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The Chairman's Report



We held our Community Engagement Event on the 7th of October to showcase all that is good about Paulton, inviting people who have benefitted from Parish Council grants to host a table, so residents could come along and see what the Council spend your money on. Parish Councillors, representing all the Committees and areas of Council work, were on hand to answer any questions, concerns and worries and receive good and bad feedback from residents. I was really pleased to see residents engaging with us and creating such a buzz in the Village Hall. The Youth Connect bus was also there, serving pizzas (which were delicious) and people could visit the bus to see what activities they offer our youth. The Council pay for this service to be run at the Village Hall every Friday.

At last, I can tell you that we have been able to order the trees for the Miners Recreation Ground. These will be planted along the pathway from the car park to the Bowls Club forming an avenue. When

you are next down at the Memorial Park have a look at the new surface under the seating area within the Children's Park – I hope you like the colour, I think it definitely brightens up the Park. We have also created more seating in the Youth Shelter at the Miners Recreation Ground which was requested by the youngsters themselves.

Our Events Committee have been very busy, starting on Saturday 13th November with a ceremony of Dressing the Graves. This was a new event for Paulton and we worked with the Royal British Legion to acknowledge the 5 Commonwealth War Graves in our Cemetery. On Sunday 14th November we held our annual Remembrance Service at the war memorial, after a march along the High Street.

Finally, our popular Christmas Market is being held on Saturday 4th December in the area around Hill Court and up to the Methodist Church. The Paulton Band will be playing, and Rev Adam Pitt will lead the carol singing. I'd like to send my best wishes to Adam, as he will officially be the Vicar after a Licencing Ceremony on the 3rd of November at Holy Trinity Church.

All that remains for me to say is have a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.

Gail Garlick



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In Memoriam: Cllr Graham Dix



Sadly on the 13th of September this year, our longest serving Councillor, Graham Dix, passed away. Of the many Councillors and staff, both past and present that I spoke with to ask for their memories of working with Graham, everyone commented on what a genuine person he was and that he'd always be keen to do everything by the

book (or Standing Orders as we call them at the Council).

He was a very fair-minded man who was open to ideas and not frightened of change, he even adapted to our online Zoom meetings! Graham will be greatly missed by all at Paulton Parish Council, for his experience, knowledge, and a guiding hand, but most of all just being a presence at our meetings. After 51 and half years of service to Paulton Parish Council, 30 of which as our Chairman, I doubt our Council will ever have a Councillor as dedicated as Graham and our thoughts are with Daphne, Heather, Harvey and all his family.

Gail Garlick

The End of an Era for Paulton Ladies Circle

After 56 years, Paulton Ladies Circle have decided to close. The group was started in 1965 by Betty Carter to provide a friendship group for young mums, as back then there was little for them to do outside the home and family. Mary Ford took over from Betty and remained our President until her passing in 2005. Dorothy Ide took over the mantle for a few years, handing over to Kath Fear who has been Secretary for almost 40 years.

During our time, we have had yearly visits

to the Theatre and visited places of interest enjoying an outing and meal to end the season. Concerts, fashion shows and other events raised thousands of pounds for various charities. We have always supported village events selling cakes, lucky dips or something for children.

We are really sad to close our doors, but as with other groups, our members are aging and do not want to take on the organisation of such a group. Thank you to all who have supported us in any way over the years – it is an end to an era.

Mrs Kathleen Fear

Water Survival Boxes

Victims of Disasters Helped by Local Group

Tony Quinn from the Rotary Club of Chelwood Bridge gave an inspirational talk on how they are helping victims of disaster areas whilst visiting Paulton Library @ The Hub last week. An incredible project is taking place in our very own area, on the Westfield industrial estate. The Rotary club of Chelwood has set up the assembly of a water survival kit for survivors of a disaster within days of the event to protect against waterborne disease.

A standard water survival box is designed for a family of five who have lost their homes and all their possessions, following a natural or man-made disaster. The first priority is a water purification kit to protect against waterborne disease.

The second priority is to provide survival items for, eating and drinking, health and hygiene, basic shelter and simple tools. Essentially, household items to help survival for the early weeks and months after a disaster. The picture shows Tony Quinn demonstrating these items to some of the audience.

How much does it cost? The standard water survival box is £150. This covers the cost of the box, water purification kit, all contents and a fright airfreight to a disaster area.



This project is totally run by volunteers, who pack the water survival boxes in a unit on the Westfield industrial estate.

Would you like to help?

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Tony Quinn who gave the talk, said "we also welcome visitors to see the operation and perhaps to assist with packing. If you'd like to contact us further it's www.watersurvivalbox.org"

Liz Hardman

Bloomfield Residents Hear from Local Readers

To celebrate Book Lovers Day, Councillors and volunteers from the Hub Library Paulton visited Bloomfield Care Home to share their love of books with the residents. Each of the volunteers brought readings of their choice.

Readings were selected from Cider with Rosie, How to Survive Life's Smaller Challenges, Silas Marner, Pam Ayres, The Last Fighting Tommy, Never Hit a Jellyfish with a Stick and Hamnet. The residents enjoyed the readings and subsequently requested that the group return for more sessions. Pride of place went to the youngest volunteer, Ollie Paul (13), who told us all about the unusual laws that



still exist. Ollie commented "It was nice to be reading to the residents." They greatly appreciated a young person like Ollie giving up his time to read to them.

Organised by Paulton Parish Council, the aim is to foster closer links between Paulton Library @ The Hub and Bloomfield Care Home. Another session will be planned in the near future.

Liz Hardman

Looking For New Players

Paulton Concert band have now returned to practicing under the musical direction of Richard Soulsby. We are currently looking for players of brass, woodwind and percussion, so if you play or used to play and want to get back at it, then please feel free to come along and have a blow. If you don't own an instrument, we have a variety in store that can be provided.



We have had a presence in Paulton since 1981 under different names – The Pink Panthers, Paulton Youth Band and now as Paulton Concert Band. Usually, we perform various engagements throughout the year, like the Armistice Service in November. We also welcome learners (aged 8 upwards) as we know they will be the ones to keep the band going in the future. We have several experienced players who will aid with teaching if required.

The band practice 7:30 – 9:00pm on Monday evenings in the Holy Trinity Church Paulton.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Mike Sheppard – Chairperson

Website: www.paultonconcertband.org

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Heaviest Onion Competition



A New Champion is Declared for 2021

Once again, at The Lamb Inn residents were weighing their onions for the pub's annual competition. Keen gardeners across the village have been nurturing their onions for months to try and claim the coveted top spot after a hard year for onion growing.

Revealing the winner, Greg's from The Lamb Inn had this to say, "I would like to thank Cyril Mitchard, Phil Taylor, and Leigh Goudie for their help with this year's seedlings and everyone who supported the Competition. Another year goes by with another new champion! Congratulations to Keith Bridges for winning with an onion weighing in at 3lb 12oz."

The top 3 heaviest onions this year were as follows:

1st	Keith Bridges	3lb 12oz
2nd	Louise Garlick	3lb 11oz
3rd	Mike & Dawn Colliver	3lb 6oz

However, these weren't the only prizes dished out on the day, the other awards were as follows:

Best Dressed: Mila Garlick
Best Fancy Dress: Wendy Dowling

Greg's added, "I would like to say a big well done to everyone that took part. The pub will be looking forward to next year as Peter Glazebrook, the world record holder, has supplied us personally with the seeds."



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Remembrance Events 2021

Double Hills

In September the village of Paulton made it possible to continue the Double Hills ceremony, which marks the death of 23 airborne soldiers.

The remembrance service was staged in its usual fashion, with many dignitaries, such as Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, Metro-Mayor Dan Norris, the Chairman of B&NES Council Lisa O'Brian, and Review Officer Brigadier John Clark CBE in attendance.

The music played, the words were spoken, and the fallen names were read as the planes flew overhead. Unlike 2020, we were able mark the annual tribute to the fallen with a much larger gathering spreading out across the field.

A service of rededication also took place, led by Martin Slocombe, to celebrate the refurbishment in 2019 and the ongoing work including the extension of the Memorial Garden. During the ceremony, the year's of work by Peter Yeates in staging the event was congratulated with the presentation of a framed picture of a gilder coming in to land.



Peter Yeates (Right) being presented with a framed picture of a gilder.

Dressing the Graves

On Saturday 13th November Paulton participated in 'Dressing the Graves' at the cemetery. The War Graves Commission had identified five Military personnel whose graves were in Paulton Cemetery. Paulton Parish Council in collaboration with the Royal British Legion took part in this first ever ceremony and hopefully it will remain an annual event, with perhaps more graves being identified by the War Graves Commission.

The Reverend Adam Pitt led the short service, and after Reveille was sounded



by Mike Shepard (Paulton Concert Band), two of the young people stepped forward and laid a named poppy posy at the foot of each grave, saluted their respect, and moved off to allow others to lay wooden crosses. During the organisation of this event a request was made in the MNR Journal for any relatives of the five Military personnel to come forward and take part. Mrs Valerie Bridgeman contacted to say that her father CSM R W Tavener – Devonshire Regiment, was one of the people listed and she would be delighted to attend and lay the poppy posy herself.

A really big thank you to all who took part and a big well done to all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who played their part so magnificently.



Remembrance Sunday

Unfortunately, 2021 is yet another year when the service for Remembrance has not been in the same format as past years, but Paulton still gathered to remember the 39 local men who gave their lives in the two World Wars. The Reverend Martin Slocombe led the service of Remembrance at the War Memorial along with the Reverend Adam Pitt, and



it was also lovely to have Father Michael attend. Prayers, a reading, and hymns were enjoyed by residents who had gathered to pay their respects and Gail Garlick, Chairman of Paulton Parish Council, read out the names from the Roll of Honour. Following the playing of the Last Post, the silence and Reveille it was wonderful to see so many people come forward to lay wreaths on behalf of various organisations.

A big thank you has to go to a serving member of the armed forces, who at the last minute was asked to lead the parade to the War Memorial. This was our second very different Remembrance, but we did not forget...

Anne Lyons



Community Engagement Event



Residents Support New Format Engagement Event

For the first time Paulton Parish Council organised a Community Evening Consultation Event. This replaced the Annual Parish Meeting, which had to be postponed because of Covid considerations. It was an opportunity not only to find out more about what Paulton Parish Council does but to find out about the various groups operating in the village.

This Community Event was a total change from previous Annual Parish Meetings. It presented residents with an opportunity to pop in at any time during the evening from 6pm to 8pm, to meet with Parish and B&NES Councillors and to discuss the current priorities for Paulton.

Each of the Parish Council Committees were represented, with a host for each table, with access to information and reports about the committee. Suggestions

were also received about the work of Paulton Parish Council.

Community groups were also present, including, Pride in Paulton, the Hub Library, Party in the Park, Paulton Pool, the Scouts & Brownies, and the local Neighbourhood Police team. It also gave residents the opportunity to visit our youth service as the Youth Connect team brought their mobile bus and treated us to free pizzas, which they had cooked for the event.

Gail Garlick, Chairman of Paulton Parish Council said: "It was great to see all the tables manned by both Councillors and volunteers, with lots more visitors than our Annual Assembly usually attracts. There was a real buzz in the air. We may well do something like this again next year."

Liz Hardman



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Somer Valley Walking Festival



After a year's absence because of Covid-19 the Somer Valley Walking Festival celebrated its fifth anniversary with a series of exciting walks attracting well over a hundred participants.

On Saturday September 11th fourteen walkers made the eleven-mile journey from Paulton Basin to the Dundas Aqueduct, tracing the length of the Somersetshire Coal Canal to its Junction with the Kennet and Avon Canal, and examining the surviving bridges and locks which are undergoing restoration. The walk (which was a sell-out) included transport back to Paulton at the end of the day and was led by Miriam Woolnough, from the council's Discovering North East Somerset project.

On Saturday afternoon Anne Lyons led thirty plus walkers on a tour round Paulton and Farrington Gurney, while in the evening Kathy Thomas took another group on a sunset expedition around Peasedown St John. Anne Lyons had this

to say about her walk, "It was great to have many of Paulton Social Walkers join the walk which was a great favourite of Jackie Woodland, my dear friend and fellow Walk Leader, who sadly passed away shortly before this festival. Joining us on the walk were Jackie's daughter Jane, her husband John and their son Toby, so a really fitting walk to the memory of Jackie."

She finished by saying, "May I also thank Beryl Howe who stepped in as Back Marker for this walk, an important job with so many people walking together."

On Sunday 12th September the Beacon Hall was the venue for the start of three walks in the morning – one of seven miles, one of eight miles and a more strenuous one of more than eleven miles. Two of the walks visited the long barrow at Stony Littleton and all gave superb views of the Cam Valley. A further walk in the afternoon repeated the Saturday evening short walk.

John Bull, Chair of the Steering Committee for the Festival said: "After a fallow year in which walking in groups was discouraged, it was good to see so many people enjoying rambles through the Somer Valley, with its rich natural and industrial heritage. Thanks are due to the volunteers who made the Festival possible, including the walk leaders and organisers, the Somer Valley Ramblers and those who contributed the delicious cakes which footsore walkers enjoyed at the end of the day".

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On The Buses with Cyril Mitchard

Hello everyone, just a quick run through regarding the bus services in and around Paulton. Firstly, it's good to report that the No82 service seems to be operating as well, if not better, than previously.

First Bus now runs this service and are operating with a newer and larger vehicle providing more capacity at peak times, such as school times. Liz Hardman and I have spent time riding on this service and are happy to report that the 2 dedicated drivers Jason and Tom, are very helpful to all passengers and are determined to make a success of this route.

We have made a few suggestions to First concerning the need for marked bus stops through the estate which would help advertise the route. We have also asked that the route includes a stop at the War Memorial, then turning right to continue up Park Road. This would enable some of the regular users to use the Co-op, the Library, and other village centre amenities. First Management agree with us on this, but it needs to be agreed by WECA, so hopefully there will be some news in the New Year.

There was a lot of concern after the 83 school service was withdrawn that there wouldn't be enough capacity at school times to ensure that all students going to the Midsomer Norton schools would be catered for. Again, after spending time at the bus stops and talking to parents



and students, we are assured there is more than enough capacity to cater for all, especially now with the 82 being a bigger vehicle. We have observed the return journey from Norton Hill School at school exit time and noted that by 15:45pm the bus stops were clear and school car parks empty. One suggestion we have made is that the 171 service, which arrives at Midsomer Norton at 15:23pm be delayed by 10 minutes to give the Norton Hill students more time to use this service. This has been received by First Management, who are looking to change this at the next review in January. Could I take this opportunity to remind users of these services that they are not dedicated school buses but public services and would ask all users to be well mannered and show respect to all other passengers.

In the last magazine I highlighted the fact that Paulton could do with a later connection with the 376 Bristol/Wells

evening service. I am pleased to say we have partially achieved this in that there is now a 171 service that leaves Farrington Gurney (Monday – Saturday) at 22:56pm to Bath via Paulton, thus allowing anyone to catch the 21:40pm from Bristol to Wells to alight at Farrington Gurney with approximately 20 minutes to spare before the arrival of the 171. This service could also be useful for people who visit local hostelrys at Hallatrow and Farrington Gurney or even Wells, knowing they can return to Paulton on the later 171 service.

Just a word on the 178 service, as hopefully you are all aware we have an hourly service from Paulton to Bristol (Monday – Saturday) with 10 weekday services each way and 7 on a Saturday. The timing of this service makes it a viable option for commuters and also people who would like to visit Bristol for leisure activities. This service gives our only direct access to Keynsham where there is an opportunity to use the hourly Keynsham to Southmead hospital service, which from personal experience is very handy and also a chance to visit the retail parks at Brislington and rail connections at Temple Meads. Why not give this service a go and enjoy the festivities around the Bristol Christmas Market? On that note here's wishing you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Hope to see you soon on the buses,
Cyril Mitchard



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Paulton Library at The Hub

Lots Going on to Spark Your Interest at Paulton Library

Since our last article, the Summer Reading Challenge for children aged 4–11 years has taken place. It was a huge success with several children taking part, enjoying the experience, and getting their medals for completing the challenge. Many thanks to the Paulton Library Volunteer, Kathleen Still, who organised a wonderful table display to show all their hard work.

Monthly meetings with the Paulton Assistant Librarians, known as PALs, have been very productive, and a number of exciting events have been set in motion. This includes having special guest speakers, art exhibitions and poetry readings.

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In September we had our first Guest Speaker, Tony Quinn, Trustee and Operations Director of Water Survival Box



(You can read more about this on page 6). In October, our table at Paulton Parish Council's Community Event was a success with 4 new library users signed up. Three of the PALs; Jane Stephenson, Chris Scott and Jo Bulgin, were there to speak with residents and tell them more about the library.

November will see our next Guest Speaker – local author and illustrator, Mike Gould, and on Valentine's Day, 14th February at 7pm – we'll be holding an evening of Poetry Reading to which you are all invited. **Do you have a poem you'd like to read out?**

Using Paulton Library @ The Hub

You can collect books you have previously ordered or borrow books when the PALs are available to help you, these times are:

- Monday 2pm–4pm
- Tuesday to Saturday 10am–12:30pm

There is a computer and printer available for customer use when the library volunteers are on duty. However, it is advisable to check availability ahead of time to avoid disappointment. A large table and chairs can be used for doing your homework or studies. There's also an area for reading a newspaper or one of the broad selection of books available – perhaps a reference book.



There is a café on site and plenty of car parking spaces at the rear of the building.

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

To keep up to date with what is going on at Paulton Library, please check regularly on: Our new Facebook group - Paulton Library, Noticeboards, Posters in the Hub, or www.paultoncommunitywebsite.co.uk

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy 2022.

Anne Lyons & Patricia McSherry

Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Paulton Hub Management Committee

Note: With the numbers of cases rising we are still being cautious and asking people to wear masks while in the library, and social distancing will also remain at this time.

Paulton Neighbourhood Police Report

We are disappointed that just a few weeks after the schools have restarted up that we are beginning to receive complaints about parking. There is never an excuse to park irresponsibly; you endanger your own and other children by doing so. There is never an excuse to park illegally. The school have an excellent travel plan in place, but we all need to bear responsibility to park safely, responsibly and with consideration to residents. Allow me at this time to remind you that there is plenty of parking available – perhaps just the next street along.

Why not try car sharing? This simple and free scheme will save you money, reduce your stress and improve the parking related issues around school times.

Theft from motor vehicles is still an issue for us in our force area. Please can I encourage you to take a few minutes to review your security. Installing deadlocks, alarms and/or removing your tools when you return home can be relatively inexpensive and effective ways of reducing the risk of being a victim. Have you security marked your valuables with SELECTA DNA? Or come and speak to a member of your beat team for free security advice.

I hope that you are safe, that you continue to keep others safe and continue to work to make our communities safer.

Rob Hendra

Terminus Bridge Update



The Restoration Continues

After some disruption, the leaking section of the canal has been repaired and towpath re-opened. Progress was slow and the work was unfamiliar to the two drivers, who had spent most of their working lives trying to avoid making a squidgy mess and were now being asked to produce one (a.k.a. puddle clay) as the time-honoured way of sealing the leaks.

Heavy equipment would have been needed to remove the coping stones from the wing walls of Terminus Bridge and lack of it was holding up the work. Luckily the digger had some spare time after repairing the leaks and within an hour all the stones on the south-eastern wing wall had been safely pulled back and put to one side. With the coping stones out of the way, we began the painstaking work of clearing the southern abutment by hand without disturbing anything of archaeological interest. The question uppermost in our minds was what kind of

bridge had it been? Some maps labelled it a swing bridge and others said it was a fixed bridge (which could have been the previous swing bridge now fixed for some reason). Plenty of mortared stonework came to light, but there was no pattern to it that conclusively pointed to which type of bridge it had supported. Perhaps the northern abutment will yield more definite information when we start work on it in November.

Meanwhile, at a much lower level, repair work has started on the foundations. The stonework of the centre sections of the abutments was in better condition than we first thought, so volunteers of the Waterway Recovery Group/B.I.T.M. started work on raking out the old mortar and re-pointing the structure. From long experience they knew that cement would do more harm than good, so they worked with a traditional lime mortar mix that was slower to set but had self-healing properties if the structure moved with changes in the moisture level of the soil.

W.R.G./B.I.T.M. will be returning later in November to help us, but meanwhile we are continuing to make good progress with our work parties. The work will go a lot faster with more volunteers, so if you feel like helping, please contact me.

Mark Sherrey

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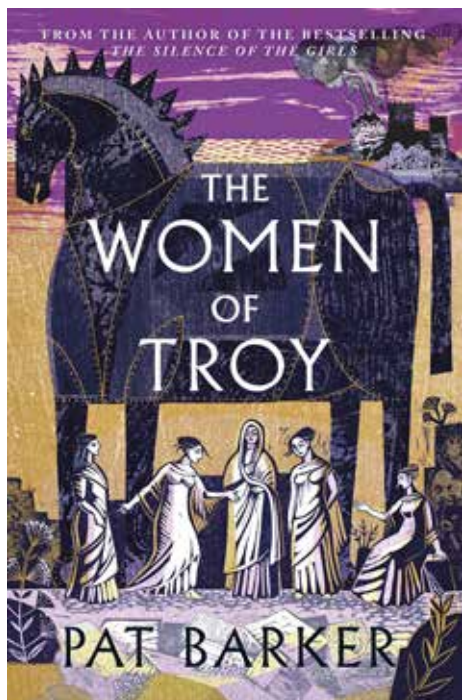
At the beginning of November you will have seen the poppy flags, poppy net and poppy bollard covers displayed around the War Memorial. The knitted poppies were all donated by residents and visitors to Paulton in 2018 when we collected over 3,000 and these are still being used today. Our painted poppy flags, which we display along the High Street, had not weathered well and we decided to have some printed, these will hopefully survive whatever the weather. We also ordered our Christmas trees in September, and there will be 27 decorated and lit trees interspersed with our Christmas tree flags. These will be put up after the Parish Council's Christmas Market event on Saturday 4th December and will be taken down around 6th January.

We really hope you have enjoyed the hanging baskets and also all the beautiful flowers planted throughout the Village. We are always thinking of the next season and so by the time you read this we will have cleared all the summer planting and planted out the ones for Winter, some of the plants we will 'over-winter' in PiP members' polytunnels and they will be replanted next year. Next year – we have already ordered 48 hanging baskets, and as we are planning to plant up the remaining 37 wire baskets ourselves again, we have already ordered the plants we need. There is always something to do...

The PiP Team – Hilary, Lynn, Hazel, Gail, Becky, Haley and Mike



The Paulton Book Club



The Women of Troy

by Pat Barker

Pat Barker is best known for her fiction about the First World War, but this is the sequel to one she recently wrote called the *Silence of the Girls* about the experience of women in the Trojan War. Those readers who haven't read the first book in the series might like to brush up on the background via Wikipedia. In many ways the novel

provides a contrasting picture to the Iliad and Odyssey which largely concentrate on the exploits of male heroes.

The plot centres on two main characters: Briseis is the Trojan woman who was captured and enslaved by the Greek champion, Achilles, the event which led to conflict with his fellow-Greek Agamemnon and the events described in Homer's Iliad. Pyrrhus is Achilles' son, who following his father's death takes part in the sacking of Troy, hidden in the Trojan horse. Pyrrhus is desperate to prove himself his father's worthy successor by killing the aged Priam, the Trojan king – though the slaying is gruesomely clumsy.

Meanwhile all the other male Trojans have been put to death and their wives and daughters (including Priam's wife Hecuba and his daughter, the prophetess, Cassandra) are carried off to the Greek camp. There they are kept in miserable captivity waiting for a change in the wind which will enable the Greeks to sail back with them as trophies of war.

The strong-minded Briseis attempts to keep up the spirits of the other women, but her efforts are disrupted by the attempt of one of them, Amina, to give Priam a proper burial. This angers Pyrrhus who wanted his enemy left unburied, to be devoured by the birds and animals; in rage he kills Amina but learns later that the gods are angered by his treatment

of Priam and will not create a favourable wind until Pyrrhus sacrifices his favourite horse, whom he loves more than any human being.

Pat Barker draws a vivid picture of the violent, superstitious, and male-dominated world of the Homeric heroes. By contrast the stoical and mutually supportive women prisoners are a redeeming feature, especially the brave and practical Briseis. However even the psychology of the brutal and self-centred Pyrrhus is portrayed with understanding. The book is only published in hardback at present but will soon be out in paperback, I am sure.

Page Count: 320



The Women of Troy was published in 2021 by Penguin Books Ltd

John Bull

Are you a keen reader?

Why not take part in our book club by writing a short piece about a book you loved reading? We welcome submissions from all ages and reading abilities, so please get in touch with Carol using the email below:

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Dictionary Corner:

Words to make you smile

We often look at the 16th Century as the birthplace of our modern English language, but some of its more playful words have been somewhat forgotten:

Mumpsimus: one who obstinately sticks to their opinion despite clear evidence that they are wrong.

Breedbate: one who is always looking for an argument.

Clatterfart: a prolific or excessive gossip.

Hugger-muggery: secretive, clandestine behaviour for the purposes of deception.

Merry-go-sorry: a mixture of joy and sorrow, or continual shift between them.

Huff snuff: one who shares their opinion far and wide but is quick to take offence if anyone disagrees.

Smoke-seller: a conniving swindler or scammer.

Attractive Opposites

Feckful: responsible; full of efficiency and vigour. The opposite of 'feckless'.

In this same vein it is also possible for one to be 'ruthful' as opposed to 'ruthless', or full of 'gorm' as opposed to being 'gormless'.

Green Fingers with Jackie Hamblin



Plenty in the Garden to Warm You Up This Winter

In winter there is peace and a sense that the garden is sleeping, resting until the days lengthen enough to waken the giant. However poetic, these dark days can seem never ending, so a few dogwoods with a silver birch really lift the spirits. Here Cornus Sanguinea Winter Beauty with Cornus alba planted behind gives depth, while the grass path gives a sense of journey.

It is a widespread belief that Winter is the quiet time for the gardener too. While true it does not mean there is nothing to do. Indeed, there are some tasks which can only be done in winter and others which can be done more easily while the garden is not crowded with full grown plants (It will be much easier to repair that fence while you can, at least, get to it!).

Things to do this Winter:

- Prune roses and tie in climbers.
- Prune wisteria back to two buds, and replicate with other vines.
- Winter prune apple and pear trees (leave cherries and plums till summer) and soft fruit bushes.
- Harvest winter crops and prepare/empty new beds for next year. Plant garlic and shallots.
- Tidy the shed! Clean pots and trays, while servicing/cleaning your loyal hand tools.
- Have garden machinery serviced.
- Order seeds in good time – sow aubergines and chillies (that need a long season) in January under cover.
- Check overwintered plants are in good shape.
- Keep an eye on the forecast and be prepared to cover vulnerable plants with fleece.
- It's the perfect time of year to plant bareroot trees and shrubs - why not plant one for the Queen's Jubilee?
- Cut down cornus and grasses before the end of February.
- Feed the birds and keep their water topped up.

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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 Terry Bridgeman, who formed Paulton Art Group in 2004.

Terry in his own words:

I have always enjoyed being creative starting my working life as a sign writer for Arthur Speed and going on to teach sign writing at Bath Technical College. I then studied Interior Design and became a teacher at Laird School of Art.

In 1978 together with my wife Val and my friend Bill Davey, we set up an

independent residential school for boys with special educational needs which we ran for 25 years. When I eventually had some time to myself, I joined a local art group at Whitchurch. In 2003 we moved to Paulton and joined the Methodist Church, and I started The Art Club in 2004. The club is still going strong with a good membership. Anyone interested in joining us will be very welcome and we don't mind if you are a beginner or a professional. The way we work is to find the particular interests and strengths of our members and encourage them to



Terry Bridgeman



develop their own individual style. I get my inspiration for painting from my immediate surroundings, especially my garden. Whenever possible I like to paint en plein air (painting outside), since I find this gives a great immediacy to my images and stops me fussing over detail

I like to work in mixed media very often starting with a watercolour background with overlays of ink, gouache and acrylic paint occasionally using oil pastels for resist. This way of painting achieves a lot of accidental outcomes giving life and spontaneity to my work.

I have developed my own way of applying

paint using a lot of splatter and dripping, this tends to result in what is a fairly abstract interpretation of what I see before me.

In addition to my painting, I do quite a bit of garden sculpture using copper resin over a metal armature, generally a human or animal form.



Keeping Fit with Becky Woodland

Hi Paultonians, Becky here again. Over the next couple of editions we are going to be using the gym equipment in the Memorial Park. I would suggest you disinfect the equipment with wipes before and after use. We are going to do a circuit using the equipment, with 10/12 reps on each piece. You can then repeat this for 3/4 sets. *Please warm up beforehand and as always if you are new to exercise or have any injuries, please check with your GP before you undertake any exercise.*

Becky owns RW Fitness in Westfield and qualified in 2007. For more information, visit www.rwfitness.uk or find her on Facebook @RWFitnessMSN



Chest Press: Ok, so let's start with the chest press. Start with your arms out then just push the bars away from you. (Fig 1–2)

Rower: Next is the Rower, which works your upper back muscles and your lats. Sit facing the machine, push the handles away from you then pull them back in. Make sure you press your chest into the pad on the front of the machine. (Fig 3–4)

Shoulder Press: This time we have a Shoulder Press, which is really simple. Sitting on the machine, press the handles up and pull back down. (Fig 5–6)

Sit Ups: Moving onto your abs. Lying on your back with feet tucked into the bars, roll up through the spine into a sit up and then back down again. (Fig 7–8)



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Pet Talk with Dave Tweedle



Christmas Foods to Keep Away from your Dog

Sometimes accidents happen, and if your dog eats a small morsel, it's not as bad as eating a full portion. Nevertheless, as a precaution, it's best to keep each item on the list below well away from your dog!

Chocolate: Chocolate contains theobromine, which is highly poisonous to dogs. If your dog eats any chocolate-based product – especially cocoa powder and dark chocolate, but including ice cream and cakes – it can have a nasty effect on their heart, kidneys or nervous system. In severe cases, chocolate poisoning can be fatal.

What if my dog gets a tiny bit of chocolate? Make a note of how much and the type of chocolate your dog has eaten and call your vet - they can then work out if your dog has eaten a toxic amount.

Grapes and Raisins: Keep your Christmas pudding, Christmas cake and sweet mince pies to yourself! If your dog eats grapes or raisins, they could be in danger of fatal kidney failure.

Has your dog eaten one raisin? Some dogs are more prone to the toxicity than others so it's difficult to be 100% sure. If a grape/raisin drops from your plate and your dog snatches it, don't tempt fate! Give your vet or emergency care provider a call and they'll advise further.

Xylitol: Xylitol is a sweetener used in lots of sugar-free products like chewing gum, sweets, dental products, peanut butter and even baked goods. It can be tricky to know what contains xylitol and what doesn't but here's a good rule to follow – if in doubt, leave it out!

What if my dog gets a tiny bit? Even a small amount of xylitol can be fatal to dogs. For example, just one stick of chewing gum can cause toxicity levels to rise to a dangerous amount. If your dog eats anything that contains xylitol, take no chances – contact your vet or emergency care provider right away.

Xmas doggo 1: Dougie the Lakeland Terrier



Xmas doggo 2: Sam the Black Labrador

Bones: Cooked bones can split and get lodged in your dog's throat, damaging their internal tissue and fracturing their teeth. The same goes for raw bones... which also carry the risk of salmonella.

Not even one? Bones aren't toxic, but they are dangerous. With so many vet-approved doggy treats out there these days, feeding your dog a real bone simply isn't worth the risk.

Alcohol: Be sure to keep an eye on your alcoholic drinks, which are popular at Christmas. Alcohol can cause many problems for dogs, including vomiting, depression, severe dizziness and breathing problems.

Dog got one drop of alcohol? While one drop of spilt beer won't cause any serious problems, it's important to minimise the risk as best you can. Keep your drinks up high where your dog can't reach, store bottles in closed cupboards and don't leave dogs unsupervised with your drinks!

Onions, Garlic, and Chives: These culinary staples can damage your dog's stomach or red blood cells if they eat them, so take extra care while cooking. When chopping onions and garlic, think

about keeping your dog out of the kitchen – and give the floor a good sweep before they're allowed back in.

Dog got a tiny piece? The tiniest amount (0.5% of total bodyweight) can cause toxicity. It may not be the end of the world if your dog eats a miniscule piece from the floor – but why risk it, right?

Nuts: Nuts are a choking hazard and can also cause dogs to suffer depression, hyperthermia and vomiting.

Dog got one individual nut? Don't worry too much if this happens – just keep an eye out to make sure your dog doesn't choke and take care not to drop any more nuts!

Fatty Foods: Fatty foods like sausages and turkey skin are harmless in small doses but they are very tasty...and if you treat your dog to this type of snack, they'll likely pester you for more and more until you give in, and it becomes a habit. When it becomes a habit, you'll be feeding them fatty foods in large quantities: this can give them an upset stomach and in some cases lead to pancreatitis – a very serious, painful condition.

What treats can I feed my dog this Christmas?

There are plenty of healthy, vet-approved doggy treats on the market. I recommend giving them an activity-based gift, such as a treat puzzle or ball to keep them busy on Christmas day. If you're unsure, or if you'd like more advice, just ask your vet. They'll be able to give you advice that's specific to your dog.

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 festive 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 46 of this magazine.



Round 1: Santa's Mixed Bag

1. Which of Santa's reindeer comes first alphabetically?
2. In the novel A Christmas Carol who is the first ghost to visit Scrooge?
3. 'Walking in the Air' was a song from which delightful Christmas film?
4. How many windows does a traditional Advent Calendar have?
5. In the 2014 film 'Frozen' what sort of character was Olaf?

Round 2: Cryptic Food & Drink

Name the Christmas related food & drink using these clues.

6. Cockney Eyes
7. This can be found in Paddington Bear
8. Goes before Bumps and Berries
9. Confused E E GONE
10. It's not what it seems and it sounds as if it hurts

Round 3: Pantomime Characters

Name the pantomime in which these characters appear

11. Wishee Washee
12. Baron Hardup
13. Captain Hook
14. Daisy The Cow
15. Tommy the Cat

Round 4: Festive Movies

16. In the film 'The Grinch' what was the message on his doormat?
17. What department store in New York is central to the film 'Miracle on 34th Street'?
18. In the Christmas Romcom 'Love Actually' who played the role of the Prime Minister?
19. What was the name of the Head Elf in the movie 'Santa Claus'?
20. Who played the part of Scrooge in 'The Muppets Christmas Carol' film?

Round 5: Christmas Music

1. Who 'wished it could be Christmas everyday' back in the 70s?
2. Originally recorded by Harry Belafonte in 1956 who covered the song 'Mary's Boy Child' in 1976?
3. 'Little Drummer Boy / Peace on Earth' was recorded by the unlikely duo of Bing Crosby and whom?
4. 'Simply having a...' complete the title of Paul McCartney's Christmas hit?
5. What 1984 Christmas hit was a number one hit in the UK for 5 weeks?

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We want to accelerate our work to bring wildlife back across Avon by restoring beautiful wild places – places that also store carbon and help tackle the climate crisis too. 30% is the bare minimum that nature needs to start recovering but we are far short of this. Each edition we will be bringing local residents ideas and information from your area, which can help you reach your own 30 by 30 goals.

What do people from Paulton most care about?

Our recent survey asked people to name their best wildlife moments, and the variety that was spotted in the North Mendips area was impressive. From badgers to kingfishers, shrews to the whole range of garden birds, people are passionate about the wildlife experiences that they have in their daily lives.

Almost 10% of respondents from the area said they actively want to do more to help wildlife, or to do more to teach themselves about how to take action for wildlife. This is a great start – it's only when people start taking real action in their communities that we'll start to see the widespread social change that we need if we are going to get 30% of our land into management for wildlife.



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5

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Baking with Ruby



Delicious Easy Make Mince Pies



Ingredients

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cut into cubes
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100g Caster Sugar
280g Mincemeat
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Icing Sugar - to dust

Method

Step 1: Rub butter and flour together to make bread crumbs, then mix in caster sugar and a pinch of salt.

Step 2: Combine pastry into a ball, don't add any liquid. Only knead it briefly, but you can use the dough immediately or chill first.



Step 3: Lightly butter the 18-hole tins. Make a walnut size ball with the dough and press into each tin to make the pie base. Then Spoon a teaspoonful of mincemeat into each base.

Step 4: Roll out the rest of the pastry and cut with a pastry cutter to make the pie tops. Use a fork to press the edges together, or use your finger.

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Questions for Christmas

How then should we live...? This is a question that is presented to church schools as a reflection on their values, teaching and curriculum. However, I increasingly feel that this is a question that should be asked as a response to any statement about what we believe.

As I have written before, it is possible to move through life without ever really questioning what you believe about the world, or how this should influence your life choices. If life does not confront you with difficult situations, and it so often does, then there may indeed never be a reason to ask how you should live.

But actually, every moment of life should raise this question. Every time you meet someone, every time you buy something, every interaction is a moment when you

make a statement about the world and a choice about how to live.

The season of Advent and Christmas is a powerful time of reflection and inspiration for Christians as they renew their faith that God came to live among us as a human. That he did this because of his love for all people, in order that we can all be adopted as God's children. If we believe this story of life and love, that God loves everyone and that we are all part of one family, how then should we live?

How everyone believes the same thing, but as you go about your business this Christmas and new year always ask these questions...

What do I believe?

How then should I live?

Every blessing,
Rev. Adam Pitt

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Paulton Methodist Church



Christmas Celebrations

As I am writing this article, I am looking out of my office window onto my front garden, which is looking a bit sad and windswept! Most of the leaves have fallen from the tree, and it won't be long before bare branches will take the place where flowers and leaves once grew. It feels like a sad time, but we know that given a few months, the spring will return new life to what might now look dead.

Many people hate the winter, the darker days, the cold weather, being shut-in at home. But in the midst of the winter, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, a light shining in the darkness, a sign of hope for better things to come.

At Paulton Methodist Church we will be holding our annual Toy Service on Sunday 5th December at 10:30am, where we bring gifts of new toys which are then given to families struggling with the financial pressure of Christmas. On Sunday 19th

December at 10:30am we will be holding our Carol Service, and then on Christmas Eve at 11:30pm, we celebrate a peaceful Christmas Midnight Communion service. On Christmas Day we will be joining our friends at Trinity Methodist Church in Radstock at 10:00am for a family service to celebrate Jesus' birth. You will all be very welcome to join us for these special services, and to celebrate Christmas with us.

This year has again been a difficult one, but Christmas is a time of hope, a time to put the past year behind us, and to look forward to new beginnings. The word Emmanuel means, God is with us, and never is this more apparent than at this time of year.

May you be blessed as we celebrate this most holy and special time of the year.

With blessings from all at Paulton Methodist Church,
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Paulton Sports Roundup



Paulton Rovers First Team

We started back in Pre-season earlier than normal and had the lads back in at the end of May following such a long break due to the pandemic.

Pre-season was excellent for us, which allowed the very new squad to get to know one another and just be able to enjoy being out and back to what they love. I put on an action-packed pre-season schedule and a very tough one too, playing mostly against teams from a higher division than us as well as Bristol City and Cardiff City u23 sides. It was brilliant seeing these clubs at Winterfield Road.

The lads coped admirably through pre-season, and this continued as we started our league campaign with two wins and a draw. We then had a dip in form early September losing a couple

of games at home and then being well beaten by a strong Plymouth Parkway side away. We identified the need to strengthen the squad following the dip in form and brought in four new players. Since then the team have been excellent, winning four games on the bounce! We travelled a long way south to beat Barnstaple and Bideford within seven days, and then beat Bristol Manor Farm twice away from home in the same week which was some achievement from our lads. We are training and playing well at the moment and that's an extremely satisfying blend for both Paul Tovey and I who continue to work tirelessly behind the scenes, ensuring the club has a good young team who have the desire to want to play for our football club, be successful do well on a consistent basis at Step 4 level.

The continued support we get from our loyal supporters has been very evident this year, which gives the players and management team more motivation to keep on improving. Amazingly, the budgets being branded around other Step 4 clubs this season means that it is even harder for the likes of us to be competitive at the top end of the division but that doesn't stop us from trying to be there!

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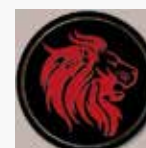
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Paulton Rovers Reserves

Since the start of the season, the reserves were denied a last minute win away to Coleford Athletic. They chalked up their first win of the campaign with a fantastic victory away to much fancied Shepton Mallet Reserves. Two other victories in the league came following visits to Westfield A and Chilcompton United. The only defeat so far came at home at the hands of Glastonbury Reserves.

Paulton's cup campaign are also underway, with a great performance over Peasedown Albion Reserves in the Tony Baxter Shield with the game finishing 7-2.

They are also into the 2nd round of the Intermediate Cup competition where they will next visit West Wick after over coming Chew Magna Reserves 2-1. With the side currently sitting second in the table, it's been a great start to the campaign and hopefully we will see some silverware at the end of the season.

Darren Whitfield

Camvale Tennis Club

Tennis a summer sport? Don't you believe it! All weather court surfaces and floodlights make it an all year-round sport and our local tennis club, Camvale, is no exception. At this time of the year the barbecue may not feature so much but there is plenty of activity on offer for all ages and abilities.

The club has recently signed up a high-performance LTA licensed coach named Ben, who is currently running the very popular Saturday morning sessions for juniors from age five to sixteen. Starting as complete beginners, Ben can help children achieve a standard of play they did not know was possible, the theme being learning with fun and regularly the players discover a love for the game which lasts them for life. The same applies to adults – Ben has a mixed adult's class on Friday mornings and is happy to give one to one coaching to any one of any age. For more information he can be contacted on 07807 427586.

For more club information visit our website: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/camvaletennisclub

Brian Wessell



PAULTON ROVERS FC

FIRST TEAM HOME FIXTURES

04-Dec	Winchester City	15:00
18-Dec	Melksham Town	15:00
01-Jan	Frome Town	15:00
08-Jan	Barnstaple Town	15:00
22-Jan	Plymouth Parkway	15:00
05-Feb	Bideford	15:00
19-Jan	Sholing	15:00
19-Mar	Lymington Town	15:00
02-Apr	AFC Totton	15:00
09-Apr	Mangotsfield United	15:00

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December 14th 2021: **The Salvation Army.** Including a Christmas Raffle on Sunday 19th at 2pm

January 11th 2022: **Alzheimer's Research UK**

February 8th 2022: **Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM)**

VENUE BOOKINGS AND EVENTS

For all wakes or general hall bookings and enquiries please contact our social secretary Vanessa Lynch on:

07510 257617 or bookings@paultonrovers.co.uk

CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT – SATURDAY 11TH NOV

CHRISTMAS EVE QUIZ – 8:00PM START

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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
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CURO	01225 366000
Dog Warden	01225 394041
Elm Hayes Surgery	01761 413155
Environment Agency	0800 807060
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Lloyds Pharmacy	01761 412146
Paulton Dental Surgery	01761 416057
Paulton Hospital	01761 412315
Paulton Library	01225 536535
Paulton Community Pool	01761 411890
Defibrillator locations (AEDs)	Paulton Village Hall (24 Hour) Paulton Community Pool (During Hours)



Quiz Answers: Round 1: 1. Blitzen, 2. Jacob Marley, 3. The Snowman, 4. 24, 5. A Snowman
 Round 2: 6. Mince Pies, 7. Stuffing, 8. Goose, 9. Egg Nog, 10. Champagne.
 Round 3: 11. Aladdin, 12. Cinderella, 13. Peter Pan, 14. Jack and the Beanstalk, 15. Dick Whittington.
 Round 4: 16. Buzz Off, 17. Maceys, 18. Hugh Grant, 19. Bernard, 20. Michael Caine.
 Round 5: 21. Wizard, 22. Boney M, 23. David Bowie, 24. Wonderful Christmas Time, 25. Do they Know it's Christmas.

Your Council

Current Parish Councillors*

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*The current list of Councillors also includes two vacant positions.

Schedule of Parish Council Meetings

	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Full Council*	30 th	21 st	25 th	22 nd	22 nd	19 th
Events Committee			11 th			
Parks & Amenities Committee			25 th			19 th
Planning & Highways Committee		14 th	18 th	15 th	15 th	12 th
Hub Management Committee		15 th		16 th		13 th

*The budget setting meeting will take place on January 25th at the meeting of Full Council.
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