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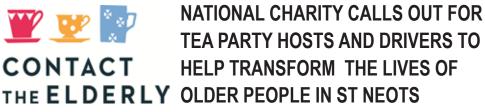
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With many older people in St Neots suffering from loneliness, Contact the Elderly, the UK charity dedicated to tackling isolation among people aged 75 and over, is urgently appealing for anyone who is able welcome a small group of people into their home, café or restaurant for a tea party, just one Sunday afternoon a year.

The charity aims to relieve the acute loneliness experienced by older people who live alone by organising free monthly Sunday afternoon tea parties for small groups within local communities.

Each older guest is taken to the volunteer host's home or venue by a volunteer driver, where they join a small group for tea, chat and companionship for a couple of hours. The monthly gatherings exist as a vital lifeline of friendship for the charity's older guests.

Being a host requires a commitment of just a couple of hours, once or twice a year, and anyone who has a downstairs toilet, easy access to their home or premises and a good sized teapot is eligible. We also need drivers to collect older guests. Anyone who can spare a couple of hours one Sunday a month has a driving licence, a car, and a capacity for drinking tea, is eligible to volunteer!

Contact the Elderly's National Support Officer Jo Hobson, said: "We're committed to offering a lifeline of friendship to the oldest and loneliest people, but this lifeline in St Neots is currently under threat due to a real shortage of volunteer hosts in the area. Our volunteers genuinely get as much out of the experience

as our older guests, so l'm calling for anyone who is interested in giving something back to their community to please get in touch with us as soon as possible."

Shrewsbury residents interested in becoming a volunteer host for Contact the Elderly once or twice a year can contact Jo Hobson on 01568 605022 or email Jo.Hobson@contact-theelderly.org.uk or Mobile 07591 228 333



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# **Country Matters** by Eleanor Bladon

# Absence makes the heart glow fonder

My first sighting of glow-worms up close took place on a balmy summer's night as I stood in the basin of a deep quarry, surrounded by precipitous chalk cliffs. If I hadn't driven there myself you could have told me I was in a beautiful part of the Mediterranean. Yet there I was in Cherry Hinton Chalk Pits, just a few hundred metres from a main road and a pub, but feeling like I couldn't be further from the hustle and bustle of residential Cambridge. Last month I was lucky enough to attend one of the Wildlife Trust's "Chalk, Cheese and Glowworms" evenings, where we gathered first for a tour of the impressive Cherry Hinton Chalk Pits, and were later treated to an array of cheeses from the Cambridge Cheese Company as we waited for the sun to go down. Once the last rays had finally trickled below the horizon and it was truly pitch-black, save a faint glow in the sky caused by the light pollution of the city, we set out looking for the elusive glow-worms. We were warned that they would be hard to find and we might not see many, but within about a minute our excellent guides had found a group of nine females, all nestled within a patch of shrubbery and glowing to their hearts' content. In the UK's most common species, Lampyris noctiluca, it is easy to tell the sex of each individual because it is only the females that look like little glowing maggots. While we call them "worms", they are actually a type of beetle, which is far more obvious when you see the males. The males are able to fly around looking for the green blaze of the flightless females.

If you think of glow-worms you probably imagine the females in their luminescent adult state, but they spend the vast majority of their lives as larvae. After hatching from their eggs, glow-worms are larvae for a couple of years, during which time they feed voraciously. Glowworm larvae predate slugs and snails by injecting a toxin into them which slowly paralyses them and turns their bodies into a nice gastropod smoothie for the larvae to lap up. After two or three years of eating during the spring and summer and hibernating throughout the colder months, the larvae will eclose into adults, either as glowing females or flying males. Once they are adults the females will not eat again and will only live a few weeks - their only purpose is to glow to attract a male, mate and lay eggs. On that night in Cherry Hinton, although I was geared up to see the glow-worms I was still awe-struck by how beautiful they were, shining like a tiny constellation of stars. An older lady on the walk remarked to me how glow-worms were so abundant when she was young but that she saw them so infrequently now. Sadly, this seems to be a common concern, and may reflect a decline in the species due to factors such as habitat fragmentation and increased light pollution. So if you too feel like you haven't seen these magnificent creatures in too long I would definitely recommend a visit to the Cherry Hinton Chalk Pits for a magical encounter.



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### Services at St Peter's Church **Papworth Everard**

12th August - 10.30am - Holy Communion 19th August - 10.30am Morning Prayer 26th August - 10.30am Holy Communion 2nd September - 10.30am Morning Prayer 9th September - 10.30am Holy Communion 16th September - 10.30am Holy Communion 23rd September - 10.30am Holy Communion and Baptism 30th September - 10.30am Harvest Festival Family Service



### Nigel di Castiglione **Team Rector INTEGRITY MATTERS**

It's been a strange week. It began with a couple of cabinet ministers resigning having been party to agreement with their colleagues over the Brexit debate but then withdrawing their support; it ended with clips of an interview involving Donald Trump being described by him later in the day as "fake news".

Does it matter, or is that what being politicians is all about? On the strength of having known and being in contact with some active serving politicians, IT DOES MATTER, but I don't think all politicians are untrustworthy; however, it leaves us with the challenge of who to believe and when to believe what they have to say. In my opinion, given the complexity and consequences of the issues they grapple with, the area, county and nation need politicians who are people of their word; that's just one reason why I choose to pray for them they have a demanding job, often in the spotlight and working with the tension of serving their constituents and the party they represent.

The question of integrity affects all of us in all walks and contexts of life.

A few weeks ago, I took a car to be serviced. I asked the receptionist about a problem and could they look at it. At the end of the day the mechanic had identified the problem and showed me the evidence: this vehicle is 6 years old and the original spark plugs were still in place. The car drove home feeling like new.

My records at home showed I had paid for replacement plugs at other garages in the last 3 years; money spent on work that had not been done which impaired the car's performance and destroyed my confidence in these other companies. I was very disappointed (although I am glad to have found another I feel I can rely on now).

If we are practising Christians truth, candour, honesty are core virtues because we are followers of the one who said: "I am the way, the truth and the life." If religious affiliation is something we avoid, the same virtues are implicit in any relationship that matters to us.

An ancient prayer in the Judeo-Christian tradition goes like this:

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." (Psalm 19v14)



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#### Hilton **Methodist Church** Services in - July/August

August 12th. 10:00am Rev. C. Owen

August 19th

Mr. T. Garwood

10:00am

August 26th 10:00am Morning Worship 6:00pm Rev J Bamber (Farewell Service for Rev Larkinson)

September 2nd 10:00am Morning Worship

September 9th 11:15am United Service at the Parish Church

September 16th 10:00am Morning Worship

> All are Welcome Minister: Rev Rachel Larkinson Tel. 01223 312184

#### **Coffee Morning**

Saturday, August 4th ... FairTrade Coffee Morning 10:00am – 12:00 in the Methodist Schoolroom

### **Roman Catholic Mass**

(Latin Rite)

Saturday Evenings at 6pm

Syro-Malabar Rite Second

Friday at 6pm and Fourth Sunday at 3pm

St Peter's Church - Church Lane

# **Reaching Out**

If you are lonely and feel a little blue I have a suggestion of what you could do Take a little wander up our Church Lane Yes, I know the walk can be a pain

You will reach the top and St Peter's you will see Our dear village church, please take this from me A lovely welcome awaits you, lots of love to share God at its head of a lovely church family who care

You will find peace and compassion, lots of help too Warmth in abundance, activities for children to do Beautiful services straight from the heart But please come and see, this is just a small part

After our service, tea and coffee and homemade fare Chatting and laughter for all to share

Amen



# Papworth Astronomy Club September 4th

Simon Kidd from Letchworth & District Astronomical Society will give a talk about asteroid occultations, the accurate timing of stars being occulted by (mostly) main belt asteroids.

All meetings are held in the Vinter Room in Papworth, at 7:30pm

Contact details for more information: Peter Sandford - phone 01480 830729, email peter@cheere.demon.co.uk

# Varrier Jones Social Club

What you might ask got these Over 60s all up and rocking well..... just look to the left Ray Carter with his Guitar rocking all over the place!! The afternoon was very hot and by the time Ray had finished his set the VJ Members were all even hotter and certainly ready for a refreshing cup of tea and cake!!



As usual we will be celebrating the finish of Harvest with our Harvest Lunch on the 7th September with entertainment by Big Ron Tee. If you didn't manage to book your place at the August Meeting but want to be included in September then please contact Audrey or Eddie. The start time for this Meeting will be at the earlier time of 12.30pm.

The planned trip to the Derngate Theatre on the 27th October 2018 to see West Side Story is now sold out but if you are sorry you have missed out and would like to add you name to the waiting list then please make the usual contact. Outing times will be as for the previous theatre trip. Leave Papworth from the usual stops at 11am returning after the Show at 5pm.

We are always looking to make new friends so why not come and join us? Make some new friends or catch up with some old ones for an afternoon of entertainment and chat. Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month. Start time is 1.30pm in The Studio, Pendrill Court. Admission is £3 for Members, £4 for Visitors. The Annual Membership is only £5. Where else could you get anything like this for the price?



# THEN AND NOW





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## Papworth Everard Parish Council Report

Parish Clerk: Sarah Cruse Telephone: (01480) 830360 E-mail: clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

#### Paddling Pool & Play Area

The Paddling Pool opened for the summer as planned on Saturday 21st July and is scheduled to be open until the weekend of 8th/9th September.

As in previous years, two temporary toilets have been sited at the play area for convenience. The toilets are emptied and serviced on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and checked daily.

We would like to thank Adrian, Eddie and David who came forward to maintain the pool and who are doing a sterling job in ensuring the paddling pool and surrounding area is kept clean and tidy and safe to use.

Please could we request that children do not eat food whilst in the pool or in the area immediately round the poolside and that all food scraps are disposed of and not allowed to get into the water as food debris can easily block the pool filters.

With the high numbers of people using the paddling pool a huge amount of rubbish is being generated. Please use the rubbish bins at the play area or take your rubbish home with you.

The paddling pool attracts families from far and wide, many of who travel by car which can add to the parking problems on Ermine Street North and Varrier Jones Drive. If you are visiting the paddling pool why not leave the car at home and walk? We would request that people who do drive park with consideration for other motorists, do not cause an obstruction and park within the rules of the Highway Code.

#### **Play Equipment**

Repairs have taken place on several pieces of play equipment which are now back in use. The trim trail has had two replacement posts and one of the supporting upright posts on the toddler swing has been replaced. In addition the wire on the zip-line has also been tightened and the ground beneath the roundabout compacted.

In the Autumn, after the school summer holidays, there are plans to replace the grass matting surrounding the main pieces of play equipment which will mean the equipment will be out of use for a short while. We will let you have more details once dates have been scheduled.

#### **Playing Field**

At the beginning of July there was an illegal encampment of travellers on the playing fields.

The Parish Council worked as quickly as possible, liaising with Bailiffs, the County Council's Enforcement Officer and the Police, to serve notice on the Travellers and effect their eviction.

Although the site was left in a reasonable state, with the majority of rubbish bagged up before departure, there was still a lot of rubbish (and horse manure !) which had to be removed.

All play equipment, benches and the youth shelter were also sanitised at the suggestion of SCDC's Environmental Services Department. As a temporary measure the Parish Council arranged for concrete blocks to be positioned around the perimeter of the field to prevent any further illegal access. These blocks will be in position in the short term, whilst we work on a permanent solution to secure the field which will be much more in keeping with the surrounding area.

#### Village Sign

The new village sign has been completed and we have finally had approval from County Council's Highways Department to erect the sign back in the original location (in the D-shaped grass area opposite the bottom of Papworth Hall Drive). We are now working with the installers to have a brick plinth constructed ready for installation of the sign.

#### **Become a Councillor**

The Parish Council currently have vacancies for several new Councillors.

Parish Councils deliver a range of services at a community level and their role is to represent the local community, provide services to meet local needs and improve quality of life and community well-being.

If you have a real interest in the village or are new to the village and want to get more involved why not come and have a chat and see if it's for you? We're looking for people who can rise to the challenge and make a commitment to improving the quality of life for everybody in our village.

Knowledge and experience aren't essential, training is available and existing members have a wealth of experience they are willing to share. The essential element is a willingness to work as a member of our team to make a difference.

We hold 11 Parish Council meetings per year and in addition you will be required to become a member of one or more of our sub-committees and get involved in working groups looking at specific projects if you wish.

Being a member of the Parish Council is hugely rewarding.

There is more information about what the council does and eligibility criteria for becoming a Councillor on the Parish Council website. If you think you have what it takes to make a difference or if you have any questions or would like an informal discussion with the Clerk or an existing Councillor about what the role entails, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Sarah 01480 830360 clerk@ papwortheverardpc.org.uk





PAPWORTH EVERARD ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION by Steve B.



But see, the shepherds shun the noonday heat, The lowing herds to murm'ring brooks retreat, To closer shades the panting flocks

remove.

I know how they feel! After a wet start to the year the last few weeks have seen little rain but lots of heat and strong sunshine. Weeks without substantial rain has brought problems for growers both for the big boys on their farms and us smaller fry on our allotments. Water supply has been a problem on the site since we first moved in but now we



have some good news in the offing. PEAA is going ahead with plans to put a sloping roof onto the top of the container which will enable us to collect water in a large tank for all to use. Thanks' must go to the parish council who have provided some of the funding for this. Hopefully this will alleviate the problems we face during prolonged dry spells.



July saw quite a bit of joint activity on the site. For two weekends a group of us got together to help clear some unused sites. It was hard work but we now have a couple of plots in a better state for someone to take over please contact

PEAA if you are interested. Thanks to all who came to lend a hand despite the sun and the heat.

The hot dry weather has meant paying a lot of attention to keeping plants watered. Despite my efforts I have to confess that some of my seedlings succumbed to the heat. On the other hand, my blackcurrants did well and my courgettes and squashes seem to be coming along OK. I'm living in hope for my calabrese whilst engaging in a running battle with pests.

Well that's all for now. Good gardening until the next time.





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Format -Refreshments/chat 10.30-11am Speaker 11-12noon.

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> Maj-Jong, Flower arranging. You can sign up or start your own.

The next meeting is on September 21st. The talk will be on Photographs and Memories and will be given by Christopher and Janet South. Christopher is a presenter on Radio Cambridgeshire.

Retired? Semi-retired? Come along.

# INSPIRING WOMEN Papworth Everard Womens Institute

July is the month when we celebrate the anniversary of the launch of our W.I. and to mark the occasion delicious cakes were served with our refreshments.

Our anniversary was not the only cause for celebration as during the meeting we celebrated the success of the Vintage Cream teas which we served at the Royal Papworth Hospital Centenary fete by presenting cheques to 4 local good causes. The first donation was presented to Megan Sandford from the Royal Papworth Hospital and she told us the money would be put to good use within the Critical Care department, a further cheque was presented to Rosie Blencowe for St Peter's Church where it will help with emergency repairs to roof leaks The third presentation was made to Jenny Howlett for the Papworth Day Centre and will be put towards their Christmas festivities and our final gift was presented to Joyce Burton for our own Papworth Everard and Elsworth choir, Lyrical Voices.



Cheque presented to Megan Sandford for the Royal Papworth Hospital, Critical Care Department



Cheque presented by Pat Martin, President, to Joyce Burton for Lyrical Voices Choir



Cheque presented by Clair Smart, Secretary, to Jenny Howlett for Papworth Day Centre Christmas celebrations

In addition, our President, Pat Martin, attended Pendragon School Leavers' Assembly and presented three £10 book tokens to the top 3 pupils in year 6 for the Endeavour Cup and as support to the school fete, a £20 Marks and Spencer voucher was donated as a raffle prize.

Our speaker for the night, Caroline Meyrick, came to tell us about Fine Cell Work, a charity which teaches prisoners in many British prisons to produce high-quality needlework which is made into beautiful handmade products. This paid work boosts prisoners' self-worth, instils self-discipline, fosters hope and encourages them to lead independent, crime-free lives. It also enables the prisoners to fill the many lonely and frustrating hours spent languishing in jail.

Caroline has a group of 12 prisoners and the embroidery work they produce is incredible. It was often difficult to work out which was the back of the piece and which was the front. The embroideries are sent on completion to a warehouse in London where they are made up into cushions, wall hangings, lavender bags and other similar pieces. The standard of the items that Caroline displayed was inspiring. A proportion of the sale price is paid to the prisoners which they can use to help support their families or put aside for their release. Many of them go on to get formal qualifications to enable them to carry on in paid employment for example to become tailors or work in theatrical costume once they leave prison. Supporters include Prince Charles and Camilla and Cornelia Parker, the artist. More information about this fascinating aspect of prison life can be found on their website. (finecellwork.co.uk)

For our usual monthly social, we lunched together at the White Swan, Connington



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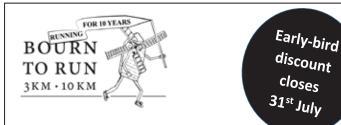
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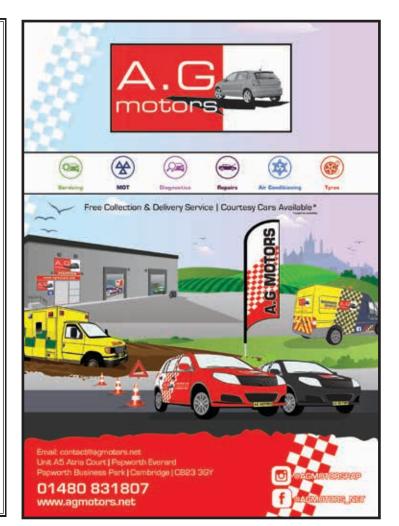
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Are you a scientist? Artist? Innovator? Want to take over our library and hold a Fun Palace? Cambridgeshire Libraries are looking for people to work together and create a free Fun Palace at our libraries. If this is something you can help the library with, then please get in touch with our local library. The library would love to hear your fun ideas and how you would like to be involved. Visit the website for more information on how you can get stuck in! Check up on Facebook and Twitter pages or go to www.cambridgeshire.net for event details.

#### PAPWORTH FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The Group meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at 2.00 pm in the library where they discuss their various family history projects, help one another, and make use of the library's computers. The library has access to a number of family history sites such as Ancestry and Find My Past. The Group co-ordinator is David Potter. The next meeting after the summer break is on the 11th September and anyone who is interested in exploring their family history will be made most welcome.

#### **ENGAGE MEETINGS**

Engage meetings take place in the library on the second Thursday of each month starting at 10.00 am and finishing around 11.30 am. There is usually a speaker and the topics covered vary enormously but are always most interesting and entertaining. The meeting concludes with a convivial

# PAPWORTH CRAFT GROUP

Our numbers are gently swelling. At our second meeting in July, it was a bit of a squeeze to fit everyone around two tables, and not all members were present! No complaints from anyone, as we are all delighted to welcome new members. A young woman came for the first time because she wanted to learn to knit, with a view to making a scarf for the winter. One of our most experienced knitters was at hand to help, which is just as it should be. Exchanging skills and helping one another is one of the most rewarding aspects of a craft group.

Everyone approaches knitting, crochet, cross stitch, patchwork and embroidery from slightly different perspectives. Not everyone casts on their knitting project in the same way, for example. There is such an amazing choice of yarns these days



Put your Feet Up! Join Papworth Craft Group Knitters, Stitchers, Crochet Hounds and Total Beginners Small friendly group Come and join us MEMBERSHIP IS FREE Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 10:30 am – 12:30pm Papworth Library Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard that it can be difficult to make a choice. However, apart from the requirements of a pattern in terms of the ply, (thickness) of the yarn, we all have different tastes. Some like acrylic yarn, as it is very good value for money and hard wearing, often very soft to the touch. Wearing wool next to the skin can be unsuitable for some. so cotton in its various weights is an excellent substitute. Sometimes a project

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coffee and biscuits plus time to talk both to the speaker and the other attendees. There is no meeting in August and the new season starts on Thursday, 13th September, at 10.00 am. Look out for the posters on the notice boards in the village.

does not demand high quality, expensive yarn, but there are occasions when something a little special is a must. The choice is eye opening - hand painted yarns, cashmere, wool and silk blends, lace weight merino wool.....the Internet can tempt the yarn lover repeatedly. Our new knitter will discover these 'pitfalls' if she gets hooked after she has completed her scarf.

Another in the group has turned to patchwork, and was using the paper hexagon method to make a table runner. A cross stitcher who recently rediscovered her crocheting skills has almost completed a blanket for her bed, and it promises to be stunning.

We have a mother - daughter pair in the group who are relatively new to crochet. You would never guess this is the case, as they are motoring along very nicely, and producing beautiful work.

The one handed crochet project is progressing well, but I regret to say that this writer failed to continue with it, after the two hour trial at the second June meeting. We are planning to work on some projects for charity. If anyone has some spare yarn that they do not think they will ever use, please consider donating it to our group to use on these projects. Any yarn will be gratefully received.

August is a very quiet month with everyone off on holiday, so perhaps we cannot expect any new members. However, if you feel that this would be a good time to join, perhaps to get started on a project for your holiday, you will be warmly welcomed.

Knitting, cross stitch, embroidery and crochet are not the sole preserve of the female sex. Many top knitwear designers are men. So we do not support gender stereotyping, and await one or more males to join our group.

It is SO IMPORTANT to keep our wonderful library open. By joining our craft group, you will add to the footfall, plus you can always choose a book or two while you are in the library. Happy August to everyone.



One finally chopped Shallot one or two thinly sliced

red chilli 20 fresh super sweet cherry tomatoes , halved

One large garlic clove lightly crushed

a small handful of fresh basil leaves torn

Grated Parmigiano cheese or similar vegetarian hard Italian cheese to garnish.

I put in some chopped Mozzarella balls in mine but its personal choice.



Doms

Pappardelle pasta

virgin olive oil to fry

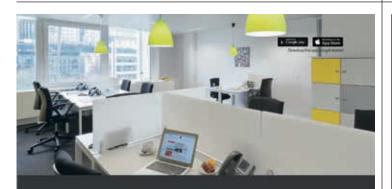
black pepper

Recipe

300g Sainsbury Fresh egg

Sea salt flakes and freshly ground

Garlic infused olive oil or extra



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#### Method

1. Start boiling the salted water in a medium size pan ready for the pasta.

2. meanwhile heat the olive oil in a frying pan and sauté the onion until soft.

3. Add the chilli salt and pepper freshly ground black pepper turn up the heat up and stir.

4. Add the halved cherry tomatoes and crushed garlic and cook for a further 7 minuets at this point add the Pappardelle pasta into the salted boiling water.

5.Meanwhile finish off cooking the sauce and turn off the heat and then add in the torn basil and stir through.

6. Once the Pasta has cooked drain the pasta and then put it back in the medium pan and then add two ladles of sauce to the pasta and stir through and serve into a pasta bowls add a bit more sauce on the top add the mozzarella and finish off with the grated Italian hard cheese.



Next Meeting - 4th October Phyllis Baker talking on Rosaceae More information on www.Bourngardenclub.co.uk

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# Heidi Allen

#### Member of Parliament for South Cambridgeshire

As I write, the sun seems to have been shining for weeks and the England football team have made it through to the World Cup semi-finals. Summer has arrived – come on England!

In my last newsletter, I explained the action I had been taking to respond to the appalling train

service being provided to constituents by GTR trains. Since then, I have continued to keep the pressure on GTR and the Department for Transport – I have raised further questions in the House, including raising the issue at Prime Minister's Questions and just last week questioning the Rail Minister again about the chaos. My website - https://www. heidisouthcambs.co.uk/gtr - has a dedicated page on the GTR issues and continues to be updated regularly with new information.

Details of the compensation being offered to passengers are now being announced. The compensation will be designed to refund season ticket holders up to one month where they have suffered severe disruption. This is what I called for in my question in the House in early June as soon the problems became apparent.

However as the chaos has continued for far longer than we could have anticipated, I have been asking for more than that. I believe it must also compensate non season ticket holders and factor in the consequential loss suffered by commuters, such as increased parking charges, taxi fares etc. Along with other MPs, I have written to GTR and I am also in touch with the Office of Road and Rail about this too.

As GTR try to get to grips with the dismal service they have been providing, their new emergency timetable will go live on the 15th July. If GTR cannot deliver their assurances that their services will improve then they must lose their franchise – Government agrees.

I am very sorry that GTR's failures have resulted in so much inconvenience and upset to so many. I continue to be very grateful to the constituents who have contacted me and to the Royston and Villages Rail User Group who have been such a strong advocate for rail users.

Last month, I was pleased to meet with local farmers and the National Farmers Union to talk through a number of issues. Agriculture is such a vital part of our local economy, so when Government launches the new Agriculture Bill shortly to shape farming outside of the EU – it must listen to the needs of our famers. They play a critical role in producing our food, looking after the environment and supporting our rural economy.

I'm also working hard to find a way to amend the law to strengthen police powers to deal with hare coursing. This crime is abhorrent and devastating for those affected and the current legislation is out of date and no longer fit for purpose. My reward will be accepting three offers to help with harvest! So many combines, so little time.....Thriplow,



Eltisley and Boxworth, I've got my wellies and secateurs ready!

Last month, it was lovely to be able to join the Cambourne Eid Fair and the Meldreth fete. Although much of my week is spent in Westminster, I am always pleased to get back home for some light relief and to support local communities.

Things got a bit competitive at the Meldreth fete! I joined the ladies team for the tug of war and I am delighted to report that for the second year running, we won! (It was never really in doubt...) You can't beat a bit of friendly rivalry and I'm already in training for next year!

The Cambourne Eid Fair was another great community event – fabulous (spicy!) food and a real sense of celebration. Well done to everybody involved in making this such a success!

Looking ahead, I'll be meeting with Royal Papworth Hospital to discuss the future use of the site after they move to Addenbrooke's. I know this remains an important issue for people in the village and I'm keen to discuss all the options for the future use of the site with them. I'll provide an update on this in my next newsletter.

If there is anything you would like to talk to me about, my next "drop in" surgery will be by appointment and will be in Barrington (venue will be confirmed on my website) on the 7th September between 3 and 5pm. If you would like an appointment, please give my office a call on 01223 830037.

More details can be found here: https://www. heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries

In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or call my office. See you next month!





It's been a very busy couple of months down the bowls club with county competitions and now club competitions keeping the green busy every evening, the 1st team are currently 6th in division 1 the B team are sitting 8th in div 2 and the C team are 6th in div 4. The women's team are having a wonderful season sitting 2nd in there division and the over 60's competing well laying 5th.

We are very proud to have representatives going to Skegness to represent not only Papworth but also Huntingdonshire in the national finals, Colin Bates is playing in the 2 wood

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competition and also competing in the pairs competition with Richard Fisher we wish them both the very best of luck.



Colin Bates and Richard Fisher celebrating on their way to Skegness - Play well lads and "Its Coming Home"



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