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VARRIER JONES SOCIAL CLUB

Well, here we go again, for another year. Our first meeting for this year and we were pleased to welcome 27 Members and 1 Visitor. Plenty of chat could be heard as everyone was keen to catch up on events over Christmas and the New Year and then it was eyes down for a serious game of Bingo with cash prizes, always a favourite and normally only used as a standby but the main item today following many requests. Maybe a little short of funds after the Christmas expenses!! The Bingo was followed in the usual way with tea and delicious homemade cakes, the afternoon was rounded off with the Raffle.

We are planning a trip to the Arboretum in Staffordshire –19 July 2019 so will be looking for potential numbers at our next meeting which is on the 1st March when our entertainment will be a Ventriloquist – we are all looking forward to that. Our Meeting on the 5th April will be our Spring Fish and Chips Lunch. Bookings and monies will be taken at the March Meeting. We have already provisionally booked Tickets for the Theatre at Milton Keynes for later in the year details of which will be released shortly.



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?


BIN COLLECTION DATES

Thu 14 Feb 2019	●		
Thu 21 Feb 2019		●	
Thu 28 Feb 2019	●		
Thu 7 Mar 2019		●	●
Thu 14 Mar 2019	●		
Thu 21 Mar 2019		●	●

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A1198 CYCLE/FOOTWAY - PAPWORTH TO CAXTON GIBBET Good News !

The Parish Council has been working with Cllr Mandy Smith (Cambs County Council) and the Council's Highways Department and can now announce that full funding is in place for a cycle/footway to be constructed alongside the A1198 between Papworth and Caxton Gibbet.

Survey work is underway and once the design is complete, work can be scheduled.

Final details are yet to be confirmed and is not known exactly when construction will commence but we have been advised that it should be in early Summer.

We will keep you posted once more information is available.

ONLINE REPORTING

Did you know that many day-to-day issues can be easily reported direct to the relevant Council Department online.

South Cambs District Council have an online reporting tool which enables issues to be reported direct to the Council:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/report-it/>

Issues which can be reported include:

- Lost or Missing Bins / Missed Bin Collections
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You will need to quote the lamp reference number which can be found on the lamp post.

You can also use the highway reporting tool to track progress on a fault already reported. Enter the reference number for your fault or the area of the fault into the top right hand box on the map to view updates.

Parking Issues

Cambridgeshire Constabulary has a system for reporting parking issues.

Residents are able to report parking enforcement issues online at:

<http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking>

This can be used for reporting specific parking related issues such as parking on double yellow lines and parking on a pavement - particularly if the issue is a regular occurrence in a particular place.

Dangerously parked or abandoned vehicles should be reported by calling the Police non-emergency number 101.

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

There are currently two schemes which are out for public consultation – we would urge you to have your say.

1) CAMBOURNE TO CAMBRIDGE - BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROJECT

Phase 2 consultation opens on Monday 4th February 2019. Have your say on proposals for the link west of Maddingley Mulch roundabout to Bourn Airfield and on to Cambourne, and a new Park & Ride facility. Consultation closes at midnight on 31st March 2019.

From 4th February 2019, proposals will be available online with an online questionnaire to share your views. Printed consultation materials will be distributed to local households and businesses.

www.greatercambridge.org.uk/cambournetocambridge

You can also see proposals and meet the project team at a local public event:

- St Neots Thursday 21st February 2019, 10.00-12.30, The Priory Centre, Priory Lane, St Neots, PE19 2BH
- Cambourne Tuesday 26th February 2019, 16.00-19.30, The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, CB23 6GW
- Dry Drayton Tuesday 5th March 2019, 17.00- 18.30, Village Hall, High St, Dry Drayton, CB23 8DD
- Hardwick Tuesday 12th March 2019, 17.00- 19.30, Hardwick Primary School, Limes Road, Hardwick, CB23 7RE
- Caldecote Wednesday 13th March 2019, 17.00-19.30, Caldecote Primary School, Highfields Road, Caldecote, CB23 7NX

2) EAST WEST RAIL – BEDFORD TO CAMBRIDGE ROUTE

East West Rail is creating a new rail connection between Oxford and Cambridge. This will connect communities, making it faster, easier and cheaper to travel in the local area, as well as opening up job opportunities, supporting local business and helping the economy to grow.

While the Western Section between Oxford and Bedford can be built by reinstating and upgrading old rail lines, for the Central Section between Bedford and Cambridge an entirely new rail line will need to be built. For the last year, route options have been developed and a consultation to discover views on the five most promising is underway.

Public consultation will run from 28 January to 11 March 2019 and whilst it will be several years before the railway construction work will start, this is your opportunity to have your say on the route options and proposed station locations at an early stage.

This is not a statutory consultation, so there will be time later for you to help further shape the final route alignment and station locations as the formal stages of the planning process are undertaken.

More information can be found at: <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/haveyoursay>

Responses to Editors Thoughts Last Month . . .

. . . *Bypass Noise seems to be the main issue*

From Cllr Mark Howell

I have spoke to SCDC Environmental Health team regarding the noise of the bypass. As the noise is not from an asset, which is defined as a house, piece of land or unit, then they are unable to help. Roads are not defined as an asset according to the Act. Therefore, your point of call is Mandy Smith as the By pass comes under the County Council.

From Chris Scarboro

I have just read your editors article at the back of the January 19 'News & Views'. I share entirely your concerns and clear disappointment at the 'state' of many buildings and areas in the village and the general lack of progress with development projects to improve our surroundings.

What came as a real surprise though was your statement "When the by-pass was built one of the stipulations we understand was that it MUST have a low noise surface, what happened to that agreement."

I had no idea that this was possibly the case! We have lived on Hut Field Lane for nearly nine years and are one of the very closest properties to the by-pass. Since the resurfacing it has been ever so much louder and we assumed we just had to put up with it. I am sitting in my living room typing this email to you and I can hear the traffic through my double-glazed windows, despite the TV being on!

Clearly your comment that the road should have a low noise surface is therefore of great interest to me - and

an issue that I'd like to pursue if they have used an incorrect surface. The purpose of this email is therefore to ask how we can possibly find out if something can be done to address this and where would we begin to start making enquiries?

It is no exaggeration to say that since the resurfacing our quality of life at home in the village has deteriorated as a direct result of the increase in noise pollution from the bypass.

From Glyn Coles

Yes, I quite agree with your comment about how noisy the Papworth Bypass is now with new road surface done recently by Skanska. You can hear the traffic across the whole village much more now.

This is the response Glyn received from Cambs County Council:

Dear Mr Coles, Thank you for your enquiry. I am sorry that you are not entirely satisfied with the Surface Dressing treatment of Papworth bypass. The A1198 Papworth Bypass was part of Cambridgeshire County Council's 2018 Surface Dressing program. Surface Dressing is a process carried out annually by most counties, and has been for around 70 years. The road has received a Surface Dressing treatment to a design recommended by the supply chain partner who is an expert in the field of surface dressing. The aim of using a thin coat dressing on a rural road such as this, is to seal the road in against the ingress of water to prevent formation of potholes, restore texture to increase skid resistance; and therefore

Eyesore



I think you would agree this certainly counts as one! Why situate this in the far corner of a car park?

Christine Stenchen

extend the life of the road. The use of a 14mm/6mm treatment in a rural location will give the texture depth required for the contractor to provide a 2 year warranty. Surface dressing is noisier than a conventional resurfacing, but the benefits are in its robustness and cost effectiveness. Surface dressing is used when a road is showing the first signs of deterioration and will extend its life, delaying the time when a more invasive and costly solution is required. Like most counties, Cambridgeshire have an Asset Management approach to road maintenance, whereby roads are identified at the early stage of deterioration for a preventative treatment such as Surface Dressing.

By approaching highway maintenance in this way, the county is able to extend the life of roads such as this, enabling funds for more extensive resurfacing to be targeted at the more deteriorated roads that need it. The Surface Dressing process itself, involves the spreading of bitumen on the road surface followed by the application of aggregate or chippings. Whilst the treatment is a relatively quick mobile process; like any highway work, it is disruptive during the application and for a period of time afterwards whilst embedment is actioned by traffic using the road. I hope that I have been able to explain the reason why Papworth bypass has received this treatment and the processes undertaken.

Regards, Martin Gowler Network Management Officer

CHURCHYARD/CEMETERY CARETAKER ST PETERS CHURCH PAPWORTH EVERARD

The role of the caretaker is:

- to mark out the position of graves to be dug prior to a funeral
- to clear away any dead flowers remaining on graves
- to maintain the cemetery noticeboard
- to notify the Parish Clerk of any matters that need attention in both the cemetery and graveyard

The duties should only require approximately half an hour of the caretaker's time each week and involve no heavy lifting

If you have a little spare time each week and are interested in helping to keep the churchyard and cemetery tidy please contact

Sarah Cruse, Parish Clerk on 01480 830360 or email clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

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Response from Glyn Coles to South Cambs

Dear Mr Gowler, Many thanks for your quick response and the dialogue contained within. Indeed I understand that the "thin coat dressing" is pretty much a stop gap and therefore more cost effective road surface treatment in the short-term. As you say "surface dressing is noisier than a conventional resurfacing" and it is this that I wish you to address. As you will be aware, the A1198 Papworth Bypass is not just a "rural road" but rather becoming a major thoroughfare with lorries in particular and over-night A14 ongoing development work adding to the mix. The bypass produces a great deal more road noise than before the resurfacing treatment took place and this is being noticed by many of the villagers. What is your intention to mitigate this increased noise? e.g. this bypass has NO noise attenuating features such as noise-retaining fencing and it does run quite close to the Western side of the village. Our local Councillor Mark Howell is also in touch with the environmentally department of SCDC. I look forward to hearing from you.

Still awaiting a response at time of publication and Glyn has also contacted Heidi Allen.



From Steve Fenton

Re: your comments in last month's edition. I quite agree. I'm a relatively new Papworth resident (having only lived in the village for 8 years) and it isn't just the dilapidated buildings – it's the lack of respect for the whole village environment, leading to litter, dog mess, petty vandalism, etc.

In the last few years I've seen an outbreak of, for want of a better description, mass apathy.

We live in a village of roughly 4200 residents (based on 1750 copies of N&V delivered and an average of 2.4 residents per household in the UK). Many more than the 2880 of the 2011 census, anyhow.

I see the same couple of dozen faces at everything. What do the other 4175 residents do with their spare time? Put something on in the village (even for free) and you're lucky if half a dozen turn up.

I joined the Papworth Players shortly after arriving, did a couple of village pantos, made lots of friends, and then the Village Hall closed for refurbishment. Since it reopened (much improved, I admit), the new pricing structure makes it economically unviable for Players to hire and they are not the only community group facing that particular obstacle. I've made this point in the past, so I won't rake over the coals again here. Even a for-profit event like the Craft Fair can't afford the hire rates, which makes me wonder what the hall is for.

There are no medium-sized venues for groups to meet between the tiny Studio and huge Village Hall. Perhaps one

of those empty buildings could be converted for community use.

The village fete stopped the year before I moved here and restarted in 2016 with an organising team of 12 - by last year's event (10 times the size of the 2016 event) the regular team was down to six, with no new volunteers stepping forward. It is too much work for six, so there won't be a fete this summer.

I appreciate the Parish Council, Papworth Trust and Varrier Jones Foundation are always under-resourced, but between them the default response to any community idea (e.g. skate ramps, a Scout Hut, BMX track, etc.) seems to be "No".

There's nothing to entertain youngsters too old for the swing parks and too young for Rocky's. What are the bored teenagers supposed to do with their spare time?

The Litter Pickers group certainly have our work cut out. If we pick an area, by the time we go back it is littered again.

I see all these as symptoms of the greater "not my problem". There's little respect for the village environment, as there's little sense of village community.

I'm not sure what the solutions to any of these problems are. There are no easy answers.

I can only suggest people volunteer. Choose something you're interested in and just do it! If you can't find a group you'd like to join, start one of your own. Even an hour here and there will make a difference, you'll feel better for it, and you'll likely make some new friends along the way.

Just for comparison, I help out a few times each year in Waterbeach - a village with a similar population to Papworth Everard but with two thriving pubs, a Social Club, two restaurants, an active Community Association, and regular community events. Quite a contrast!



**PAPWORTH
ASTRONOMY CLUB
Wednesday
6th March:**

Keith Tritton from Papworth Astronomy Club will present "A wondrous discovery" – how the mystery of the missing gold was solved by a kilonova". On August 17th 2017, the detection of a burst of gravitational waves triggered a set of rapid follow-up observations that culminated in the solution of a long-standing mystery: what was the astronomical origin of the heaviest chemical elements?

**Contact details for more information:
Peter Sandford - phone 01480 830729,
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Church Notices

Services at St Peter's Church

17 Feb	10.30	Prayer & Praise
24 Feb	10.30	Holy Communion
3 March	10.30	Morning Prayer
10 March	10.30	Holy Communion
17 March	10.30	Prayer & Praise
24 March	10.30	Holy Communion
31 March	10.30	Mothering Sunday Family Service

There will be a children's Art and Poetry Competition leading up to Mothering Sunday - open to all children in the village up to 11 years of age, with the theme: 'who looks after me'.



Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector New Year - New Resolutions?

Was it 'Dry-January' or 'Dry-gin January'? I suspect many new year's resolutions will have failed because they were driven by a bit of guilt or the need to re-create boundaries after a bit of festive excess. Maybe a better way to succeed is choosing a goal or target that makes a difference.

I heard recently of a teenager who is keen to buy a new piece of musical equipment that is in the region of £800. With the target in view he set about making cookies and selling them to his friends, on the bus to school and in the lunchbreaks. He has taken responsibility for sourcing the best and most cost-effective ingredients, getting his mum to help him learn how to bake the cookies and to manage the task of preparation baking and then getting them safely to market, on 3 days a week through the school term. Having started in September he raised two thirds by the end of term.

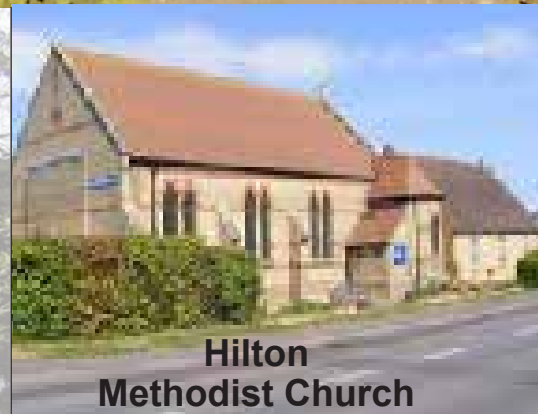
Many groups are looking for volunteers; your local church is one of those depending on the generous and ongoing support given by many. Yet there is room for more and this is a good time to make known what you can do in such a way it can help many in the local community.

2019 is one of those years that comes around every 6 years – when every local church in the Church of England is required to re-make from scratch its formal electoral roll; where people signify their active support and engagement with the life of the church, and from which much, though not all, of the volunteer workforce is drawn. (The requirement to redo it from scratch is a means of keeping them relatively up-to-date and valid.) I know the level of interest and appreciation of the local church is stronger, wider and deeper than many statistics have us believe. It is not uncommon for a third or more of a village population to attend a carol service. So why not join the electoral roll on this occasion?

At the start of a new year and with all the uncertainty around us currently, people are inclined also to look for fresh spiritual input. That is why you will find details, on the Papworth Team Ministry website, of confirmation courses starting in early February and a Lent Course in early March. Over 5 weeks or so a lot of progress can be made in a short window of time commitment.

Meanwhile a big thank you from me for the many unassuming and often unsung heroes doing so much for the local church, whether or not you are on the roll currently! Your input in cutting grass, cleaning, flower-arranging, simple but important maintenance tasks and the like are both needed and appreciated.

Your local church needs you; keep up the good work.



Hilton
Methodist Church

Services in February and March

February 17th	10:00am
Morning Worship	
February 24th	10:00am
Dr. R. Randall	
March 3rd	10:00am
Morning Worship	
March 10th	11:15am
United Service at the Methodist Church	
March 17th	10:00am
Morning Worship	
March 24th	10:00am
Morning Worship	
March 31st	10:00am
Morning Worship	

Coffee Morning

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At the end of February we have Fleetwood Mac's classic 'Rumours' (with a guest presenter to set the scene), two David Bowie albums in March, and Jimi Hendrix in April. Look out for the posters in the Courtyard, on the village noticeboards and on Facebook.

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Heidi Allen

Member of Parliament for South Cambridgeshire

Happy New Year! As we embark on 2019, I am certain it promises to be another very full year, both in Parliament and here in South Cambridgeshire.

My first meeting of 2019 was with Highways England (HE) to discuss the A14 and the A428 and was joined by Councillors Lynda Harford and Ruth Betson.

I asked for the meeting not only to be updated on the progress of the A14 but also to make HE aware of the concerns which residents and businesses have raised with me about the inconvenience created by the work.

When delivered, the A14 improvement scheme will provide significantly better infrastructure, but throughout the construction period, I am maintaining regular contact with HE to ensure inconvenience is kept to an absolute minimum and that all possible mitigation is put in place. A detailed summary of the meeting is on my website - <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/news/heidi-allen-mp-puts-residents-concerns-a14-project-team>

In relation to the A428, this Spring will (finally!) see a preferred route announcement for the new route between the Black Cat roundabout and Caxton Gibbet. HE confirmed to me that the project will cost significantly more than originally envisaged, so Treasury sign off has been the cause of the delayed announcement. I will of course provide you with details as soon as I have them.

As my newsletter can only ever be a snapshot (limited by a word count!) of my work, I keep my website updated with details of what I am doing on your behalf. If you have not looked recently, why not take a look at <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/>. At the beginning of January for example, I posted a video on the dedicated Brexit page in which I set out my views on the looming vote in the House of Commons on the Withdrawal Agreement. (By the time you read this, I'm hoping it will have been and gone!)

At the end of 2018, South Cambridgeshire received some fantastic news - Addenbrooke's is to get a new children's hospital. The need for a dedicated children's hospital in our region has been talked about for longer than I have been on the scene, so it is wonderful that it will now be delivered. The Health Secretary, Matt Hancock, confirmed that up to £100 million will be contributed by Government. We all know Addenbrooke's is a centre of excellence and this new children's hospital will enable them not only to continue to provide first class care in a new purpose built hospital but will also free up valuable space in the existing building.

Looking ahead, 2019 promises to be a big year for Addenbrooke's as the Royal Papworth Hospital moves to the site and plans for a train station pick up pace!

Bringing improved infrastructure and increased funding to South Cambridgeshire are key priorities for me so I am pleased to share with you a number of recent announcements about the next financial year.

Cambridgeshire County Council received a funding boost, with an increase in core spending power of 5.7%, taking the Council's funding allocation to £386.5 million. This increase in core spending power is more than double the average increase in England. This is a very welcome boost to spending on services in South Cambridgeshire.

The Autumn Budget also announced £6,294,319 for

Cambridgeshire for adult and children's social care to help alleviate winter pressures on the NHS.

I continue to press for improved funding for our schools, and am working on a new campaign to drive the message home hard to Ministers, ahead of this year's major Government spending review.

Cambridgeshire Police have seen an increase in their funding from central Government and in addition, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has launched a consultation on the Police's share of Council Tax for 2019/20. Last year, the PCC introduced a new structure for local policing which brought an additional 50 officers to the front line. As a result of last year's increase in the policing part of the council tax, a further 55 officers were also recruited and are now in training.

The PCC is proposing an increase to the Police's share of the Council Tax of £2 per month per household (based on a Band D property). Please have your say - <http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/say-police-funding-cambridgeshire-2/>

On the 24th January, I will be joining the Commissioner and the Chief Constable for a public meeting on policing at Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey CB24 4RS between 7 and 9pm. If you would like to hear more about the plans for policing in South Cambridgeshire, why not come along? Registration is required and details are here - <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/news/heidi-allen-mp-attend-policing-public-meeting-24th-january-2019>

If there is anything you would like to talk to me about, my next "drop in" surgery where no appointment is necessary is on Saturday 9th February between 10.30 and 12.30pm at Caxton Village Hall, Gransden Road, Caxton, CB23 3PL. If you would like an appointment, please do call my office on 01223 830037 or email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk



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PAPWORTH CRAFT GROUP

PLEASE NOTE that on Saturdays the entrance to the library is by the doors at the back end of the library, next door to the Studio.

January is set to end with a return to more wintery weather, together with some snow!!! Perhaps our meeting on 2 February will witness members of the Craft Group braving the elements, in order to spend two hours dedicated to each one's preferred activity. In the midst of the terrible weather last year, a few valiant members made sure that they were on hand to help possible new recruits, as well as to demonstrate that we all value the privilege of using the library for our twice monthly meetings.

We would love to welcome new members to the Craft Group. If you would like to learn to knit, crochet or cross stitch, or sew or quilt, there is help at hand. Drop by for a chat, or join us every so often. There are no formalities - we are totally informal - but we love to meet new people and hope that some may like to join us as little or as often as they wish. There is a great deal of laughter and exchanges of stories, and a generally enriching experience!

The squares for the charity blankets are mounting up, and we have more than enough yarn to last for a long time to come. This is no bad thing, as squares consume yarn at a fair rate. There are organisations that accept just squares, and the making up of the blankets rests with them. Knit For Peace's keep Britain Warm Campaign want knit and crochet squares to turn into dressing gowns. Find out more at www.knitforpeace.org.uk.

Knit-a-Square wants crochet squares for South Africa, see www.knit-a-square.com for more information. Some of our squares will go to these concerns, partly because they are deserving causes, and partly because of the work required to join up the squares to complete the blankets. Some of the blankets will be small for babies, others larger for children and adults. Anyone who would like to donate some of their time to joining squares together should pop in to the library at either of our twice-monthly meetings. Similarly, those wishing to make squares can either use their own scraps of yarn, or

come along for some of our enormous stash!! One of our 'super knitters' made a beautiful baby blanket in yellow and white, hearts on both sides in white on one side and yellow on the other. It was accompanied by a darling bobble hat in the same colours, with a swirl-like pattern. They were knitted with donated yarn. This was the first blanket for missions in Africa.

Everyone is busy with their own projects during our meetings, (as well as making squares!), and it is always amazing to see how much work has gone into them in the time between our meetings.

There is a very detailed cross stitch project of a dog being worked on by one of our expert stitchers as a gift for a friend. By the beginning of the second meeting in January she had reached the eyes of the dog, and they began to peep from under his mass of fur. There is something truly satisfying about the transformation of a blank piece of linen and threads into a mini masterpiece, as the hours involved are many.

This will be more than just a gift, as it includes one of the most precious commodities - one's time. A recent convert to crochet is in the process of making a multicoloured blanket consisting of squares of two



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colours. There are greens and pinks, blues and yellow, and arranging them together gives an excellent impression of how vibrant the finished blanket will be. Squares, whether crocheted or knitted do not always have to be made into blankets.

They can become bags, cushions, skirts, waistcoats and hand warmers, to name but a few. Solid colours, patterned and painted varieties, blended and natural dye colours..... the list goes on. Modern techniques of dyeing produce a staggering variation of colours.

However, there is a trend now towards hand-dyed yarns made in small batches. The results are spectacular, and it seems that those who try this for themselves develop a passion that is satisfied only by dyeing more yarn. These yarns are usually available from a vast number of sellers online. There are some specialist yarn shops that stock some of these artisan yarns, but they are few and far between.

Find more about these yarns on Instagram.

The Craft Group is a community project, very kindly hosted by Papworth Library. It cannot be stressed strongly enough how PRECIOUS our LIBRARY is. The best chance we have of keeping it safe from cuts is to USE IT.

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Tap for Hattie

In January, 1st Papworth Beavers have started working towards earning their Disability Awareness activity badge and Community Impact staged badge. They have discussed what disability is, attempted to draw and write with their feet, played games without being allowed to use their hands, and to say "hello" along with their name in Makaton sign language.

The Beavers have been incredibly fortunate to meet a wonderful little girl, from St Neots. Her name is Hattie and this is her story:



"Hattie was born prematurely at 28 weeks. Her and her twin brother had a rocky start to life spending the first nine weeks of their life in hospital. At just 3 weeks old scans showed that Hattie had large areas of brain damage and she was quickly diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy.

Although it was life changing news Matt and I could not help but feel blessed that we got to take both of our children home from hospital and we continue to feel lucky that we have two very happy and healthy children. Hattie is now 4 years old and although she faces lots of daily challenges, she is a happy, determined and strong-willed little girl. The biggest challenge we are facing at the moment is moving and handling. Hattie has quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy which means she's affected in all four limbs. Hattie cannot sit, stand or walk. Hattie is completely dependent on her wheelchair and the people around her to lift and carry her. As she gets bigger this is becoming more and more difficult. Our only solution is to build her a downstairs bedroom and

wet room. We are now beginning our fundraising journey to make this possible."

Hattie's mum, Katy, is an inclusive dance teacher and was kind enough to teach the Beavers to tap dance with their hands to a piece from The Greatest Showman. In preparation for this, the Beavers sewed tap heels to gloves so that they could learn their tap dance. They are also learning the Beaver Makaton promise. The Beavers will be practising to sign and dance at home over the next few months and will then perform these to their families at the end of the spring term.

The Beavers would be grateful if you would support them with this fundraising event. You can donate either directly to Hattie's just giving page (<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/help4hattie>) or by BACS transfer to the 1st Papworth Scout account (30-93-91, 45814168) putting "Hattie" as the subject.

In 2018, the Beavers raised over £500 doing a skipathon. Can you help them to beat this target?



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Handling stress was the focus of our January W.I. meeting. Sallie Crawley, our speaker, explained to members the difference between stress and anxiety and gave advice as how best to handle pressure by changing how

we think and so turning the negative into positive. Sallie has over 12 years' experience as a coach and therapist. She is a qualified Life Coach and H.M. qualified Executive Coach and Mentor, a Master Practitioner of Neuro Linguistic Programming (N.L.P.) and a trained Hypnotherapist and members enjoyed joining in the various situations discussed. Sallie explained how to become calmer by controlling your breathing and at the end of the meeting members took part in an exercise by closing their eyes, placing hands in their laps and feet flat on the floor and while listening to some calming music Sallie talked members through a lovely relaxing process.



One of the tenets of the W.I. is to campaign to change things for the better and tackle issues that matter to members. Each W.I. member plays a role in bringing issues into the national agenda through our public affairs and campaigning. Over the years this has ranged from equal pay to climate change, from gaps in the midwifery workforce to the plight of the honey bee. At this time of year members discuss 6 items on a short list and then vote on the issue that they would like to see go forward to regional and then national level.

After discussion and consideration members voted on the 2019 Resolutions. These were:

1. Improving Plant Biosecurity in the UK
2. Trees – improving the Natural Landscape
3. Pelvic Floor Education
4. Suffering in silence; and the taboo around menstrual health
5. A call against the Decline in Local Bus Services
6. Don't fear the smear.

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When the vote was taken, the issue of "the decline in the Local Bus Services" was the Resolution chosen. Perhaps this reflects the recent problems there have been with the bus service in Papworth.

Despite these weighty issues, we have definitely not neglected the social side and a large number of members gathered on Saturday 19 January for a trip to see "My Fair Lady" at the Cambridge Arts Theatre and then on Thursday 24 January, afternoon tea at the Golden Lion Hotel, St Ives.

To find out more about our activities you can log on to our website at www.papwortheverardwi.org.uk or if you are 18 or over just come along to one of our meetings at 7.15 for 7.30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the Studio next door to the library. You will receive a very warm welcome. The visitor's fee is £4 including refreshments.





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As we start a new school term we, the Friends of Pendragon Primary School, wanted to give our community a recap from last term and let you know some of the exciting events and opportunities

for both community engagement and fund-raising we have planned for this half term! Please remember, as well as looking out for these articles you can also find out details of all of our events through our Facebook page!

Friends of Pendragon had a busy first term filled with the very popular Autumn Fest, Wreath Making night, and the Annual Nativity Raffle draw as well as a community engagement Charity Wrapping Evening and Festive Pop Up shop.

We want to thank the wonderful members of the community who supported all of the events last term- their ongoing support truly makes a difference and we appreciate their generosity! In particular we want to thank:

- Steve Fakes of SF Mortgages for supporting our annual raffle and providing the cash prize
- The Courtyard for hosting for our Charity Gift Wrapping evening.
- Bugtopia for giving the children an exciting hands on experience at the Autumn Fest
- NISA for their generous £500 grant which has been used for new books for the children
- Emma Pearson from CAMYOGA for their donation of £50
- Little Barford Power Station for their donation of £200 arranged by Laura Curtis

We have a fantastic line up of events in this Spring Term so make sure you get these dates in your calendar!

- Friday February 8th – Valentines Pop-up shop 3.10-3.30pm selling sweets, cookies, and chocolate in the school playground
- Saturday March 2nd – Quiz Night 7.30pm
- Sunday March 24th – Easter Fun Run with Papworth Runners 10.00-12noon

There will also be specific events aimed at the school children across this term- keep an eye on ParentMail and our Facebook page for updates on those!

As well as these fantastic events, we want to give early notice that we will be holding our Summer Fete on Friday, July 5th 5.00-8.00pm. An event for all of the community, we can't wait to bring you some summer fun!

As you already know "Friends of Pendragon" is a registered charity, run by volunteers, to help bridge the gap in funding and provide enriching opportunities for the children of Pendragon! If you would like to get involved and support any of the above events, please just drop us a line at friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk

Don't forget that one easy way to support the school is that if you do ANY online shopping, you could do it through Easyfundraising.org.uk and register to support Pendragon Primary - they will donate even more money to us and it costs you absolutely NOTHING!

Like our Facebook Page Friends of Pendragon for reminders about all of these events and more!

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All competition entries will be put on display at St Peter's Church over the weekend of March 30/31st.

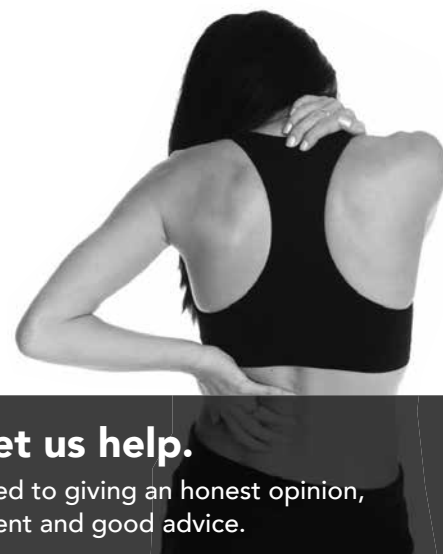
Winners will be announced at the **Mothering Sunday Family Service at 10.30 am on the 31st March to which everyone is warmly invited**.

For further information, contact Rosie Blencowe – 01480 830933



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Papworth Tennis Club

Whilst our village tennis club is usually a place of such fun and laughter, many club members are mourning the loss of Debra Barker, a great friend and loyal club supporter, who sadly lost her battle with cancer just after Christmas. We said our goodbyes to Debra at her funeral service on 21st January but her spirit will live on in our hearts and we will remember her every time we step onto the Papworth courts.



Whilst the current cold weather is not great for trying to hold a tennis racquet, the Club Committee is already planning the forthcoming season. The new membership packages for 2019 will shortly be available from our Membership Secretary, John Peal, and our first season tournament (Alicante Cup) will be held on Sunday 28 April 2019. We'll be running a couple of Open Days in the summer but why not join us in the spring? Players of all ages and all abilities are most welcome!

If you want more details about the friendly Papworth Tennis Club, please visit our website (www.papworthtennis.co.uk) or send us an email at papworthtennis@hotmail.co.uk and we'll answer any queries you have about joining the Tennis Club.



The Papworth Runners and the Friends of Pendragon School invite you to take part in the:



Easter Bunny 2k Family Fun Run

Sunday 24th March 2018

Pendragon Primary School

10.00am- 11.30am

Cake stall



Friends Cafe

Bunny dash for the U5's

Arrival by 10am. Warm up at 10.20am. 50m bunny dash for the U5's at 10.30am (£1.00 on the day entry only)

2k Family fun run starts at 10.45am. £4.00 per runner in advance/ £15 family ticket

Online/ advanced entries close on Tuesday 19th March. Follow 'Friends of Pendragon' on Facebook to find out entry details and forms will be available from the school

Easter Tombola

You can enter on the day for £5.00 per runner between 9.45-10.00am
U6's must be accompanied by an adult on the run.
All fun run runners will receive a finishers medal.

Fancy taking it a bit slower?..... We welcome you to walk the course. You may even find some Easter bunnies to count on the route. Buggies welcome .
No dogs on the school grounds please.