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The Chairman's Report



When I wrote in the Winter 2020 magazine, I never imagined that we would still be in Lockdown in February! There is, at least, light at the end of the tunnel with the Vaccination Campaign on target to have a large number of the population vaccinated, the uptake at present for the top four groups is 95%, which has exceeded Government expectations (Governments UK Covid-19 vaccine uptake plan). I hope that those of you eligible have at least had your 1st vaccination and have an appointment for your second. I know our local Surgeries are working hard to deliver this programme and speaking of Doctors Surgeries, Dr Barbara Roy is retiring from Elm Hayes Surgery after 36 years. The Surgery are planning to hold a retirement party later in the year, once Covid-19 restrictions are relaxed. I am sure you will all want to join me in wishing her a very happy retirement.

Spring is definitely in the air, as I walk around the Village it is lovely to see the Snowdrops, Daffodils and Hyacinths all starting to flower along with the 4,000 crocus bulbs, donated by the Rotary Club

and planted by PiP, which are appearing along Park Road.

We have been able to organise the resurfacing of the Children's Play parks in the Memorial Park and at the Miners Rec and by the time you read this, this work should have been completed. We made the decision to use Wet Pour Rubber Surfacing which is an all-weather play surface and is one of the safest surfaces for Parks. All we will need then is some lovely warm weather so that families can come out to play. We are also hopeful that the Avenue of Trees planned along the pathway at the Miners Rec will be able to be planted soon, at the moment due to Covid-19 restrictions our Groundsmen cannot work together but as soon as the restrictions are lifted the trees will be planted.

Have you seen the new Paulton Community Website? This was an idea by Susan Burnett which the Council was delighted to support. Please have a look at it, there is a lot of information about the Village and you can advertise your events, groups etc on it.

I hope when you are reading this that our children are back at School, our local businesses are open, and life is starting to return to normal. Wishing you all the very best and please stay safe.

Gail Garlick

Parish Council Logo Competition



Paulton Parish Council is on the hunt for budding creatives to enter its new logo design competition. The idea of the competition is to bring the Parish Council's current logo up to date with a modern refresh that can represent its residents, its rural location and its history.

To enter the competition, you must be a resident in Paulton of any age – we are interested in seeing the thoughts of both young and old for a more rounded view of what Paulton means to you. We are looking for ideas and imagery that can be turned into a professional logo and we will accept entries in any format, e.g. drawings/sketches, paintings, prints, digital media, textiles or even sculpture!

The final design might use one or more design ideas from entries, which means there could be more than one winner of up to £50 in vouchers of your choice.

The closing date for entries is the 31st of

May 2021 and entries can be delivered to the Parish Council offices addressed to the Parish Clerk or by emailing clerk@paultonparishcouncil.org.uk.

Need some inspiration?

There are lots of ways to find inspiration and get the ideas flowing about Paulton, but we thought we'd get you started with a few:

1 The parish was historically part of the Hundred of Chewton, which was one of the 40 Hundreds in the ceremonial county of Somerset, dating from the Anglo-Saxon era before the Norman conquest.



A map showing the hundreds that made up the county of Somerset, including Chewton.

2 Paulton is a former coal mining village and the terminus of the Somerset Coal Canal is at Paulton Basin. Its most iconic landmark from the coal mining era is the conical shaped spoils heap known locally as the Batch.



Paulton Batch is the most prominent reminder of our coal miner history.

3 Paulton is home to the Memorial Hospital that was originally founded by Dr Alexander Waugh and Mrs John George Mogg in 1872.



The Double Hills Memorial 2020

4 There has been a fire station based in Paulton since 1936, which used to be part of the Clutton Rural District Fire Service, but is now under the Avon Fire and Rescue Service.

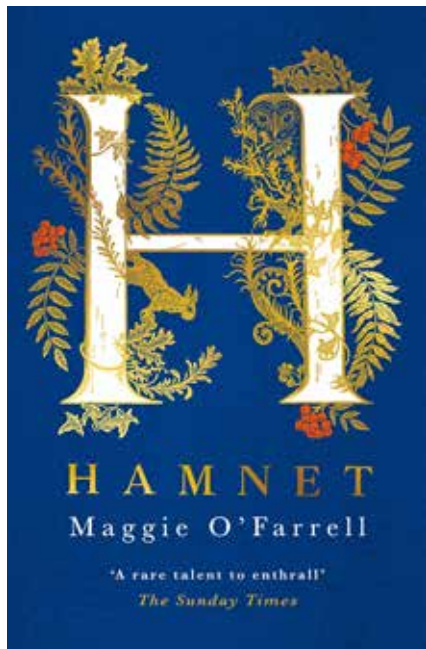


Find out more about the old Dennis Fire Truck on p13

5 Paulton was home to the now-closed Polestar Purnells printing factory, which ran from 1839 to 2005 and employed over 2000 local residents at its peak.

6 There is a memorial to the 23 men who were killed in 1944 when a glider crashed en route to Arnhem, as part of Operation Market Garden. Recently the village celebrated the 41st anniversary of what has become known as the Double Hills Memorial.

The Community Hub Book Club



Hamnet

by Maggie O'Farrell

One of the advantages for a novelist embarking on a fictionalised account of any aspect of William Shakespeare's life is that we know so little about him. He famously left his wife, Anne, their 'second-best bed' in his will, leading some to infer that their marriage was not happy. Amongst the few facts we can be sure of is that they had three children, including twins Judith and Hamnet, and that Hamnet died at the age of eleven.

Maggie O'Farrell has chosen to portray a strong, if unusual, marriage: Agnes (Anne's baptismal name) is a determined woman who runs the family while her husband is away in London building a successful career. But the shadow of bubonic plague hovers over Elizabethan England: we know that a third of children under the age of twelve died from this flea-borne disease. Although there is no record, it is possible that Hamnet was a victim; the novel puts his death into social and historical context and in doing so breathes life into the family.

The historical detail is impressive, but not heavy-going; we learn about the medicinal plants used by Agnes and the textures of the animal skins used by glove-maker John; we are introduced to the street sights, sounds and smells of the sixteenth century, but this is just the background to the emotional heft of the novel. These are fully-rounded human beings whose happiness and grief are compelling and convincing.

Hamnet was published in 2020 by Tinder Press.

Ruth Eversley - Paulton Library Volunteer
in dedication to Diane Banks.



Dictionary Corner

Words in the news: An Etymological guide

Crony: 17th-century slang at Cambridge University for an old friend or contemporary (from the Greek 'khronios', 'long-lasting'). 'Chum' (perhaps a shortening of 'chamber-fellow') was the Oxford equivalent.

Prevaricate: To behave indecisively and avoid important decisions, is from the Latin 'praevaricari', to 'plough crookedly or haphazardly'.

Inauguration: This began with the Roman 'augur', who studied the behaviour of birds for omens about important events. To inaugurate was to 'consecrate by augury' if the signs were good. The bird-diviner was also known as an 'auspex', hence 'auspicious'.

Ice: A hanging, tapering piece of ice was originally called an 'ickle'. In the Middle Ages, they decided to add 'ice' to it for good measure. 'Ice ickle' was the standard term until the 17th century, when it became our 'ice'.

Diane Banks: In Memoriam

I learnt of Diane's recent death with shock and then sadness. Diane was one of Paulton's longest serving Library Volunteers and a face well known to many associated with the Hub since it opened.

She was extremely conscientious and took all Library Service Initiatives and Technology in her stride. She returned to the Library after breaking her hip when she was barely mobile, such was her commitment and sense of responsibility. My last conversation with her was to check on the date of her next shift and she voiced her determination to get to grips with the new Library System.

She was ideally suited to the role, being a voracious reader herself and an active member of the Hub Reading Group.

Members were in awe of her ability to read the monthly designated book in one sitting! We shared a love of good detective fiction and Diane introduced me to several new authors. I was usually unable to reciprocate because any book I tried to recommend Diane had always read it first. Diane was fiercely independent to the end and essentially a very private person but I shall miss her a great deal as will her Library colleagues and friends. However I know that we shall all remember her with great fondness.

Kathleen Still
Library Volunteer

Paulton Methodist Church



Paulton Methodist Church briefly opened for worship at the end of 2020, and we were able to celebrate Christmas with our traditional Communion Service at Midnight on Christmas Eve. Sadly, we decided that, despite all our efforts to make the church Covid-safe, the increasing infection rate in January posed a large risk to worshippers, and our buildings are now closed again. Many of us are feeling frustrated by the current lockdown, which is preventing us from worshipping together, and getting on with everyday life.

We continue to worship together with a weekly service sheet which is printed and emailed to anyone who would like to receive it. If you would like a regular copy, please email me. It is also posted on our Facebook page – search for Paulton Methodist Church.

We are grateful to all the staff at the local hospitals and surgeries who are rolling out the vaccination programmes so that we can all start to think about returning to normal, but I am not sure that we ever will return to the normal we used to know.

Perhaps Covid-19 has forced us to stop the treadmill of the previous normality, and has shone a light on society, and forced us to pause and take stock. Perhaps the pandemic is the catalyst to make this the right time to make the changes that we didn't have time to consider before? And that is true for our spiritual lives as well as our practical ones.

Is now the right time to make those changes that God is demanding of us? May God's blessing rest upon you all in these challenging and worrying times

The Revd Martin Slocombe

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Paulton Trinity Church



We are now hopefully in a time when we can look forward with hope, to vaccinations and the chance of life returning to normal.

The past year has been a very difficult time for all of us, with things we have lost, missed, delayed or foregone. We will need to take time to grieve all these things and to reflect on how we may live life differently in light of our experiences.

There is an important note on the need for vaccines and herd immunity. A vaccine not only protects you, but it also helps to reduce the spread of infection, meaning those who are unable to take a vaccine are also protected. You should think of it in the same way as giving blood or driving safely, it protects you, but also protects those around you. We have a collective responsibility to get vaccinated against this virus in order to protect the most vulnerable in our communities.

But vaccination can also be an interesting metaphor where the exposure to a small amount of something bad can seem to make us immune to the bigger problem. I think this is certainly true for some of our social problems that were hidden from view, but were highlighted early on when the pandemic took hold. Our exposure to these social issues, as with so many things in life, can make us reflect or change for a moment, but this soon fades and we feel that we can now safely move on.

The economic, political, social and psychological effects of this pandemic will be long term and far reaching. We will need to be vaccinated against the virus, but don't let this be something that lets us forget about the consequences of the pandemic and the need to come together as a community in the future to protect the most vulnerable and address the social issues that were brought to our attention.

You are very welcome to join us as we begin to gather together again this Easter. Our services will be every Sunday at 11am and 5pm. Easter Sunday will be the 4th of April. You can find full details of our services at:

<http://paulton-benefice.org.uk>

Every blessing,

Rev. Adam Pitt

Paulton Art Group: Featured Artist

This spring brings with it a new regular article for our readers to enjoy. Across Paulton members of the Paulton Art Group have been keeping busy despite covid-19 by creating works of art. We aim to introduce a new 'featured' artist each edition, to inspire and educate residents on the joy of being creative! To start off the series, we invited Sandra Burnham to give us an insight to her colourful world.



Sandra in her own words:

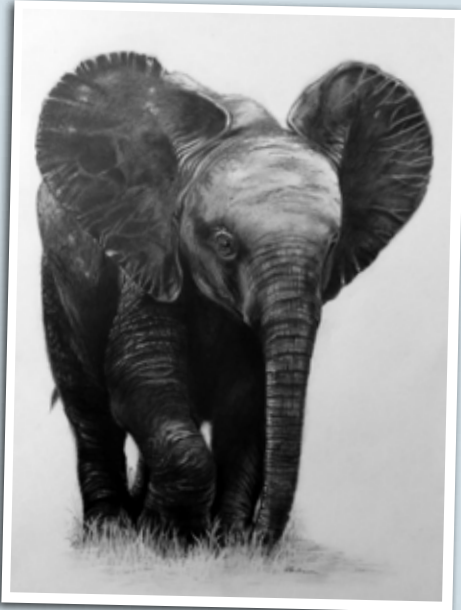
"I have enjoyed art for as long as I can remember and knew that I wanted a career that would allow me to be creative. After three years studying Graphic Design at Brunel Technical College I embarked on a long career as a Graphic Designer. During this time I did a few illustrations for various publications but never seemed to have the time to produce art for myself."

"I decided to take up art when I retired a few years ago and proceeded to teach myself by joining an art group, watching youtube tutorials, reading books and attending occasional artist workshops."

"When I moved to Paulton three years ago I immediately joined Paulton Art Group meeting once a week in the Cellar Room of the Methodist Church. I am also a member of The Cam Valley Artists and enjoy selling my art on the trail." I particularly enjoy painting landscapes



Sandra Burnham



and like to work in mixed media often starting in watercolour before adding acrylic inks and paints. I love the translucency of watercolour paints whilst the acrylics allow me to build up glazes and add texture. I also enjoy using pencils and inks for variety.

Recently I have added fabric to my paintings to add another dimension. I start with Acrylic paint and inks on canvas or thick watercolour paper and then add fabric leaves and flowers. I really enjoy experimenting and learning new techniques.

Every painting is a new challenge and you soon lose yourself in your art so it is a good way to de-stress. Everyone can enjoy art you just have to find your style. You learn by your mistakes of which there are many and gradually get better but you never stop learning.



Neighbourhood Police Report

As we continue lockdown, please can I remind you to follow the advice and guidelines set out

by the government. These guidelines can be found on the government website - gov.com. Keep doing your part - By staying home you are saving lives.

If you see anyone breaching these guidelines please let us know using the lines of contact as set out below. Fines have and will be handed out to those deemed to be breaching.

As stated in the last newsletter, theft of tools from vans etc tends to increase over the winter. I have managed to obtain an amount of DNA tool marking kits available to those in need/tradespeople. These kits would normally cost around £60 for you to purchase direct from the 'SelectaDNA' website. We are offering to hand these out for use, free of charge. Each kit contains a unique synthetic DNA material. The material also contains thousands of 'microdots' with a code which is unique to the owner. It is very difficult to remove and information can be seen under UV light.

Any items recovered by Avon and Somerset Constabulary that have been marked with this kit will likely be returned to the owner. If you feel you would benefit from one of these kits please contact us. We hope to hold an event to demonstrate

these kits as soon as we can, so keep an eye out for further information.

Many of you will be aware or friends of our Facebook page named PCSO Jason Kean, which has now been replaced by a new page with the name Radstock and Keynsham Neighbourhood Policing. If you are on Facebook please give this page a like/follow to keep up to date with all the news from your local policing team.

We do follow the 'Paulton Barmy Army!' Page but it is not monitored 24/7 so any information you wish us to know about please contact us by using one of the channels below.

During this Pandemic that has affected every one of us. Please ensure that you look out for your neighbours who may live alone or are vulnerable. It doesn't have to be close contact but a phone call/ knock on the window to check if they need anything or are okay. That may be their only contact all day.

With the vaccine being distributed lets ensure we all get through this together.

PCSO Jessica Comer



Email: Jessica.comer@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Stepping Back In Time...



After photographs emerged on social media of the old Dennis Fire Engine that was based in Paulton from 1961 until 1969, we decided to get in touch with the owner Paul Pickford and find out a little bit more about how he came to own such a unique piece of Paulton's history.

How did you come to own a Dennis Fire truck? "I've always had an interest in Fire engines, ever since I was a little boy. My Dad, Roger Pickford, was in the fire brigade in Wells for 18 years and I can remember from when I was young that there were fire engines like this one. I wasn't really looking for one, but out of the blue a chap I knew rang me up and said there was one for sale in Somerset. We rang the bloke up, who lived in Midsomer Norton, and went to have a look at it. We sort of got bitten by it and bought it that following week... we weren't actually looking to buy a fire engine."

Have you been collecting other bits of memorabilia? "Oh yes, I've got loads

and loads of stuff, mainly on the Somerset Fire Brigade, but I've got thousands and thousands of photographs and other bits of memorabilia from its history."

Have you heard any stories about its time spent serving the Paulton community? "Yeah, I've had loads of people come back to me with stories and tales over time, as it was stationed there from 1961 to 1969. So, a lot of people within living memory can remember it being at Paulton Fire Station. They say to me, 'oh, I remember when our chimney was on fire and that turned up at our house...' and stuff like that."



"In fact, my father-in-law grew up in Paulton and his mums chimney caught fire one day and she sent him round to one of the local fireman's houses who said to go down to the fire station and press the button to set the siren off. He ended up riding on that fire engine back to his house because they said 'you may as well hop

Stepping Back In Time...

on and come back with us! It was only just up the road from the fire station, so I don't think they thought much of it back then. It just shows what a small world it is to have these connections to the engine."



I've seen from the photo's that it used to be used as a float for Father Christmas. How did that come about? "Yeah, that was afterwards. That's what kind of saved it really, cause obviously once the fire brigade had finished with the engine, they would just sell them off through auction sites. Some were lucky and got bought for preservation, but others weren't. They just ended up in scrap yards getting cut up or converted. Ours was lucky because when Avon fire brigade had finished with it in 1979, the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund took it on and kept it either at Bath or Keynsham fire stations. They used to use it at Christmas time to go round and raise money for the Fund by having Santa in his sleigh on top. In the summer months they used to take it to village shows as well."

Its lovely to hear that it had a second life...

"Yeah, and like I said that's what saved it because a lot of them were just sold and bought with good intentions and just left. If you are going to buy something like that, you've got to really have somewhere to keep it indoors. Other people I know have bought them and left them outside, but they quickly deteriorated. Ours was lucky because it was kept in the spare bay at the fire station and when eventually the fire brigade got rid of it in 1992, the chap that we bought it off had kept it in the barn up at a farm in Farmborough."

"Even after it left the fire brigade it was used to go carol singing with, because obviously you could get quite a few people in the back. They all used to squeeze in and drive around in it with lights in all the lockers to make it look like a mobile Christmas tree."





I'm guessing a lot of modifications happened to it? "As you can see on the photos, they used to attach the sleigh onto the ladder, and they had rope lights all run off a generator on the back shelf. All that was taken off when we bought it, but it didn't have any equipment on it at the time. All the equipment that's in all the lockers now, which is period firefighting equipment, we had to find and put back on it."

I can't imagine that's the easiest task to rebuild it as it was... "No, it isn't. It's taken many years and lots of research and I managed to find the original drawings of what you call 'stowage' and where everything went in the lockers. So, we knew what we were looking for, but other than the ladder on the top, everything else you see was all stuff we had to find and put back on ourselves."

Dare I ask how much it's all cost you to get it to the standard it's in now? "Haha, I don't know...many thousands, I wouldn't want to write it. I wouldn't want to put a price on it!"

Is it the sort of thing your family supports?

"Oh yeah, they like coming out in it. I've got two boys who are 5 and 10 so its every boys dream to have a dad that owns a fire engine."

How often do you take it out? "Well... under normal circumstances we do about 8 to 10 shows a year with it. Other than that, we always try and take it out once a month during the summer just to keep it moving."

Do you think it could attend a fire now and still be of use? "Haha, well it's got all the stuff on it! Potentially it could but it would probably be frowned upon by the fire brigade. It's still got its pump but for obvious reasons we don't carry any water in it as it does about 8 miles to the gallon in petrol with its 6-cylinder Rolls-Royce engine."

You don't happen to know what the max speed of it is? "Well, we drive it sensibly, but I'm told the one at Wells, when it was in service, was known as a real sort of flying machine. I know one of the old firemen at Wells, who had a similar engine, and he thought you could get it off the speedo. He said you could get it round to 80 and then it would sort of bend the needle trying to go past it, so they were certainly fast when they were in service."

If you have any stories you'd like to share with Paul, then please don't hesitate to get in touch by emailing: paulpickford73@aol.com

Camvale Tennis News

With the installation of an enclosed mini tennis court designed to introduce the early stages of tennis to four year olds upwards, Camvale Tennis Club considered the merits of a tennis practice wall to be a further learning aid with added benefits.

To this end, over the last two years (with Covid 19 slowing progress) funds have been raised for its construction with help from local charities, the Parish Council and from the District Councillors Empowerment Fund.

The many benefits of a practice wall are as a further coaching aid, a warm-up facility

and the ability for individuals to improve their tennis skills among all ages, both juniors and adults.

The club is now delighted to say that the wall is now up and will be playing a big role in helping all players to enhance their abilities, club court surfaces being all weather, allowing play throughout the winter months as and when Covid restrictions permit. Further details on the club and its activities can be found on the club website: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/CamvaleTennisClub

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PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL **YOUR MONEY 2021/2022**

The money needed for the budget comes from the precept raised, income and general financial reserves. Paulton Parish Council has raised a precept of £244,632 for 2021/2022. This is an annual charge of £121.26 for a Band D property in Paulton which equates to £2.33 per week.

A breakdown of how this will be spent is shown below:

Administration	£92,665
Civic & Democratic	£200
Activities/Services/Grants/Magazine	£26,390
Capital and projects	£1,000
Sub Total	£120,255

Memorial Park	£4,600
Miners Welfare Park	£3,600
Wallenge Open Space	£750
Cemetery & War Memorial	£7,900
Outside Services	£57,632
Road Cleansing	£14,800
Public Conveniences	£2,000
Local Environment	£1,900
Sub Total	£93,182

Swimming pool	£10,001
Village Hall	£17,717
Paulton Hub	£41,224
Reserves towards Paulton Pool	£10,000
Reserves towards Pre-school Cabin	£10,000

Total	£302,379
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THE PRECEPT WEEKLY EXPENDITURE IS:

£2.33*

Administration

Office running costs, staffing costs, training, IT, H&S, publications and marketing

71p

Outdoor Costs

Staffing costs, road cleaning, play inspections, H&S, tools and machinery, hedge and tree works

56p

Paulton Hub

Running costs to provide a community space for a library service and cafe

32p

Activities/Services/Grants/Magazine

The Parish Council Grant Scheme and financing of the Youth Mobile bus and Paulton Magazine

19p

Capital Projects, Civic and Democratic

For Initiatives, projects and consultations undertaken by the Parish Council

16p

Village Hall

Loan costs as sole trustee of the Village Hall

14p

Swimming Pool

Running costs and repairs as the tenant to the building

8p

Community Play Areas

Costs of running Wallenge Open Space, Miners Recreation Ground and the Memorial Park

7p

Cemetery and War Memorial

Maintenance and running costs of the Cemetery, Grave Stones, War Memorial and outbuildings

6p

Local Environment

Noticeboards, lighting, footpaths, tree planting and street furniture

1.5p

Public Conveniences

Maintenance and running costs for the public toilets located next to the Red Lion pub

1.5p

Events

To fund Council events such as Christmas Lights Switch On and Remembrance Sunday

1p

*These amounts are approximate and rounded accordingly

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National Census 2021

Households across Paulton will soon be asked to take part in **Census 2021**. The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed”

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made

 Office for National Statistics

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it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.” Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity. Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit census.gov.uk.

Ingredients

400g strong white bread flour
7g sachet fast-action dried yeast
50g golden caster sugar
1 tsp mixed spice
1 tsp ground cinnamon
250ml warm milk
50g butter, plus extra for greasing
1 medium egg
100g chocolate chip (milk or dark)
50g plain flour

For the glaze: 2 tbsp apricot jam

Chocolate Hot Cross Buns



Method

1. Mix the strong flour, yeast, caster sugar and 1 tsp salt in a bowl with the spices. Make a well in the centre and pour in the milk, egg and melted butter. Start mixing with a spoon and finish with your hands. If the dough is too dry, add warm water, or extra flour if it's wet.
2. Knead the dough on a floured surface for 10 mins until it becomes smooth and springy.
3. Leave the dough in a lightly greased bowl and cover with a damp tea towel until doubled in size. This should take around 1 hour.
4. Tip the dough onto a floured surface and flatten. Scatter over the chocolate chips, and knead the dough before dividing into 8 portions.
5. Roll each portion into a smooth round ball and place on a greased baking sheet, leaving some room between each bun for it to rise. Cover with a tea towel again and leave to prove for 20 mins, until almost doubled in size again or just touching.
6. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Mix the plain flour with 1 tsp sugar and 4-5 tbsp water to give you a thick paste. Spoon into a piping bag and pipe white lines on the buns to make crosses. Bake for 20 mins until they are light brown.
7. Brush them with jam if you want them to be nice and shiny.

CIL Consultation Results

As part of our Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) requirements, Paulton Parish Council decided to hold a consultation so that residents could decide how best to spend its current total of £12680.94 in CIL money. Parish Councillors were asked to speak with local residents and come back to a meeting of the Parish Council to put forward ideas. From a long list of suggestions, Councillors then voted to come up with a short list of projects.

Since then residents have had the opportunity to vote on which of the projects they would like the CIL monies to fund. A total of 321 residents took part in the consultation that went out to all households in the last edition of this magazine and across social media.



What the bridge currently looks like



Artist's impression of Terminus Bridge

The results

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Project 2: Improved access to the Wallenge play area from Brittens hill	31
Project 3: Improvements to the Purnell's Memorial Garden	18
Project 4: Christmas lights for the lampposts on Paulton High Street	24
Total:	321

As a result of the consultation it was resolved at a meeting of the Parish Council to fund Project 1. Since the meeting, the Somersetshire Coal Canal Society have been informed and we will keep residents updated with progress of the development.

Pride in Paulton Partnership

Here we are in February and already the signs of spring are starting to show with all the Snowdrops, Daffodils, Iris and Hyacinths all flowering outside The Hub that were all planted in October/November time last year. Residents will also be able to enjoy the 'Host of golden daffodils' along Phyllis Hill, which have been planted over the last 3 years. In year 1 we welcomed students from the University of Bath who came out and helped plant some of the bulbs, followed by further planting in year 2, which was funded by Taylor Wimpey. Last year we filled in all the gaps and we hope you'd agree that the results are stunning.

We ordered 48 Amberol hanging baskets from Blaise Nursery, Bristol in October 2020 and this year we are going to plant up the 37 wire baskets ourselves. The team have never done this before, but we thought we could try our hand at them and hope everyone will like the results. The baskets will go up in June so look out for them and for us watering them.

Amberol baskets are self-watering baskets, they have a reservoir at the bottom which needs to be regularly topped up. There will be 48 of these around the Village and the 37 wire baskets will be put up where there are either automatic watering systems or we have organised other volunteers to water them daily.

Watering has come a long way since the early days - when we started, we used empty 4-pint milk cartons and went up and down ladders putting the water on the top of the basket. This progressed to watering back packs, which pumped the water up the wand and on to the basket. Unfortunately, this presented a new problem as they were very heavy when full and we had to keep returning to the central watering station to fill up. This was also very time consuming when you have 48 to water, but we were very lucky to have the volunteers to help share the workload as at that time we were watering every day – hanging baskets are very thirsty! Luckily, we found the Amberol baskets that we are using today, these only need topping up every 3 days. We now have trolleys to carry the 5-gallon water containers and have developed a battery-operated pumping system – so this part of the process is much easier and faster. We are very grateful to the Parish Council and the Co-Op who both allow us access to water.

We have 672 plants on order which will be planted around the village in April.

Fortunately we have been able to continue with our work in the village while adhering to Covid-19 guidelines, but hopefully when we come to plant out in April, some restrictions will have been lifted.

Vaccine Roll Out at Bloomfield

Staff at Barchester's Bloomfield care home, in Paulton, were delighted to be invited to have the vaccination at the home, which has lifted everyone's spirits after what has been a very challenging year for everyone.

General Manager, Gail said: "We've had a year like no other and the vaccine feels like the light at the end of the tunnel. Our teams have been magnificent in how they have risen to every challenge during this pandemic and we are proud to play our part in this next phase to ensure the most vulnerable are protected."

Jane, staff member at Bloomfield said: "I am so pleased to be given the vaccine. It will help to keep our residents safe and is the first step in getting things back to normal and having a buzz of visitors in the home once again."



We are welcoming new residents into our homes to ensure that we are there for those that need care and support and have a very clear protocols that must be met including a transition period into our home to help keep everyone safe.

Bloomfield is run by Barchester Healthcare, one of the UK's largest care providers, which is committed to delivering high-quality care across its care homes and hospitals. Bloomfield provides nursing care, residential care, respite care.

For more information, please contact Gail Stone, General Manager at Bloomfield:

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01761 417748**



Beat The Landlord

Can you beat The Landlord? Greg’s has set us five rounds of great quiz games for you to ponder over. Work them out and write your answers in the boxes below. Good Luck!

Answers on page 33 of this magazine.

‘Where am I?’ provided by Susan Gardiner.



Round 1: Anagrams

Rearrange each of the Anagrams to create another word or series of words. The first part is the clue, followed by the anagram:

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|------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 1. Holiday island | Romance | |
| 2. Pub name | Hot lie nerd | |
| 3. 67 in Feb | Jar on loath TV | |
| 4. Premier League Club | I needle stud | |
| 5. Ed Sheeran Song | Sign | |

Round 2: Mystery Year

Simply match the years to the events, but be careful as there are eight years to choose from...

Years: 1936, 1952, 1961, 1962, 1969, 1984, 1989, 1991

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| 6. Torville & Dean won an Olympic Gold Medal. | |
| 7. A fatwa was issued on Salman Rushdie. | |
| 8. King George VI was buried at Windsor Castle. | |
| 9. John Glenn became first American in space. | |
| 10. maurice Gibb married Lulu | |

Round 3: Spellbound

The vowels are in place. Add the consonants to the empty spaces to reveal the answers, then write your answers in the black spaces.

11. Nursery Rhyme I _ _ _ _ I _ _ _ _ I _ E _

12. Everton Footballer _ A _ I A _ _ E _ _ _

13. Current TV drama I _ ' _ A _ I _

14. Cheese _ A _ _ E _ A _

15. London Suburb _ I _ _ _ E _ O _

Round 4: General Knowledge

The simply question and answer round.

16. The fifty pence coin replaced which banknote?

17. How many runners started in the first London Marathon?

18. Which creature features in the Tripadvisor Logo?

19. What Colour is the Zero on a Roulette Wheel?

20. Which girls name features in the title of songs by the Rolling Stones and the Kaiser Chiefs?

Round 5: Where Am I?

We've been out and about in Paulton - but can you work out where we are?



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A Walk on the Wild Side



Somersetshire Coal Canal: Approx 4km

1 Start in the car park opposite The Red Lion Public House. At the entrance of the car park, turn right and walk towards the cemetery. Cross Bath Road into Bristol Road and keep to the right side of the road.

Walking for health both physical and mental, has been one of the mantras that we have all heard during the lockdown periods of the past 12 months. 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.

**Produced by Anne and Jackie
Paulton Social Walkers**

2 At the end of the cottages, enter the field by way of a kissing gate. Cross this field which will take you into another field where you could find a herd of goats. You can pass through the goats, but if you do not like animals there is a way around them to the right (just a few extra steps!).





4 There is a path to the left which takes you down across the River Cam to the Somerset Coal Canal where you may see ducks and swans. Walking along the side of the disused canal you will see the bridge which is currently being brought back to life by the Somersetshire Coal Canal Society, who are also hoping to bring the canal back into use.

3 At the end of this field pass through another and turn left in the corner into the next field. Head on down this field to the bottom where you will have the option of leaving by the gate or crossing a stile to the right. The stile is the safest way as the road sometimes has speeding vehicles and is a blind corner. Turn right and you will see the Water Treatment Works on your right.





5 With the bridge behind you, head diagonally to the right across to a gate and little bridge that takes you back over the River Cam. Continue along the footpath and you will come to a gate at the end. Go through the gate to the left and there is a noticeboard that gives some information on Paulton Engine. Continue walking ahead and you will come to a private road (which you can access) leading to Hanham Lane and walk to the end.



6 Cross over into Brittens Hill. Continue walking ahead cross over the entrance to Gregorys Tynning and then Wallenge Drive. A little further on you will come to a footpath on the right-hand side taking you into Brookside Close. At the end of the Close cross over Brookside and head up the footpath opposite. At the end of this footpath, cross over Somerset Way into another footpath and at a junction take the exit to the right. This will lead you into Ashleigh Close at the back of the Coop. Here you can access the path and steps which take you into the lower car park where we started our walk.



Please note:

Please keep to footpaths which can be muddy & very slippery. Please take care when walking on public highways and near to open water. Some fields may contain animals so please keep dogs on a lead.

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Beat The Landlord Answers:

Round 1: 1. Menorca, 2. The Red Lion, 3. John Travolta, 4. Leeds United, 5. Sing

Round 2: 6. 1984, 7. 1989, 8. 1952, 9. 1962, 10. 1969

Round 3: 11. Incy wincy spider, 12. Fabian Delph, 13. It's A Sin, 14. Parmesan, 15. Wimbledon

Round 4: 16. Ten Shilling Note, 17. 7055, 18. Owl, 19. Green, 20. Ruby

Round 5: 21. The Bristol Road Toad sign (Cricket club entrance), 22. Paulton Trig point in the Arnhem memorial field

Useful Community Contacts



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B&NES	01225 477000
B&NES Council Connect	01225 394041
Bus Services (First Bus)	0333 0143480
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
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On The Buses With Robert...



I'm very grateful for the opportunity to write for the magazine. Usually I would be writing an article on bus services with the aim of attracting more potential customers to try the bus. Nearly a year since lockdowns began, it is still very strange to only be able to encourage essential journeys. I do hope that this will change as the vaccination programme continues.

We made some minor changes to the 171 and 172 timetables at the end of January to improve punctuality. This mainly involved changing timings at peak times to account for additional traffic, especially for when schools reopen. The service pattern has not changed, with the usual every 30-minute service, in alternate directions round the loop through Farrington Gurney. The 178 continued with no changes to its existing timetable.

The government are currently funding our services and specifying our service levels. We're running over 80% of our

pre-COVID timetables but passenger numbers continue to be much lower than usual.

The Bath Clean Air Zone scheme comes into force from March. We have a complete fleet of clean air buses ready for the start date. The buses on the 171 and 172 are clean air compliant which benefits Bath as well as the other areas the buses serve. This significant upgrade cost has been met through investment from First as well as grants from B&NES and central government.

We have been welcoming a number of new drivers over the last few months. We've also marked the retirement of one of our bus station inspectors, Mike, after 46 years with First and our predecessor companies. Mike started his career in 1975 as a bus conductor, which illustrates how much the bus industry has changed over the course of his working life. As a team we donated over £1,000 to the Bath foodbank along with large donation of food just before Christmas.

Our services will continue during the lockdown period and we look forward to welcoming you on board as soon as we're allowed.

Robert Sanderson
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