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Empowerment Fund helps with hearing

Liz Hardman used her Ward Councillors Empowerment Fund to improve facilities in Paulton's library at The Hub by financing the installation of a hearing loop, as there was currently no provision for those with hearing difficulties.

This was supported by Paulton Parish Council who wanted to improve its services for those who are hard of hearing and to comply with the Equality Act.

The hearing loop system cuts out background noise which directly affects people's hearing. Cllr Hardman

demonstrating the hearing loop to volunteer librarians said "I'm delighted to have funded this improvement which will enable us to converse with all our users"



Cllr Liz Hardman pictured with Library volunteers: Rose Cull, Carolyn Dewhurst and Joyce Kanaa

65th Rotary Charter Celebration Tree Planting

The Rotary Club of Midsomer Norton & Radstock celebrated 65 years as a Rotary Club on 4th December 2021. To commemorate this milestone, 65 trees have been planted throughout local communities, including Paulton, Midsomer Norton, Radstock, Farrington Gurney, Leigh on Mendip, Chilcompton and Emborough.

Rotary member and Paulton resident,



Claire Godden, along with fellow Rotary members Ian and Debby Huxham, planted 7 trees in Paulton at both the Memorial Park and the Miners Recreational Ground. Sourcing the trees was difficult in the Autumn, but they successfully purchased both Beech and Oak trees for the village.



Attached photo features Rotary members, Claire Godden of Paulton, as well as Ian and Debby Huxham of Midsomer Norton.

Paulton Amateur Dramatics (PAD's)

Successful Return with Crowd Pleasing Robin Hood Performance

After a two-year absence Paulton Amateur Dramatics Society returned in February with their pantomime 'Robin Hood' which played to packed and enthusiastic audiences over four performances.

The production was successfully directed by Austin Stephens and written by PADs member Clare Ivory and was a clever take on the traditional tale with a timid Robin being taken in hand by feisty expert archer Marion who turned him into a successful outlaw and hero of the hour.

The cast were strong throughout with a comical Friar Tuck and Maid Marions Nursemaid 'Nursie' who wowed everyone with his singing voice. The villain of the show was of course the sinister Sheriff of Nottingham assisted by his three bumbling henchmen who provided lots of laughs.

Make up, lighting and sound effects were all well done and the simplistic staging and scene changes very effective.

Many thanks to The Red Lion for rehearsal space and Paulton Rovers for use of the Francis Suite and ticket sales.

Once again, another top-notch performance from PADs who are busy



planning their next show and running their 12-week drama club for children aged 8-12 years.

Keep an eye on their Facebook page for news on future events and the opportunity to get involved in the group either on stage or behind the scenes or email:

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New members are always welcome, no experience needed but lots of fun and laughs guaranteed.



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Paulton Stands with Ukraine



Fundraising Success for Local Residents

A group of individuals across the village of Paulton and surrounding area have smashed their ambitious target to raise £10,604 for Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. A short timescale of only two weeks to raise the funds started with a JustGiving page and then snowballed from ribbon making sessions to a community event. Lots of local businesses supported the cause, with jars and collection boxes placed around the village to ensure the total was reached.

The group, known as Paulton Supports Ukraine, had the idea that if every resident in Paulton was able to donate £2 then they would meet their target, with 5,302 residents believed to live in the Parish. A sunny Sunday saw the culmination of the appeal with a Thanks Event set up in order to host the outcome of the Grand Raffle.

Prizes were donated from businesses across B&NES and Bristol, with a Mulberry Handbag, Bath Rugby tickets, and tickets to The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe at the Bristol Hippodrome. Grant Johnson, Councillor for Paulton, had this to say, "We we're delighted to receive such a fantastic array of prizes from so many businesses across the local community and further afield. It really was an amazing turn around to get given so much in such a short space of time - a big thanks must go out to them for these contributions. We would also like to thank Tesco and the Coop in Paulton for providing us with such lovely cakes, tea and coffee, along with all the home bakes that were created to support the event."

Revealing the total, Rev Adam Pitt led the event with a moments silence to show our thoughts and solidarity were with the people of Ukraine. In total the group managed to smash their original target to raise £15,095.85, which was unveiled using a giant cheque and some last minute painting from Adam's wife

Sarah when the pen didn't work. She had this to say, "Throughout two weeks a team of people motored together with energy and purpose to raise funds for the humanitarian aid in Ukraine. Sunday 20th resulted in great success raising a stunning £15095.85p. Our hearts still focused on the impact of war on the Ukrainian people, we hope our efforts will provide water, medical aid and trauma therapy."

Mel Rich, one of the organisers said "It's been wonderful to see so many people in & around Paulton finding ways to

contribute to this appeal. We've been brought together in so many ways & managed to show our support for the people suffering in Ukraine in a really meaningful way. I'm so proud of our community."

The JustGiving page is still live and growing with donations and the sell of ribbons across the Somer Valley. It currently stands at £15,544 and counting, so please donate if you can: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paultonwithukraine>



Little Litter Pickers

The Ward Councillor Empowerment Fund has been set up by Bath and North East Somerset Council to provide every ward councillor with the sum of £1,000 to address concerns or needs in their local communities. After consulting with local residents, Councillor Grant Johnson, Paulton Labour, decided to award £400 to the 2nd Paulton Scout Group for the purchasing of litter picking equipment. Cllr Johnson had this to say, "It's fantastic to use this money to provide new equipment

for the Cubs, where I was once a member as a young lad. Sadly, we still live in a society where littering is a real issue, so it's great to know that the Scouting movement is prepared to facilitate and educate these little litter pickers from a young age."

Mel Rich volunteers with the Cubs, she added, "This equipment is a great help for the cubs as they work on their chosen project as part of their Community Impact and Environmental Conservation badges. We are very grateful to Grant for his support through this fund."

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Annual Meeting of the Electors



Once Again Residents had their Say!

Paulton Parish Council held the Annual Assembly of the Electors on the 4th May. Following the success of the Community Engagement event last October, we followed a similar format. Residents were invited to pop in between 6pm–8pm. There was an opportunity to meet your Councillors and learn about the plans for the forthcoming year, it was also a great opportunity to share your ideas and suggestions.

Additionally many of our local community groups were also present, including Purnells youth sports, Brownies, Guides, Party in the Park, Double Hills, Paulton Art Group, Pride in Paulton, the Paulton Pool, Volunteers from the Paulton Library and the Youth Connect team brought their mobile bus to showcase the new Youth session on a Wednesday.

Thank you to everyone who joined the

event, we hope you all enjoyed it.

There were several suggestions made during the evening such as:

- Planting a wildlife area or a Community orchard.
- Increasing the number of dog poo bins, especially at the bottom of the Purnell estate.
- Street lighting in certain areas.
- New and refreshed road markings.
- Increasing the size of the BMX track and adding higher jumps.

All of your suggestions will be discussed at our future meetings, everybody is always welcome at our meetings, you can find a schedule of dates at the back of this magazine.



100 Years of the Miners' Rec



With a grant of £1000 in May 1922 from the mining industry and the miners contributing a halfpenny from their wages Paulton recreational field was purchased. As the last colliery closed in 1973, mining for some will only be a memory, but for many residents they may not be aware that the village in which they live was originally a mining community and that many of the recreational facilities they enjoy today owe their existence to the mining industry.

Many of the recreational facilities originally provided for mineworkers still remain like Paulton Rec as recreational charities with trusteeship held primarily by parish councils. The trusteeship of the rec has been held by Paulton Parish Council since 1973.

The mining industry was unique in that it was the only industry that ever had a statutory obligation to provide money for

social welfare of its employees and their dependents. This began in 1920 when the coal industry act compelled mining companies to pay one penny per tonne of coal produced into a welfare fund of which 80% was spent within mining communities on recreation, health and education.

Between 1920 and 1952 over £40,000 of grant aid was provided by the Miners' Welfare Fund to facilitate the introduction, development, and maintenance of the recreational facilities for the Somerset Coalfield. An extraordinary amount of money in today's terms. Generations of Somerset people have enjoyed the recreational facilities many of which like Paulton Rec still exist and thrive today. Their existence is due to the generosity of the Miners' Welfare Fund and the commitment of many individuals who act as trustees.

The recreational legacy of the mining

coalfield is something to be proud of. Paulton Bowls Club was formed in the mid-twenties. Sharing an existing wooden pavilion with the boy's football teams and also the tennis club and children's play area.

Later the bowls club closed due to lack of members and support. In 1984 the club was revived, with help from Paulton Parish Council a new building was erected. Since then dressing rooms, a lounge, a well-stocked bar, and a conservatory have been added. The green has been enlarged to allow county games to be played, the members and ground staff work hard in making the surface one of the best to play on in the area.

In the early part of the 20th century Paulton Rovers first team played their home games on the Rec, before moving to Winterfield Road. On Saturday April 30th everyone was invited along to the Bowls Club to celebrate and recognise the purchasing of the field 100 years ago. To celebrate the centenary celebrations at the Rec, a new tree was planted by the Chairman of Paulton Parish Council, Cllr Gail Garlick. Gail said, "I was delighted to join miners and the members of Paulton Bowls Club



for this important celebration. We marked the occasion by planting a tree at the Rec to mark 100 years."

Paulton Bowls Club had this to say about the event, "Thank you to everyone who came up to our club today for the open day. We had lots of fun and we hope you all enjoyed yourselves. We loved having so many new visitors and having our green jam packed with players new and old! We hope you enjoyed having a go at Bowls. Special thanks to the Sax Pistols who did a fab job with the live music! It was great to have so many lovely local companies involved. Your donations and support was very much appreciated. A big shout out to the Miners' Welfare Trust, Radstock museum, The Somerset Toilet Co, Thatchers, Poppies, Sweet Spot, Muffins, Farrington Inn, Co-op and Tesco Paulton."



Neighbourhood Police Report

Romance Fraud: Swipe Left and Protect Yourself

I was reading the A&S website so as to prepare for this article and I was staggered to read the following:

"Family members of online daters are being urged to help protect their relatives from becoming a victim of romance fraud, as new figures show almost £92million has been lost nationally through dating scams over the past year. Across Avon and Somerset, losses of £2.4million were reported in the 12-month period up to and including October 2021."

It is also suspected that the figures above are much higher due to the shame factor of reporting this type of crime.

The criminals who target our vulnerable people are truly heartless and despicable people. They are also professional at this type of crime so nobody should feel any shame were they to become a victim. This type of crime not only affects a person financially it also affects them physiologically. However this should not be the end of that particular story. I know many people who have been able to move on with their lives after these type of events.

These people who are able to recover and rebuild. Who then help and inform others so that they don't become victims. Thank you to all of you who are strong enough to want to make a positive difference and

who do so.

Police and partner agencies are constantly working to catch these criminals. We need information and we need all of us to be wise to the scams. Please take a few minutes to look at the following link:

<https://data.actionfraud.police.uk/cms/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Big-Book-of-Scams.jpg>

For any person who has concerns or questions contact your local Police team or Action fraud (an invaluable internet resource that is free and accessible to all) We also have some paper copies here at the station if groups or bodies would like some to give out to their members. Some top tips as recommended by Avon & Somerset police:

- **Stop:** Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.
- **Challenge:** Could it be fake? It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to repeatedly pressure or rush/panic you into parting with your money.
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On The Buses with Dan Norris



I don't need to tell you, Paulton Magazine reader, that in our region, cuts and cancellations to bus services have become all too common.

I also don't need to tell you that for too many communities - from Paulton to Radstock and beyond - infrequent and unreliable services, like the 178, are a real source of frustration.

And when I held my very first bus users' forum in Paulton just last month, the responses were plentiful but there was a clear theme running through all of them. Covid, despite what the government might claim, has not gone away and its impact on local services remains severe.

Buses remain the most popular form of public transport in our region and over 70 million bus journeys were made in the West of England pre-pandemic. For many people, young and old, they are the only way of getting to work, going to the shops

or visiting friends and loved ones.

But with only three quarters of passengers traveling compared to before the pandemic, the knock-on effect this has on fare revenue is obvious and the vicious circle of decline caused plain to see.

Perhaps this is unsurprising. Just over two years ago, under the first lockdown, passengers were (rightly) warned to stay away from public transport to protect the NHS and save lives. Now many are wondering, including those at the Paulton forum, whether that message can ever be reversed.

But it's not just passenger numbers. Bus drivers have always been on the frontline and unsurprisingly sickness levels have increased. Stagecoach and FirstBus are reporting record staff absences.

So what is to be done? Well, one thing the Government could do would be to cut the red tape stopping the West of England Combined Authority I lead from saving existing under-threat services.

I'm proud that we were awarded £105m in April to improve bus services across the region. This is a big win for the West of England: it is the second-highest funding award in the country. But sadly, the Government has said this isn't cash I am allowed to spend to save individual bus routes. I think this is wrong and I'm talking to the Government to try and get this sorted.



The recent Bus Users' Forum held at Paulton Rovers

Long-term funding is of course the only way to provide our bus sector - and the communities that use them - with the reassurance needed to look beyond its bottom line and plan for the future. This will also be vital if we are to meet our local 2030 net-zero target. But in the meantime, letting me step in to save buses where I can is the crucial step.

Hope to see you soon on the buses,
Dan Norris

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Paulton Library at The Hub

Summer Reading Challenge

We are so excited to reveal the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2022!

Get ready for Gadgeteers, arriving online and in Paulton library this summer.

Science is all around you! Join the Gadgeteers for the Summer Reading Challenge to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you, including some of your favourite things!

Curious? Perfect! Your imagination can unlock endless possibilities...

Gadgeteers will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for cool experiments and activities to discover the science all around you. Keep an eye on the Library Facebook page, the Parish Council website, and the Library notice board for all the latest Summer Reading Challenge news.



Kathleen Still at a previous and very popular Baby Bounce.

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Please come and join us in the Paulton Library for the Summer Baby Bounce and Rhyme. The sessions will be led by Kathleen Still at 10.30am on the following dates:

- Friday 24th June
- Friday 15th July
- Friday 19th August

All 0-4 years old welcome – please bring an adult with you!

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Parish Grant Funding 2022/23

Every year Paulton Parish Council awards grant funding to community organisations for the benefit of its residents. The current Grant funding scheme is budgeted as part of the precept and each year can award £10,000 in grants.

The Parish Council will decide all grants to give out and can award a combined total of up to £8,000 for larger projects on an annual basis, commencing 2022/2023. It also has the ability to award smaller grants of up to £200 throughout the year using the remaining budgeted £2,000.

At a meeting of Paulton Parish Council on Tuesday 19th April, the following projects and amounts were awarded in grant funding:

1st Paulton Guides - £742.45

This was to facilitate the organisation of a trip to Avon Valley Wildlife Park, including a picnic lunch for 31 of their members.

Bath Area Play Project - £805.00

The funding for this project was awarded to support the running of a Family Playday event in Paulton during the summer holiday period.

Citizens Advice B&NES - £500.00

The funding for this project was to contribute to the running/service costs to maintain the Adviceline service for residents across B&NES.

Double Hills - £1605.00

To fund the 2022 event of remembrance, with the historic fly past, wreath laying, security and hospitality.

Dial A Ride - £1055.00

The funding was awarded to contribute to the running costs associated with the Midsomer Norton & Radstock service, covering Paulton.

Paulton Amateur Dramatics - £1505.00

The funding was awarded to contribute to the running costs of another show and a 12 week drama club.

Paulton Party in the Park - £500.00

The funding was provided to contribute to the running costs of the event, which this year will celebrate the Queen's 70th Anniversary weekend celebrations.

Pride in Paulton - £1308.00

The funding was awarded to contribute to the purchasing of flowers, plants and compost for all year round planting in Paulton. This also contributes to Remembrance Day, Christmas Decorations and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Total Awarded: £8020.45

Smaller grants awarded:

Somer Valley Walking Festival - £200.00

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Pride in Paulton Partnership



We have been overwhelmed with the response to our Platinum Jubilee Corgis – 100 corgis given out and we are really looking forward to seeing them all together at Party in the Park on 4th June. Here are a few of the ones we have got back so far.

We have also been busy planting up the hanging baskets for this year, we have planted up 35 which form part of the 80 baskets we display around the Village – these will be appearing very soon...

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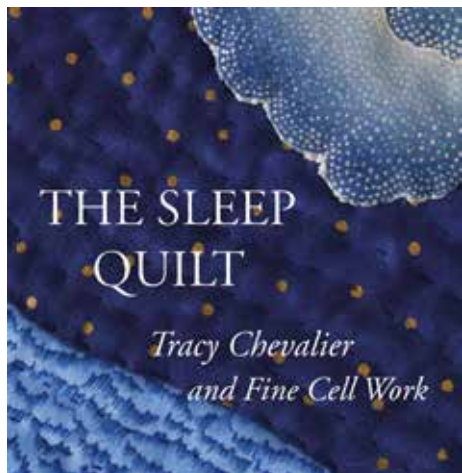
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The Paulton Book Club



The Sleep Quilt

by Tracy Chevalier and Fine Cell Work

I would never have found this book if I wasn't a library user and volunteer. As volunteers we assist in the transit of books throughout the Libraries West region. Some come in on request from local users and others pass through to destinations elsewhere.

One Friday morning this little book appeared on its way to another library. As an admirer of Tracey Chevalier's novels and a stitcher myself, I started to dip into it. What emerged was a beautifully illustrated and inspiring description of the

collaboration between this well-known author and Fine Cell Work, a charity working with prisoners teaching them sewing, and providing income from sales of their finished works. One of Tracey Chevalier's novels, 'The Last Runaway', told the story of an American Quaker family of quilters who provided refuge to slaves who had escaped from their owners and were heading to Canada and freedom.

Her background research included the techniques and history of quilting. This and an introduction to Fine Cell Work led her to a collaboration with the charity to create a 'Sleep Quilt'. Seventy prisoners, all men except two, produced a 'patch' of their own design. They were encouraged to explore ideas around sleep, something that in prison is often hard found. The book gives first-hand stories of what learning to sew means to the prisoners who are often struggling with self-esteem and seeking hope and the means of earning some money.

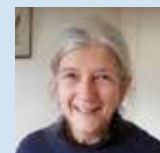
The book that I held in my hands that Friday morning was housed in another library and my first thought was that I would get a copy as a gift for my sister, who is a textile artist. I discovered that it is out of print and second-hand copies are expensive. I then reserved the book and it arrived just in time for my sister's next visit. She too was enchanted, and I've since shown it to another friend before it's due

back to the library. I am so thankful to the library for my discovery.

If you aren't a library member, come in and browse the shelves, you never know what you might find. You can also search the Libraries West website for books that aren't available locally and reserve them on-line for collection in Paulton. If like me, you get hooked you can consider volunteering. It's not a big commitment, I do one morning every two weeks.

If you are interested in being a library volunteer or have any queries regarding Paulton Library, please contact Hilary Oram: paultonpc@hotmail.co.uk

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Jane Stephenson

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Dictionary Corner:

Words & Phrases to make you smile

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Coach Roach: any flight attendant who prefers working in the main cabin as opposed to First or Business Class.

Crop-dusting: (allegedly) when an attendant suffering from wind walks up and down the aisle to distribute it evenly.

Pax: passengers collectively.

Crumb-crunchers: child passengers.

Gate Lice: the crowd of people who rush to the gate eager to board.

Spinner: an undesirable or annoying passenger.

Mango: a male passenger considered to be hot by the flight attendants.

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Green Fingers with Jackie Hamblin



Weeds - Friend or Foe?

This year I have been working in a garden where there is zero tolerance of "weeds". Each "correct" plant has its position, identity and garden worthiness carefully observed and catalogued. There is both merit and stress involved in such an approach, but it set me thinking...

A weed is a plant in the wrong place – and what is meant by wrong is up to the gardener. I find a row of vegetables look fuzzy if there are other plants amongst them but in a border, I may be more forgiving. And even then, I have grades of tolerance. In a woodland area I have a carpet of forget-me-nots but in the formal parts of the garden every seedling has to come out. Lesser celandine is another example. It can be very invasive, but its bright yellow flowers are very pretty. The plant soon dies down to leave space for others so can surely be given some slack. (Besides it's not easy to clear completely.)

However, there are some nasties whose

redeeming features are not outweighed by their sheer thugishness in the garden. Into this category go bindweed, ground elder, mares tail and creeping thistle, all on account of their invasive root system. Trying to dig them out is pointless, weedkiller can only knock it back until in the end the only way is to keep picking at it and thus weaken the whole system. If it's coming in from next door Good Luck! Other plants for the unwanted category are those that spread their seeds prolifically: sow thistle, groundsel and hairy bittercress, the latter an innocuous plant that can complete its lifecycle in as little as a month (starting in February) and at the merest touch will throw its seeds far and wide.

Incredibly after 40 years gardening, I have learnt the merits of the onion hoe, a little hand version of a draw hoe. Used kneeling or bending over it allows a more selective way of hoeing, leaving any self-sown seedlings that you may want to keep.

Jobs to do in the summer:

- Keep deadheading to prolong flowering
- Water pots and containers (a rain shower doesn't count)
- Summer pruning of spring flowering shrubs. You have about 6 weeks after they finish flowering. After that you will cut off growth that will carry next year's flowers. Examples such as forsythia, lilac, philadelphus, deutzia, rambling roses.

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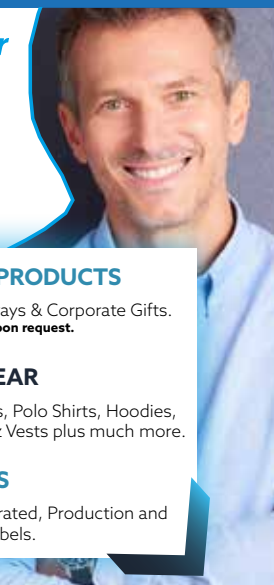
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Paulton Art Group: Featured Artist

We aim to introduce a new featured artist each edition, to inspire and educate residents on the joy of being creative!

This edition's artist is Les Rodway.

Les in his own words:

I spent my working life as an engineer, this was hands on engineering through to design and development of construction equipment and office furniture. During this time, I progressed from a drawing board to three-dimensional computer aided design. Everything was always drawn precisely and very detailed.

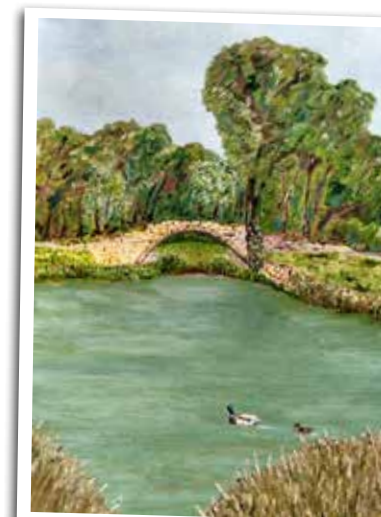
Since I retired three years ago, I have

enjoyed the freedom of art with no restrictions. Letting your creativity flow as and when the mood takes you. I paint what pleases me. I have never had any formal training in art I just decided I would give it a go.

I began painting holiday memories, some in watercolour but mainly in oil. Oil painting allows me to add texture and blend colours. The only downside is the time the paint needs to dry. I like to paint landscapes and objects of interest which I make as vibrant as possible.



Les Rodway



Generally, I will work loosely from a photograph I have taken or from my imagination. I find that I quickly get engrossed, feel relaxed and the time just drifts by. Some of my paintings are painted on the rough reverse side of hardboard to add even more texture.

I enjoy all types of art and very much like the work of Banksy, Gaudi, Monet, and Cezanne.

Paulton Art Club has been very useful to me, I have made some good friends, got useful tips and advice and I have experimented with new techniques. You don't have to be an expert to join the

club, everyone is welcome. If you like to see the club in action then join us Tuesday afternoons 2pm-4pm at the Cellar Room, Paulton Methodist Church.



Walk on the Wild Side



Walking for health both physical and mental, has been one of the mantras that we have all heard during the lockdown periods. However, many of us have walked the area of Paulton for pleasure for many years and now share one of our favourite walks which can be enjoyed by everyone especially now that spring is here.

Concentrating on Paulton itself, there are approximately 12 miles of public rights of way so everyone can definitely get to see their own area and experience some of the lovely countryside. There is even a 'Paulton Village Walk' map which is approximately 1.5 miles and takes about 1 hour to complete. The map points out 30 places of interest in the village, some of which you may pass on a daily basis but have not noticed or known its history. These maps are available from the Parish Council Office when the office is open.

'Broadies' circular walk: 3.5 to 4 miles (with Hills)

During this walk you will have great views of the countryside and a couple of historic items to look out for – Evans Foundry iron work and a water trough. Please take care on the lanes/roads as some of these are deceptive and have traffic when you least expect it. It is a walk of between 3.5 and 4 miles and hilly in places. Luckily there are no styles to climb but one gate with a few stone steps to manage before entering through the gate. The little wooden bridge is quite safe.

1 Starting outside the Hub in the precinct, walk through the car park at the rear of the Co-op. Walk along Ashleigh Close which leads to a small lane. Turn left and walk to the end. Cross over Somerset Way onto a footpath which takes you into Brookside. Cross the road and walk along Brookside Close to another small lane at the end of the houses (Here you can see some iron work from Evans Foundry). This lane takes you out to the end of Britten's Hill. Cross the road into Paulton Hill.




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2 Walk up Paulto Hill and notice the water trough on the right hand side of the road. Continue on up until just before the cattery where you will find a footpath on the right – go into the field and with the cattery on your left walk the length of the cattery, turn left and continue to walk with the cattery still on your left hand side. At the end of the cattery boundary, continue diagonally across the field until you come to a gate.



Here you can see some iron work from Evans Foundry.

3 Exit the gate and turn left and walk the short distance to the junction of Broadway Lane and Lovers Lane. Opposite the junction you will see a gate to a public footpath. Go through the gate and walk across the field to the right hand corner. This will lead you into another field which heads down to a large opening on the right hand side. Go through the opening and walk along the track. At the end of the track turn right onto a road. Keeping closely to the right hand side of the road, walk up the road until you come to a gate. There are a couple of stone steps to climb to reach the gate so take care. Walk up the hill which can be a little challenging, but look back and take in the view while you catch your breath. Enter the next field walking straight ahead until you enter another field. It is best to keep to the right hand side as you walk this field. At the end of the field and approximately in the middle, you will discover a small wooden bridge, cross the bridge and walk diagonally across the field until you can exit.



4 Turn right and walk up the hill until you meet the junction at the start of the walk. Cross the road and walk along the lane (Lovers Lane) – it can be quite busy with local traffic so take extreme care. This is quite a long lane which will eventually take you past Water Lane joining you from the left and a little further on, also joining you from your left – Monger Lane.



5 You are now entering Clandown Road where you will find a farm entrance on your right. Walk up the track which will lead you to Simmons Hill to your front/ left. Walk down Simons Hill, which can be a little slippery if wet, so take care. Cross the field and cross the small lane and go immediately into another small field which exits between bungalows in Ham Grove. Cross over Ham Lane and turn first left. Walk down Brookside a short way and you will see the footpath on your left that you came down at the start of the walk. Walk up the footpath, cross back over Somerset Way and enter the lane – turn right by the metal post and you are back in Ashleigh Close which leads you back to the Co-op car park and the end of the walk.





Pet Talk with Dave Tweedle



Let's go to the Beach!

There's nothing like a trip to the seaside on a summer's day, especially when your furry friend can come along and join in the fun! Sadly, beaches can pose some threats to our dogs so it's important for owners to remain vigilant. Let's take a look at the main threats to watch out for, and how to keep your dog safe when they're at the beach.

Make some preparations:

Before jetting off to the land of sand, make sure your pet is ready for the beach... and that the beach is ready for them. Have you got poo-bags, water and toys at the ready? Can your dog swim? Do they even like water? Is the beach you plan to visit a pet-friendly one?

Dogs can often get overexcited at the beach. Bring toys and treats with you as a way of encouraging your dog to return to you, especially if they wander off too far or if there are other pets around.

Prevent jellyfish stings:

Jellyfish stings are incredibly painful, so aim to do all you can to prevent your dog sustaining one. Research your chosen beach before you go there; if it's known for jellyfish, consider going somewhere else. Keep an eye on the water at all times and don't let your pet venture too far in.

If your dog is stung by a jellyfish, the seawater can do a great job of preventing the release of further toxins. Douse the sting as best you can and once satisfied, contact your vet as soon as you can to have the sting checked over.

Prevent wasp stings:

A beach wouldn't be a beach without fish and chips and sugary treats! Sadly, the vast amounts of food attracts wasps and this increases the chance of humans and pets being stung. Keep an eye on your dog as best you can, prevent them from sniffing around bins, discarded food or any area that is popular with wasps.



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If your dog is stung by a wasp, keep a close eye on them. It's a good idea to visit your vet to have the sting checked over – especially if the sting is around your dogs' mouth or on its face.

Watch out for sharp objects:

Broken bottles or discarded sharp items aren't so easy to spot when you're at the beach so you'll need to take extra care. Contact your vet right away if your dog's foot pad does get cut.

Take care to avoid fish hooks too. These can easily get caught in your dog's mouth or damage their digestive tract if swallowed. If you notice that your dog has swallowed a discarded fish hook, contact your nearest emergency care provider right away.

Don't let your dog drink salt water:

Bring your dog's bowl along with you, plus their own bottle of water, and make sure you offer it to them regularly. This will help to prevent your dog from getting too thirsty and drinking salt water!

Ingestion of too much salt water can have serious effects on your dog's health, so keep your eye on them as often as you can to check they aren't helping themselves to it.

...or eat discarded food:

Lots of popular human treats are bad enough for dogs as it is, not to mention discarded treats that could well be mouldy and are most likely caked in sand!

Once again, keep an eye out... both on your surroundings and on your dog, to



make sure they don't eat anything they shouldn't.

Bring treats along with you! This will satisfy your dog's taste buds as well as encourage them to return to you when you need them to.

Avoid heat exhaustion in dogs:

The immense heat, along with lots of excitement and lack of shade can quickly lead to sunburn or heatstroke. To prevent this, make sure you give your dog lots of fresh water to drink and take regular shade breaks. If you plan to stop and sunbathe, make sure there's a shaded area for your dog to cool off in.

Be aware that dogs can get sunburnt too, especially those with white/pale fur. Consider getting your dog some special pet-friendly sun cream.

Need more info?

For more information on keeping your pet safe and comfortable at the beach, or any aspect of their welfare, have a chat with your vet.

Getting Quizical with Dot Mitchard

You might have seen Dot at one of her previous charity quizzes that are held at the Red Lion pub in Paulton every month. Today, she has set us five rounds of great quiz questions for you to ponder over. Work them out and write your answers in the boxes below. Good Luck!

Answers on page 50 of this magazine.



Round 1: General Knowledge

1. What is the colour of the Duracell Bunny?
2. How many players are there in a Rugby Union team?
3. What was the former National currency of Portugal?
4. What was Wallace and Gromits first adventure?
5. What countries famine inspired the Band Aid and Live Aid fund raising?
6. By what name is Ethylene Glycol better known?
7. Who lives at No 12 Downing street?
8. How many gallons of beer are there in a Firkin?

Round 2: Human Body

9. What gland in the human body produces Insulin?
10. What is the technical name for the lower jaw bone?
11. Epistaxis is another name for what?
12. In what part of the body would you find Alveoli?
13. Nephritis is inflammation of which organ of the body?

Round 3: Around Britain

14. What is the largest castle in Wales?
15. What is the largest body of fresh water on the British mainland?
16. Which West Country town has an Exclamation mark in it's name?
17. Built by the Romans Hadrians Wall runs from The Solway Firth in the West to where in the East?
18. In which Scottish county would you find the city of Dundee?

Round 4: Television

19. Who is the current presenter of Mastermind?
20. Who played Kavanagh in the series Kavanagh QC?
21. In Dad's Army who called Sgt. Wilson Uncle Arthur?
22. How many boxes are there in Deal or No Deal?
23. What was the occupation of Gladys Emmanuele in Open All Hours?

Round 5: Remember When

24. In which year did Prince Charles marry Camilla Parker Bowles?
25. In which year was the Bradford Football Club fire?
26. In which year was smoking banned in public spaces in England?
27. The SS Great Britain returned to Bristol in which year?
28. Shepton Mallet prison closed in which year?

Baking with Ruby

Easy Cornflake
Cakes

Method

Step 1: Put the cupcake cases into your muffin tins or onto a baking tray if you do not have a muffin tin.

Step 2: Melt the Butter, Golden Syrup and Chocolate in a saucepan over a low heat until all melted.



Ingredients

200g Cornflakes
200g Chocolate
4 Tbsp Golden Syrup
75g Butter

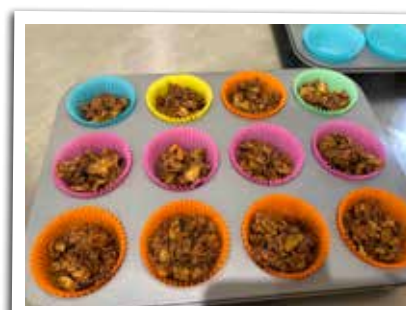
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Step 3: Take off the heat and add your Cornflakes into the melted mixture. Mix well until Cornflakes are well coated.

Step 4: Spoon the mixture into the cupcake cases and put into the fridge to set for at least 30 minutes.

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Dealing with a New Crisis

We have recently passed through the anniversary of the 2021 lockdown measures. This highly significant event passed almost unnoticed, after the unprecedented events of last year were rendered insignificant by this year's new crisis. The war in Ukraine and overt destabilising of the post-cold war world order has brought a new wave of realisation that our peaceful lives may have been much more fragile than we thought.

I have spoken in several sermons recently about the stark and growing gap in wealth and living standards across the world. This was only exacerbated by the COVID pandemic but has been present in the background of our lives for decades. It is the case that our standard of living and level of consumption in this country are not sustainable if they were to be

extended to the whole population of the planet. Much of the threatening situations that we now see, politically, economically, and environmentally, are at root, related to the quest for, and unequal distribution of, money power and resources.

Throughout the season of Lent, we as a church have focused on making space for God and checking what else we may have been relying on for our comfort and safety. This discipline is a valuable exercise in testing our capacity to reduce our consumption and free up resources to share with the world.

If you subscribe to Jesus' teaching that we are to love others as we love ourselves, then we have a responsibility to ensure that we are living in a way that can be shared with everyone. But even if you don't, but you want a world of true peace and stability, then it is still in your own interest to make sure others have what they need to survive and thrive.

It may be that any peace that we did enjoy, based on inequality, was always an illusion. If we want to achieve real and lasting peace in our lives and the world, then practising this type of love for others may be the only way forward.

Every blessing,
Rev. Adam Pitt

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Paulton Methodist Church



We Look to God During the Darkest of Times

As many of you have been aware, a flood following torrential rain earlier this year has destroyed the floor in the Wesley Hall, meaning it has been closed to all the community activities. The work to replace it started at the end of March, and hopefully by the time you read this article, the floor should have been replaced and the Wesley Hall reopened.

We have also been challenged by a burglary. A window in the Wesley Hall was broken before Christmas and the perpetrators entered the church and stole our laptop. This was not helpful, but we were relieved that more damage was not done. Imagine my surprise when going to the church for a meeting at the end of February to find a carrier bag propped up against the door, and inside, our laptop! Our faith in the inherent goodness of

people was restored. But these practical annoyances pale into insignificance as we look at our tv screens, and see the devastation brought to Ukraine and its peoples. We are all challenged in our faith when we see such inhuman acts of evil carried out against our fellow human beings. We wonder, where is God in all this?

But if we look more closely, we can see God at work. In the generosity of the people of Paulton in contributing to the appeal for donations to help the people of Ukraine, in the acts of our friends at The Dog Groomery who travelled across Europe with supplies for pets, in the acts of kindness of people all over Europe who have welcomed refugees.

The Bible reminds us that evil will always exist, but it is in our response that we show God's presence and love for his people. May we all continue to shine the light of Christ into the dark places of the world.

With blessings from all at Paulton Methodist Church,

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Paulton Rover FC First Team



Something to Celebrate with a Top 10 Finish

On reflection now the season has drawn to a close, we feel it has gone well and are really pleased with a top ten finish. Following yet another rebuild last summer we went into the season with many players playing their trade at step 4 level for the first time. We have seen three youth academy players integrate really well into the first team squad and have ended up playing many Southern League games between them.

We continue to work closely with Josh Hurst who heads up the club's academy programme and have shown how well the player pathway works in recent years. This is something I am passionate about, allowing the best local talent the chance to play for their hometown at the highest possible level.

We have assembled the best squad this season, all of whom have given their all

over the past 12 months. We spent the lion share of the first half of the season in play off places and producing some excellent football. We managed to beat most of the top teams in the league whilst unfortunately showing signs of our naivety and inexperience by dropping points against others.

Overall, the latter part of the season cost us our place in the playoffs where we couldn't adapt our play when the pitches turned rough. We continued to try to play good football from back to front where sometimes getting the ball forwards quickly is far more beneficial when the playing surface isn't so predictable.

We brought Leighton Thomas to the club last summer and were pleased he has ended up as the league's top scorer. Leighton was playing at Step 5, and we had watched him a few times as a winger. We converted him to a centre forward for the first time in his career so to end up scoring over 20 goals at this level is superb.

The key this summer is to try and keep this talented group of players together, draw on their experiences this season and be able to improve next season. We have identified areas where we need to improve and plan on adding strength to the group to allow us to be more consistent over the season.

Finally, I must thank the clubs loyal fanbase for their terrific support during this last season.

John Rendell
First Team Manager

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Paulton Rovers Reserves

After lots of cancellations throughout the season, Paulton Rovers Reserves have finished the league in second position. They lost two points for playing an illegal player (their goalkeeper William Smith) against Cam Valley, and therefore it was always going to be difficult to secure the title unless Glastonbury made a mistake.

Sadly, for the reserves that didn't happen, but they did finish in second place to secure promotion to the first division of the Mid-Somerset League. The team celebrated in style with a presentation of their runners up medals and a bottle presented to the division's top goal Tyler Lane. The Reserves will be back in action next season and hoping to improve on what is undoubtedly a very successful squad of players.



Purnell Sports Youth FC

The past few years have seen many changes and challenges for us all, but as life starts to get back to normal, we have had a change at Purnell Sports Youth Football Club too. We'd like to offer a huge thank you to Claire Burton, Keith Hicks and Ali Humphries as they step down from the Committee for their hard work and support over the years – particularly Claire who had been volunteering for Purnells for SIXTEEN YEARS!

Everybody at the Club volunteers their time because they can see how important it is for children's physical and mental wellbeing to be able to improve their football skills, socialise with their friends, enjoy exercise and have fun in the fresh air!

As Purnell Sports Youth welcomes the new Committee, we are excited about the upcoming 2022-23 season. Our existing teams are doing well (for example, U12 Sports have just been promoted) and as well as our mixed teams, we also have Girls Only teams in the upper age groups. If you'd like to play for one of our teams,

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please get in touch. Unfortunately, our disability group was affected by the pandemic but we would love to get this back up and running again.

This is where YOU come in! Would you consider volunteering your time to help coach eager, young footie fans? We would love to get our Kids Club (Reception-Year 2), Under 8s (Year 3) and Under 9s (Year 4) back up and running too. We now have lots of children on the waiting list and have had some interest from their parents (thank you so much to those of you who have enquired, it really is appreciated). However, because of safeguarding requirements, we still need more volunteers to run the groups. Purnells would support you throughout

the process to make sure you have the right information, qualifications and even an existing coach as a Buddy (if you'd like!). If you would like further information, please get in touch.

Finally, as this season comes to an end, we'd just like to say a big thank you to the players, parents and volunteers for their continued support. Best of luck with school exams, hope you all enjoy the summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again for the 2022-23 season!

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Please also follow our Facebook pages for more information.

Useful Community Contacts



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B&NES	01225 477000
B&NES Council Connect	01225 394041
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Crimestoppers	0800 555111
Citizens Advice Bureau	0844 8487919
Clerk for Paulton Parish – Carol Hall	01761 413644 Clerk@paultonparishcouncil.org.uk
CURO	01225 366000
Dog Warden	01225 394041
Elm Hayes Surgery	01761 413155
Environment Agency	0800 807060
Halton House Dental Clinic	01761 411166
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Paulton Hospital	01761 412315
Paulton Library	01225 536535
Paulton Community Pool	01761 411890
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Quiz Answers: Round 1: 1. Pink, 2. 15, 3. Escudo, 4. A Grand Day Out, 5. Ethiopia, 6. Anti-Freeze, 7. Chief Whip, 8. 9
Round 2: 9. The Pancreas, 10. The Mandible, 11. Nose Bleed, 12. The Lungs, 13. The Kidneys
Round 3: 14. Caerphilly, 15. Loch Lomond, 16. Westward Ho!, 17. Wallsend, 18. Angus
Round 4: 19. Clive Myrie, 20. John Thaw, 21. Private Pike, 22. 22, 23. Nurse
Round 5: 24. 2005, 25. 1985, 26. 2007, 27. 1970, 28. 2013

Your Council

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Schedule of Parish Council Meetings

	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
Full Council	21 nd	19 th		20 th	18 th
Events Committee	14 th			13 th	11 th
Parks & Amenities Committee		19 th			18 th
Planning & Highways Committee	14 th	12 th	9 th	13 th	11 th
Hub Management Committee		26 th		27 th	

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