

PAULERSPURY NEWSLETTER

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December - January 2015

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Calendar for December

Monday Evenings	Paulerspury Knitting and Craft Group – Barley Mow	7.00 pm
Tuesday 1st	Good Neighbours – Christmas Lunch - Village Hall	12.30 pm
Tuesday 1st	Bowls Club meets every Tuesday - Village Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 2nd	Pilates Class – every Wednesday - URC	10.45-11.45 am
Mondays	Fitness Fun – Village Hall	19.30 pm
Tuesday 8 th	Bring & Buy & Raffle - URC	10 - 11.30 am
Thursdays	“Tea and Toast” – St James Church	9 am-12 noon
Thursday 10th	Horticultural Society - AGM – Social – Wine & Mince Pies	7.30 pm
Friday 11 th	Christmas Meat Raffle – draw – Barley Mow	10.30 pm
Sunday 13 th	St James – Carol Service	6.00 pm
Monday 14 th	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 19 th	Family Christmas Party – Barley Mow	3.30 pm
Sunday 20 th	Carol Service – URC	7.30 pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Crib Service – St James	3.00 pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Beer and Carols – Barley Mow	6.30 pm

Calendar for January

Monday Evenings	Paulerspury Knitting and Craft Group – Barley Mow	7.00 pm
Mondays	Fitness Fun – Village Hall	18.15 & 19.30pm
Tuesday 5th	Good Neighbours – Village Hall	2.30 pm
Tuesday 5th	Bowls Club meets every Tuesday - Village Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 6th	Pilates Class – every Wednesday - URC	10.45-11.45 am
Thursdays	“Tea and Toast” – St James Church	9 am-12 noon
Friday 8 th	Tai-Chi class – new room Village Hall	10-11.00 am
Monday 11 th	Pilates every Monday – URC	
Tuesday 12 th	Bring & Buy & Raffle - URC	10 - 11.30 am
Wednesday 13 th	Pilates every Wednesday - URC	
Thursday 14th	Horticultural Society - Chris Day – the Good, the Bad & the Bugly!	7.30 pm
Thursday 21st	Deadline February Newsletter items. Please give to Mollie or email: andreajord@aol.com - thank you.	
Thursday 28 th	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 30 th	Quiz and Supper Evening – Barley Mow	7.30 pm

Paulerspury Parish Council

Mrs Jenny Collins, 9 Park Lane was Co-opted to the casual vacancy on Paulerspury Parish Council at the meeting of Paulerspury Parish Council held on 29 October 2015.

Mr John Barnes has resigned as chairman of Paulerspury Parish Council. A new chairman will be elected at the meeting to be held on 26 November 2015.

Maggie Down - Clerk to Paulerspury Parish Council

Car Park Distraction Thefts

There is currently a Force and National operation around distraction thefts occurring in Towcester town car parks. These often involve older individuals being targeted, perpetrators will approach an individual who is on their own, one will ask for directions whilst the others search the car stealing handbags or wallets. Bank cards are then used at local bank ATM's to withdraw money.

The SCT have been patrolling local car parks in Towcester where this has happened. In most cases, it appears that the victim has been spotted by offenders in the store or at the cash-point, who has then seen them enter their PIN and noted it. If something doesn't feel right, trust your instincts. Politely say you cannot help and drive away.

Burglaries

Please report ANY suspicious activity to the Police. Look at how you can mark your valuables on the Force website. In the unfortunate event that valuables are stolen this enables the Police to try and identify items through to the criminals who are stealing or buying these items. Don't forget to lock your doors.

If you are using a pet sitting company insist they visit you in an unmarked vehicle. A sign-written vehicle tells us all that you are away!

Maggie Down - Neighbourhood Watch

The Paulerspury Picturedrome – the next film show

The Paulerspury Picturedrome will be opening its doors for the first time in 2016 on FRIDAY 5th FEBRUARY when the movie, THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING, will be presented. This tells the incredible and, at times, heartbreaking story of Stephen Hawking, the brilliant scientist and his struggle to overcome Motor Neurone Disease which struck him down whilst at Cambridge University. The actor, Eddie Redmayne, gives an incredible performance which won him an Oscar. So please make a note of the date now, and I look forward to seeing you on the night.

Derek Batten - 01327 811304

St James Church – Services for December

Sunday 6th	Family Worship	9.15 am
Sunday 13th	Holy Eucharist	9.15 am
	Carol Service	6.00 pm
Sunday 20th	Evensong	6.00 pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Crib Service	3.00 pm
Thursday 24 th	First Communion of Christmas	11.30 pm
Sunday 27th	Morning Prayer	9.15 am

Morning Prayer on the 8th, 15th and 22nd

9.15 am

And please don't forget refreshments every Thursday

9 -12 noon

You will see from the calendar our annual carol service this year will be on Sunday December 13th at 6.00 pm. Do hope you will all be able to join us for this event.

Mollie

Beer and Carols

The Barley Mow and St James' Church invite you to join us for a time of 'Beer and Carols' in the pub on Wednesday, 23rd December from 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for an enjoyable evening.

St James' Church aprons at £10 and tea towels at £5 are available from Mollie 811605 or Doreen 811385. They make ideal Christmas presents and help raise funds towards the south aisle roof.

Dedication of the Tower of London Memorial Poppy

The Parish Council and St James have worked collaboratively together, along with the talents of Mr. Len Goff, to display one of the Tower of London WWI memorial poppies in the church.

There will be a short dedication at the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 13th December at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The amount collected this year was over £1080, which although not as high as previous years, is still an excellent result. Many thanks to all collectors and, of course, to all residents who gave so generously.

As mentioned previously we would be pleased to have more collectors for Pury End and for the new houses in Paulerspury so if you can spare a couple of hours at the beginning of November to assist with this worthy cause please get in touch.

John Raby - Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator – Tel: 811336

A brief update from Paulerspury C.E. Primary School

We've had a wonderful Autumn Term!

Sports

Our new football kit had its first airing last month at the football tournament at Deanshanger. Even though we did not win a match, the team's attitude was brilliant and the score lines improved each time with us scoring more goals and conceding fewer as the tournament progressed. Later on in October we had a much more successful time at the Tag Rugby Festival. This was held at Men's Own RFC in Ashton with our team finishing third! We are grateful to Mr Howkins for his help with training the children. Matthew was unanimously declared our 'Man of the tournament' by all present! We look forward to participating in many more fixtures and tournaments.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival was a great success. Thank you to all who came and supported the service and for the wonderful donations that were sent to the Towcester Food bank and the Hope Centre. Vouchers for Towcester Food bank are available from the school office.

School Council

The pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 have voted for their School Council! Using this as an opportunity to learn about the British Value of 'Democracy', each child who stood for School Council had to prepare a speech and produce a manifesto poster. The standards were very high this year! Each pupil had one vote to use in our secret ballots.

We have had our first meeting where we discussed the playground equipment that we currently have. The Councillors went to their classrooms and conducted a survey of pupils to create a wish list of new equipment. Mrs Chappell joined us to ask the children what they would like to see in the new library that she is designing.

The School Council decided they would like to raise money for Children in Need by having a pyjama day. This was held on Friday 13th November and raised over £150.

Healthier Child Project

Here at Paulerspury C.E. Primary School, we understand the need for everyone in our school to have a healthy lifestyle. This will help pupils and staff to do their best and build on their achievements.

We actively promote physical and emotional health, and equip pupils with the understanding and skills they need to make informed decisions about their health, both now and in the future. By championing healthy eating, healthy lifestyles and emotional health and well-being, we want to continue to raise standards and improve levels of pupil achievement. To support our aims, we have recently enrolled onto the highly commended, award nominated 'Healthier Child Project' in partnership with Northamptonshire County Council.

In the coming months Paul Evans (Healthy Child Advisor) will work with us to incorporate aspects of the Healthier Child Initiative into our school's day, addressing all areas of health and wellbeing across the board.

More information can be found at: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/healthierchild

We look forward to the run up to Christmas with our FPS Christmas Fayre, Nativity play and Christingle Service. Why not go to www.paulerspury.school.co.uk where you'll find links to our regularly updated Facebook and Twitter pages?

On behalf of the staff, governors and pupils of Paulerspury C.E. Primary School, I'd like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas.

Mr Edwards

Paulerspury Pre-school Closure

Paulerspury Pre-school morning and afternoon sessions will be closed on 1st December for the good neighbours Christmas lunch.

Last Night at the Proms

Make a date in your diary for the spectacular Last Night of the Proms presented by the Rotary Club of Towcester and starring Sponne School Musicians and Senior Choir. Date: Sunday February 7th. Time 7.00 pm. Tickets £17.00. Box office: 01327 352851 or buy on line at: www.towcester-rotary.org.uk/shop

Barley Mow

We have spent months perfecting our Christmas menu for this year and are pleased to announce it is available from Tuesday 1st December and features:

Beetroot and horseradish salmon gravlax, rye bread, dill and soured cream sauce
Windsor Red rarebit, winter slaw, toasted caraway seeds

Sausage and cranberry stuffed turkey crown, rosemary roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, gravy
Maple syrup glazed ham, rosemary roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, Madeira wine sauce
Wakefield estate venison and game pie with wild mushroom short crust pastry

Christmas pudding fed with calvados, homemade stollen ice cream
Dark chocolate torte, hazelnut brittle, sweet coffee cream

The menu is priced at two courses for £18 and three courses for £22. To celebrate the launch of the menu we are running a special offer – book a table for the 1st, 2nd or 3rd of December to receive 15% off your total food bill. This means you can enjoy two courses for just £15.30. For larger groups, parties of eight or more will be asked to pre-order their meals. We are always happy to cater for special dietary requirements, just contact us in advance. We have also recently announced a special gift voucher scheme. We hope this might make Christmas shopping a little easier for some people! Treat someone special to a three course meal for two? Beer vouchers for a particularly hard to buy for Dad? Vouchers available at the bar now.

Saturday 19th December is our Family Christmas Party, starting at 3.30 pm with a special Cha Char Chimps entertainment show, there will also be a chance to see Santa and join in with some Christmas crafts – all for free! And on Wednesday 23rd December we will be filling the pub with festive cheer as we, together with St. James Church, invite everyone to join us for “Beer and Carols” at 6.30pm. Come along with friends, children and family to sing along with your favourite carols and enjoy a pint or some mulled wine alongside freshly baked mince pies. We were also very pleased to welcome Paulerspury's knitting and craft group to the pub last month. Join us on Monday evenings from 7pm for a knit and a natter! The group are keen to welcome new members and are very happy to teach anyone to knit or crochet.

After many requests we have also set a date for a pub quiz night - we are planning a great evening of entertainment for Saturday 30th January, starting at 7.30pm. The quiz and supper evening will include a specially written quiz, with questions and challenges for all interests including picture and music rounds, to be enjoyed with a handcrafted, pub snacks sharing board. Enjoy our famous scotch egg, delicious pork pies, freshly cooked sausage rolls and homemade vegetable crisps and pork scratchings as you take on the trivia and battle it out to win some great prizes. Tickets are £8.50 per person and must be booked in advance to confirm numbers. Maximum team size will be 6 people.

To book a table or find out more about any of the above please call us on 811 086 or pop in to the pub.

Paulerspury Players – Panto News

Paulerspury Players' rehearsals are now underway for next February's Panto, DICK WHITTINGTON. Performances will be from Wednesday 17th - Saturday 20th of February – 7.30 pm with Saturday matinee 2.30 pm. Tickets will be on sale from December the 1st, priced at £7.50 for adults, £6 concessions and teenagers, £5 for children.

All details available on the Players website. You can now pay by using Pay Pal or you can order tickets from Box Office on (01327) 811578.

Demand for tickets will be even higher than usual as we have a larger than usual cast, so I recommend that you order your tickets sooner rather than later in order to avoid disappointment.

Jacque Platt

Paulerspury Chapel

Diary for December

December 6th	Morning Service Led By Magnus Ramage	9.30 am
December 13th	Morning Service Led By Melvyn Cox	9.30 am
December 20th	Carol Service Led By Rev Jane Wade	7.30 pm
December 25th	Christmas Day Service Led By John Heycock	10.00 am
December 27th	Communion Service Led By Tony Jones	9.30 am

Diary for January

January 3rd	Morning Service Led By Melvyn Cox	9.30 am
January 10th	Morning Service Led By Tony Jones	9.30 am
January 17th	Morning Service Led By John Booth	9.30 am
January 24th	Morning Service Led By Wendy Manley	9.30 am
January 31st	Communion Service Led By Rev Jane Wade	9.30am

Our Carol service is on the 20th December at 7.30pm Led by Rev Jane Wade. All are very welcome, what better way to start your Christmas Celebrations!

If anyone would like to come to the coffee morning or a Sunday service but have difficulty getting there, please phone Eve on 811322 for transport.

Coffee Morning with Bring and Buy and Raffle Tuesday 8th December and Tuesday January 12th 10 am - 11.30 am. All welcome.

If you have any Bric a Brac suitable for the Bring and Buy please phone Barbara on 811121 to arrange collection. Thank you.

Paulerspury Horticultural Society

Our recent Dinner was a great success at The Barley Mow. Wonderful food, great atmosphere...and good company. Thanks to all at The Barley Mow for a very enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is our AGM and Christmas Social on Thursday 10th December, starting at 7.30 pm. The AGM part doesn't usually take long, so do come along for wine and mince pies and catch up with everybody and hear about next year's planned programme.

January 14th 2016; Chris Day (Buckingham Garden Centre) is giving us a talk entitled, "The Good, The Bad and the Bugly" - pest and disease control. Chris will enlighten us as to current legislation and what products are now available on the market. I have asked him to bring some examples to show, and for purchase on the night. Chris is always a good speaker, so do come along and ask him all your questions about bugs, disease and fungus etc.....

Sue Bartlett

Fitness Fun with Helen

Why don't you come along & join our lively, fun weekly Fitness session(s) held every Monday evening in the Village Hall at 19:30: only £5 per session on the night or pay for 5 in advance - £20 (only £4 per 1 hour session); getting the 5th class FREE! THERE WILL BE NO CLASS FOR 2 WEEKS: Monday 21ST & 28TH DECEMBER.

Starting on the 4th January 2016, there will be 2 classes: the 1st at 18:15 and the 2nd at 19:30, so you can choose to do 1 or both. Just bring a towel or mat and a drink, wear clothes you can move freely in and trainer type shoes.

Helen provides hand weights and resistance bands. Additional information can be found on Posters, Paulerspury Parish Web site or Helen's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fun-Fitness-with-Helen>

Pilates

Our Monday class will start again on 11th January 2016.

Wednesday class: new session to start 13th January 2016 (there are still places this session £5 per class total will depend on your joining date).

Both Classes are for 8 weeks at a cost of only £40: to book your place please contact Sue: 811 778, or via Paulerspury Parish Web local site: Latest News - local groups.

Milton Keynes Theatre Shows

If you would like to see any of the below shows: please contact Sue via village Website: local groups – theatre.

Annie - Wednesday 01 June 2016 14:30 £20 Circle/A 4-1 (4), Circle/B 6-1 (6). Payment 7 March 2016

Chity Chity Bang Bang Thursday 12 May 2016 at 2.30pm. Side Stalls £25. Payment 29th February 2016

Tortoise & the Hare: Friday 29 April, at 12 noon and 2.00pm Side Stalls £8. Payment 7th March 2016

Reservations have also just been requested for the following shows:

Hobson's Choice Wed 9th March 14:30 £15

Save the last dance for me Wed 25th May 14:30 £17.50

Rehearsal for Murder Wed 22nd June 14:30 £18:50

Joseph Wednesday 29 or Thursday 30th June 14:30 £17:50

The Commitments Wed 2nd November 14:30 £25

For Sale

Skoda Fabia Hatch, 2006 reg,32000 miles, one lady driver. Service history, MOT until April 2016. In good running order. £1450. Tel 811336

Beginners Tai Chi Class

Originally developed as a martial art in Ancient China, Tai Chi is today practised as a slow, gentle and graceful exercise. It can improve balance, flexibility, strength and coordination. Promotes relaxation, helps to reduce stress and anxiety. Also creates awareness, calmness and overall sense of wellbeing. Class will commence Friday 8th January 2016, 10-11am, the New Room, Paulerspury Village Hall. £6 per class for monthly block payment or £7 pay as you go. All age and fitness levels welcome. For more information, please contact NINA FELIX 07980 935889 or nfelix@hotmail.co.uk

Northampton Association for the Blind

Mobile Site Centre – Towcester Waitrose car park, Wednesday December 2nd 1.30 - 3.30 pm.
NAB - 37 Harborough Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton NN2 7BB, Helpline Tel: 01604 719193
Email: helpline@nab.org.uk - www.nab.org.uk

Paulerspury Village Hall 501 Club

The holders of the winning tickets in the draw on 4th November 2015 were:-

First:	Frank & Angela Kelly	–	£100	(No. 024)
Second:	Jim Shields	–	£ 30	(No. 104)
Third:	Jane Morris	–	£ 20	(No. 361)
Fourth:	Nicholas Haine	–	£ 10	(No. 201)
Fifth:	Charlotte Chambers	–	£ 10	(No. 192)
Sixth:	Sandra Barnes	–	£ 10	(No. 067)
Seventh:	Pauline Brock	–	£ 6	(No. 297)

The lottery is registered (No. 622) with South Northants Council

Just a reminder of some Crime Prevention advise for this time of year

Whilst you are busy shopping and making preparations for Christmas, we are sending a timely reminder for you not to overlook the security of your home and property. You may have already purchased gifts and extra food that could be a target for thieves.

With the onset of dark evenings it is even more important to protect yourselves from opportunist thieves who will take advantage of the cover of darkness to break into homes and outbuildings.

Other criminals may knock on your door at any time of the day with the intention of distracting you. Whilst you are chatting with them, you may not notice another person sneak into your house to steal from you. If you don't recognise the caller, don't open the door.

The support of our communities is essential in helping to reduce crime – the police cannot do this alone. Please check the advice below to ensure that the only visitors you entertain this Christmas are invited!

- Keep your doors and windows locked at all times. Almost a third of burglars enter through unlocked doors or windows.
- Store keys out of sight and out of reach from cat flaps, letterboxes, doors and windows
- Leave a light on or use a timer switch so your house looks occupied if you are out after dark
- Make sure your house is visible from the street by keeping bushes and fences low at the front
- Use dusk to dawn lighting to illuminate your front door after dark. You need to see who is at your door before you open it.
- Check existing lighting, burglar alarms and locks are all in good working order and replace any faulty equipment. Remember to check batteries in smoke alarms too.
- Don't forget garages, sheds and outbuildings – make sure they are locked and secure too

If you witness any criminal activity or find any strangers on your property, please call police on 999 immediately.

If you require any security advice for farms or stables, please contact police Crime Prevention Officer Kate Bailey on 101 ext 346195.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas
Best Wishes
Northamptonshire Police