

# Adstock Clarion

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## Hello Villagers

It's starting to feel a little like Spring - let's hope it continues and doesn't go back to those biting, wet, cold days we've had recently. We've had a few floods lately but looks like the drains at the entrance to the village, have been cleared, so fingers crossed it doesn't get as bad again.

With Valentines and Mother's Day coming up, what a great excuse to add some colour to your favourite person's life, with a bunch of flowers, or why not just treat yourself! Along with the daffodils and crocuses popping up, I've seen some lovely arrangements in the local florists. Also, it will get us gardeners in the mood for getting out and sorting the garden!! Bring on the dirty knees and soil under the fingernails....



There is some sad news to report about Marian Mason and Pat Binns, but from reading their write ups they certainly knew how to live life to the full, something we could all learn from.

## What's on this month?

**The Parish Council** are holding their regular meeting in the Village Hall on Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb and they are happy to see villagers there to support, hear or comment on village issues. It's your chance to have your say.

**St Cecilia's** are hosting two lady clergy in February, Jaqueline Dove taking the 9am Holy Communion on 4<sup>th</sup> and Cathy Pearce the 10.30am Morning Worship on the 18<sup>th</sup>. **Gardeners**, check out how to 'love your slugs' with the Hardy Plant Society talk on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

The **Science Club** talk on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb talks about Food Additives and Flavours and the **History Club** talk on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb is all about Stalin.

The **Village Coffee Morning on 15<sup>th</sup> February** is great for a neighbourly catch up over a coffee plus the raffle which has had some great prizes lately.

For all those local **historians**, there is a talk on 16<sup>th</sup> March, at Addington Church, sounds like one not to be missed. Or for those with more of a musical ear the **Adstock Singers** present a **St Patrick's Day** feast of entertainment, from music and poetry to drama and magic. Something for everyone there.

And lastly, don't forget to book your tickets for the **Darts & Chilli** evening happening at the Village Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Have a great February....

**Best wishes, Claire**

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## **Marian Mason – Remembered by Sandra Rooney & Jennifer Stuart**

*I'm sorry to report the sad news that Marian Mason died early last Saturday morning in Milton Keynes Hospital. Her daughters Sarah and Louise were with her and she passed very peacefully.*

*Marian was a stalwart of the village and had lived at 1 Vine Cottage for 35 years. Involved with so many things in her time here she was instrumental in starting our famous Adstock Panto, producing and directing most of them herself. Chair of the Village Hall Committee for many years organising such diverse evenings as crazy-whist to limbo dancing!!*



*Of-course she also edited this magazine for some 25years, hand-writing it all, getting it typed by a villager, then putting it altogether for printing and even helping with the deliveries. A founder member of the Choir and one of the first gardens to open when the Open Gardens event started for the Church, where she was also a regular worshiper.*

*Marian always got involved with any event organised for the village. A full life well lived, RIP Marian.*



## **Pat Binns - Remembered by Marius and Jenny Stuart**

*Pat was a lovely lady of 86 who had lived at number 4 Greenfields for the last 10 years. Before living in Adstock Pat and her late husband spent their retirement years in Herefordshire on a small holding. Her late husband had been in the RAF where they lived in Singapore, Bahrain & Ballykelly leading an expat life. When he left the RAF they bought a pub in the Chiltern Hills which they ran until they moved to Herefordshire.*

*Apart from her children and grandchildren she had several other loves, one was her lifelong passion for horses and had owned a number in the past which she rode in equestrian events. Her second love was her two dogs who sadly died in the last couple of years and lastly her Saab 93 Aero was one of her most treasured possessions which she took great care of and enjoyed driving whenever she could. To be honest, Pat was a bit of a "petrol head" and was always, especially in the summer, outside polishing and also checking the Saab for any problems. This extended to sorting out issues with doors, windows and other things house and garden related. Pat did not like to be thought of as a helpless woman, which she most certainly wasn't.*



*Pat was an integral part of the village and was a member of a number of small close knit social groups. She played cards and went out regularly for meals with her close friends and took part in both the Science and History clubs. She was one of the most positive people to be around.*

*Unfortunately, Pat was diagnosed with cancer in July 2023, but despite this she still remained incredibly positive and was able to raise a smile when visited. She was admitted to hospital after Christmas and sadly died at the beginning of this year. Rest in Peace Pat we all will miss you very much.*

# ADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Cllr Simon Walker, Vice Chair: Cllr Neil Fraser-Smith  
Councillors: Cllr Chris Cornish, Cllr Doug Randall, Cllr John Stone, Cllr Paul Salver  
[www.adstockvillage.info/](http://www.adstockvillage.info/)

**WE REQUIRE YOUR INPUT ON ANY ISSUES YOU WOULD LIKE US TO ADDRESS**  
Please email [admin@adstockvillage.info](mailto:admin@adstockvillage.info) or view the village website for updates

**Next PC meeting Tues 6<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall**

## POTHoles, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Please report any issues to:

- [www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk)
- [www.ramblers.org.uk/advice/improve-the-path-network/creating-a-right-of-way.aspx](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/advice/improve-the-path-network/creating-a-right-of-way.aspx)
- [www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/public-rights-of-way/report-a-rights-of-way-issue/](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/public-rights-of-way/report-a-rights-of-way-issue/)

## STREETLIGHTS NOT WORKING

- Please report by sending the light post number to [admin@adstockvillage.info](mailto:admin@adstockvillage.info) – thank you

## WEBSITE

- Please look at our new revamped website  
<https://www.adstockvillage.info/>
- Thank you to Claire who has updated and added new sections including:
  - Links to other services
  - Copies of past Clarions
  - Events page
- If you would like to see other items *included* or events promoted please contact  
[admin@adstockvillage.info](mailto:admin@adstockvillage.info)
- Unfortunately, it does not allow advertising of services that are not BCC related



**Local Community Boards** – click on the icon to learn more.

### Winslow Community Board

[winvill@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:winvill@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

### Heart of Bucks

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[info@heartofbucks.org](mailto:info@heartofbucks.org)

### Helping Hands

Help with cost of living  
0300 131 6000

### Support for Carers

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### Food Champion

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### Welcoming Spaces



# Welcoming space

Are you interested in becoming a Welcoming Space?

As the weather turns colder and the days get shorter, Buckinghamshire Council is reminding people that Welcoming Spaces across the county continue to offer a friendly and free place where people can go to stay warm and well this winter.

There may also be the opportunity for some funding towards the setup of a Welcoming Space, please contact the Winslow and Villages Community Board to find out more



Helpful link

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/find-a-place-to-keep-warm-welcoming-spaces/>



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**Community Board**  
Winslow and  
Villages

✉ [winvill@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:winvill@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

See list below and go to the website to add any comments or objections:

[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/)

## **ADS TOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

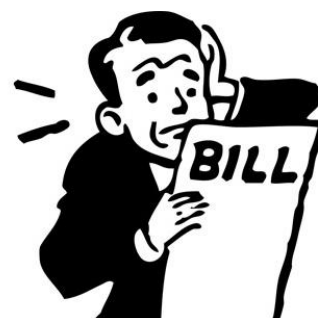
Clerk to the Council: Ruth Millard [clerk@adstockvillage.info](mailto:clerk@adstockvillage.info)

<a href="#">Reference</a>	<a href="#">Address</a>	<a href="#">Type</a>	<a href="#">Status</a>
21/03473/APP 21/03474/ALB	Adstock Cottage East Street Adstock Buckinghamshire MK18 2HZ / <i>Replacement of windows, installation of one new window and two roof lights</i>	Application	Awaiting decision
22/01337/ADP	Adstock Manor Main Street Adstock Buckinghamshire MK18 2HT / <i>Submission of details of means of access, external appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of three dwellings and a storage barn with one dwelling above pursuant to outline planning permission 18/04635/OAP</i>	Application	Approved
24/00040/ALB	Church End Barns Church End Barns Adstock Buckinghamshire MK18 2HY / <i>Listed building application for part garage conversion with associated internal and external works</i>	Application	Awaiting decision
23/03262/APP	Adstockfields Farm Adstock Fields Buckinghamshire MK18 2JE / <i>Conversion of part of a redundant agricultural building to visitors' facilities and ancillary retail to the distillery (Class E)</i>	Application	Awaiting decision
23/03764/APP	Samel Cottage The Gardens Adstock Buckinghamshire MK18 2JF ( <i>Householder application for single storey rear extension</i> )	Application	Approved
23/03678/APP 23/03679/ALB	Fig Tree Cottage Main Street Adstock Buckinghamshire MK18 2JN / <i>Householder application for replacement of timber windows</i>	Application	Approved Consent Granted

Planning Applications at 29.01.2024

## **ELECTRICITY BILLING ISSUES?**

Do you remember when your electricity bill consisted of one piece of A5 size paper showing simply the number of units consumed (as the difference between meter reading 3 months ago and meter reading now) times the cost per unit plus standing daily charge and VAT? We may have grumbled about it but we went to the Post Office, paid it and forgot about it until the next 3 months had gone by.



Nowadays it seems to be far more complicated. I have recently become aware of some bizarre modern billing examples such as:

1. Obvious mistakes on the bill. On the phone “customer services” insist the bill is correct. Then months later the customer received an out of sequence bill demanding an extra payment.
2. Bills that the customer found incomprehensible e.g. 4 sides of A4 full of extensive calculations and “reversed amounts”.
3. Billing comprising 48 pages of A4 paper, including 51 sides with calculations or totals, some calculations incomprehensible to the customer, in a 16 month period. (NB: the amount of paper is an environmental issue but my point here is different – should a customer have to wade through pages of calculations, whether on paper or online, just to understand their bill!)
4. Perhaps most bizarre and concerning, a phone call received by a customer: “we won’t contact you about fitting a ‘smart meter’ for 6 months if you now state your name and address and we record you doing so”. (The customer did check this was their electricity supplier not a random scammer). This despite the customer having repeatedly told the supplier both verbally and in writing that they do not want a ‘smart meter’.
5. A customer made a complaint but the supplier simply pretended there was no complaint ongoing.

I am interested to know how common these kinds of nonsense are. Amongst the Clarion readers, who is happy or unhappy with their supplier? If you are happy then please tell me, perhaps you can help a fellow villager who is unhappy, they can swap supplier. If you are unhappy, why? Ask yourself: would a ‘reasonable person’ regard the matter as ‘unsatisfactory’?

The focus of this survey is upon billing behaviour and customer services NOT about the CAP or the amount of electricity you use. Please note I DO NOT OFFER ADVICE.

All comments must be accompanied by name and address. This is deliberately NOT an online survey. It is far too easy to type a few unthinking comments onto a website. For this survey your comments will require some effort and motivation to write them and walk round to put them through my letterbox. Do NOT supply copies of bills or emails or online screens or account numbers at this stage. A paragraph stating your views, the name of your supplier and your name and address is all that is required. If your comments are positive then please say whether or not I can put you in touch with someone who is unhappy (and vice versa).

As stated above my principal hope is that your positive comments will benefit others. Regarding negative comments, what happens next depends upon the response. Are the above one-off errors or are they commonplace?

You may know I am a member of Adstock Parish Council but this is entirely a personal initiative, it is not a Parish Council initiative. Please note I am not a member of any political party, nor am I a reporter, nor do I work for a consumer organization, nor do I work in the electricity supply industry. I am a blank canvas. I think that deals with it!

**Finally, this is only about electricity.** I realise this will include electricity / gas dual billing but please, no gas only billing (if you have a separate supplier).

Let me have any comments within 10 calendar days of this Clarion publication. I will feedback in the next issue and I will not state who receives their electricity from which supplier. Your comments will be retained only for as long as this remains potentially or actually a live issue. When that is no longer the case I will shred them.

You may be interested in a report on the BBC News website, Business section, on 31 st Jan, about some extreme examples of erroneous billing by well-known electricity suppliers. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-68130784>

**Dr Keith Wallace, ‘Zennor’, The Gardens, Adstock MK18 2JF**

(In case you don’t know, Zennor is the thatched cottage on the right going up The Gardens.)

# ADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

## Available to hire for £15 per hour

- Includes tables, chairs, kitchen facilities and an outside area
- Suitable for children's parties, local club nights or art displays
- Outside Chairs & Tables also available to hire



## VILLAGE HALL EVENTS FOR 2024

15 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee Morning
16 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patricks Day Soiree
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Darts and Chilli Evening
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Open Gardens

## “We are looking for volunteers to join the Adstock Village Hall Committee”

- We meet around 4 times per year to help ensure the hall is well maintained and to organise fundraising events.
- The events include Quiz nights, Darts nights and the 100 club, but we are always looking for new ideas that will appeal to villagers, so that the hall continues to be well supported.
- We are a friendly bunch, so it's a great way to get to know a few more people in the village!
- If you are interested please contact [adstockvh@gmail.com](mailto:adstockvh@gmail.com)

For private bookings please contact Heather Brogden: [willsontheweb@hotmail.com](mailto:willsontheweb@hotmail.com)

For event bookings please contact Alaina Cornish: [adstockevents@gmail.com](mailto:adstockevents@gmail.com)





# ***Darts and Chilli evening***



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***Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April***  
***7.00pm for 7.30pm start***

**Tickets £15 per person**

Open to both dart players and non-players (same ticket price)

Donation bar (red and white wine, lager and ale, soft drinks) £5 corkage per bottle  
for Bring Your Own to support fundraising.

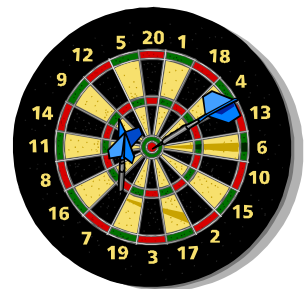
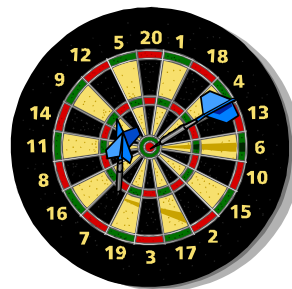
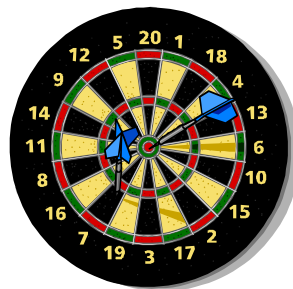
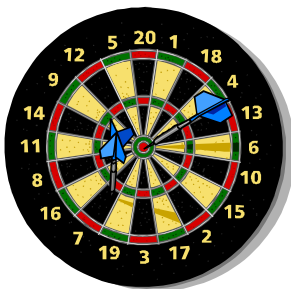
**Darts players in teams of 2**

Please book early as numbers are strictly limited due to hall capacity

Please contact: [Adstockevents@gmail.com](mailto:Adstockevents@gmail.com)

For tickets and dietary requirements

(Mailbox will be checked every few days so please allow time for a reply as run by busy volunteers!)





# News from St Cecilia's



It was a very different **Christmas at church this year** as we held our services without clergy. Huge thanks are owed to Lucy Bignall and the choir, and all our readers who ensured the carol service on Dec. 17th ran seamlessly from beginning to end. They very much deserved their glass of mulled wine and mince pie afterwards.

We had an excellent turn out for carols around the tree on Dec 21st. It was lovely to see children – young and old – singing the traditional carols accompanied by the Great Horwood Silver Band. And, as always, the refreshments supplied by the Old Thatched Inn ensured everyone was in good spirits. Many thanks to Andy and Lisa Judge for their continued generosity.

Then Andy Rolls redesigned and led the crib service on Christmas Eve. The stable was filled by the children and the service was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

**It's been a quiet January.** We were pleased to welcome Ron Bundock back at the start of the month to take our service. Then John Hamilton led our morning worship on January 21st. In February, it's the turn of the ladies with Jaqueline Dove taking our 9am Holy Communion on February 4th and Cathy Pearce our 10.30am Morning Worship on February 18th. Neither has been to us before so it will be interesting to hear what they have to tell us.

**Mothering Sunday** falls on March 10th this year. That is the second Sunday of the month when we are not scheduled to have a service but another church within the Benefice will be celebrating the day.

We wait to hear about **Easter** services.

Our **January coffee morning** was well attended and gave everyone a chance to catch up after the festive season. The next one will be on February 15th . Do come along. We would love to see you.

**Jill Lord**

For just an hour each week take some time to sit and reflect.  
Join us at the next service, we'd love to see you

# CLUB NEWS



## THE ADSTOCK HISTORY CLUB

It seems a long time since the Adstock History Club enjoyed their Christmas celebration, kindly hosted by Mark and Beth Baker. We are now well into 2024, and on 17<sup>th</sup> January, Rob Beadel gave us a very interesting talk, entitled *Pericles and Cleon: Clash of Political Ideologies*. This was the second talk on the subject given by Rob. On this occasion the subject was the relationship between the Athenian politicians Pericles and Cleon.

*Cleon and Pericles were two prominent figures in ancient Athens during the 5th century BCE. They personified contrasting political ideologies and leadership styles. Their rivalry not only shaped the course of Athenian history but also highlighted the tension between democratic principles and authoritarian tendencies in the city-state.*

*The relatively early death of Pericles left Cleon free to exert his influence upon the people of Athens. Cleon was a persuasive speaker and he became known as a populist. His aggressive rhetoric and confrontational approach produced a devoted following among the lower classes. However, his disregard for the rights of his opponents and his tendency to manipulate public sentiment led to accusations of demagoguery. Cleon's influence was helped greatly by his achievement of participating in the capture of many Spartan warriors at Pylos. This was a first in the classical world at the time.*



*The rivalry between these two politicians serves as a reminder of the interplay between leadership styles, political ideologies, and dynamics of power in ancient Athens. Indeed, some would say that the rise in populism today is not dissimilar to these events so long ago. We look forward to Rob's next talk.*

**Our next meeting will be on 21<sup>st</sup> February, when Jason Rush will be talking about Stalin**

Visitors to the History Club are always welcome – phone or email for more details.

Jenny Stuart ~ 01296 712 561 ~ [jenniferanne.stuart@btopenworld.com](mailto:jenniferanne.stuart@btopenworld.com)



## present their St Patrick's Day Soiree



**16th March, Village Hall. 7:30pm**

The Adstock Singers present a St Patrick's Day Feast of entertainment, from music and poetry to drama and magic.

We would love to have some other acts join us (after all, why should we do all the work?) so if you would like to play an instrument, recite a poem, sing a song, dance a dance or perform in any way, you would be warmly welcomed - and we would love to see nonperformers too!

**For more information, or to join as we're always keen to see new members, contact *Lucy Bignall*!**

Email: [lucy\\_bignall@outlook.com](mailto:lucy_bignall@outlook.com)



## The Twelve Topsy-Turvy, Very Messy days of Christmas

*James Patterson and Tad Safran*

Christmas has been cancelled for the past five years in the Sullivan home in South London as Henry and his two children grieve for their wife and mother. They barely speak to each other and are engaging in some rather worrying behaviours.

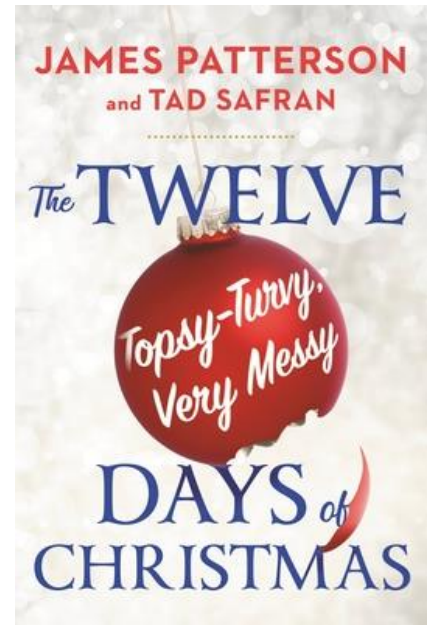
Then Will & Ella sign their father up to an online dating app and chaos arrives in the form of the gifts from "The Twelve Days of Christmas" sent by a Ms. Truelove.

First, a partridge pokes its head out from between the branches of a pear tree and then, day by day, the Sullivan's home fills with house guests variously milking, leaping and laying and all demanding their attention.

The next twelve days turn the Sullivan's lives upside down in ways they could never have imagined. And even though this Christmas will be very, very messy, it is just the gift their family needs. Dealing with it all brings them closer together, helps them deal with their grief and find a way to move on with their lives, with "true love" in their futures once again.

Once you suspend disbelief and accept that a house and garden can expand to accommodate lords, ladies, drummers, milkmaids, cows and innumerable birds, you will find this a wonderful Christmas fairy tale.

Unusual from the James Patterson book "factory"; he should get Tad Safran to write more books for him.



## Liz Kinsell

*PS: How many presents are sent?*

On the first day a partridge and a pear tree = 2.

On the second day 2 turtle doves and another partridge and tree = 4 + 2 from the previous day etc.....

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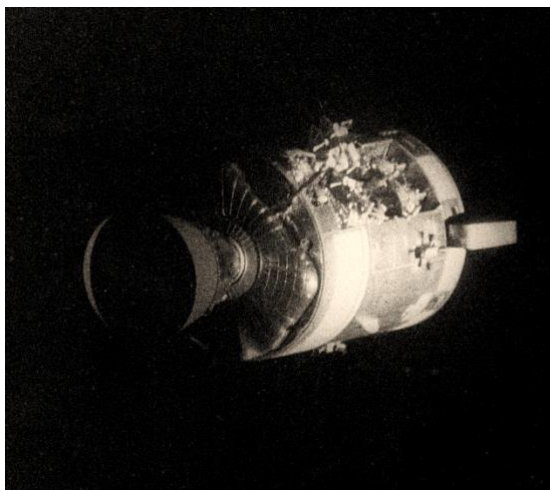




January 2024's Science Club talk was given by PhD student Madara Mudiyansele from Buckingham University and was mainly about addressing the Global Warming and Net Zero transition employing "Digital Twins".

A "Digital Twin" is a virtual representation of an object or system that spans its lifecycle, is updated from real-time data, and uses simulation, machine learning, and reasoning to help decision making. It's a virtual model designed to accurately reflect a physical object. The object being studied is outfitted with various sensors related to vital areas of functionality. These sensors produce data about different aspects of the physical object's performance, such as energy output, temperature, weather conditions, and more. This data is then relayed to a processing system and applied to the digital copy.

Once informed with such data, the virtual model can be used to run simulations, study performance issues, and generate possible improvements, all with the goal of generating valuable insights—which can then be applied back to the original physical object.



OK, so now you know.

One of the first Digital Twins that was created was evidently by NASA during the Apollo 13 emergency where an explosion ruptured oxygen tank number two in the service module.

Engineers at NASA and their partners were able to construct a Digital Twin of the spacecraft and were then able to try out a number of potential solutions virtually before trying them out on a spare backup Apollo module after which they instructed the astronauts what to do to save them and what was left of the mission. Madara then focussed on one particular example of using this technology, in designing and constructing virtual towns and cities using information provided by town/city planning and other departments and services to build a realistic Twin of the location which included complete buildings, streets,

lighting, drainage and sewage, weather and atmospheric conditions, population and traffic data etc. The planners could then use the Digital Twin to see what effects adding, removing or changing one particular aspect of the environment would have on the overall situation

Digital Twins are also being used to evaluate how introducing wind or solar farms may affect global warming. This is obviously a very powerful tool and much of the software used is in fact free, such as QGIS a free and Open Source Geographic Information System; Unreal Engine and Blender which are 3D computer graphics tools used for creating animated films, visual effects and photo real visuals and much more. Some of you may already have come across some of these programs.

**For further information, take a look at this really great site**

**- [Digital Twin Showcase: What is a Digital Twin? - Westcott Space Cluster](#)**

The next talk is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February and is entitled "**Food Additives and Flavours**"

Marius Stuart

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## An Introduction to the Padbury Women's Institute (WI)

### 'Calling all ladies from Adstock'

You are welcome to any of the events listed below, either as a paying guest, £4 a meeting or, even better, to join up as a member. You will be made very welcome.

Our next meeting is on **February 8th at 7.30pm in Padbury Village Hall**, where we will have a talk about **Claydon House**, given by Daphne Preece, a WI speaker, which should be interesting and informative. Refreshments will also be served.

*'We would love to see you there'*

Contact us on [padburywi@gmail.com](mailto:padburywi@gmail.com) for further information.

The programme of events for Spring 2024 follows:

- **14<sup>th</sup> March** – Mexican Dominoes | Simple Supper
- **11<sup>th</sup> April** – Volunteering in Cambodia
- **9<sup>th</sup> May** – Pasta demonstration and tasting

## PADBURY Women's Institute

*Programme for  
2024*

**theWI**  
**INSPIRING WOMEN**

Meetings are held on  
Second Thursday  
of each month  
At 7:30pm in  
Padbury Village Hall  
**Visitors are most welcome**



### Padbury Hill Farm Stables and Storage

- Caravan Storage (outdoor)
- Self store Container Storage
- Stables with outdoor and indoor arenas, horse walker and more
- Discounts for local residents

**Phone Justin on 07801 148804**



**Adstock Village  
Coffee Morning**

Join us for a coffee a chat and  
chance to win a raffle prize!

**15th  
Feb**

in the Village Hall  
11am - 12.30pm

Every third Thursday in the month

All welcome....please bring cash.

# LOCAL HISTORY TALK

**During World War II the Czech Government in Exile was based in Bucks, including Addington. From Here They Controlled the Czech Resistance.**



**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm  
St Mary's Church, Addington**

Exactly 85 years after Hitler invaded Prague, local historian Colonel Ingram Murray will give an illustrated talk on this subject followed by refreshments.

Tickets: **£10 each** (children free) by scanning the QR code



or contact:

Caroline Winter: 07889 977 213  
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Hanh Jelf: 07717 293 110  
[enquiries@vilu-miran.com](mailto:enquiries@vilu-miran.com)

*Free parking and wheelchair access*

*All ticket sales & donations go towards urgent repairs of the church in Addington.*



## Orchard Bookings

The Orchard is available for bookings from Springtime onwards, whether it be a camp out, music lesson, club meeting or a party. All options can be discussed, so please call or text Jo on 07712 897366 if you are interested. Adstockistan is a fundraising orchard, so as long as this can be incorporated into your event, we are happy to help in any way.

For small events there will be a simple note put on the gate, but for larger parties, I will give warning in advance. To date there is nothing planned until Spring.

Simple bookings can be made at: [www.adstockistan.com/calendar/](http://www.adstockistan.com/calendar/)

## Karate Fit

**Tom Finchet** from Swanbourne has taken up the baton from Muscles Mike as far as fitness training in Adstock is concerned, with Karate fit. The sessions are divided into 2 hour blocks. The first hour concentrates on fitness, flexibility and coordination using martial arts as the vehicle. The second hour is basic self-defence. This is for EVERYONE and is both brilliant for fitness and flexibility and interesting as far as the techniques are concerned which are expertly explained by Tom. It is £2 per session, and they take place on Mondays, starting at 1900. If you are interested, text Jo on 07712897366 and you will be added to the WhatsApp group.



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# WASSAIL 2024

In spite of Storm Isha an impressive well done to those who joined in the annual Wassail up at the Orchard. By making use of Rural Ronnie's most of the event could be done undercover. This made the ceremony so much more inclusive and intimate – a perfect wet weather alternative.

There was wonderful music from the **Adstock Singers** and dancing from **Owlswick Morris**. A special thanks was given to **Jane Bird** who composed a beautiful song that she played on the pipes, especially for the event, called "Adstock".

The **Great Horwood Beavers** were the 12 disciples. Plus our very own regular cider makers **Nick Kelly** and **Richard Inman** turned up as the green men and gave a very hearty Wassail. And archers, **Felicity Finch** and **Kim Durham** added a real sense of theatre to the event!

Overall, there was a fantastic atmosphere and everyone entered into the spirit of the evening and ended up raising just shy of £400, so a big thank you from Adstockistan and Wassail to you to all!!





# Aylesbury Waterside Theatre



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**3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**8<sup>th</sup> February**

**16<sup>th</sup> February**

**27<sup>th</sup> February**

**28<sup>th</sup> February**

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## 2024 Speakers List



[www.hardy-plant.org.uk/](http://www.hardy-plant.org.uk/)

**10<sup>th</sup> February — Love that Slug — Andrew Mikolajski**

Managing pests and diseases without effective garden chemicals.

**16<sup>th</sup> March — Hardy Exotics and Creating Microclimates — Colin Ward**

What hardy exotics will do best and how can we create the perfect environment.

**20<sup>th</sup> April — Scented plants and the Scented Garden — Geoff Hodge**

Which plants offer the best scent and how to get the best out of them.

**11<sup>th</sup> May — Annual Plant Sale** at the earlier start time of 1.30pm —

Followed by **Bulbs that Flower in May, June & July — George Lockwood**

In the Summer  
months visits  
are planned to  
interesting  
gardens  
around the  
local area

**21<sup>st</sup> September — Snowdrops — Joe Sharman**

Cultivars, cultivation, pests, diseases and the history of snowdrops.

**19<sup>th</sup> October — A Blaze of Glory — Timothy Walker**

How your garden can have a blaze of colour in the autumn.

**16<sup>th</sup> November — AGM followed by a members talk**

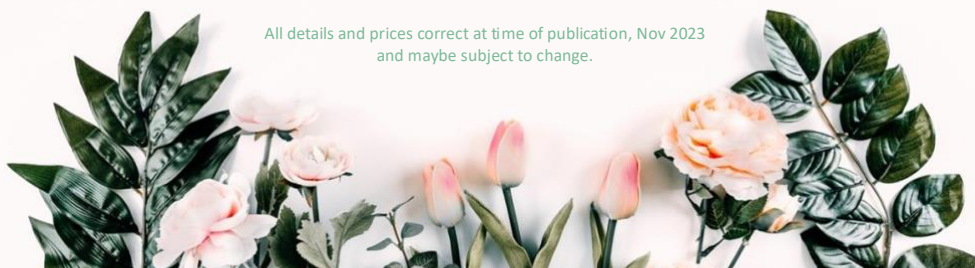
Gardening my way — **Jean Cooke**

**All meetings are held on a Saturday starting at 2.15pm in  
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall, Botolph Claydon, MK18 2LR**

- **Members free — Non-members £4 — Refreshments available after the talk —**  
— **plus sometimes there are members plants for sale — please bring cash —**

Contact or Message Us via Facebook at the [HPS - Hardy Plant Society - Bucks & Oxon](https://www.facebook.com/HPS-Hardy-Plant-Society-Bucks-&-Oxon)  
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### COACHING WITH ED


Ed Harwood is a former pro tennis player based in Bucks. He offers adult and kids groups, plus individual lessons at competitive rates.

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Date	Events	Place	Time
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Holy Communion - Jaqueline Dove	St Cecillas	9am
8 <sup>th</sup> February	WI Padbury – Talk on Claydon House	Padbury Village Hall	7.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Hardy Plant Talk – Love That Slug!! With Andrew Mikolajski	Botolph Claydon Village Hall	2.15pm
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee Morning	Village Hall	11am
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Science Club – Food Flavourings & Additives	1 Greenfields	7.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Morning Worship - Cathy Pearce	St Cecillas	10.30am
21 <sup>st</sup> February	History Club – Talk on Stalin	1 Greenfields	7.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers Day		
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Local History Talk – Czech Resistance	St Marys Church, Addington	6pm
16 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patricks Day Soiree	Village Hall	7.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Chilli & Darts Evening	Village Hall	7pm
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Adstock Musical Open Gardens	Village Hall	2-6pm
	<b>Weekly Events</b>		
Monday	Karate Fit	Adstock Fields	From 7pm
Wednesday	Pilates	Village Hall	9.30am
Thursday	Hatha Yoga Classes	Village Hall	9.30-10.30am
Thursday	Choir 	Contact Lucy Bignall	

## Hatha yoga Class with Lynn Patton

Thursday morning 9.30-10.30am in Adstock Village Hall £10/class

An established class with places now available: move your body, strengthen your breathing and generally give yourself some care and attention  
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**for further information or to book your place**

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