



The Parish of PAULERSPURY NEWSLETTER

No 535 April/May 2025



April		
Tues 1 st	Good Neighbours - Martin Kincaid, Biodiversity Officer with the Parks Trust	Village Hall, Main Hall 2pm
Sat 12 th	Music Bingo Night	Village Hall. 7pm
Mon 14 th	Crafty Monday Meeting	Village Hall, (side door) 2-4pm
Thurs 10 th	Horticultural Society : 'Fascinating World of Salvias'	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
Fri 11 th	Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Side Room 10am - 12 noon
Sat 19-Mon 21	Towcester Arts Easter Exhibition	Town Hall, Towcester 10am-4.30pm
Thurs 24 th	Parish Council Meeting	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
Sun 27 th	St. Georges Lunch	Village Hall, 12.30 for 1pm
May		
Mon 5 th	Afternoon Tea 80th anniversary of VE Day	Village Hall, Main Hall 2pm
Tues 6 th	Good Neighbours - annual Birthday lunch Silverstone Grand Prix 10K	Village Hall, Main Hall Silverstone Circuit 7.30pm
Mon 12 th	Crafty Monday Meeting	Village Hall, (side door) 2-4pm
Thurs 8 th	Horticultural Society: 'Joy of Fragrance' +plant/pot swap	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
Fri 16 th	Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Side Room 10am - 12 noon
Thurs 22 nd	Parish Council Meeting	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
June		
Tues 3 rd	Good Neighbours	Hillcrest, 2pm
Mon 9 th	Crafty Monday Meeting	Village Hall, (side door) 2-4pm
Thurs 12 th	Horticultural Society	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
Sat 14 th	Church Fete & Fun Dog Show	Spinall's Field & Village Hall 12 noon
Fri 20 th	Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Side Room 10am - 12 noon
Thurs 26 th	Parish Council Meeting	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
Sat 28 th	Thai Food Night	Village Hall. 7pm

Paulerspury Short Mat Bowls Club meet every Tuesday Evening, 7pm to 10pm Village Hall

Make Bake & Grow Show on Saturday 9th August 2025

Village Hall Coffee Mornings every 3rd Friday

PARISH COUNCIL

The dog waste bin located in the field off Kings Lane is currently being used by someone to deposit large open carrier bags of waste which is very unpleasant and causing the contractor an issue on emptying as it is taking up the full capacity of the bin and making it incredibly difficult for their operatives to lift out and then there is quite a distance for it to be carried over uneven ground and then over the footbridge. This is something we shall monitor but should it continue we are going to need to consider relocating this bin to a place where a safe access can be guaranteed for our contractor.

Maggie Down Clerk to Paulerspury Parish Council

CRAFTY MONDAY

Crafty Monday dates - 14th April, 12th May. 9th June
Paulerspury Village Hall (side door) 2.0 pm - 4.0 pm
Knitting, crocheting, sewing - an afternoon with Crafters.
£1.00 per session.



Thank you to the kind person who found my small pen knife and left it hanging on the gate for me. I use it nearly every day and missed it that morning when I came to use it. Had it years and hopefully will now have it for many more years.

Thanks, Gary Garnor.

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St James the Great Church, Paulerspury..

Parish	Week	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	[Week 5]
Abthorpe				Eucharist 10am		5 th Sunday Benefice Eucharist Service 10am Moving around the Benefice
Paulerspury		Evening Prayer 5.30pm	Eucharist 10am			
Silverstone		Eucharist 10am	T@4pm in Church Room	United Service with Methodist Church 10am Either in Church or Chapel	Evening Prayer 5.30pm	
Slapton				Evening Prayer 5.30pm	Eucharist 11am	
Whittlebury		Morning Worship at 10am			Eucharist 9.15am	

Weekday Eucharist is usually held at St James on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am. Evening Prayer will be held at 5.30pm as above. Any unavoidable changes will be on the church noticeboard. Please see www.whittlewoodparishes.org.uk for further details.

Mothering Sunday Service – 30th March at 10am at St James.

Palm Sunday at 10am starting at The Methodist Church, Silverstone & procession to St Michael's Church for Liturgy of the Passion & Holy Eucharist.

Holy Eucharist on Easter Sunday at 10am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. We look forward to welcoming families. Refreshments after the service.

The quiz held on 1st March was well supported and approx £600 was raised for church funds. Many thanks to everyone who attended, helpers & Nigel, our Question Master. We hope to hold another quiz later in the year.

You will see below details for the popular St George's Day Lunch. We need in excess of 40 people to make this work so please book tickets early. It has always been a good community event so why not organise a table with friends. Last orders by Wednesday, 23rd April. Tickets available from Doreen Blackwell 811385 or Jane Sawbridge - jsawbridge@btinternet.com



Church Fête and Family Friendly Dog Show

This year we shall be holding these events on Spinall's Field and the Village Hall from **12 noon** on **Saturday 14 June 2025**. A Programme of Events and a book of Raffle Tickets will be delivered to all homes in the Village closer to the date.

We shall also be looking for donations of cakes for the Cake Stall, plants for the Plant Stall and items for the Tombola Stall and Raffle Prizes.

Our hardworking pool of helpers would be extremely pleased to see some fresh faces willing to help with the organisation of the Event and to attend on the Saturday to assist in running the various stalls. If you can offer to help in any way please contact Jeff Creek (07523034909 or jeffreycreek@gmail.com)



GRANNIES' ATTIC STALL

If you are having a Spring Clean, moving or need the space then we would be very happy to receive items for my "Grannies' Attic" stall. Household items, garden items, toys - just anything you wish to re cycle. You can either drop them off to Maggie at Scots Corner, High Street or give a call on 01327811281 for her to collect from you. Many thanks in advance.



The Silverstone Grand Prix 10K is celebrating 40 years!

Join us for a very special 10k road running race which will take place on Tuesday 6th May 2025 starting at 7.30pm on the iconic Silverstone Circuit. Finishers receive a unique anniversary medal and technical t-shirt. Entries from £17.

Hosted by Silson Athletics Club, find out more and enter here: <https://www.silsonac.org.uk/silverstone-10k>

St George's Lunch

In aid of Church Funds

Sunday 27th April Village Hall **12.30pm for 1pm**

Roast beef & all the trimmings, selection of puddings, cheese & biscuits, tea or coffee

Please bring your own drinks & glasses

Raffle

Tickets: **£20.00** Adults **£12.50** Child (5-11years) available from Doreen Blackwell 811385
Or Jane Sawbridge - jsawbridge@btinternet.com



Easter Art Exhibition

Visit us at:- TOWCESTERART.CO.UK

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

Sat. 19th to Mon. 21st April 10am - 4.30pm Free Admission.



Over 150 original works of art in all media for sale. Come support your local Artists.

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

Paulerspury Village Hall

Forthcoming social events – not to be missed!

Saturday 12 April, 7pm

The return of our popular **Music Bingo** Night where you have the fun of spotting those memorable tunes and crossing them off your card on the way to handsome cash prizes. Admission £12, to include Bacon or Sausage Bap, and Licensed Bar at sensible prices. Tickets from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/paulerspuryvillagehall or by phoning Colin 07840895500; Sharron 07789995172.

Monday 5 May, 2pm

A traditional **Afternoon Tea** celebrating the **80th anniversary of VE Day** and the end of the Second World War in Europe. Ticket price will be £15 for adults and £10 for children. Advertising leaflets will shortly be distributed to all village households and posters will appear in due course. A lovely opportunity to meet with friends and enjoy excellent refreshments.

Saturday 28 June, 7pm

Looking further ahead, village resident Toi, who originates from Thailand, will be preparing a wonderful **Thai Food Night**. Further details to follow, but suffice to say for now that it will be a treat for the taste buds as well as a fun night out.

Third Friday morning of each month (NB due to Easter, April is moved to 11th (2nd Friday)).

Our regular **coffee morning** in the back room of the Hall where you can drop in for refreshments and friendly chat.

Village Hall Committee looking for new recruits!

New people are always wanted to contribute to planning and running the Village Hall's community activities. Since the Coronation Tea in May 2023, we have put on over half-a-dozen successful social events and numerous coffee mornings, raising much-needed funds for the management of the Hall, with more in prospect during 2025. These initiatives have helped put the VH on a sound financial footing, with a welcome surplus replacing previous deficits. We want to keep the momentum going. But can only do so if we attract new volunteers to join our team.

At the moment we have a particularly pressing need for someone suitably qualified and motivated to take over the role of Secretary from Sharron Taylor, who is switching to Treasurer. It is neither fair nor practicable to expect her to carry both roles. The job involves servicing 6 informal meetings each year, following up actions, supervising bookings and liaising with contractors. If you are looking for greater involvement in the village community – perhaps you are recently arrived, newly retired or with time on your hands – we would love to hear from you. Committee members find it rewarding and fun, knowing they are part of a team volunteering in a good cause. Paulerspury has one of the best Village Halls anywhere, an integral part of our community, and a facility of which to be rightly proud. It would be a catastrophe if it had to close – or scale back its activities – due to an inability to fill an important Committee post. As a continuing vacancy would put us in breach of our obligations to the Charity Commission, it is imperative that we fill it without further delay.

Plenty of support is available; you would not be dropped in at the deep end. If you think you could take on this role, please contact Chairman, Colin Morley (07840 895500; colin.morley@cjmconsulting.co.uk) for an informal chat.

Paulerspury Horticultural Society

Thank you to all those who attended the February and March meetings. We welcomed record attendances to both, including some new members.

In February David O'Dell came to talk to us about his lifelong passion for bee keeping. A fascinating talk with many artefacts to help us understand the process and the importance of producing honey and the wider role bees play in our ecosystem. In March we had a very entertaining presentation by Leanne Wood who took us through her journey to winning a Platinum Award for her border at Gardener's World Live! last year. A big thank you to both for the effort and time they put into their presentations.

Coming up in April and May:

On Thursday 10th April get ready to be captivated by Robert Edwards from the renowned Malvern Salvia Collection with his talk on the 'Fascinating World of Salvias.' Join us for an introduction to these plants and the benefits they bring to our gardens. Robert will also share his expert propagation and overwintering tips to help us grow our own successfully. In addition, don't miss the chance to purchase salvia plants from Robert's collection at the end of the evening.

Our meeting on Thursday 8th May is a double bill! Not only will we be hosting our annual plant and pot swap but will be welcoming local perfumer and fragrance expert Karen Timson to talk about the 'Joy of Fragrance'. Discover how the power of scent can transform your garden and home and learn about her fascinating work creating custom perfumes inspired by nature. Remember to bring the unwanted pots, seeds, seedlings and plants you want to swap at the end of the evening.

Make Bake & Grow Show on Saturday 9th August 2025

Get Ready for the Paulerspury Make, Bake & Grow Show. Join in by entering your flowers and vegetables, preserves, cakes, handicrafts and more! There are children's classes too so make it a family event. The show schedule will be out at the end of May.

Please see www.paulerspuryhorticultural.co.uk for more details of meetings & events later on in the year.

The Horticultural Society meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Light refreshments and a raffle are held at the end of each presentation with a chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones so come along and join us. Everyone is welcome!



Good Neighbours Group.

First of all, a reminder to anyone who gets this in time that our next meeting is on April 1st (and No this is not an April Fool!!) when Martin Kincaid from the Parks Trust is returning to entertain and educate us.

The meeting on May 6th is our Birthday Lunch and this year we are having a Fish and Chip lunch to be supplied by Chan's in Towcester and held as always in the Village Hall. There will be the usual Raffle and also a Bring and Buy. A reminder however that the lunch is for members only and also that Membership subs will be due. All further details will be available at the April meeting.

On June 3rd we are hoping for a fine summer's day as we shall be meeting at Joanna's house, Hillcrest. 2pm as usual and we will look forward to a tempting array of sandwiches, cakes and scones.

New members always welcome. Just come along or if you would like more information please phone our chairperson Jan on 811771. That's all Folks!

Paulerspury Short Mat Bowls Club

We meet every Tuesday Evening, 7pm to 10pm, and we are always ready to welcome new members or those simply wishing to give our sport a try.

The sport is not as physically demanding as outdoor green bowls, but we like to think it requires as much skill, albeit slightly different skills. You can give us a try free of charge on three occasions before we ask you to join, and we have bowls of varying sizes for you to use.

At present it costs £3 per session once you have joined. We believe this is good value for up to 3 hours of gentle exercise and social interaction.

SO WHY NOT GIVE US A TRY-SIMPLY ROLL UP AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON A TUESDAY EVENING BETWEEN 7 AND 7:30PM. Ian Dale Secretary, 01908 542769



Spring Term Adventures at Paulerspury Primary School

It has been a full and exciting term here at Paulerspury Primary School, with the children busy learning all about cultures from around the world. From crafting African inspired masks to exploring the Arctic and even experiencing a 'day in the Antarctic' at a specially set-up DIY campsite, the children have truly travelled the globe through their learning!



A highlight of the term was World Book Day, where the whole school community took part by coming to school dressed as their favourite book characters or in cosy pyjamas. The range of costumes was fantastic – we had everything from pirates and princesses to Harry Potter and Frog on a Log. School was full of creative outfits and a buzz for reading.

In addition to their topic work, the children have been learning about the importance of mental health and well-being, as well as taking part in Safer Internet Day, where they explored how to stay safe and kind online and British Science week, focusing on change and adaptation.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Fabulous FPS fundraising quiz night at The Barley Mow – it was very well attended and a brilliant evening was had by all.

It's been a busy and rewarding term, and is ending with our annual Easter Service and signs of Spring. We can't wait to see what the next term brings!

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CARERS

DO YOU SUPPORT SOMEONE WITH A DISABILITY OR A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION?

Who cares for you?

Northamptonshire Carers IS a registered charity supporting unpaid Carers across and within the Northamptonshire county boarder.

West Northamptonshire Council (WNC), is embarking on a 'roadshow' of 'One Stop Shops for Carers' across Northamptonshire, The purpose of this roadshow is to help people living in the community who support people with disabilities and long term health conditions to identify themselves as '**Carers**' and to encourage them to come forward for support and information. This is to help Carers keep themselves well and to help prevent them from becoming isolated. The intention is to inform you where to go for help regarding the many and diverse challenges you may be facing.

For further information contact 01933 677907, option 1 or community@northamptonshire-carers.org and you can visit the website at: www.northamptonshire-carers.org

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Moving to an E-newsletter would have several benefits : no printing costs or distribution plus it would be easier to update, meaning content could be changed and remain current. Any comments please to : rwspub@aol.com



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Deadline for June / July / August Newsletter will be May 22nd 2025 by 6pm. Thank you. Robert