

# Paddocks!

**There's a new swear word to be heard round Magdalen lately: Paddocks!**

Chaucer was a dab hand, but some of our most popular profanities derive from Latin expletives introduced in the Roman invasion of AD46 and other classics go back to what we now call Old English, brought over by the Anglo-Saxon settlers in the 5th century.

Paddocks! can be traced all the way back to early spring, when unprecedented rainfall accelerated the deterioration of our paddocks track. The track is now impassable even to 4x4 vehicles and tenants are barrowing provisions up to 200 metres to support their beloved horses, which has left them cussin'.

It looks like the damage is beyond the ordinary patching that our regular maintenance budget allows for and we're going to have to invest some serious money to fix it. Paddocks! indeed.