

Padworth Newsletter

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November 2025

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Calling residents of **Mallard Way and Heron Way!** Hannah and Bertie who have faithfully delivered the Newsletter to your patch for the past 18 years are moving to new pastures so we are looking for a replacement. Could this be up your street? Please contact us if you think so. In the meantime we would like to thank Hannah and Bertie for their dedication and wish them all the best in Devon.

And still calling all potential Newsletter editors! As mentioned in the last Newsletter, we will be stepping down next March next year with **Issue no. 200**. So is there anyone (or two or three) out there who would like to take over? It's not too onerous a task – you can make whatever you like of it. Ideally, it would be good to have a handover period, but if you're raring to go, we won't stand in your way! If you are interested, please give us a call (numbers on page 12 under Newsletter).

In the build up towards Christmas there are lots of things going on in the area – fireworks, fairs, bazaars, concerts, coffee mornings, a quiz and a bridge afternoon. So do have a good browse through the Newsletter.

Mary & Sheila

Deadline for next issue: 25 November 2025

Dates for your DIARY

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FRIENDS OF WOOLHAMPTON SCHOOL
SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY
Saturday 8th November 2025
Padworth Village Hall, RG7 4HY, 5pm till 8pm
fireworks display at 6:45
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Padworth Parish Council

Next Meeting

- **Monday 3 November** – 7pm in the Village Hall

All parishioners welcome.

◆ ◆ Padworth Parish Website ◆ ◆

www.padworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

All correspondence should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: clerk@padworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Ladies at Lunch

Our October Ladies at Lunch raised £100 which we donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Our next lunch will be on

- **Wednesday 5 November** at 12.30pm at Sheila Jay's house

Sheila's address is Midway, Bath Road, Padworth. Please contact her on 0118 971 3367 if you wish to attend.

If you have any questions, please let me know. My email is caroline.givan@gmail.com or 07808 400843

Caroline Givan

JUMBLE SALES

Our results get better and better. The October Jumble Sale raised **£670.18** in aid of St John the Baptist Church, Padworth. Fantastic! Our very grateful thanks for all those who helped in any way.



The next Jumble Sales in the Village Hall will be on:

- **Saturday 1 November** - at 2pm in aid of Save the Children, local branch.
- **Saturday 6 December** – at 2pm in aid of Padworth Village Hall
- **Saturday 3 January 2026** – at 2pm in aid of St John the Baptist Church

We are always grateful for your unwanted donations which can be brought to the Hall on the morning of the Sale between **9.30am and 11.30am. No furniture please.**

PLEASE DO NOT “DROP OFF” DONATIONS AT THE HALL ON ANY OTHER DAYS. THEY WILL BE BINNED.

Jumble can be collected by ringing Hazel Ewart on 07876 073385 to arrange collection, or can be delivered to me by ringing the above number to arrange a time.

Hazel Ewart

Please check the Padworth Village Hall Facebook page for Jumble Sale updates.

The **Village Hall** website: www.padworthvillagehall.co.uk

Bookings: Jacky Jones: info@padworthvillagehall.co.uk



Rambles from the Common

As September drifted into October, I found myself heading out to the woods and wilds three times in nine days.

On a Sunday I joined the **Basingstoke Conservation Volunteers** for some coppicing in a dried-up pond in **Pamber Forest**. We spent the day cutting back and burning grey willow, hazel, blackthorn and alder buckthorn, so this will let more light reach the pond next year, as long as the winter rains refill it. Underfoot we trampled on gypsy wort, nettles, hemlock water dropwort and aromatic water mint, all of them annuals that will grow back as strong as ever next spring.



On the following Friday I returned to **Pamber Forest** with the **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust** to coppice and burn some tall thin birch trees. These had been growing on some badly compacted ground and were still spindly after three decades; it seems that even birch can struggle. The new glade we created will host grasses, foxgloves, wood sage and maybe others for a few years until the birch regrows and shades it all out again. At one point we found a **lacewing larva**, a tiny predator of aphids that camouflages itself from larger predators by sticking moss, lichen and bits of dead insect to its back; well, if you're only a few millimetres long you do what you must to survive.

Finally, on the next Monday, the **Padworth Common Volunteer Group** convened again. Birch loves the impoverished soil of the Common, so we set about dealing with some birch regrowth a few steps away from the car park. Whilst half the team used loppers and bowsaws to take out the new birch growth, others wielded mattocks to grub out trunks and as much root as possible. Piles of birch bits are now scattered around the Common as wildlife habitats. Talking about wildlife, we encountered **hornets, grasshoppers and dragonflies** but my favourites were the Small Copper butterflies that floated by occasionally. I witnessed two feisty males having an aerial fight over territory, circling round each other up and down and left and right until I lost sight of them. I'm so grateful I had a mattock to lean on whilst watching them, otherwise it would have been quite tiring.

I must now provide a **weather** summary. On the Sunday, an hour of drizzle was followed by grey cloud and then finally by afternoon sunshine as we enjoyed a tea break watching the bonfire die down. On the Friday, the morning rain yielded to grey muggy skies then returned with a vengeance just after lunch, so early doors were called. On the Monday, to my relief, the morning was dry but brisk. By lunchtime it had climbed into the low twenties, more suitable for relaxing than for working and seemingly it was the last hot day of the year. Quite a mixed bag of weather then, and though I enjoy the quirks of British weather, sometimes I wish they didn't happen to me.

*Peter Elliott
Padworth Common Volunteer Group*

Aldermaston CE Primary School

What a great first half term we are having in school! Everyone has settled in well and is enjoying finding out lots of new things every day and the classrooms are full of the buzz of learning. Our youngest pupils had their first experience of walking to St. Mary's Church for our **Harvest Service** which was led by our Starlings class. The readings, songs and reflections truly captured the spirit of gratitude and giving. Together, we celebrated the season with kindness, community, and joy and collected a large quantity of donations which have been passed on to the West Berks Foodbank to support local people in need.

A successful **Family Learning Morning** saw over 60 parents come into school to work on the topic of **reading**. We are

passionate about reading and actively encourage the pupils to develop a love of reading from an early age. The children absolutely loved sharing their learning with their parents and have told the teachers how much they enjoy these special sessions.

Finally, we will hold an

- **Open Morning on Thursday 6 November**

for parents of September 2026 starters. Please contact the school office to book your place.

Cathy Jones, Foundation Governor

Coffee Morning



Save the Children

Saturday 15 November from 10.30am-12 noon

Little Manor, Church Lane, Burghfield RG30 3TG
Christmas cards ♦ Raffle ♦ Cakes etc ♦ and coffee!

Please come and bring your friends!

'PADWORTH PAST'

GRIM'S BANK

This month I would like to tell you about some remains of an **Ancient Linear Earthwork** that can be found in our village, known as Grim's Bank. The name Grim (or Grimmer) derives from an old Norse word, Grimr, meaning devil.

Sections of these remains can be found coming from the Ufton Nervet direction, progressing not far from Hunters Lodge and then on across Padworth Common towards Padworth Gulley.

Grim's Bank is believed to have originated in the Roman/Iron Age times (approx. 800BC to 43AD) and consists of a bank with a ditch on its western side, possibly as a defensive feature or maybe simply as the northern boundary of the Atrebates, a Belgic tribe from what is now northern France who occupied Berkshire, Hampshire and other areas of southern England at that time. It therefore has significant relevance given the proximity of the Roman village of Silchester.

The section of Grim's Bank running east of Padworth Gully is listed as a scheduled monument by Historic England.

PADWORTH SCHOOL

Padworth, like many other places, did finally have its own village school. Apparently prior to this, the boys and girls were taught separately in their teachers' cottages. The first school was in a cottage north of Hatch Farm Cottage on Rectory Road, owned by Mr. Benyon of the Englefield Estate. When this building was scheduled for demolition

there were plans to build a new school on the east side of Rectory Road opposite the 'A' Clump car park. However, it never materialized, although evidence of a trench dug ready for the foundations can still be seen. But in 1875, Mr. Richard Benyon built the School and School House which still remain in School Road.

In the early 1940s there were only around 20 pupils but the numbers rose considerably in the 1970s when children were bussed in from Mortimer, although in later years pupil numbers fell considerably again. Padworth School was finally closed in 1985 but the building is still in use as an independent nursery school.

Among the interesting records of the school, we learn that 2 pupils died of diphtheria in 1885; in the early 1900s it was closed for periods of a month and 3 weeks due to a measles outbreak; in the late 1800s young boys would often be absent for tasks such as haymaking, hop-picking etc.; another young lad was absent because he 'had no shoes'; and in its early days floods/snow often caused problems for pupils travelling and school closures.

In 1909, a local lady Miss Ellen Cutler, originally from the Round Oak Public House but later moving to Millbrook Cottage in Padworth Lane in 1937, joined the school as monitor. In 1927, she was appointed Pupil Teacher and finally retired in 1956 - an extraordinary long service. She also taught children to play the piano at Millbrook Cottage. Miss Cutler died in 1986 at the grand old age of 93 and rests with her sister, Miriam, in Padworth churchyard.

Delia Potter



Streatley Footpath 21 officially opens

A new accessible route through water meadows

After more than two decades since its creation, **Streatley Footpath 21** has officially opened to the public, offering a new accessible walking route through the scenic water meadows near Streatley village centre.

Originally established in 2004 as part of planning permission for The Swan Hotel, the footpath remained unusable for many years due to challenging terrain, including drainage ditches, dense vegetation, and persistently wet ground.

Campaigning by the Mid and West Berkshire Local Access Forum played a key role in highlighting the value of the path, particularly its potential to complete an accessible circular walk around the village's water meadows. However, environmental sensitivities required careful planning, as the eastern section of the footpath crosses a designated Local Wildlife Site. An ecological report was commissioned before any work could begin.

Over the past five years, West Berkshire Council's Countryside and Public Rights of Way Teams have led a series of improvements guided by ecological recommendations. These included safety tree work supported by bat surveys, vegetation clearance, water level studies, and the installation of two bridges.

To protect the surrounding wildlife and adjacent meadows, stock-proof fencing was installed on both sides of the path. This fencing, funded by a grant from the Mend the Gap Scheme, helps prevent dogs from entering sensitive areas.

The successful opening of Footpath 21 has been a collaborative effort, with support from The Swan Hotel as the landowner, the Berkshire Ornithological Club, the Mobility Issues Group for Goring and Streatley (MIGGS), and neighbouring landowners.

Aldermaston Parish Council – Notes of Meeting - 14 October 2025

Planning.

- Loft conversion at Silver Dene, Reading Road. **No comment**
- Padworth Sawmills (part-retrospective). The site has a complex planning and enforcement history. In recent years significant works have been carried out that the owner assumed were allowed under permitted development rights. APC welcomes this attempt to regularise aspects of that development. However, we worry that additional issues and problems such as raised ground levels and HGV traffic on Rag Hill also need to be addressed so decided to **Object**. For more details, including our comments, search for 25/01915/FULMAJ on the WBC website.
- Retrospective permission to use the grounds of Corbyn for commercial carparking was **refused** in line with our recommendation.

Woodstock site, Paices Hill

APC councillors had met with WBC to discuss this. Our objective was to push for the site to be cleaned up as soon as possible, to raise concerns about WBC approving development in the DEPZ despite safety warnings, and WBC being slow to resolve unauthorised development cases. Not surprisingly the process of enforcing a clear up at Woodstock will be slow but we are encouraged that WBC is proposing a new Enforcement Plan which will prioritise cases in the DEPZ. WBC also offered us regular meetings to address our concerns.

Salt Bins

A survey of local salt bins found a sufficient supply of salt but that in all bins there is a hard crust which needs to be

removed. This will be done over the coming weeks.

The Rec

Minor remedial works at the Rec playground have now been carried out and an internal inspection will follow to confirm that everything is in good working order. We do not yet have a quote for the repair of the Rec fencing but hope to have it for our November meeting and agreed that we should also investigate the cost of replacing the whole fence line.

Vacancy on the PC

Having established that no election has been called to fill our councillor vacancy, we were able to co-opt a new councillor. We agreed to offer the position to **Mark Carter** and look forward to his joining us next month.

Finances

The Clerk informed us that the PC had CIL funds of £40.5k. and that the Parish Hall Committee would be attending our next meeting to talk about its funding needs. We did a first review of our budget for the year 2026/27 and will review it again in our next couple of meetings before setting our precept.

Next meeting

- **Tuesday 11 November** - at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Residents are very welcome to attend.

*Sophie Crawford
Chair, Parish Council*

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

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Tuesday – Sunday

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tearoomsaldermaston@gmail.com



Joyce's Quiz

You may or may not know that Joyce Rothschild does an annual quiz around this time of year to raise money for **Macmillan Cancer Support**. This is the 29th year, and so far she has raised more than **£300,161**. Last year alone, the quiz raised £25,103, another rise from the previous year. It would be great for the charity to see if we can raise a similar amount again this year.

There are always

- 100 teasing questions based around a theme – this year it's **Connected to Places!**
- cash prizes
- a prize draw for all entries
- **and** the proceeds go to the charity

All for a minimum donation of **£3.00**. How can you say no?! Deadline for submissions is **8 January 2026**.

If you would like to take part, then just email Joyce joycesquiz@gmail.com and she will send you a copy of the quiz. It comes with all the information you need to take part.



A Bridge Afternoon with delicious tea

Tuesday 25th November

2pm to 5 pm

at



Wasing Estate, Wasing Lane, Aldermaston, RG7 4NG



Cost: **£20** per person

By kind permission of Joshua and Di Dugdale

In Aid of St Mary's Church in Aldermaston

Please Park in "Car Park"

Bring: a Bridge cloth, playing cards and pencils

No tables required. Score cards supplied.

Please make BACS Payment to: **Aldermaston & Wasing PCC**, Sort Code: 20-05-00 A/c No: 60048437 Ref: Bridge and Surname

RSVP: rosie.braithwaite@outlook.com with all names and mobile telephone numbers for your table

WHATEVER THE WEATHER!



It's time to move tender pot plants into the greenhouse; not so many this year as I've decided to push my luck and leave some that I've taken from their pots and planted in the garden. I will cover them with fleece and then compost. These are the **dahlias**, **eucomis** and **gingers**. I think some plants are having difficulty adapting to climate change, as there are three **rhodies** in flower, which are all white ones, so I wonder if that is significant? There are also some **gladiolus** in flower. Bulbs that have got the timing right are the **nerines**, **amarines** and the **acidantheras**, the latter I especially love.

I've started digging up the **bamboo** which I mentioned before. It has behaved itself so well for years but is now spreading up to 5 yards away. I knew this would be a task but hadn't expected it to be this hard; probably a job I shouldn't have started at my 'old git' time of life. One hour a day is my limit so a full winter's job this. I will use the area to plant some new **rhubarb** roots as the old ones are past their sell by date. No picking in the first year as they need to settle. I'm planting Timberley Early which is a good 'doer' here. The **creeping thyme** bed has also been dug over as this too was past its date. I've planted a mix of perennials grown from seed, with gaps planted with new young thyme that I hope will creep in between.

As you know, I can't resist the bargains that I'm offered at this time of year. Nurseries that I follow get in touch and offer bulbs at very reduced prices as they need to clear stock. This year I've mainly bought **crocuses**, **dwarf daffs** and a mix of **chinadoxias**, **anemones** and **muscaria** - all short growing to plant between other plants for early colour. Now it's the turn of the seed nurseries, especially one called Plant

World Seeds, who specialise in rare and unusual plants. Take a look on line but allow a couple of hours as there are 179 pages to study. I have mentioned in the past a **dahlia** called 'Preference', a lovely pink one which this year has exceeded all expectations, at least 50+ flowers.

The **wildflower** seed I sowed a month ago is sprouting well so hopefully will put on a show next spring. Where plants have not survived I've planted, for the first time ever, some **wallflowers**, for early colour. I've planted two new **trees**: a *Toona sinensis*, commonly called the Chinese mahogany or the Beef and Onion tree which comes from Asia and has the most beautiful pink foliage which slowly turns green over the year, and *Albizia julibrissin*, the Persian silk tree, with fern-like purple foliage.

The autumn colours are so good this year, I'm enjoying them while I can, as leaf blowing time is a-coming.

Groan Time

- What's the leading cause of dry skin? Towels
- Sundays are always a little sad, but the day before is a Sadder day
- I tried to catch some fog last night. Mist
- How do you organise a party in space? You planet
- What letter keeps a pirate calm? P - otherwise he'd be irate

Keep gardening!

Mike Warner

The 69th year of
The York Nativity Play



will be performed in the Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Aldermaston

Thursday 4th December at 8:00pm
Friday 5th December at 8:00pm
Saturday 6th December at 7:00pm
Sunday 7th December at 7:00pm

For free tickets:
Online at: <https://aldermastonnativity.co.uk>
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Down on the Farm - Will this lovely weather make the winter seem shorter?

So far the farming year is working to plan. The cereal harvest was completed in perfect conditions and the autumn cultivations and planting have been easy with soil conditions perfect. The early emergence of seeds and a strong healthy growth should help them survive the winter.

What is left to complete on all arable farms such as ours? The **fodder beet** is being lifted by the contractor and should be completed by the time you read this. There have been some holdups with breakdowns and we even had the engine on our new tractor blow up whilst on the main road - complete with trailer! Modern-day, highly technical vehicles cannot simply be towed away as the electronics have to be disconnected by experts with the right equipment. It took a couple of hours to clear the road.

After the fodder beet has been harvested and if the weather holds good, we will try to plant the last of the **winter wheat** in that field. One of the bonuses after the beet harvest is that the soil is in perfect condition for planting, all due to the harvester. As well as cutting the leaves off the beet and blowing these back onto the ground for mulch, when it lifts the beet it also takes the top 6" of soil, which then falls through the slats in the elevator also back onto the ground. *(Clever, eh? Eds)*

As soon as the **cereal seed** is planted, we apply AVADEx granules. This is a pre-emergence herbicide which helps to control black grass and wild oats. It is essential to have a fine seed bed because the chemical works on contact with the soil. Sometimes, like last autumn, it is nigh impossible to achieve this.

A continuing job throughout the winter is **hedge-cutting and ditching**. These days this is all done mechanically – just think back 100 years when all these tasks were done manually! Teams of men, often from Ireland, would move around the country and more often than not were paid for the work they actually did, not on an hourly basis. This meant the harder you worked the more you earned. It was called piece work. These same men would carry on throughout the year doing tasks such as hand-hoeing sugar beet, kale, mangolds and other root crops.

The **wheat market** internationally is depressed at the moment due to worldwide overproduction. It is strange and sobering to think that there are many thousands of people starving and yet there is a surplus. Our wheat this year was sold at harvest time but not yet collected; since then the price has steadily dropped.

From Our Agricultural Correspondent

Beenham Parish Council – Notes of Meeting – 6 October 2025

Community Room Toilet signage

It was agreed to remove the gender neutral signs.

Library Service update

The location of the proposed pop-up library was discussed. Two locations have been proposed: The Victory Hall or the Community Bookshelf. Both appear to have some issues, particularly regarding access. It was agreed to ask WBC to come and explain what they were offering and how other pop-ups were run.

Affordable Housing initiative update.

The PC is now ready to approach the landowners of the sites suggested by WBC Planning.

Planning Matters

- 25/01916/LBC: 12 Abbey Gardens, Woolhampton RG7 5TZ. Additional secondary glazing. **No objection.**
- 25/02119/HOUSE: 27 Mallard Way, Aldermaston Wharf RG7 4UT. Single storey extension. **No objection.**
- 25/01434/CERTE: Storage, Pips Way, Beenham. **Granted.**
- 25/01890/FUL: Land north of Bath Road, Woolhampton and west of Cods Hill RG7 5QB. Change of use of land. Although this application is just outside Beenham Parish boundary, Chris Read, DC for WBC Bucklebury

Ward, attended to bring this matter to our attention. He advised that the application is strongly opposed by neighbouring Parishes on the basis of safety, traffic and its location within an AONB. After lengthy discussion, the PC agreed to send its own views based upon these issues and in the context of Beenham Parish boundary being within only a very few yards from the site.

Suggested 20mph speed limit in the vicinity of the School

Cllr Chris Read advised that a WBC policy on such limits should be available shortly and that WBC was compiling a list of applications from Parish Councils for consideration. We believe that our application should be on that list but will be confirmed.

Speed Information Device (SID)

The Parishioner who is monitoring roads matters in Beenham is checking with WBC for use in the Parish.

Next meeting

- **Monday 3 November** - at 7.00pm in the Community Room

All parishioners welcome

Peter Hamblin

All correspondence to the PC should be addressed to the Parish Clerk, Lauren West: 07919 916125/clerk@beenham-pc.gov.uk
Parish Council website: www.beenham-pc.gov.uk Beenham Community Website: <https://www.beenhamonline.org/>



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St John's Church, Mortimer

Saturday 22 November

10 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

From Tuesday 4th November



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and chatting? Looking for a way to give some of your time to your community? The Burghfield & Mortimer Volunteer Bureau needs **more drivers** and would welcome **any** of your time (daytime Mon-Fri). An allowance of 50p per mile is available to cover motoring expenses.

Summer Reading Challenge in West Berkshire Libraries - Over 3,750 people took part!

The Summer Reading Challenge is presented by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries. The theme of this year's challenge was **Story Garden**, which aimed to inspire children's imaginations and explore the connection between storytelling and nature through the power of reading.

2721 children visited a West Berkshire library to take part in the challenge to read six books over the summer holidays, while **ninety** more joined in digitally via the Summer Reading Challenge website. All the

children who completed their challenge received a certificate and a medal to celebrate their achievement.

Additionally, **409** pre-school children participated in a Mini Challenge, and **634** people participated in the challenge for older children and adults.

The most popular children's books borrowed during the challenge were 'Diary of a Future Billionaire' by Pamela Butchart and 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell.

Volunteer with Us!

Baughurst Repair Café

• baughurstrepaircafe@hotmail.com • www.baughurstc.uk

We are a Community Action Group entirely run by volunteers.

Every 3rd Sunday of the month (Jan-Nov)
10am - 1pm
 (Last admission at 12:30pm)

At Heath End Village Hall
 (RG26 5LU)

FREE Repairs, FREE Café
 Discretionary donations welcome

Don't Bin it. Repair it!

To book an item for repair, scan the QR code or visit the website from the 1st of the month onwards.
 Thank you.

Monthly Showcase
 Each month we showcase a local company or organisation, who operates in a sustainable way and / or wants to make our community aware of their existence.
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Items we repair:

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a concert to transform lives

Saturday 15th November 2025
7.30pm
Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5TQ



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Sunday 2 November	Evensong	6.30pm
Sunday 9 November – Remembrance Sunday		
	Act of Remembrance	8.45 am
Sunday 16 November	Evensong	6.30pm
Sunday 23 November	Parish Eucharist	9 am



St John's, Mortimer

Sunday 9 November *Act of Remembrance* *War Memorial* 11am

The **Eucharist** is offered daily at 9.15 am & **Night Prayer** each weekday at 9 pm

The **Eucharist** is also each Sunday at 10am via Zoom

Zoom link for services <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940>

Everyone is welcome to join with the clergy and to take part in these services.

Details are also available on the website: www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk

For more information contact the Benefice Office: 0118 933 3704 or email Lorna Jones lornajones48@gmail.com

For Aldermaston and Woolhampton Benefice, go to www.awb.org.uk

LOCAL LIBRARIES

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Wednesday	2-5pm
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Friday	2.30-6pm
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Friday	10.30am-5pm
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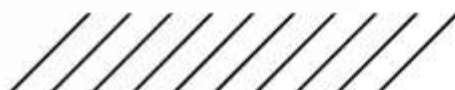
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