



The Parish of PAULERSPURY NEWSLETTER

No 528 November/December 2023 January 2024

November		
Tues 7 th	Good Neighbours	Village Hall, Main Hall 2pm
Mon 13 th	Crafty Monday Meeting	Village Hall, New Room (side door) 2-4pm
Thurs 9 th	Horticultural Society	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
Fri 17 th	Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Side Room 10am - 12 noon
Fri 24 th	Christmas Market	St James Church 6:00 to 8:30pm
Sat 25 th	Towcester & District Art Society	Town Hall, Towcester 10am - 4.30pm
Sat 25 th	Christmas Art Exhibition	
Thurs 30 th	Parish Council Meeting	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
December		
Tues 5 th	Good Neighbours - Christmas lunch	To be held at Cherry Lane
Mon 11 th	Crafty Monday Meeting	Village Hall, New Room (side door) 2-4pm
Wed 13 th	Parish Council Meeting	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
Thurs 14 th	Horticultural Society	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
Fri 15 th	Coffee Morning (Christmas Special)	Village Hall, Side Room 10am - 12 noon
January		
Mon 8 th	Crafty Monday Meeting	Village Hall, New Room (side door) 2-4pm
Thurs 11 th	Horticultural Society	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
Fri 19 th	Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Side Room 10am - 12 noon
Thurs 25 th	Parish Council Meeting	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
February		
Tues 6 th	Good Neighbours	Village Hall, Main Hall 2pm
Thurs 8 th	Horticultural Society	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
Mon 12 th	Crafty Monday Meeting	Village Hall, New Room (side door) 2-4pm
Fri 16 th	Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Side Room 10am - 12 noon
21 st - 24 th	Robin Hood - Panto	Village Hall
Thurs 29 th	Parish Council Meeting	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
March		
Tues 5 th	Good Neighbours	Village Hall, Main Hall 2pm
Mon 10 th	Crafty Monday Meeting	Village Hall, New Room (side door) 2-4pm
Thurs 14 th	Horticultural Society	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
Fri 15 th	Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Side Room 10am - 12 noon
Thurs 28 th	Parish Council Meeting	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm

Good Neighbours Group.

We have had two more very successful meetings in September and October and this time last year it looked as though the Good Neighbours group would fold due to lack of interest! Hopefully we will continue to go from strength to strength with the Reverend George coming to talk to us in November and then on December 5th we have our Xmas lunch which this year is being held at Cherry Lane Garden Centre. Remember this is for members only and full details will be available at the November meeting or from Jan on 811771. There is no meeting in January. February details will follow in the next newsletter.

Please note that all our meetings are now held in the large room at the Village Hall. Look forward to seeing you all on 7th November.

Two to three year old two story rabbit hutch available, free to person willing to collect. Prior inspection welcomed. Contact 01327 811263

News from St James the Great Church

Please see below the schedule for Sunday Services within The Benefice.

Week Parish	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	[Week 5]
Abthorpe			Eucharist 10 a.m.		5th Sunday Benefice Eucharist Service 10 a.m. Moving around the Benefice.
Paulerspury	Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.	Eucharist 10 a.m..			
Silverstone	Eucharist 10 a.m.	T@4 4 p.m. in Church Room	United Service with Methodist Church 10 a.m. Either in Church or Chapel	Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.	
Slapton			Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.	Eucharist 11 a.m.	
Whittlebury	Morning Worship at 10 a.m.			Eucharist 9:15 a.m.	

Weekday Eucharist is usually held at St James on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am. Any unavoidable changes will be on the church noticeboard. Please see whittlewoodparishes.org.uk for further updates.

Remembrance Sunday is on 12th November and Holy Eucharist will be earlier than usual at 9.45am followed by Act of Remembrance outside at the War Memorial at 10.50am. A collection will be taken at both services for The British Legion.

On Sunday 3rd December we will be holding an Advent Carol Service at 5.30pm.

Our Nine Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday 10th December at 6pm. Do come and enjoy this traditional service. Refreshments are served afterwards.

Midnight Mass will be held on Sunday 24th December at 11.30pm.

Fete & Flower Festival

Notwithstanding the unfriendly weather over the August Bank Holiday weekend, the event attracted a good number of visitors and proved to be financially successful with a profit in the region of £4,000 raised for Church funds. Thanks are due to all who gave their time and expertise to help and in particular for the wonderful efforts of the flower arrangers who decorated the Church with their stunning floral creations.

Christmas Market

This will be held in Church on Friday 24th November and will take the same format as in previous years. Please come and support local artisans and help to raise much-needed funds for the Church. Further details are shown on the poster in this Newsletter.

There is still availability for one or two more stalls so if you are interested in an outlet for your craft and Christmas sales please contact Nigel Blackwell at sebicuscottage@gmail.com or phone **07885733100** to reserve a space; cost £15

We would be very grateful for donations of items for the Christmas Tombola and the Raffle. They can be left with Jane Sawbridge - jsawbridge@btinternet.com or Jeff Creek at Thornfield, Lower Street, Pury End.

Plans are in hand to hold our popular Quiz Evening in February – details available soon!

OUR CHURCH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help with cleaning and do flowers in our lovely Church once a month. If enough people volunteer, we could have a rota to do this. Flowers in the vases help to make the Church look cared for.

If you are able to help, please contact Diana Dawson at dianadflowers@hotmail.com
Thank you.



St James the Great, Paulerspury

Friday 24th November

Christmas Gifts, Craft Stalls, Mulled Wine
and Craft Beers, Hot Dogs, Burgers,
Cakes, Hot drinks, Raffle, Christmas Tombola

Food & Drinks Available From 6.00pm
Stalls Selling Christmas Gifts and
Craft Items from 6.30 to 8.30pm



Paulerspury Horticultural Society

Paulerspury Horticultural Society enjoyed a good turnout for our September meeting- a talk on Propagation by Peter Licorice. We held a Plant & pot swap in October, as well as a talk by one of our most successful cup winners, who gave hints & tips on growing for the Horticultural show!

November's meeting on the 9th is all about growing for food, not gluts, and Hazel Roberts will be bringing along some of her delicious jams & chutneys to sell, too. Our December meeting will be our AGM, on Thursday 14th December. There will be, as always, wonderful mince pies & mulled wine to share. We will be voting in Committee members, too.

The New year will see the return of Tony Pearson, on Thursday January 11th, to give an informative talk on "The BBC in World War 2". Should be very interesting. On Thursday February 8th, we have Nick Mackey, from Deanshanger, coming along to talk to us about the Work of a Master Thatcher. And then for March, Kerry Austen is coming to talk about "All things Roses".

All meetings start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

CRAFTY MONDAY

Crafty Monday Dates: November 13th. December 11th **2024** January 8th. February 12th.

We are a group of 12 ladies, some knitting, some sewing, some crocheting. Members are always willing to help, advise and encourage so come along to the Village Hall. Payment is £1 to cover the cost of the room, we take turns providing tea, or coffee and biscuits.

The parish council would once again remind dog owners to be responsible for picking up their dog faeces when in public places. There has been a particular increase in mess being left in Church Field and The Warren. This is particularly disappointing considering that dog bins are provided at either end of these walks.

Also, please remember that regardless of the temperament of your dog, some people find that being approached by a dog that is off of its lead can be particularly overwhelming. Therefore, please ensure that your dog is always under your full control when being exercised in the parish.

Along a similar vein to our first request, the amount of litter being discarded around the village appears to be on the increase again. It is a real shame that the actions of the irresponsible few can spoil the look of our beautiful village for everyone else. Please take your litter home with you if you are not near to one of the many litter bins around the parish."

Caryll Mumme would like to thank the many people who sent messages of condolence, and those who attended the funeral, following the death of her husband Iain.

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Josie Lepper passed away unexpectedly on Monday 30th October after suffering a severe stroke. We know she was a huge part of the village community and was loved by many. Please see the 'Paulerspury Parish Community Group' on Facebook for funeral arrangements in due course.

Village Hall Update

Thank you to everyone who has support the Village Hall events during 2023, we hope you all had an enjoyable time

The below are planned events for 2024 and dates still to be confirmed

Bingo

Race Night

D Day Anniversary Celebrations

Don't forget Coffee Morning every 3rd Friday

D-Day 80 Years On

As 2024 will see the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings, Paulerspury Village Hall Committee is planning a themed 'Forties' day to mark the occasion, to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 8 June 2024. Planning is still at an early stage but, given enough helpers, we are hoping to have an afternoon programme aimed at all the family, followed by an evening entertainment with live music and supper. We hope both will involve inventive wartime costumes. More details will be issued as planning proceeds. But in the meantime the Committee wants to invite all the various interest groups in the village to think about how they might get involved in their own way. We visualise an afternoon exhibition with each group having a table and/or display board showing material relevant to the era. So, for example, the Horticultural Society might spend time between now and the event researching and assembling a display on the wartime 'Dig for Victory' or Women's Land Army initiatives. The Good Neighbours and Craft Groups might put something together on 'Make Do and Mend', Wartime Rationing or Austerity Recipes. The schoolchildren might paint pictures or compose short stories about Children in the War. The Church Council could perhaps assemble photos or other memorabilia taking us back to those turbulent times. None of these ideas is in any way prescriptive; just intended as examples to get people talking about what their group might be able to contribute. Help us make 'D-Day 80 Years On' into a really memorable and enjoyable event for all the village.

We would love to hear from groups or individuals with ideas. Contact Tony Pearson, (tony@diandtony.com, 07789072014) or any member of the VH Committee Events Group.



Paulerspury Players

The annual village Pantomime in February will be Robin Hood

The script is completed, songs chosen, choreography underway and rehearsals started.

Tickets are on sale from December 1st and will be available from www.paulerspuryplayers.com

All profits go to charity and local village organisations. Come and join the fun

Towcester & District Art Society Christmas Exhibition 2023

Towcester Town Hall, 86 Watling Street, Towcester NN12 6BS

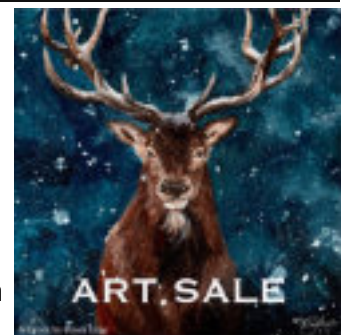
Saturday 25 November 10am - 4.30pm

Sunday 26 November 10am - 4.30pm

Over 150 original works of art in all media for sale. And Greeting cards for sale.

Free Admission Our Web site:- www.towcesterart.co.uk

Towcester & District Art Society is a small group of amateur artists living and working in and around the Towcester area. We hold exhibitions in Towcester Town Hall every Easter weekend and last weekend in November.



ITEMS FOR Next Newsletter can be emailed to rwspub@aol.com or written and put through the door at 18 High Street, Paulerspury. Mobile : 07973 619397

Please note we are unable to accept commercial advertising.

Deadline for February Newsletter is Fri 26th January by 6pm. Thank you. Robert.