIARY

• Sunday 12 April       EASTER!
The meeting was well attended including District Cllr Dominic Boeck, Village Hall representatives and a number of residents. Full minutes can be obtained at: www.padworthparishcouncil.gov.uk or clerk@padworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

COVID-19

During this difficult time Padworth PC would like to assure our residents of our support. The website above provides up to date information including details of the West Berkshire Community Hub. Contact details for all our Councillors can be found on the website or please email the clerk at the above email address or telephone Christine Heath (Clerk) 0118 348 5840 if you need any assistance.

Appointment of Vice Chairman

With the departure of Cllr Andy Roberts, Cllr John Miller has been appointed Vice Chairman. The PC wish to thank Cllr Andy Roberts for his service to the PC and wish him well in his new home.

Signage to Village Hall and Padworth College

West Berks Highways will not be reinstating the signs as they believe the current signs are sufficient.

Mill Lane Residents Association (MLRA)

The Chairman of MLRA outlined a plan for a permanent solution to the road surface. He confirmed that some contributions had been made by residents and the PC in the past. However the cost for a permanent solution was in the region of £20-25K. He asked the PC for advice and possible funding assistance. Suggestions were made for further funding by residents, reaching out to local business and St Luke’s Trust. Regarding road adoption, District Cllr Boeck advised that the road would need to meet certain criteria for it to be adopted by the MLRA contact Paul Hendry, Environment Officer, WBC for further advice. The PC agreed to review the request for funding and add this to the agenda of the next PC Meeting.

Padworth and Aldermaston Show

An update was received from Frankie Seaman on the Show to be held 5 July 2020 at the Village Hall. They are looking for volunteers to assist on the day. Cllrs Warner, Johnson and Joseph offered their help. The chosen charity for this year will be the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Highway matters

Speeding in The Wharf – Thames Valley Police advised that the flashing signs that flash at 35+ mph are in line with regulations CLH Light – The Chairman met with a representative from CLH who advised all orange lights had to be replaced with LED. Testing took place on the brightness of the LED lights. Brightness was in line with regulations. Discussions continue with CLH.

Update on Rectory Road and Padworth Lane

- Area opposite Canning House - Thames Water confirmed the original repairs to the leak were not successful but further work has now resolved the problem
- Sycamore trees near Upper Lodge Farm have now been taken down
- Padworth Lane Fire Station – dead elms leaning into road have now been removed

Planning

19/02048 - 15 flats alongside the Comfort Inn – Rejected and withdrawn
19/02140 - 13 residential homes incl 3 social rent and 1 shared ownership – Awaiting decision
20/00226 - Mill Lane Lodge - Log cabin for office – No objections from PC
20/00307 – Land adjacent to Hatch Farm, Rectory Road - The PC object to such a large development in a rural area and have made the planning officer aware of its concerns including the issues regarding the misleading application form. Meeting pending with Planning Officer.
19/01312 – Oxenheath, Rectory Road – Granted

The Housing Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)

Settlement Boundaries - The HELAA was issued to Parishes for feedback by 27 March 2020. It was noted that Padworth was not mentioned in either list outlining parishes with settlement boundaries or those without. WBC’s response: Padworth is divided into 3 areas and each one does not have enough properties to warrant a settlement boundary. Only Aldermaston Wharf has a settlement boundary.

The questionnaire only relates to Aldermaston Wharf and asks questions such as “Do you have a Post office”, “Doctors” etc. It was RESOLVED with Aldermaston PC that Padworth PC Chairman would complete the form. There are 4 sites which WBC have marked for potential development: land from the station to the A4, land opposite the VH (old fuel station), the field next to the VH and land behind the former Round Oak Pub. The Round Oak Pub land is not to be developed for 15 years. West Berkshire has sufficient potential development land for the next 5 years. District Cllr Boeck advised that WBC receive their quota from the government and then call for potential development sites from landowners and after assessment mark them accordingly. HELAA have categorised them for development either immediately, in 5 years or in 15 years.

Finances

Balance as at 9 March 2020: £62,376.91

Review/Update Project Plan

- Village Hall – Repairs to the roof continue. Landscaping plans were available to view after the meeting. Peter Lacon and Chris Henkey advised it was their intention to resign from the Village Hall Committee within the next year. The Village Hall Committee is seeking new members and advised they would welcome more input from the PC. They currently have 600 bookings aside from the big events. It was RESOLVED that the PC would review all aspects of the Village Hall and collectively with the Village Hall Committee decide on the best way forward.
- Tree Planting – Station Road - a resident suggested benches and trees next to the canal. The Chairman to review and establish who owns the land
- Beenham Bus Shelter – discussions continue with Beenham PC
- Collapsible tables for Village Show – the PC agreed to fund the purchase of tables up to £1500 which will remain at the Village Hall for everyone to use
District Councillor’s Report
Dist Cllr Boeck reported that members’ bids can now be submitted for projects or plans. Members of the PC will consider what may be needed and provide bids including quotations by end April to Cllr Boeck.

Updates from Councillors
- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - NWS are seeking 3 more volunteers for Mill Lane, Fallows and A4 area. If anyone would like to be involved contact Angel Money ajmy5m7@inbox.com
- Bridge - Fallows - Caroline Booth, WBC, agreed that it will be taken away as it has become too dangerous and not cost effective to repair. The timber will be stacked and covered with grass cuttings for wildlife; the metal will be taken away. Discussions are taking place with Caroline Booth to improve the footpath to enable people to walk all the way around.
- Great Western Railways – The Chairman advised that he will attend a meeting with the Chairmen of Aldermaston and Beenham Parish Councils and GWR to review parking along the road. The parking ticket machine can only accommodate payment by phone and there is often no signal.

Next Meeting
A decision will be made at the end of April as to whether the next PC meeting and the Annual Parish meeting due to be held on Monday 11 May will go ahead.

Christine Heath
Parish Clerk

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VACANCY ON PADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Following our Vice-Chairman moving away, there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. Anyone who is interested in joining the Council and contributing to the Parish should contact our Chairman at mike.warner@live.co.uk or 0118 970 0391

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
Neighbourhood Watch coordinators are needed in three areas:
- Lower Padworth, The Fallows and Mill Lane
If you are interested please contact Angela Money at ajmy5m7@inbox.com

Mike Warner, Coordinator, Padworth Common

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Ian Ewart

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Ian Ewart who died peacefully at home on Thursday 5 March with all his family present. He was a local boy from Theale who came to live in Padworth 50 years ago. He was a member of St John the Baptist Church and on the Parochial Church Council for many years. He loved the countryside and will be sadly missed. Due to the coronavirus the cremation service will be family only but a Thanksgiving/Memorial service will be held later when restrictions are lifted. We send our deepest sympathy and condolences to Hazel and her family.

And John Miller writes:
I have known Ian since we were in Reading Young Farmers Club together. He was then, and remained throughout the rest of his life, a person who cared for others by offering kindness, support and consideration. In his professional life as a grain trader he was much respected for his honesty, integrity and his great ability to effect a fair deal for both parties – a difficult call in the agricultural community. It was a brave move when he set up business as an independent grain trader, moving away from the security of a large nationwide organisation.

I suppose I remember him best socially in his role as person in charge of the public on beagling days. He was always keen on the sport but ready to control in the nicest possible way any difficult situations. He must have learnt that from his days as a keen amateur footballer and latterly as a referee. Whenever we met there was always time for a story, a joke and much laughter and general well-being. Such a lovely kind generous man. We will always miss his lovely smile and cheerful greetings.
Message from the Royal Berkshire Hospital

The next stages in a major Covid-19 action plan aimed at ensuring local patients, staff and communities are guaranteed first class health care and support have been outlined by hospital leaders today (25 March).

The far reaching plan builds on work already in place at the Royal Berkshire Hospital Foundation Trust and is aimed at reassuring people that everything possible is being done to make sure they are kept safe and well during the current Covid-19 outbreak.

There are four main strands to the plan:

- To reduce the number of people – patients, visitors and staff – on hospital sites
- To increase and enhance the RBH’s capacity to treat patients
- To reduce demand so the focus is on the patients most in need of help
- To look after hard-working staff and make sure they have the equipment and facilities they need

Measures have already been put in place to tackle these critically important areas:

- Many more people are being offered virtual outpatient clinic appointments to receive healthcare over the phone or via a laptop
- Visitors have been restricted to one per patient per day
- The hospital layout has been revised to establish separate zones to deal with the differing needs of patients and keep everyone safe
- Intensive care capacity has increased from 14 to 34 beds

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Message from the CEO of the RBH

Trust Chief Executive, Steve McManus, said: “Whilst we’re all in very new territory with this virus we have a huge amount of tried and tested experience of planning for and dealing with major outbreaks like this. There are national and regional systems in place to support us and this, coupled with the work we’re doing at the Trust, is all aimed at keeping everyone safe and making sure we can sustain this level of care for the period of this outbreak.

“We all know now that this is a marathon, not a sprint, and it’s crucial we plan and operate in a careful, measured way over the next few weeks and months so our resources, both staff, equipment and facilities, are able to continue providing exceptional standards of care.

“We have amazing staff with many, many years of expertise, experience and knowledge behind them and I want people to know they are in safe hands.

“This incredible wealth of healthcare expertise is being enhanced by the really outstanding support from our local communities and partners and we can’t thank them enough for all their ongoing support.

“We recognise we’re asking a lot of people, often at very difficult times in their lives when they are unwell or wanting to be with people who are ill. Our staff too are facing all sorts of difficult day-to-day issues and this is why the support and understanding we offer to each other is so important,” he said.

“With this in mind, I really do hope people will appreciate why we’ve had to take some of the decisions we have taken, for example around visiting family and loved ones in hospital. I know this will be extremely hard for some people but we can’t say it enough: if we are to successfully deal with this virus, stop its spread, treat those affected and free up the hospital’s resources to do so, then we have to take these sort of serious steps now.

“So my message to them is please think again just how much they really do need to make that visit. Can they keep in touch with their loved one over the phone for now? By choosing not to come into the building they are doing a huge amount to help our staff,” he added.

Aldermaston & Wasing Ladies Group

Meets on the 2nd Thursday each month in Aldermaston Parish Hall at times given

All events cancelled until further notice.

Daphne Moore
0118 971 2263
Some useful tips from CCB during this difficult time

♦ Five ways to stay motivated at home ♦
Many of us are working from home now, including the entire CCB office (some of us are trying to home school our kids too!) so we thought we’d share our top tips on surviving and thriving in a working from home environment.

Set up a designated working spot
It’s easy when working from home to get comfortable wherever you please but to increase productivity, it’s important to set up a home office or at least a set working desk to help keep your mind work-focused and keep your work separate from other aspects of your home-life.

Set up a routine
With no set starting or finishing time or public transport to catch, it’s easy to work too many hours or perhaps not enough hours. Setting a strict start time to your day and setting an alarm means you will be in a structured routine. It’s also a good idea to have a dedicated finishing time so you don’t work too many hours.

Stay healthy
Try not to fall victim to unhealthy snacking and sitting at your desk for long periods of time. Ensure you take regular breaks and make healthy meals, and also incorporate exercise into your day, making sure you’re not spending long, intense hours completing your work without moving.

Exercise
Isolation is actually a great time to start exercising – even without venturing out of the home. There are many exercise classes on YouTube and local gyms have really stepped up to provide you with home exercises. Exercise has well documented benefits and will keep you feeling mentally positive as well as keeping you healthy physically. A big advantage of being home is that you can exercise on your lunch break!

Reward yourself
Reward yourself through the day to keep you moving through tasks. The thought of a small reward at the successful completion of a task can be enough to make you push through. Having some chocolate, making a coffee or playing with your pets are just a few reward ideas.

Stay social
Working from home can be lonely. Schedule some video calls with colleagues and contacts throughout the day. There is some excellent and free software out there to help you with this. Some home-workers even work in chat-rooms with colleagues on in the background for that truly "social" office feel.

♦ Coronavirus & Mental Health and Wellbeing ♦
During this difficult time, there is justifiable concern for people’s mental health and anxiety, especially those who find themselves in isolation. UK charity Mind, have produce advice on Coronavirus and your wellbeing. If you or someone you know are affected, please visit

https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/ for the latest guidance

Other useful sites & resources:
- https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/
- https://www.samaritans.org/
- https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/mental-health-considerations.pdf?sfvrsn=6d3578af_8

♦ Covid 19 Energy & Fuel Poverty Project ♦
Support from CCB offered for families at risk or in fuel poverty in Berkshire
Helen is running a telephone advice line for families who are worried about their bills, or who would like information about ways to reduce their costs. She can be contacted on

0773 8887612 on Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April between 9.30am-1pm

A national charity, National Energy Action, is also running a telephone advice line if you need support with your energy bills or advice on which benefits you need to claim. You can get in contact with their Warm and Safe Homes Advice Service by calling

0800 304 7159 for free Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
or filling out their referral form (nea.org.uk/advice/wash-advice)

The government have agreed measures with all energy suppliers to support customers who are self-isolating. Customers with pre-payment meters who may not be able to add credit can speak to their supplier about options to keep them supplied. This could include nominating a third party for credit top ups, having a discretionary fund added to their credit, or being sent a pre-loaded top up card so that their supply is not interrupted. More broadly, any energy customer in financial distress will also be supported by their supplier, which could include debt repayments and bill payments being reassessed, reduced or paused where necessary, while disconnection of credit meters will be completely suspended.

♦ Handy advice from M&S on how we can better store food ♦
There are lots of foods that you can put straight in the freezer instead of the fridge. These include meat and poultry, ready prepared meals, fresh pasta, bread – and did you know you can even freeze butter and cheese? Here are some examples:

- **Milk**: All milk can be stored in the freezer and defrosted before use. Just make sure it’s still sealed. It should be defrosted fully in the fridge before using.
- **Cheese**: Some hard cheeses freeze very well, such as cheddar, Gouda and Swiss cheese. You can freeze in blocks or grate it and freeze in handy portion sizes.
- **Bread**: Baked goods like bread, rolls, pitas, bagels and crumpets can all be easily frozen. Most toasties have a defrost function so you can toast baked goods from frozen.

- **Pasta**: Fresh pasta freezes well. Some pastas won’t have to be defrosted before use either; they’ll defrost once put in boiling water.
- **Fruit and vegetables**: In addition to the usual frozen fruit and vegetables; some fresh fruits like bananas and berries when frozen make great ingredients for smoothies and for baking.
- **Batch cooking**: Consider cooking a larger portion at mealtimes to freeze for a later date. Make sure you freeze the leftovers as soon as possible once they have fully cooled and mark clearly with the date. Only defrost or re-heat the meal once.
Mobile Library

The mobile library is not running until further notice due to the Coronavirus and Government guidelines.

PILATES LIVE ONLINE

My Body Control Pilates classes are available for everyone, whatever your age and ability. If you would like to book or find out more, contact Heather

£11 per class. Email: hsfitnessuk@mac.com  Call: 07785 254313

Pilates in Burghfield and Beyond

Bramley Clifft Meadows
Tuesdays – 9.30am & 10.30am
Fridays – 11.30am

Padworth Village Hall
Wednesdays – 9.30am
Fridays – 9.30am

Burghfield St Mary’s Parish Centre
Mondays – 9.30am, 10.30am, 7pm & 8pm
Wednesdays – 6pm, 7pm & 8pm
Fridays – 1.30pm

During the corona virus I am holding live web classes throughout the week. Please send me your email address to register.
Padworth Ladies at Lunch

There were 5 ladies at the March get together. I understand they had a lovely lunch and catch up.

- Our get together in April has had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus

We will not be meeting for some time now so please take care and keep safe.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact me, Caroline Givan on 07808 400843 / 0118 982 1743
Or email caroline.givan@gmail.com

Down on the Farm ….. but this time from Suffolk in the Spring!

Here we are, exiled in Suffolk, in self-imposed isolation. I feel more like your foreign correspondent which means we are looking at a very different countryside, and differing styles of agriculture and horticulture. And there are fewer people, too.

We are living in the countryside quite a long way from the nearest village, so we look up when something goes by to see what it is and then we look again to see who it is, which is rather like Grazley was when I started farming there in the 1960s. It’s very peaceful with far less traffic, no rush hour, no queues (except currently at the supermarket).

There are many small holdings from days gone by where the farmer would have had 5 cows, a few chickens and one or two pigs. They were self-sufficient on perhaps 15 acres (6 hectares).

The land is very flat and fertile and nearly all given over to arable crops on large farms, which are highly mechanised with very few employees. There are a few run-down units in need of re-development but when they come on the market they are snapped up within a week! The crops consist mainly of winter barley, winter wheat, oil seed rape, sugar beet (which is grown under contract) and spring barley. The outdoor pigs are more associated with the lighter, dryer land found around the Norfolk and Suffolk coast.

Black grass, which I have written about many times before, is the scourge of arable farming and is controlled by ploughing, which is much more common here than at home and if you ask local farmers they will tell you it’s only reasonably successful. The land is strong and heavy; there are precious few hedges; small dykes surround the fields which are all under-drained. Following a difficult autumn and winter, the oil seed rape crops look poor and patchy. The other crops generally look strong and healthy. Crops in this part of the world usually yield more than ours.

On the home front, following the very wet winter, land work has been delayed until the soil dries out. Wet soil means cold soil which is unsuitable for sowing small seeds, so we have to be patient. We have had very few frosts and hopefully now we will have a spell of warm dry weather. Cultivations have now started, fertilizer has been applied and the crops that we will be planting are spring beans, spring barley, poppies for the pharmaceutical industry, a little later on maize for our next-door neighbour’s cattle and fodder beet for sale. So we have a busy time ahead.

I wish you all good health and keep safe.

From our Agricultural Correspondent
Temporarily exiled in Suffolk!

ALDERMASTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Here is the news from early March. We held a number of events to mark National Book Week which were enjoyed by everyone. One day all the children and staff came into school dressed as a character from a favourite book and we had some very inventive and inspiring outfits. Two book sales were held following a great number of donations from the school and wider community. These raised over £240 to enable us to buy even more lovely books for our libraries and classrooms.

We had a Storytelling Evening when the children returned to school in their pyjamas and enjoyed listening to a number of readers while having a mug of hot chocolate and a biscuit, a super way to spend an hour hearing some different stories and poems.

Our weekly Reading Cafe continues every Thursday after school and remains a very popular event with both pupils and parents.

A new initiative this time was Book Caching - 44 books were placed in plastic sleeves at various locations around the local area and further afield and the children were each given a passport and encouraged to see how many they could locate. This proved to be a very popular activity and the children really enjoyed getting outdoors and hunting around. Prizes were awarded to the most successful book hunters.

The theme of Staying Safe has been studied across all classes. Our younger children have been learning about road safety and Years 3 & 4 had a visit from the Community Police Team. Years 5 & 6 looked at fire safety which included a visit from the fire engine from Mortimer Fire Station. We are very grateful to all these visitors for their time and commitment to support the children's learning opportunities.

As you will be aware our school closed on Friday 20 March along with all other schools, except for the children of key workers. So sadly the term has come to an abrupt end and we do not know when we will be back. So until then we hope you all stay safe and well and let's look out for each other in our local community.

Cathy Jones, Foundation Governor
In these difficult times I feel very lucky to have a garden. I did a count yesterday and was very happy to see 45 different species of plant in flower. I guess this is due mainly to the mild winter. Some have many more flowers than usual, the Viburnum tinus ‘Eve Price’, the Hepaticas, Sanguinarias, both the pink and white Prunus, all the bulbs, daffs, crocus, anemones, and chinodoxias. I have a double, orange Calendula that has not stopped flowering for 18 months, rain, hail, snow or hot sun, nothing stops it. I think it is one called ‘Orange King’.

We all have different ideas of when spring has arrived; with me, it is The Blackthorn flowering. This is the signal for me to start planting out some of the hardier young plants that I have grown from seed or cuttings, over 100 pots and trays. There are a few, like Euphorbias, a Fern, and Veronicastrums that have very soft new growth and would probably suffer in any cold nights so I have left them. There was a frost last night so the right decision I think. How wonderful to see the sun today after what was beginning to feel like forever with the rain.

My three varieties of Echiums that I’ve been growing from seed for two years now are looking very good, and Echium candicans ‘Pride of Madeira’ has three flower heads already three feet tall, so I’m keeping everything crossed that they flower their heads off.

The rain we had last week, heavy drizzle, is the one I call ‘wet rain’. I know, all rain is wet, but flowers cope well with normal rain drops while the drizzle stays on the flowers and weighs them down. The daffs and especially the primroses are now lying flat on the ground. The primroses recover well but the daffs struggle to stand up straight again. They look good in a vase indoors though, so not total loss.

I mowed the grass for the first time last week, during a brief spell of sunshine, and after 10 minutes was bombarded with hail. I say grass, but the lawns are actually more moss. I said in the last ‘Whatever’ that I love Japanese gardens and they do lovely moss ones, but I’m not over the moon with the amount I have; it’s nice and soft to walk on though.

We’ve had a Muntjac deer visiting us for three nights, and on one there were two, including the very small one. I found the almost invisible gap they had forced in the fence, so hopefully we won’t be visited again. The day lily leaves were eaten down to ground level. They are growing back but don’t look their best with chewed tops. The field behind us has been sprayed with herbicide and is now dead, so the deer are only seen on the way past, going to other pastures. The rabbits are making an amazing return; I see 10-15 everyday now, and not youngsters; these are full grown.

The birds must be having a difficult time in the wet as our feeders have 20 to 30 on them all day. I’m delighted to see greenfinches back. They too are battling a virus, and the goldfinches, which always disappear at this time for a month or two, are also back. I wonder why the long tailed tits only visit in the hour before dark. Unfortunately a pair of sparrow hawks come every day; they are very handsome birds, but I wish they would visit only occasionally.

Hopefully this will give you a smile.

A married couple in their early 60s were out celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic little restaurant. Suddenly, a tiny beautiful fairy appeared on the table and said, “For being such an exemplary married couple and for being faithful to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish.”

“Oh, my wish would be to travel around the world with my darling husband,” said the wife. The fairy waved her magic wand and – POOF- two round the world tickets for the Saga Sapphire appeared in her hands.

Then it was the husband’s turn. He thought for a moment and said, “Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I’m sorry, my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me.”

The wife and the fairy were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish....Therefore, the fairy waved her magic wand and – POOF- the husband became 92 years old!

The moral of the story: men who are ungrateful swines should remember fairies are females!!!!

Keep Gardening and Safe!

Mike Warner

Padworth Environmental Group (PEG)

Like our Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/PadworthEnvironmentalGroup

Or get in touch with Clare on 07415 239140 or clare_jane@hotmail.com
or Dawn on 07740 863167 or email_peg@yahoo.co.uk
ALDERMASTON PARISH COUNCIL – Notes of Meeting – 10 March 2020

Planning
- We agreed to record No Objection to the provision of solar panels on the roof of the village school. Whilst they may be visually unattractive from Wasing Lane, we recognised that the provision was consistent with WBC’s climate emergency measures.
- The Application for restoration of houses at 48-49 Paices Hill has been Withdrawn by the Applicant

Since the last meeting, WBC have approved 5 Applications, all consistent with our recommendations:
- Well House, Church Road – variation of Conditions
- Little Orchard, Paices Hill – alterations and extension
- Stacey Developments, Stilechen Road – erection of business units
- Youngs Industrial Estate, Paices Hill – extended hardstanding
- AWE Aldermaston – partial demolition and modification to building

We also considered the request for a Traders Licence for a burger van at Paices Wood. Having spoken with Youngs, we are supportive of their efforts to make the Country Park more attractive to visitors. We are concerned, however, about litter implications and have requested an additional condition accordingly.

Highways
Hopefully by the time you read this, the A340 will have been normalised outside The Loosey. The remediation work to Oakwell Cottage appears to have been quicker than first feared.

Local Plan to 2036
We reviewed and agreed our response to the WBC analysis of sites in their Local Plan to 2036. Eight potential sites have been identified in our Parish, 5 residential and 3 industrial. Of the 5 residential sites, 4 have been ruled out by WBC due to proximity to AWE, with which we agree. The 5th is land adjacent to the Fallows, Aldermaston Wharf, where we have reservations on flooding. We disagree with all 3 proposed industrial sites as they would lead to additional HGVs on the A340. We are pleased to see that Aldermaston Wharf has been identified as a separate settlement, and we aim to submit a joint response with Beenham and Padworth Parish Councils.

Flooding
With the recent wet weather, flooding is a major issue. We are working with Beenham and Padworth PCs regarding the flooded cyclepath preventing Wharf children walking to the Village School. We are also aware of flooding on the footpaths at the end of Fishermans Lane and the A340 outside Sascron.

VE75 Celebrations
We agreed to support the VE75 celebrations: 8-10 May

Finances
We finalised our grants and donations to local organisations and agreed to give the following additional sums:
- £1500 to Aldermaston Parish Hall
- £750 to Church for grass cutting
- £300 to Tadley CAB
- £100 to Newbury MS Therapy Centre

Next meeting
- Tuesday 14 April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

This will be our Annual Parish Meeting, when we receive reports from local Groups.

Post Script: We are not allowed to "cancel" our 14th April meeting as it is our Annual Parish Meeting, and we currently have a statutory obligation to convene it. So instead we have postponed it, but we have asked the representatives of the various organisations to submit written reports which we will circulate. The Parish Council intends to undertake as much of its business as possible by email, but we are also investigating the possibility of holding a conference call that evening. As there will be no Open Forum, we are asking our parishioners to submit any issues to our Clerk, Christine McGarvie, parishclerk@aldermaston.co.uk, ahead of the meeting

For full information on Parish Council matters, please visit our website at www.aldermaston.co.uk

JUMBLE SALE
The Jumble Sale in aid of the Wessex Cancer Trust on Saturday 14 March raised £202.86. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

The Jumble Sale on April 4 has been CANCELLED and there will be no more Jumble Sales for the foreseeable future.

A Very Happy Easter to everyone.

FOR HIRE - in addition to the Hall, other items available to hire are: Tables – chairs – crockery – cutlery
Rates are very reasonable. There is ample parking plus a recreation ground, and a fully equipped kitchen. If you are interested, please contact Stuart Unwin – 0118 971 3513

www.padworthvillagehall.info

Padworth and Aldermaston WI
Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Padworth Village Hall

Due to the corona virus and the Government’s instruction, WI meetings and social events have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. We are still a Women’s Institute so if you have any issues or problems please do not hesitate to contact me or a committee member and we will do whatever we can to help you. In the meanwhile try to keep active, positive and safe.

Sheila Jay
President, Padworth and Aldermaston WI
0118 971 3367
Comments from Parishioners

- A representative from the Beenham 2020 celebrations updated the Council. The joint evening with The Club and The Victory Hall had been a success and planning is continuing for the VE Day picnic on 8 May.
- A request was made for a dog bin outside the school, as the litter bin is currently being used for dog mess.
- Concerns were raised about the condition of the road leading down to The Bourne. Flood water has flowed down the road, leading to damage to the side of the road and to the road surfacing. This has been taken up with WBC, who have agreed that action is required (but have not given a date for the work).
- A parishioner said that a friend had accidently turned right onto the eastbound carriageway of the A4, and said that the signage was unclear. This has been taken up with WBC, who consider the signs adequate.
- A parishioner said that the monthly village market now had a Green Market which includes several environmental charities. She requested that the charge for use of the school playground should be waived. It was agreed that use of the playground for parking at the Village Market would be free-of-charge.
- The future of the website was discussed. The conclusions are covered below.

Planning

Applications considered at the February meeting - no objections:
- 19/02540/FUL Tree World Nursery, Ufton Lane
- 19/03097/FUL Northway Porsche, Grange Place
- 20/00081/HOUSE Brynteg, Clay Lane
- 20/00118/HOUSE 8 Mallard Way, Aldermaston Wharf

There were no applications for consideration at the March meeting.

Local Plan Update

WBC is updating the Local Plan, which sets out the aims for development of West Berkshire until 2036. WBC have recently issued the following for consultation:

- **Settlement Boundaries.** Beenham Village and Aldermaston Wharf have defined Settlement Boundaries, but these can be amended as part of the update.
- **Settlement Hierarchies.** Beenham Village and Aldermaston Wharf are both defined as Smaller Villages. This has implications for further development, as Smaller Villages are not considered suitable for development other than limited infill.
- **Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA).** Landowners and developers have submitted details of sites for consideration for future development (up to 2036). These sites are assessed for suitability under many different criteria. Beenham Village has 4 sites, which have all been identified as Unsuitable. Aldermaston Wharf (and the adjacent landfill sites north of the A4) have several sites with differing assessments.

WBC have asked for comments by the end of March, but we have asked for an extension. The PC agreed to take the following actions:
- Consider the need for changes to the Settlement Boundary for Beenham Village
- Meet with Padworth and Aldermaston Parish Councils to agree a response to the HELAA proposals for Aldermaston Wharf
- Finalise the PC position at the next meeting.

Further details are given at the end of these Notes. Many of the documents are on the Beenham Online Website. If you would like to comment on the proposals you can contact the Parish Council. There will be further periods of consultation before the Local Plan is finalised next year.

Community Room & School Hall

- The Community Room has been redecorated, and new curtains hung. Approval was given for some replacement ceiling tiles, a projector screen, and some notice boards to complete the make-over.
- Three quotes have been received for replacement lights in the School Hall. It was decided to accept a quote for 8 low-bay LED lights in the same location as the existing lights. We now have to get a permit from WBC, which may take some time.

Website

Beenham Online is a website run by the Parish Council. It has community news and information, as well as the official documents for Beenham PC (minutes, budgets etc.). As with most things, there are new regulations concerning the requirements for Parish Council to publish information, and websites must be WRAG Compliant (whatever that means).

The Council has decided to set up a new website which will just deal with official Council matters. The original website (Beenham Online) will no longer be run by the Parish Council, but it is hoped that volunteers will come forward to develop the community aspects of this site. Michael Fitzmaurice has been the webmaster for many years: he would like to pass it on but has agreed to carry on for the time being.

Grass Areas

WBC own two grass areas in Beenham Village: the triangle between Stoneyfields and Church View, and the area outside the school (where the Christmas Tree goes). Beenham PC are responsible for cutting the grass of the
former, but WBC are responsible for the latter (it does not get cut very often). We have been discussing with WBC the possibility of taking over the freehold of this land. WBC are not willing to give us the freehold, but will lease both areas at a peppercorn. This would give us more control over the land, but would give us additional responsibilities and expense. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting, after some clarification has been received from WBC.

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)
The NAG is a liaison group, coordinated by the police, with representatives from local councils, businesses and residents. Nick Mylum has been appointed as the Beenham representative.

Finance
- A grant of £342 to Aldermaston Primary School was agreed for their current appeal to improve the outdoor play areas. Many of the students live in Beenham Parish.
- The annual grant of £600 to Beenham Church was agreed.

Next meetings
- Monday 6 April, starting at 7.00pm in Community Room
- Wednesday 15 April, Annual Parish Assembly

We are looking at ways to hold the PC meeting over the internet.

All correspondence to the council should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: theclerk@beenhamonline.org.

Peter McEwen
Parish Councillor

Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)

WBC is carrying out an update of the West Berkshire Local Plan to 2036. As part of the plan they have recently published a draft HELAA. Full details are available at info.westberks.gov.uk/ helaa. This site includes a link to an interactive map which shows all the sites under consideration.

The HELAA lists and maps sites within West Berkshire that may have potential for residential and economic development. Most of the sites are submissions from landowners and developers for possible future development. It is important to note they are NOT sites allocated for development. The decisions regarding which sites will be proposed for allocation will be made in the West Berkshire Local Plan Review to 2036, and neighbourhood development plans, which will be subject to full public consultation and examination before any site or plan is adopted. The identification of potential sites in the HELAA does not state or imply that the Council will necessarily grant planning permission for development. All planning applications will continue to be determined against the current development plan and other relevant material considerations.

The sites are grouped under “Settlements”, rather than Parish Councils. Each settlement is placed in a Settlement Hierarchy (from an Urban Area through Service Village to Smaller Village to Open Countryside). Beenham Village is classed as a Smaller Village with a single Settlement Boundary. Aldermaston Wharf (which comes within three Parish Councils) is also classed as a Smaller Village, and has a rather convoluted Settlement Boundary. Development in Smaller Villages is limited to infill only, but Service Villages (e.g. Aldermaston and Bradfield Southend) have potential for limited development.

Each site is assessed under a large number of criteria in a very complex spreadsheet in Appendix 4. The HELAA sites are shown on the attached figures for Beenham Village and Aldermaston Wharf. These figures are better viewed in colour on the online version of this note, or via the interactive map (see above).

Parish Councils have been asked to comment by the end of March, but an extension has been requested. There will be a further period of public consultation on the Draft Local Plan, probably in the autumn.

Padworth Recycling Centre

The recycling centre is closed until further notice.

For more information visit www.westberks.gov.uk/waste or veolia.co.uk/westberkshire
Alan Caiger-Smith & Aldermaston Pottery

To some of you, this name will not ring any bells but for anyone who has lived in Aldermaston and the surrounding area for any length of time – over 25 years perhaps? – his name is synonymous with Aldermaston Pottery and the distinctive bluey-green designs he created on mugs, plates, bowls, dishes, you name it. For he remained true to his belief that pots should be for use rather than just for decoration.

Alan Caiger-Smith was born on 8 February 1930 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where his father was an industrial chemist with ICI. He had a younger brother Mark but when Alan was two, the family came back to Britain. Three years later his father was killed in a rock-climbing accident. To support her young family, his mother trained as an ophthalmologist and in 1941 took up a post at Reading Hospital, settling in the village of Aldermaston.

From a young age, Alan was always drawing and modelling figures in clay. After leaving Stowe School, he enrolled at Camberwell School of Art but being disappointed with the course left after two years to study history and English literature at King’s College, Cambridge. There he rekindled his interest in art, painting and modelling clay figures and a friend introduced him to the potter’s wheel. After leaving Cambridge, he took evening classes at the Central School of Arts and Crafts where he was pointed in the direction of using tin-glaze.

After being turned down by several workshops, he decided to return home and set up his own pottery. ‘The old smithy in Aldermaston, where I’d grown up and where my mother still lived, had been empty for three years.’ He bought it for £500, lodged with his mother and started ‘ignorant but optimistic and full of energy.’ He was joined after a year by Geoffrey Eastop who went on to become a successful potter in his own right. Between them they began to establish a style of highly decorated tin-glaze with a Persian influence.

In 1956 Alan married a Swede, Anne-Marie Hulteus, with whom he had 4 sons. They settled in Marylebone, London, where he established a second pottery.

However, with the Aldermaston Pottery taking off in the early 1960s, he closed it and moved the family back to Aldermaston. Eastop having left in 1961, he took on assistants who were expected to work in every area of production, a radical departure from other studio potteries where young assistants would be given largely menial tasks. He told them, ‘If you are not enjoying the work, it will not be good and if it is not good no one will want to buy it.’

He died on 21 February aged 90, leaving a legacy in many a home in this area, because people did want to buy his pottery.

A little light relief

Plane with 5 passengers on board: Donald Trump, Boris Johnson, the Pope, Nicola Sturgeon and a ten-year-old boy.

The plane is about to crash and there are only 4 parachutes.

Sturgeon: ‘I need one. I’ve got to sort out Scotland!’ She takes ones and jumps.

The Pope: ‘I need none. I’ve to sort out the Catholic Church.’ He takes ones and jumps.

Trump: ‘I need one. I’m the smartest person in America.’ He takes one and jumps.

Boris Johnson to the ten-year-old: ‘You can have the last parachute. I’ve lived my life; yours is only just starting.’

The ten-year-old: ‘Don’t worry. There are 2 parachutes left. The smartest person in America took my school bag.’
Protecting yourself online

As the world moves more towards being online, it's important that we don't forget to protect ourselves from cybercrime. It can be daunting having to learn new processes like online banking and keeping in touch with our friends and families on social media, but did you know that £1.7million was lost to cyber criminals by residents in the Thames Valley between April 2018 and March 2019?

Here are some of the simple actions that you can take to protect yourself online:

- **Use a strong, separate password for your email**
  By creating a separate password for your email account, you're securing yourself should your password be stolen from an account elsewhere. Choose three random words and substitute letters for numbers to make the password harder for someone else to guess.

- **Watch out for fake emails and texts asking for your information**
  These are called phishing messages, and they can sometimes look like they're from genuine sources. Look out for tell-tale signs such as poor spelling and grammar, incorrect email addresses and requests for information or payment out of the blue. Never give out your personal information unless you are sure it's from a trusted source.

- **Install the latest software and app updates**
  You wouldn't put an old set of tyres on your car. Why would you trust old software to protect your personal data? Software and apps are regularly updated to secure against the newest viruses and online threats. Check the settings on your phone and computer to make sure you have the latest updates installed. Call your manufacturer or go on their website if you're not sure how to do this.

- **Secure your social media**
  Social media is a great way for us to keep in touch with loved ones and share our lives with them, but would you want a stranger to see this? Check the settings of your social media accounts to make sure you have adequate privacy filters enabled.

More details on how to protect yourself from cybercrime can be found on the Thames Valley Police website [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk).

If you think you have been a victim of an online scam, you should report this to Action Fraud on their website or by calling 0300 123 2040.

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**Beenham Community & the Coronavirus**

**Do you**

- Need Help?
- Want to talk?

**Are you**

- Self-isolating?
- Feeling poorly?
- Worried and unsure?

We have a great network of people in our village who are willing to help. This includes:

- delivering shopping
- picking up prescriptions
- posting mail
- or just someone to talk to on the phone.

Please feel free to contact any of the co-ordinators below who can link you with someone who would like to help or post a message on the ‘Beenham Community’ Facebook group.

Janette Hammond 07917 818283
Ali Riches 0118 971 0521 / 07887 878796
Bev Sharp 0118 971 0418 / 07830 367607
Lottie Wadsworth 0118 343 0608 / 07866 398800 / lottie_999@hotmail.com

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**Aldermaston Parish Council & Coronavirus**

In these difficult times the Aldermaston PC is anxious to ensure our community is as safe as possible. To that end we are working with the local church to ensure that everything that is practical is done to help our more vulnerable members.

We are fortunate that our local vicar, Revd. Jane Manley, is also a member of Aldermaston PC and she has agreed to coordinate our efforts. If you are currently self-isolating and require assistance, e.g. with shopping or collecting medicines, please let her know. Equally, if you are able to assist in the provision of such services, please make yourself known to her. She is contactable on 0118 971 2891 / email: jmanley.awb@gmail.com

In the meantime please take heed of the Government’s advice at [https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/) and in particular:

- wash your hands regularly and properly
- cough/sneeze into a tissue and dispose of it immediately
- avoid close contact with others, particularly those displaying flu-like symptoms
- and if you need to contact your GP, use your phone or go on line.

If you have access to email and would like to receive further emails from Aldermaston PC, please send a request to [dave.shirt@btinternet.com](mailto:dave.shirt@btinternet.com) (this is obviously not applicable to those already on the distribution list!).

Take care

Aldermaston Parish Council

Tel: 0118 970 1576 / email: parishclerk@aldermaston.co.uk
Dear Friends,

ON COVID-19 AND THE NEED TO SUSPEND SERVICES AND GATHERINGS.

Of course, we all need to be responsible in playing our part to contain the spread of this virus by avoiding gatherings of people.

For this reason the daily public Eucharists/Holy Communion/Masses and Sunday services will be suspended until the way forward is clearer. Likewise, all other public church meetings and events and all social gatherings will also be suspended.

However, the cancellation of public services does not prevent us from opening the Scriptures and praying. We can celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in our homes by spending time in prayer and reading and reflecting on the Word of God recommended for each day. Please, see the parish’s website and newsletters for more information about suggested readings and prayers.

Arrangements are in place for those who normally make their Holy Communion at home and any further special arrangements can be made with the parish’s priests as per the guidelines. Those who need the sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation should telephone one of the priests.

The Pastoral Care Team will continue to try to provide practical help for those in need and please do make requests for assistance by contacting the Vicar, or the Head Verger or the Churchwardens.

We must all take proper precautions when ministering to each other and continue to follow all the safeguards and precautions, which will be updated periodically. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Finally, thank you for your patience and understanding. Let us continue to pray for each other, especially those who have succumbed to this illness. Let us pray also for those in the frontlines in the service of the sick - our doctors, our nurses and others; that the Lord will guide them and protect them and their loved ones from harm.

God give us grace to worship and build up our community in love and service. God bless,

Paul Chaplin
Vicar of the Stratfield Mortimer Benefice

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**New Yoga class in Theale!**

**When:** Monday evenings from 6-7pm

**Where:** Theale Village Hall, Englefield Road, Theale, RG7 5AS

**Cost:** £8.00 per hour session

Please bring a mat and suitable clothing

♦ Suitable for all levels

Please contact Michelle Lovelock with any queries or for further details on 07766 962671

We look forward to welcoming you to the class!

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**The triangle in Aldermaston Village aka The Loosey**

We’re delighted to report that work on the house damaged by a lorry has been completed and that the traffic lights around The Loosey have now been removed. Life in one little corner of the universe is back to normal!
East Family Hub - Calcot

Messy Mondays
Monday Mornings (Term Time only)
from 10am – 11.30am in Padworth Village Hall

Messy play for under 5s and their parents/carers £3 per session

If you would like more information about the East Family Hub and how we can support you and your family with under 5s, please feel free to get in touch with us.

The East Family Hub - 0118 945 6157
Curtis Road, Calcot RG31 4XG
Jo Roberts, Manager - joanne.roberts@westberks.gov.uk

Cancelled until further notice

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East Family Wellbeing Hub

Do you like helping people?
Do you have spare time on your hands?
Would you like to be part of a dedicated team of volunteers that are essential to the running of the wellbeing groups in your area?

If you can answer yes to any or all of the questions then we need you..............

West Berkshire East Family Wellbeing Hub are looking to recruit some new volunteers for the following sessions:

**Monday morning** 9.30-11.45 at Padworth Village Hall – Stay, Play & Learn session

**Tuesday morning** 9.30-12.30 at Cornwell Centre – Cornwall 0-5’s

**Thursday morning** 9.30-11.45 at Theale Village Hall – Stay, Play & Learn session

These groups are well attended and staffed by Family Wellbeing Workers – your role as a volunteer would be to assist with making new parents feel welcome, promoting positive parenting within the groups, providing snacks and drinks for families and helping to set up and tidy away at the end of the session.

You will have no overall responsibility to run the session but a commitment to attend regularly is really important.

If you are interested and would like more information on this opportunity, please call Claire Roberts, Family Wellbeing Worker at East Family Wellbeing Hub on 0118 948107 for more information.
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