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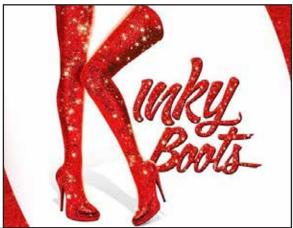
Not much to report this month as our Meeting takes place after this month's publication date, so the goings on at that meeting will be reported in the May Issue – I can hardly believe how quickly the months are ticking by and by the time you read this we will have put the clocks forward to get the lighter evenings. We certainly have been very fortunate with the weather this year and as I write this the sun is shining and it is comfortably warm.



We are pleased to report that our Membership is slowly growing and with our Programme for the remainder of the year now completed we look forward to our numbers increasing even more to enjoy this varied selection of entertainment. Well done Jenny, this is never an easy task to complete. A copy of the Programme is available at the Meeting. We are pleased to report that the Coach for our trip to the Arboretum in

Staffordshire on 17 July 2019 is now full but if you would like to go on the "drop out" waiting list then please make contact. As previously mention we have provisionally booked Tickets for the show "Kinky Boots" at the Theatre in Milton Keynes for the 6th November and the Booking list is open.

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?



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#### Update on Royal Papworth Hospital's move to Cambridge

Royal Papworth Hospital will begin its three-week move to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus just after the Easter weekend on Tuesday 23 April 2019.

The first patients will be admitted to the new hospital on Wednesday 1 May, which signals the start of our period of double running across two sites.

Patient transfers from the current site in Papworth village to Cambridge will start a few days later, on Saturday 4 May, lasting throughout the weekend.

Thursday 2 May will see the final outpatients appointments taking place at the current site, with the new outpatients department opening on Tuesday 7 May.

Access to Royal Papworth Hospital's site in the village will be restricted from Friday 3 May and security will be in place 24/7. This means that access to the grounds and duck pond will be restricted.

Decommissioning of the site will then begin on Tuesday 9 May and take until the end of the summer.

We are sensitive to the fact that the future of the hospital site will be of critical importance to those living and working in Papworth. We are pleased to announce that contracts have been exchanged on the sale of the site and the purchaser is looking forward to becoming an integral part of the Papworth community. Further information on this will follow in the next few weeks.

To help staff and patients who are based in or near Papworth get to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Royal Papworth

Hospital is jointly-funding the new 'H' bus service.

The route begins at Ermine Street in Papworth Everard and ends at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, stopping at Cambourne and Madingley Park & Ride along the way.

The service will initially run for a year, with three services in the morning (0548, 0713 and 0845) and three return journeys in the evening (1720, 1950 and 2020), from Monday to Friday.

Stephen Posey, Chief Executive of Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Moving a hospital is, understandably, a complex operation. Within our three-week move period we will gradually close down our services at our site in Papworth as we gradually open services in Cambridge. There will be about a week where we are running services across both sites, 15 miles apart.

"This has required extensive planning to ensure our exceptionally high safety standards are met and that our patients know which hospital to visit on which days.

"Papworth has been our home for more than 100 years, during which time the hospital and village have forged a close relationship; the Papworth fete last summer being just one of many examples.

"Many of our staff live in or close to Papworth Everard, so

there will no doubt be many emotions as we leave the village, but we can also be excited about our future in a state-ofthe-art hospital that will bring countless extra benefits for our patients and staff."





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# Papworth Everard Parish Council Report

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#### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Parish Council will be holding its Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting is open to all residents of the Village and is a chance to hear what the Parish Council has been up to over the last year and for electors to have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of the parish. We hope to see you there!

#### **Damage at the Paddling Pool**

Over the weekend of 30th-31st March damage was caused to the block paving around the paddling pool at the play area with blocks being lifted and thrown into the paddling pool.

We are yet to discover whether the blocks have caused any damage to the surface of the pool - which will incur considerable cost should the pool have to be resurfaced. Repairs will be made to the block work as soon as possible to make it safe.



## **Church Lane / Old Printworks Development**

You may have notice some recent activity on the land at Church Lane as the developers start to make preparations for building work to commence.

The construction is being undertaken by Dove Jeffery Homes on behalf of Flagship Group.

The site has been separated into phases, with the land along Church Lane being developed first, starting at the corner by the Southbrook Field junction and working down along Church Lane. Work was due to commence at the end of March, subject to the relevant approval and licences being obtained, with completion of the Church Lane phase planned for April 2021.

South Cambs District Council have permitted site operation times of Monday to Friday 8.00am-6.00pm and Saturdays 8.00am-1.00pm.

Machinery and equipment will not be operated outside of these times and noise will be kept to the minimum necessary for everyday site activities. Operational plant is fitted with noise reducing dampers wherever possible as well as dust suppressions systems.

A traffic management plan will also be in place to manage the movement of construction vehicles.

The development will be made up of 53 new dwellings ranging from 2 to 5 bedroom properties with new parking and access areas. The units will be of mixed tenure of open market and affordable housing with 6 affordable rent 2-bed properties and 3 3-bed shared ownership houses.

Dove Jeffery Homes have committed to sending out a monthly newsletter to provide an update on site progress. Residents directly affected by day to day works will be notified by the on-site personnel as necessary.

A site 'open hour' will be run for local residents to visit the development once the full site set up is complete. These are likely to be on a Friday afternoon from  $2.00-3.00 \, \mathrm{pm}$  - more information will be provided in their newsletter.

Further information can be obtained from Dove Jeffery Homes by contacting Simon Redgrave, Site Manager or Clare Thomas and Carly Jones, Neighbourhood Liaisons on 01702 304407

## **VACANCY**

## **Paddling Pool Attendants**

(mid-July until mid-September)

We are looking to employ 2-3 pool attendants to maintain the paddling pool over the summer period to allow us to open the facility for this year.

The job is for approximately 5-6 hours spread out over the day from early morning until early evening, 7 days a week and is therefore ideal for job sharing.

#### This is a paid position

All necessary training will be provided

(Age 18+)

If you are interested and willing to commit a few hours a day to help over the Summer period, please register your interest with the Parish Clerk on 01480 830360 or by email

clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

# INSPIRING WOMEN Womens Institute

Sally Kingman, our Cambridge Federation Chairman, never lets us down and once again her presence at our AGM didn't disappoint, as her repertoire of jokes provided the lighter side to the business of the meeting and we enjoyed much laughter to-gether.



A new Committee has been voted in with one new addition as Joan Tomkinson has joined us to take over as Secretary from Clair Stroud. We were delighted to hear that Clair will remain on the committee as her bubbly personality and her abilities will continue to be an asset. Janet Gear, our efficient treasurer, has knocked our fi-nances into excellent shape and we were thankful to hear that for the time being she will carry on her role as others come alongside to lend support with a view to taking over in the future. We were sad to hear that Jo Pegg would be standing down as Jo has been a valued member of our committee since our inception 12 years ago.

Our programme is also taking shape and we look forward to an interesting and en-joyable year ahead. One highlight being planned will be an open meeting on 27th September with Warrant Officer Morris Howard MBE from RAF Marham as our speaker. Watch this space for details.

At our April meeting our guest speaker is Bob Jones and with comedy the main fea-ture no doubt there will be plenty of laughter on the evening.

Twenty plus ladies came along in March to an excellent lunch at the Windmill at Somersham and we look forward to the April lunch when we will gather together at the Wheatsheaf in Perry.





Our choir is planning and rehearsing for a show on 9th June which be held in the village hall. See the Choir Page for more details.

We hope you have admired and enjoyed the lovely display of daffodils along the side of Ermine Street in the village centre and our thanks go to all the members who generously donated them and to those who planted them for

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.

## Let's Hatch an Idea for Easter



Let's hatch an idea for Easter and set up an appointment with Integrity Wills & Legal Services based here in Papworth, to come round and provide us with free home consultation to write our wills.

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## Church Notices

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

14th April 10.30 Holy Communion

21st April 0.30 Easter Day Holy Communion

28th April 10.30 Team Praise

5th May 10.30 Morning Prayer

12th May 10.30 Holy Communion

19th May 10.30 Prayer & Praise

26th May 10.30 Holy Communion



# Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector For the sake of the family

A core understanding of what it means to be a Christian is we become part of a new family, God's family on earth, and this transforms our perspective on what it means to be family as Christians. In addition to our natural family, as Christians we are part of something much bigger – local, regional, national and global! One area this relates to is how we think manage the resources we have and been able to build up over many years. This came home to me loud and

clear just before Christmas 2018. At the end of a service, someone volunteered to give a five-figure sum into another village church as an expression of thanksgiving for a relative who had left money to her. There was more to come: by the end if the evening this was matched by another generous donor. These gifts will make a huge difference towards ensuring their church facilities and activities will serve the village for many more generations.

The Bible tells us: "A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children ..." (Proverbs 13v22).

Money and resources was a regular topic in the teaching of Jesus. Over the next few weeks I am convening a number of Annual Meetings for churches in the Papworth Team Ministry. Another good-news story I will repeat is of one of our parishes where, this time last year, we began – ever so gently – to remind folk of opportunities and responsibilities we have with money; by the end of the year we saw (year-on-year compared to 2017) an 87% increase in regular planned giving plus a 46% rise in general plate collections on Sundays in this particular church.

The lessons are loud and clear to me:

a)There are some very generous people living in our villages. Thank you.

b)People are often waiting to be asked to give or increase their support. If we don't talk about money, we prevent some from doing their bit; when we ask, we do receive!

c)As we grow older it becomes natural to want to leave our affairs in good order. This is a time of life to think (with suitable advice, of course) about leaving legacies; an added benefit is to do so can offset some taxation liabilities AND make a huge difference to the generations following in our footsteps.

d)Because (thankfully) we are not a monochrome bunch, true wealth and value is never truly measured by how much money we have; true wealth and generosity is a way of thinking and behaviour which means we can all make equivalent sacrifices to invest in things we believe in that will bless those who come after us.



April 14th 11:15am
Palm Sunday United Service at the
Parish Church

April 21st 10:00am

Easter Day Mrs. W. Beard
April 28th 10:00am

Mr J. Bridge

March 31st 10:00am

Morning Worship

May 5th 10:00am

Rev J. Bamber

May 12th 11:15am

United Service at the Methodist Church

May 19th 10:00am

Morning Worship

May 26th 10:00am

Mr C. WebberMr J. Bridge

## **Coffee Morning**

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

#### All are Welcome

Minister Rev Matt Finch Tel. 01480 462293

#### **Roman Catholic Mass**

(Latin Rite)

Saturday Evenings at 6pm

Syro-Malabar Rite 2nd Friday at 6pm and 4th Sunday at 3pm

St Peter's Church - Church Lane

Here in Papworth Everard you may have noticed scaffolding around St Peter's Church. This has been to do vital and modest repairs to the roof of your local church. The cost is in excess of £10,000; without new gifts coming in it will seriously deplete our modest resources. This Easter we are encouraging people to make a special gift towards helping us meet this cost and allow us some leeway to begin thinking about much-needed improvements to the inside. A wonderful lead for this has already been set by our Roman Catholic friends who use St Peter's for their services (as part of the wider Huntingdon parish) and have had a special collection towards this project, for which we are deeply grateful.

Please think of joining us for worship on Easter Day (21st April) and, if you can, add your gift to what we are seeking at this time.

And remember: we aim to keep St Peter's open for your use throughout the week, as a place to be quiet, have space to think and pray and be a place of peace for all the village in a turbulent and busy world.

## **Roof Repairs to the Church**



Work on urgent repairs to the main roof at St Peter's Church has now been completed. Our builders, Apex Roofing and Scaffolding, have done a great job and the Nave roof is now secure for the next few years. These works cost some £10,000 and this has more or less exhausted our reserve for repair and maintenance work. We still need to deal with repairs to the Vestry roof and this will cost some £3,000. We can look to addressing other priorities inside the church.

We are very grateful for the financial gift given by our Catholic friends who hold services at St Peter's each week. We are increasing our own individual gifting for church needs and will continue to hold fund raising activities from time to time.

If you would like to contribute to the cost of these repairs there is a Friends of St Peter's account - NatWest 60-18-17 Account 17609151.

## **Easter at St Peter's**

We are looking forward to Easter at St Peter's and invite you to come to any of our services or other activities.

There will be a coffee morning at church on Easter Saturday 20th April, starting at 10.00. Do come along to visit the church, find out about its history and see what has been done to the roof. Enjoy some cake and coffee with us. Our services over Easter are:

Palm Sunday 14th April, 10.30am - Holy Communion Good Friday 19th April, Noon - Reflections on Easter Easter Day 21st April, 10.30am - Holy Communion

David Potter, Church Warden



## **Papworth Parish Church**

Palm Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am ~ Holy Communion Good Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, Noon ~ Reflections Easter Day, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 10.30am ~ Holy Communion

The church will be open, so please come and see our Easter Garden and take a moment to reflect

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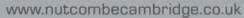




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my name is Sam Nightingale and I am the CEO of Home-Start Cambridgeshire based here in Papworth. My role was new in August and I am truly settled in and ready for the challenges ahead. More of that later, let me start by telling you a little about what we do.

Home-Start is one of the UK's

leading family support charities, offering support to families who have at least one child under five when family life becomes difficult. Our service in Cambridgeshire supports families, through weekly volunteer home visits, to deal with diverse concerns such as parental mental health issues, isolation, postnatal illness, disability, bereavement, multiple births and parenting skills. We also support families in a group setting currently in Chesterton, Cambridge and Wisbech. Our trained volunteers provide tailored practical and emotional support to help parents and children build confidence, independence, resilience and community connections. This early intervention service offers a gateway to many other community services and we work in partnership with them to improve the life chances of our families and young children.

This year we are celebrating 30 years of helping families across the county and we are using this opportunity to tell people about the amazing work we do and hence me reaching out to residents of Papworth through this magazine.

As well as raising awareness one of my roles as CEO is to find ways to diversify our funding. The last few years have been a challenge for all charities, large and small. With cutbacks in the statutory sector there is more pressure on organisations like ours to work with more families, with more complex issues, and there is less and less available grant money to do so. So this year we are becoming more adventurous! We have 5 intrepid volunteers walking the Great Wall of China to raise awareness and funds for us and later in the year we are hoping to organise a fire walk. If you fancy taking part and walking across hot coals for a good cause please get in touch, we would love you to be part of our Team Papworth!

In addition, we have launched a new campaign for our 30th Anniversary called The Big 3-0. We aim to raise £30,000 through donations. Could you organise a quiz night, charity football match, cake bake, knit-a-thon, sponsored event, fashion show or any event to raise money for local families who need support? Or perhaps you might like to make a donation to help us continue our important service;

£3 – could contribute towards books and resources needed to improve a child's Readiness for School.

£30 – could enable a Family Support Volunteer to provide 1 month of vital support to families across Cambridgeshire

£300 – could fully train a Family Support Volunteer to provide emotional support to mums experiencing post-natal depression

£3000 – could fund a Family Support Group for families experiencing mental health concerns, isolation and low self-esteem for 6 months.

Please feel free to pop into the office and say hello (we are in Upper Pendrill Court) or you can phone the office on 01480 700242. Alternatively you can contact me at my direct email sam.nightingale@homestartcambridgeshire. co.uk. I would love to hear from you.

# Keep an eye out for the Viburnum Larvae



The Viburnum larvae are hatching. From April to late May they are most active after living in the bark and soil of trees and bushes, you may not see them as they are well camouflaged and only grow to 8mm. The larvae turn to beetles in the summer and are a lot harder to control then. The only thing that kills them is pesticides. I know a lot of gardeners are against using chemicals in the garden. But the alternative is a hedge that turns brown and has a very unpleasant smell when wet. There was a bad outbreak last year especially around Jubilee Gardens, and North lodge drive.

Please treat now .Paul Patching

## **Spring Images**



Above St Ives Bridge Wendy Dodson



Spring Flower Wendy Dodson

## **Quiz Night Success**

When we originally decided to hold a quiz night, we had some concerns that we wouldn't have enough people to make it worthwhile....how wrong can you be! It wasn't until we were setting up the Village Hall with tables and chairs that it became evident how much space 185 people need!



Our thanks go to Chris Barker for all the effort he put in writing the quiz, as well as the doing the printing and being 'Quiz Master' on the night....(if anyone is thinking of holding a quiz, he is highly recommended!).



The raffle was an outstanding success, and our thanks go to HC Property Lettings Ltd, Ian Critten Accountancy Ltd, Darren's Flooring Contracts (DFC), AG Motors Ltd, TJ Woods Groundworks Ltd, The Golden Ball, Boxworth,



congratulations to the winning team (Wheel Tappers & Shutters)

Shilpa's, The Papworth Brewery and Sharon Herbert whose generous donations enabled us to have such amazing prizes, as well as all those friends and family we 'liberated' donations from!



Huge thanks go to Sharon & Chris Jones who paid for the alcohol licence and gave up their evening to run the bar, with all the profits being donated to the charity.

Finally, we want to thank everyone who came along to take part in the evening. It was heartwarming to see so many people supporting such a worthwhile cause in memory of a much loved and missed friend and village resident. We really hope that everyone had an enjoyable evening in the process of helping to raise an astonishing £4,503.80, smashing our original target by 50%.





Commiserations to the last placed team (We Thought This Was Speed Dating)



## Pam Joy Howlett

20<sup>th</sup> April 1928 -20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

St Peters Church was full for the funeral Pamela Joy Howlett affectionately know as Pam

Pam was well known in the village and was a Specialist TB nurse at Papworth Hospital and in due course became a Theatre Sister in the hospital.

It was at the hospital that she met Frank who was to become her husband in 1953. She has four children, but Aidan the first child died after only three weeks, but then followed Christopher, Lydia and Rachel.

She was the Mothers' Union leader at St Peter's and on numerous Ely Diocesan Committees and assisted in the Mother's Union work at the visitors' centre at Littlehey Prison.

Pam was also known for her knitting, particularly hats for the premature baby unit at Hinchingbrooke Special Care Unit. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends and we send them our thoughts and prayers.





# PAPWORTH EVERARD ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



When proud-pied April, dressed in all his trim, Hath put a spirit of youth in everything

That's how Shakespeare viewed April and down on the allotments we all need to call on that spirit of youth to give us the energy and verve we need to get things stirring on our plots. It's a time of season for great activity, planting, preparing, organising and planning. Not least is the decision of what to plant this year – the tried and tested or something new and adventurous. I'll probably stick with the same potatoes I've planted for the last few years – Desiree's and Charlottes but I have a fancy for planting some of those fancy coloured carrots just for a change. They look nice and I hope they taste as good as they look.

There are also lots of fancy tomatoes that I might try. I'll be looking around the site to see if anyone else is trying out something new. That's part of the fun of having an allotment – seeing what everyone else is doing! Already I can see that there is stuff coming through for use in the form of rhubarb. I don't have any myself on my plot, but I do grow it in my back garden. I'm very fond of rhubarb crumble! Everyone will be hoping for better growing conditions this year. Last year was partic-ularly difficult with a harsh winter followed by a hot and arid summer. However, we have managed partly to tackle the problem of water on the site in the form of water containers filled from the roof of the container. I know it's not running water but members of the committee have worked hard at providing some source of wa-ter and their efforts should be recognised by all on the

They've also been active in organising some maintenance activities on the site. Back in March a group of us got together to tidy up and do some repairs to the perimeter hedges. Again, thanks to all who helped. We're hoping to organise further working days on the site and of course I would encourage as many of us as possible to lend a hand.

Before I sign off, just a reminder that there are still plots available for anyone interested in joining us and giving it a go. You can contact us on the Papworth Everard Allotment Association (PEAA) website.

Good gardening until the next time . . . Steve B



# Aaron's fight against rare form of Cancer



The last 18 months has been an emotional rollercoaster for AG Motors. Its been a successful time with happy customers and we felt that we have had a big connection with the Papworth community.

The beginning of 2018 saw Aaron Ginn spending time to help local toddler Xavi Johnson. After being approached for a donation for a raffle, Aaron wanted to do so much more. He took a day out of the office, spent a day in the workshop working on customer vehicles, and donated all profits to the charity. A Mini was also bought back to life, and raffled off to a winner in a Facebook competition. In total, AG Motors donated £7,683 towards Xavis treatment for cerebral palsy, and the company has followed Xavi throughout his journey. It has been lovely to see the ongoing progress that Xavi is making and AG Motors are proud to be part of his story. In February 2018, AG Motors opened the workshop doors to the local Scout group. On different dates, the scouts assisted our own mechanics and earned their Basic Mechanic Skills badges. They each went away with a certificate and their very own AG Motors embroidered badge. It fair to say that the kids had a great time, and appreciated the opportunity to spend time in our workshops. The staff at AG also enjoyed showing their skills to the

June 2018 then saw AG Motors attend the Papworth Fete which was buzzing! By sponsoring the bouncy castles at the event, AG Motors got a real sense of warmth in the community. It was great to socialise with our customers... and what a gorgeous day it was too!

August 2018, saw Aaron Ginn generously donate electric ride-on cars to the children's wards of Addenbrookes Hospital and Hinchingbrooke Hospital.

Aaron wanted to make the visits between wards much more fun... to take away the every day stresses that comes with an illness that these children have to adhere with on a daily basis.

The cars were gratefully received and AG Motors are proud to hear that the cars are being well used!

In October 2018 the new branch, AG Motors Over Ltd, was officially opened and welcomed customers from the local community of Over, Cambridgeshire. Aaron worked hard for this new branch and was so proud to see it doors open.

Also in October, Aaron Ginn was nominated for the Unsung Hero Award for the Cambridge News Community Awards. The nominations poured in. Aaron was invited to attend the ceremony in Homerton College, Cambridge, where he was announced as the winner of the award. Aaron was overwhelmed and shocked, but accepted the award with great excitement. An award that he should be very proud of. In November 2018, events took a turn for the worse when Aaron, aged just 31, was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, Adenocarcinoma. He was rushed to Addenbrookes for tests, where his diagnosis was confirmed. Unfortunately due to the rareity of the cancer in someone so young, not much research was carried out. However after consideration, the doctors immediately put Aaron through a course of chemotherapy to help shrink the tumour in preparation for it to be removed.

Aaron stayed positive throughout the treatment, and endured a 9 hour operation in March 2019 to remove part of his stomach.

In a recent editorial in the Cambridge News, Aaron said "A positive attitude can get you through anything. Cancer is such a big word, and when people hear it, they immediately think about death.

I want to inspire others in how I fought this. The chemo felt quick because I had the mental attitude of wanting to fight back against it, and by the end, a big tumour was much smaller and easier to remove"

Aaron is still in recovery but positivity is still his way forward. He is an inspiration to everyone that knows him and his strength and courage are just incredible.

The team at AG Motors would like to wish Aaron all the best in his recovery. With the support of the local community, AG

Motors are proud of what Aaron has achieved over the past few years and look forward to the future of the garages in both Papworth and Over.

We would also like to thank all our customers for their kind words and support. All your messages have been passed to Aaron. They all mean so much to him and his family.

We look forward to Aaron returning back to work very soon!

> Keep going Aaron, you've got this!





# Heidi Allen Member of Parliament for South Cambridgeshire

As you probably now know, on the 20th February I announced my resignation from the Conservative Party and joined The Independent Group of MPs. This was an incredibly difficult decision but I believe our country deserves better. More competence, more collaboration,

more expert analysis, more transparency, more care, more fairness and less entrenched political ideology. So I have joined, alongside 10 other MPs of both Conservative and Labour backgrounds, The Independent Group. In time, our intention is to form a new political party, positioned in the centre ground of British politics. More information, including my resignation letter and statement can be found on my website - https://www.heidiallen.co.uk/

I know that not everyone will be happy, but I can honestly say I have been bowled over by the overwhelming support that literally thousands of my constituents have shown for my decision. It means so much to me to know that my decision, hard though it was, has been received so well locally.

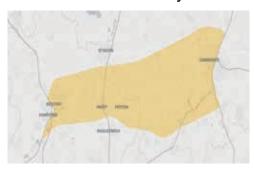
I became an MP in 2015 as I wanted to serve my country and give a voice to those who did not have one - that has not changed. It remains a great honour to be your Member of Parliament and although I may have lost my party label, I have not lost my determination to serve you with everything that I have. I'll continue to fight for the very best for South Cambridgeshire: providing excellent local services, ensuring fairer funding for those services, delivering on the vital infrastructure projects we need and continuing to be a voice for the vulnerable in our community.

I'm still "Heidi" and whenever you need my help or are concerned about a local or national issue, to coin a phrase, "nothing has changed!" You can still contact me as you always have. I'll be organising some public meetings and get togethers in the coming weeks and months so you can talk to me about my decision and learn more about my ambitions for this new political party.

## However, for now back to the day job!

There have been some important developments on transport infrastructure in recent weeks. These vital announcements will shape our local infrastructure and transport for many years to come so please do have your say! Grab a cup of tea and a few minutes to look at the following plans and make your voice heard!

#### East West Rail - For the last year



East West Rail (EWR) has been developing route options for the Bedford to Cambridge section of the new railway and they now want to hear your views on the five options available.

Between now and the 11th March, you can contribute to the consultation in a variety of ways. Full details are available here https://eastwestrail.co.uk/haveyoursay?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI8eeB8ovZ4AIVTbHtCh3nBwhXEAAYASAAEgJNHfD\_BwE

From my point of view, I am pleased to see that Cambourne features as a location for a possible new station. As we have good railway connections in the South of the constituency already, I really do feel we should be concentrating our priorities in the North. These are very early scoping corridors and we all have a role to play in feeding in our views!

And now from rail to buses and cyleways! The Greater Cambridge Partnership has published its consultation on phase 2 of the Cambourne to Cambridge Better Public Transport Project. The consultation seeks views on the link west of Madingley Mulch roundabout to Bourn Airfield and on to Cambourne, and a new Park & Ride facility. The consultation is open until the 31st March and includes public events in Caldecote, Hardwick and Dry Drayton during March. Full details are available here - https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambourne-to-cambridge/cambourne-to-cambridge-phase-2/

Finally, it's the turn of the A428! Highways England has published their long-awaited proposals for the A428 between Black Cat and Caxton Gibbet. Full details are available here - https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a428-black-cat-to-caxton-gibbet/

The "orange route" (above) has been chosen by Highways England, which runs north of the current A428 in contrast to the two southern options considered. Having supported this route with local residents and parish councils for the last two years, I am relieved! The plans also outline how improvements will be made to the Black Cat roundabout.

The consultation on the A428 will take place later this year. I have made it clear to Highways England that it is important they complete these final stages of consultation and get on and deliver this major improvement urgently. I am committed to doing everything in my power to ensure construction starts as soon as possible.

As I said at the beginning, it's business as usual and if there is anything you would like to talk to me about, my upcoming surgeries are:

Friday 5th April between 3.30 and 5pm, I'll be at Bar Hill Tesco, CB23 8EL.

Saturday 6th April between 10.30 and 12.30pm is a "Drop in" surgery at Abbeyfield, Girton Green, Wellbrook Way, Girton CB3 0GQ. No appointment necessary!

If you would like an appointment to see me, my next "by appointment surgery" will be on Thursday 2nd May between 3.00 and 5pm at my office in Hardwick. If you would like an appointment, please call my office on 01223 830037.

On Saturday 8th June, I'll be in Gamlingay for a drop in surgery. Full details to follow in my next newsletter.

In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or call my office on 01223 830037.



## PAPWORTH CRAFT GROUP

Spring is such a glorious time of year! Daffodils are out in our gardens, in parks and along the roadsides. Primroses and blossom add extra colour, and everywhere hedgerows and trees are tipped with the vivid green of new growth. There were very busy sessions at the Papworth Craft Group in March, with new members adding to our numbers. It is always exciting to meet new people and discover what crafts they like to do. There is another devotee of patchwork in the group now. It is amazing how small pieces of material, sometimes quite unpromising, but when joined together, are transformed into stunning guilts, cushions and wall hangings. No single craft is dominant in the group, although knitting and crochet tend to be most popular. Some members alternate what they bring, knitting one week, and crochet or perhaps cross stitch another. The advantage of being part of a group is the opportunity of exchanging information on techniques, as well as tapping into the well of experience that some members possess. Our super experienced knitters are always able to resolve even the most difficult problems, but there is help on hand for crochet, cross stitch, patchwork and tapestry too. One member was puzzled about a variation on a crochet granny square, but after being shown once, realised that the solution was straightforward. 'Lightbulb moments' are extremely satisfying, and there have been more than a few within the group over the past few years. The community of the group is all about sharing ideas and suggestions, being encouraging and supportive, especially if a lack of confidence is involved. The luxury of two straight hours devoted to a craft is that one sees a more significant result than is possible when a half hour is grabbed here and there during the busy week. This dedicated time as a group seems to produce a collective effort on our individual projects. This is very satisfying and rewarding. Each person who attends the sessions WANTS to be there in the library with the group. Some people do not come every session, but drop in now and then. Others attend for most sessions. It is fine to pop in for just a chat, or come along



## Put your Feet Up! Join Papworth Craft Group

Knitters, Stitchers, Crochet Hounds and Total Beginners Friendly group Pop in and see

Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 10:30 am- 12:30pm Papworth Library Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard

and check us out. We are a very friendly and chatty group, and there is a great deal of laughter! New faces are ALWAYS WELCOME young, middling, older, friends, mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, in fact any configuration is fine.

THIS IS ANOTHER CALL FOR ANY SPARE YARN

The charity blanket project for missions in Africa is rolling along, and consuming yarn to the extent



#### **OPENING HOURS**

Mon Closed

Tues 10.00am - 1.00pm

2.00pm - 5.00pm

Wed 10.00am - 1.00pm

Thur 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Fri Closed

Sat 10.00am - 1.00pm

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that we have run out. We have been so fortunate to have had extremely large donations of yarn over the past months. Any amount of yarn will be gratefully received. Please bring any donations to the library during one of the group's sessions. The yarn has been transformed into a lot of squares and blankets. If you would like to knit and crochet some squares, as it is less time consuming to join larger squares, the size has been revised to 8 inches or 20 cm. If anyone would like to help assemble the squares, do pop in to one of the sessions, even if you can only spare half an hour. However, if you are feeling a little more ambitious, a quick way to make a blanket is to crochet a large granny square – smaller for a baby or child sized, larger for an adult. Several members have crocheted beautiful blankets in this way. Perhaps someone would like to try this?

The Papworth Craft Group is a community project. Papworth Library most generously allows us to hold our twice-monthly sessions in their space. The value of having our own library cannot be repeated too frequently. Papworth Everard is most fortunate to have its own library in the centre of the village. This cannot be taken for granted. Small rural libraries are always under threat from cuts. This often means closures. FOOTFALL IS VITAL TO KEEP OUR LIBRARY OPEN. Make a visit to the library a weekly habit. Borrow and return books, order any title for £1, introduce your children to the wonderful world of books, use the computers, or just sit down and read the newspaper —oh..... and come along to the Papworth Craft Group!

Two special mentions: Audrey has continued to join us over the past few sessions, despite having her wrist and arm in plaster, and unable to knit. As a very regular member, she would have been missed if she had stayed at home. Fingers crossed that she will no longer be in plaster by the beginning of April so that she can start knitting again.

The knitted baby chicks in our ad this month were part of a larger group knitted by Lilian for the church. An Easter egg is tucked inside to form the body and allows the chicks to remain upright. Some lucky children will receive one of these at Easter. We all think they are adorable!

Everyone at the Papworth Craft Group wishes you a very Happy Easter, and we look forward to meeting you in the near future.



## **ELSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL**



#### **Gin Tasting Fun!**



In February
Elsworth PreSchool ran a
fantastic Gin
Tasting and Quiz
Night blind tasting
5 different gins
with a particularly
tricky gin themed
quiz! The evening
was sold out and

exceeded last year's successful wine tasting evening in the amount raised with a total of £1000 for the Pre-School.

An enormous thank you to everyone who came along. Everyone had a lot of fun trying new gins and putting their knowledge to the test.

We're following this up with a Cocktail & Quiz Night on Saturday 8th June. In a team of 8 design a cocktail then taste and score the other teams' cocktails! There'll be a few rounds of general knowledge quiz thrown in too (slightly easier questions, we promise!) with a prize for the winning team.

Tickets will be available from the village shop after Easter. For £12 you'll get a fun evening, cocktails to design and taste, bread and cheese with a pay bar available. We sold out last time so don't leave it to the last minute to get your tickets!

#### Literary Adventures at Elsworth Pre-School

Elsworth Pre-School is going from strength to strength. The staff have worked really hard to transform the Pre-School creating more space and new opportunities for children to learn

Each week a 'Book of the Week' is used to create fun learning activities around its theme such as; making Gruffalo crumble and re-enacting the story using props and costumes or measuring and cutting broomstick lengths to enhance mathematical skills with 'Room on the Broom'. We have a fantastic weekly newsletter showing all the children's literary adventures, which you can see on our website www. elsworthpreschool.org.

From yoga to creating a giant scarecrow, each week contains a range of fun opportunities for young children.

The lovely staff team help children learn through play. They observe sounds children struggle to say then make these the 'Sound of the Week'. Having songs, games and bringing 'show and tell' items with the sound in helps the children's pronunciation and





phonemes. This way children's learning is supported without them realising.

The caring staff team skilfully play, observe and take great pride in looking after the children in our 'home from home ethos' setting.

We also had great fun with an Easter Bunny Trail around Fardell's Lane at the end of March. The children loved spotting the letters in the eggs hidden on trees to

spell some code words. We had a great time with crafts and refreshments in the pavilion afterwards. A big thank you to Fardell's Lane Nature Reserve Group for their support.

Elsworth Pre-School currently has limited spaces this academic year but does have spaces available including 'free' government funded hours from September for up to 27 hours per week (Pre-School is closed Friday afternoons).

Contact Julie Fretwell, Pre-School Manager for more details or to arrange a visit on 01954 268050,

email elsworthpreschool@hotmail.com website: www.elsworthpreschool.org



## Elsworth Cocktail & Quiz Night

7.30pm, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June Elsworth Sports Pavilion

#### Tickets £12 including:

- Cocktail Competition
- General Knowledge Quiz
- Cocktails to taste
- Bread and Cheese

Enter as a team of 8 or be matched with a table, pay bar and raffle on the night

#### Tickets available from Elsworth Village Shop after Easter

For more information visit www.elsworthpreschool.org/events

Email: elsworthpreschoolcommittee@gmail.com
In aid of Elsworth Pre-School, Registered Charity no. 276795

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## Pendragon Takeover Day 2019!

As a governor I am in the privileged position of being able to visit the school regularly and see what is going on from the 'inside'. My children (Year 2 and Year 4) have been excited for the past two weeks about the upcoming Takeover Day and so I took the opportunity last Friday and arrived unannounced to see what all the fuss was about! I am so pleased that I did as what I saw was fabulous and moved me to write this article.

Firstly, what is Takeover Day? The answer, exactly as it sounds: the children take over the school for the day. Year 6 children take on the roles of Headteacher, Deputy and other lead members of staff and children from any year group



can volunteer to take on any other jobs across the school including teaching and working in the office. The children are expected to be independent and resourceful. For example they must plan their lessons and collect the resources they need themselves. The teachers are there for support, encouragement and advice where needed.

When I arrived at school I was greeted by two smiley Year 4 girls who were busy shredding paper in the office. I asked them what they were up to and they told me their role including answering the telephone and speaking to anyone who might come to Reception. One told me, "I like being in the office. It's fun. I did it last year and wanted to do it again." My son (Year 2) did a shift in the office and later told me excitedly about how he had counted the money.

As I moved around the school from classroom to classroom I was overwhelmed by the happy, settled atmosphere and the range of activities on offer. All the children were engaged – mesmerised in some cases – and were clearly learning new things from their peers. To give you a flavour, I saw a Year 2 class sat on the carpet learning about volcanoes from two



older girls who had photos and information displayed on the interactive whiteboard. Year 6 were being lead in a game of dodgeball in the Hall. Miss Ruffle told me that the Year 6 'teachers' had "done it all themselves. They sensibly started with a warm up whilst the Hall space was being cleared from a previous activity then got onto the game." The class were clearly enjoying the early morning exercise. In Year 1, three Year 2 boys were demonstrating to a transfixed class how to decorate a monster biscuit whilst a further three Year 2 girls were busy as bees quietly preparing for their lesson which was next. As I strolled past Year 4 I saw a class being taught times tables by two Year 6s. Opposite in the computer room Year 5 were learning programming and Mrs Millard told me that a Year 4 boy was joining them later in the day to teach a Maths lesson. In Year 3 there was even a lesson in making slime where the two Year 5 teachers had arranged the class into pairs and encouraged them to work together effectively for the reward of bright colours and sparkles!

It struck me that the children were all learning so much that day, both social and academic, in whatever role they chose to fulfil. Children being teachers were swelling in confidence as they received respect and positive feedback from their classes; children in the office were getting an insight into an important - often overlooked - area of the school whilst using skills learnt in the classroom in a real context; and children involved in lessons were learning new things and perhaps also being inspired to have a go themselves next year? A year 4 told me, "You get to experience what it's like to be a teacher. It helps you know what it's like and whether you want to be a teacher when you're grown up." And of course everyone I asked about the day said, "It's fun!"

I am proud to be a governor at Pendragon Primary School. It allows me to make a meaningful difference to my local

school and it is flexible in a way that means I am able to fit it around work and looking after my four children. I started as a community governor over ten years ago before I had children of my own and I find it a really rewarding role. We are always looking for new skills and viewpoints to boost our governing body and would welcome volunteers both from the wider community and as well as parents. Interested? Simply get in touch with the school, any governor or directly to me (krobichaud@pendragon.cambs. sch.uk) and we'll happily tell you all about it. And perhaps next time there is a special event in school, you will be the one enjoying the privilege of a governor visit.



Kim Robichaud



Papworth Astronomy Club

## Wednesday 1st May

Paul Fellows from Cambridge
Astronomical Association will give a talk
titled "Hawking's black holes and the edge
of physics".

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

From April, the Astronomy Club will NOW meet in the North Hall of the Village Hall

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

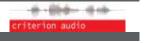


• sunday 31st march • 2.30pm - 4.30pm - David Bowie (Hunky Dory & Ziggy Stardust)

• sunday 28th april • 2.30pm - 4.30pm - Jimi Hendrix Experience

• sunday 31st may • 2.30pm - 4.30pm - 1981 (The Human League & O.M.D.)





# **Cambourne Cambridge 10K Charity Run**

I never knew what Pancreatic Cancer was until my Aunty died of it.....

Cancer can be a difficult to subject to talk about and even harder to write about. My first instinct, like many I'm sure, was to withdraw from what was going on, the complexity – the death and then I realised that writing was a positive approach to raising awareness.

I must have written this piece ten times over and still I wasn't happy with what I was writing. Then all of a sudden something stopped me in my tracks and I realised that anyone who has cancer, who knows someone battling cancer and anyone who has lost someone with cancer will empathise with the difficulty and will be with me.

I don't want this to be a piece of writing solely asking for money, I would like to ask you to take time to sit, take a moment from the bustle of life, pour a coffee or glass of wine (whatever is your preference) and then just read....... My Name is Louise Spicer and I'm going to take part in the Cambridge Cambourne 10k on Sunday 7th April 2019. I decided to run this race to help raise awareness and funds for Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund and in memory of my Aunty Laura.

Laura Renshall fought a hard battle against Pancreatic cancer and sadly lost her life in March this year. She fought hard and was brave and strong until the very end. Her last weeks were spent with her family and she shared some special times at a beautiful Lake House with my Dad and other family in America. These were times they will all treasure forever and the memories will keep Laura alive in their hearts.

When my Dad returned from America, he was stricken with grief and couldn't bear to think of Laura suffering or in pain. He told me how strong Laura was and the battle she was fighting through and he cried on my shoulder, feeling completely helpless.

I immediately wanted to turn this feeling of helplessness into something positive.

Laura has inspired me to be brave in my own little way, to 'step up' and join the fight against Pancreatic cancer. I've loved running for several years and although I'm not a natural runner, I know that if I train and try my best I can run the 10k in her memory and raise valuable funds to help PCRF.

Through research, I have learnt that Pancreatic cancer is an extremely difficult cancer to diagnose and treat because it is unusually aggressive and symptoms such as abdominal pain, unexplained weight loss and jaundice generally don't appear until the disease is well advanced.

Each year, nearly 10,000 people in the UK are diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer and the average survival time after diagnosis is 6 months.

This is shocking and extremely scary and I hope that

by raising awareness of Pancreatic cancer, knowledge can help earlier detection for others.

Knowledge is sometimes the only power we have! Research into this disease is underfunded compared with other types of cancer, (less than 2% of overall research funding) and I want to help raise funds to help world-class research.



## #GoMollyGo - Motorsport Charity race



Sam Tomlinson, British Motorsport Champion from Papworth Everard, will be competing in a Britcar Endurance Motorsport race on August 10th at Snetterton, where he will be racing the world beating Ginetta G55 Car. The aim is to help promote the Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT) and raise at least £5,000

to help towards the

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit who have been looking after his daughter who has been there since her birth in December.

Sam said "My daughter, Molly, has spent her short life to date in Addenbrooke's NICU only leaving for two weeks to endure heart surgery at Great Ormond Street. Molly was born on the 28th December 2018 with a very rare genetic abnormality, being the fourth recorded person in the world to have this. This genetic abnormality has affected the development of numerous organs, namely her heart and lungs. Molly's future is full of uncertainty but she fights on every day and we remain positive."

"Addenbrooke's hospital have been absolutely amazing and the care they have not only given to Molly but to us all as a family has been second to none. I am sharing our story to help raise awareness of the charity and hopefully raise the target figure enabling us to give back to the people who save and nurture so many baby's every day."

Molly's just giving page is https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sam-tomlinson5 #GoMollyGo, any donations will be gratefully received.

There are also options available If you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor for the actual race as the race will be covered on Sky Sports to over 14 million viewers too, if you are keen to learn more on this please contact samtomo83@gmail.com or 07725365566 for further details



## **Easter Fun Run**

An Egg-cellent time was had by all at the Easter 2k family fun run. It was the second year this event had been organised by the Papworth runners and the Friends of Pendragon. This years event was even bigger than last year



with 190 runners completing the 2k course and lots of U5's taking place in the Bunny dash. The event once again saw the runners chasing the Easter hare around the course, whilst the Easter bunny made sure that everyone finished the run safely and was hand with a basket of chocolate for those who needed an energy burst.

The event raised a fantastic £540 for the Friends of Pendragon and and additional £59.00 raised for Magpas from the chocolate tombola. A very big thank you to Chris Harding, the Papworth runners, Friends of Pendragon and Pendragon school for making the event happen.



The top three boys and top three girls from the run were presented with a trophy:

Boys: 1st Kieron, 2nd Ryan, 3rd William Girls: 1st Sophie, 2nd Cara, 3rd Thalia





## Papworth Res 2 - Bassingbourn Res 1



An emotional afternoon for the club after the sad passing of Papworth legend Bill Munnerley was observed with a respectful minutes silence by the hosts and visitors Papworth Res make it 3 wins on the bounce with another well grounded out performance, not the most entertaining game but the hosts got past the line to take all 3 points



## **Papworth Tennis Club**

The arrival of Spring means it's time to dig out the tennis racquet and get down to the Papworth Tennis Club! We're open for new members and you'll find our 19/20 membership form on our website (www. papworthtennis.co.uk). Alternatively, please send us an email at papworthtennis@hotmail.co.uk and we'll answer any queries you have about joining the Tennis Club. We have social Club Nights every Monday and Wednesday from 6.30 pm onwards and players of all standards are most welcome.

We have 2 Tennis Open Days planned for 2019: Sunday 19th May and Sunday 21st July. We'll be open from 10:00 – 14:00 and, this year, these Great British Tennis Weekends will be sponsored by Nature Valley. Everyone is welcome to join us and try tennis for the first time – or just dig out the old trainers for a run around the courts chasing tennis balls!



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