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New Cycle Path between Papworth Everard and Caxton Gibbett

Confirmation has been received from the County Council Officers that the proposed pathway between Papworth Everard and Caxton Gibbett has been given approval.

As well as accommodating a path of sufficient width (likely to be 2.5 metres in width) there are a couple of culverts that need rebuilding and extending. The road will also benefit from getting a kerb along its length which helps with drainage and protecting the grass verge.

We have funding from Highways England 'Designated Funds' and from 'Integrated Transport Block' which is funding from Department for Transport.

To construct the works will entail two way traffic lights which undoubtedly will cause some degree of queueing in the local area.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of those who got involved in National Smile Month.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the winners of the Goody bags.

The answers were:

Brushing - twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.

Sugars - reduce frequency & amount.

Visit your dentist - at least once a year.

KEEP SMILING.



BIN COLLECTION DATES

Thu 11 Jul 2019		●	●
Thu 18 Jul 2019	●		
Thu 25 Jul 2019		●	●
Thu 1 Aug 2019	●		
Thu 8 Aug 2019		●	●
Thu 15 Aug 2019	●		

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VARRIER JONES SOCIAL CLUB

Our Meeting on the 7th June had a slightly disappointing turnout of 27 members although 38 had booked. Our best wishes and get well soon to those of you who were unable to make it due to illness and we hope to see you before too long.



The afternoon started with our Speaker, Derek Harris with his Talk "Up the Cut" which gave an extremely amusing and informative history to the canals, locks, those who built and operated them. Dressed in a Barger's outfit complete with the decorative belt, Derek's talk together with original Barger's folk songs proved a good start to our Strawberry Tea afternoon. Derek has also written a couple of books about the people of the "the cut" which was the term used by the boating

families back in the commercial days and these were available to buy with half the profits from the books together with half of Derek's fee going to the charity Foxton Inclined Plane Trust. The FIPT operate The Foxton Canal Museum at Foxton in Leicestershire which maybe is a place we could look to visit in the future

The Committee had certainly done us proud with a varied selection of finger rolls and a variety of cakes and, of course, plenty of Strawberries and cream. All washed down with the usual cups of tea. This was followed by our Raffle before we made our way home again feeling ready for that afternoon sleep!!

Our Coach trip to the Arboretum in Staffordshire on 17 July 2019 will leave Papworth from the usual bus stops starting at 9am from Wood Lane.

Tickets for the show "Kinky Boots" at the Theatre in Milton Keynes for the 6th November have been purchased and the Booking list is still open, payment needed with bookings. Contacts: Audrey on 01480 831053 or Eddie on 01480 830338. This is an afternoon performance but the coach will leave Papworth to get us to Milton Keynes in time for lunch before the performance, or maybe a quick tour of the shops – both of which are quite close to the theatre.

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. Normal 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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PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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New Councillors

The Parish Council would like to welcome three new members to its ranks.

At the June Parish Council meeting, Luke Phillips, Mark Hersom and Paul Patching were co-opted to the Parish Council. Each brings their own individual skill set, knowledge and experience to the Parish Council and we look forward to working with them going forward.

The Parish Council currently has 11 Councillors but still has vacancies for 2 more to bring us up to the full complement of 13.

If you have a real interest in the village or are new to the village and want to get more involved why not come and have a chat and see if it's for you?

We're looking for people who can rise to the challenge and make a commitment to improving the quality of life for everybody in our village, no matter what your age or experience.

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

We hold 11 Parish Council meetings per year and in addition you will be required to become a member of one or more of our sub-committees (Amenities and Playing Fields, Village Hall, Planning) and will be able to get involved in working groups looking at specific projects if you wish.

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

Former Councillors

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the recent deaths of two of our former Councillors.

Bob Baker had been a long standing member of the Parish Council including holding the post of Chairman for many years and made a huge contribution to the village over his years on the Council.

Paul Kidson was a Parish Councillor in more recent years prior to resigning his post due to ill health at the end of the summer last year.

Our sincerest condolences go out to both families.

Summer Paddling Pool Attendants Required

The Parish Council is still looking for pool attendants to cover the running and maintenance of the paddling pool over the summer months.

To keep the pool safe for everyone using it, the paddling pool must be cleaned, maintained and water monitored several times per day.

We are looking for people to share cover of approximately 5-6 hours spread out over the day, 7 days a week, from mid-July until early September.

The pool attendant is a paid position and all necessary training will be provided.

If you are able to commit to helping over the Summer period, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01480 832008 or by email clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

WANTED - Tree Warden for the Parish of Papworth Everard

Being a Tree Warden gives people who feel that trees matter, the opportunity to be involved with trees in their local area.

As the eyes and ears of the Parish Council, each Tree Warden decides on their level of involvement, areas of interest and what is useful to their neighbourhood.

The Tree Warden scheme run by South Cambridgeshire District Council gives people opportunities to:

- Champion their local trees and woods
 - Survey trees and gather information about them
 - Provide early warning of threats, disease, decay or vandalism
 - Plant and care for trees
 - Carry out woodland management
 - Involve their neighbours in tree projects
 - Get together with like-minded people for training and field trips
 - Spearhead council initiatives such as its hedge tree campaign to reverse the decline of trees and hedges.
 - Training events are held three times a year at different parish locations and will cover topics which will be tailored to the needs of parishes in South Cambs.
- More information can be found at www.scambs.gov.uk/treewardens
- If you think you could be our Tree Warden, please register your interest with the Assistant Parish Clerk, Clare Taylor assistantclerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

NOTE: This is a volunteer position and is not remunerated.



ELSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL



Heidi Allen launches Elsworth Rocks

Heidi Allen, MP, joined children at Elsworth Pre-School painting pebbles to be hidden around Elsworth village this summer for families to find as part of Elsworth Rocks. Pebbles were also painted at a family drop in on 2nd July and there's something for grown ups too, a Prosecco, Pudding and Pebble Painting evening at Elsworth Sports Pavilion 7.30pm on 9th July. Tickets £10 including a drink and choice of desserts can be bought from Elsworth village shop or can be reserved by emailing elsworthpreschoolcommittee@gmail.com

Heidi Allen said "I'm delighted to support Elsworth Pre-School's fundraising 'Elsworth Rocks' initiative. This is a wonderfully imaginative way to engage the local community and raise vital funds for our Pre-School. I will certainly be keeping my eyes peeled in July for some fun finds and look forward to seeing what our villagers manage to create at the Family Drop In or Prosecco, Puddings and Pebbles events in July."

Why not pop over to Elsworth this summer pebble hunting, bring a picnic to have at the playground on the rec and drop in to the village shop for an ice cream? Photos of pebbles found in the village can be posted on Elsworth Rocks Facebook page.

Lots of Papworth children attend Elsworth Pre-School as it's a lovely, friendly, small setting looking onto fields and located 5 minutes drive away in the neighbouring village. Each week contains a range of fun opportunities for young children, from yoga to making Gruffalo crumble as the caring staff team help children

learn through play. We have a fantastic weekly newsletter showing all the children's adventures, which you can see on our website www.elsworthpreschool.org.

The Pre-School is particularly popular with parents considering sending their children to Elsworth Church of England Primary School, which has a strong reputation for being a small, caring faith school. As the catchment area is so small Elsworth CoE Primary usually has spaces for Papworth children. The Pre-School is located next to the main school and Pre-School children visit the school frequently to assist with transition, as well as having the older primary school children come and visit the Pre-School to play with them so they have some familiar faces when they start school.

Elsworth Pre-School currently has spaces available from September including 'free' government funded hours 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



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Services at St Peter's Church

7th July	10.30	Morning Prayer
14th July	10.30	Holy Communion
21st July	10.30	Prayer & Praise
28th July	10.30	Holy Communion
4th August		No Service
11th August	10.30	Holy Communion
18th August	10.30	Morning Prayer
25th August	10.30	Holy Communion



Hilton Methodist Church Services in July & Aug

July 7th	10:00am
	Morning Worship
July 14th	11:15am
	United Service at the Methodist Church
July 21st	10:00am
	Mr A. Sainsbury
July 28th	10:00am
	Rev. P. Beard
August 4th	10:00am
	Rev. A. Taylor
August 11th	10:00am
	Mrs. B. Spencer
August 18th	10:00am
	Morning Worship
August 25th	10:00am
	Rev C. Owen



Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector We have 2 ears and 1 tongue!

Whether we voted 'LEAVE' or 'REMAIN' the perturbing outcomes of the past 3 years are the deep divisions, families and friendship groups fragmented and alarming levels of anger being displayed all over the country. We have found ourselves struggling to disagree without becoming disagreeable.

This is nothing new. The Bible reminds us these sorts of behaviours are as old as the human species. This makes me think the fundamental problems of the age are unlikely to be solved by advances in science and technology. For example, the eruption of

social media, for all its' good, is contributing to our worst behaviours spreading far more rapidly – on the pressing of a button or the touch of a screen.

When desk-top computers were first becoming commonplace. I could see how these could become a mixed blessing. My response – in days when I had a "proper job", working in a large administrative centre – was to reduce the numbers of technically-transmitted conversations to a minimum by going on 'walkabout'; taking a file to a colleague in another department rather than relying on the internal mailing system and other such strategies. It may not have seemed the best use of time to some, but it did a lot for working relationships, mutual understanding, partnership on matters of joint concern and the like.

We are now in the season of fetes, feast weeks and other similar gatherings. The challenge many face is the number of equally worthy demands for such things happening often at one and the same time. I have to make choices. Therefore, I know the temptation just to throw in a voluntary donation in the hope it salves my conscience about missing the pre-meetings, the practical tasks required in advance and the events themselves. As far as possible, to be there, to listen to one another, to catch up on news and appreciate what others have been dealing with that is probably more important than the nature of the event we happen to be supporting. Let's remember, also, those who are chronically ill or housebound who would love to be engaged in what we may spurn or feel too pressed to engage with.

In all the national uncertainty around, maybe the best response is to make sure we are out and about being together and listening well to what we all have to say. We may discover there is more that unites us than is cause for division; and if we can't say what we have to say charitably and with concern for how it is heard maybe we should hold our piece!

Coffee Morning
Saturday, August 3rd FairTrade Coffee
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at 3pm

St Peter's Church - Church Lane



Bill Munnerley 14/6/1943 - 22/3/2019

Viv, Lindsey and family would like to say thank you to everyone for the overwhelming support and kindness received following the passing of Bill.

Bill moved to Papworth in 1972 after serving 9 years in the Royal Navy. He first worked in the Coach builders and then worked at Grace, Tereson and then Collins and Aikman in St Neots until he retired in 2006.

He was a dedicated family man and his proudest moment was when he became a Grandad.

He originated from Merseyside and naturally was an avid Liverpool FC fan. Football was in his blood through and through. Papworth Football club was one of the main focuses of his life and he looked forward to football season. Over the years it became more difficult for him to be on the sidelines, but he was always there in spirit, as he probably is today.

He passed away peacefully in Addebrookes Hospital on 22nd March with his family around him.

We will miss him forever.

Organist Required

Hilton Methodist Church is looking for a pianist, organist or keyboard player to join our organists' rota, for one Sunday per month (on average).

The instrument is a Viscount electronic organ.

**If you are interested, please ring
Ian Woods on 830686 or
Malcolm Lynn on 831629**

Papworth Football Club

Papworth FC will be holding a memorial game of football on Saturday 13th July 2019 to celebrate the life of Bill Munnerley following his sad passing away in March.

Bill lived in the village and was a massive part of the Football Club, he played for Papworth and following this coached both kids and adults teams as he continued to contribute to our club.

In the recent years Bill has been one of our most committed supporters, he will be dearly missed by the whole club and anyone that knew him.

We will be having a bbq and refreshments for sale to raise money on the day, which will be donated to a charity of the family's choice in Bill's memory.

Kick-off: 1.00pm - Please arrive by 12.00 to arrange teams for people wishing to play.

Location: King George IV Playing fields, Papworth Everard

Fee to play: £10 per player to go to charity

We welcome all to come down, either to join in on the football or spectate to support this game.

Further to this we should you wish to join our football club please contact Richard Elt on 07767 254 481 or through our Papworth FC Facebook page.



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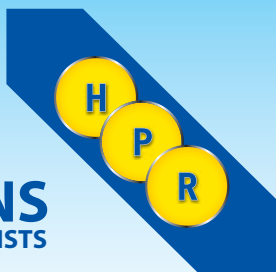
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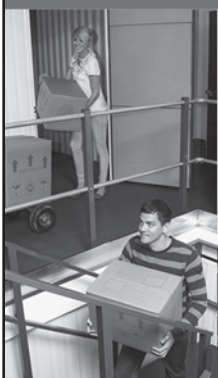
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What a difference a day makes!

By Liv Myson, Co-Chair of Friends of Pendragon

On Saturday 22nd June, between the hours of 10am and 4pm, over 100 volunteers walked through the gates at Pendragon Primary School - in a bid to "Make a Difference"!

Friends of Pendragon, the charity set up to help enrich the educational experience of the children attending Pendragon Primary School, this year set themselves a couple of extra goals, alongside their fundraising pledges! These goals were to increase community engagement with the school AND to increase the number of volunteers helping out at school. This goal, in conjunction with the School Council wish for coloured fences, gave birth to an idea... a Make a Difference Day.

A sub-committee was created, with Nicki Coles leading, to bring together both a list of jobs that could be done to make the school more aesthetically pleasing (without taking coffers from the school budget) and to bring together volunteers throughout the community.

With amazing leadership and dedication from the sub-committee; groups and individuals were pulled together to come along and volunteer some time for hard labour, on 22nd June. We had representation from 1st Papworth Scouts, who did an amazing job of clearing the Haven (the environmental area), 1st Papworth Cubs, the Women's Institute, Eltisleys Garden Services, Papworth Everard Litter Pickers, parents, carers, teachers, staff and residents of Papworth alike.

We were truly blown away by the response to our call to "Make a Difference" – even people who could not attend on the day baked and dropped off snacks and drinks to keep the volunteers going. Those ice lollies were VERY welcomed at 2pm – as it was a scorching day, in the sun!

The achievement on the day was phenomenal. Fences were painted (and there was a LOT of fence to paint); bracken was chopped down; the rear gate was cleared to be usable for the Summer Fete (5th July); an outdoor Table Tennis, awarded by the Aviva fund, was put up; a wildlife pond was uncovered with LOADS of frogs; weeds were pulled up; old fences were removed; large areas of ground were prepared ready for a new Year 1 project; paving was jet washed; bins were cleaned; shelves were erected; existing planters were painted; benches were painted; and new planters were built from donated pallets – and, yup you guessed it...painted!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came along to help on the day, helped to plan and organise the day and helped to feed everyone on the day! We shall definitely be doing this again – what an amazing community we have here in Papworth, we should be VERY proud of our community and all we can achieve when we work together!





AVEVA ACTION FOR GOOD

Pendragon's Dragon gets a makeover from AVEVA

Braving the inclement weather, David Henderson (Felix, Amy and Callum's Dad), together with his team of Technical Support Consultants Jackson Wo, Oliver Bartlett, Katarzyna Juda, Mohammadreza Ameri Mahabadian, and Mohamed Ainte worked with Pendragon Community Primary School in Papworth on 11 June to improve a nature spot and footpath for pupils.

AVEVA Action For Good, allows employees of AVEVA to give back to communities they live in. In this case, the AVEVA SpiralSuite support team not only contributed their time but also provided £300 toward bark and plants.

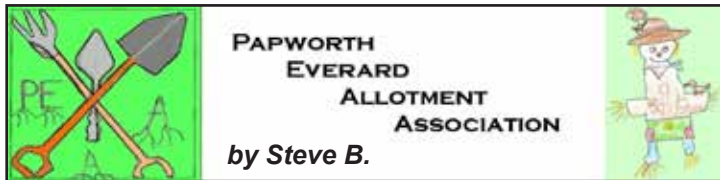
The Haven, a nature area located to the rear of the school, will provide children the chance to immerse themselves in the natural environment and develop practical skills.

The project was coordinated with Year 4 teacher Mrs Huntley who, over the past three years, has been an advocate for students exploring their environment and learning new outdoor skills.

David Henderson said: "The quiet natural areas being created by Mrs Huntley provide all children with peaceful, non-challenging environments to find calm when needed."

"These areas have a very positive effect on everyone so it was great that AVEVA Action for Good gave my team and I the time and funds to help refresh and expand these areas,".





Well we're now at the height of summer, midsummers day – the longest day has passed but we still have many weeks of light bright evenings ahead of us. So far, the weather has been a bit mixed and rather in contrast to last summer when we struggled with scorching heat and drought conditions. In June we had a number of weeks of very wet weather which allowed our water butts to fill up but made it difficult to get much work done on our patches. I've been very thankful for the artificial pathway up the middle of the site making access easier. So, thanks to all those involved in acquiring it and laying it. Likewise, thanks to those who arranged for the water collection system along with a reminder to people to make sure that when they take water from the tanks that they switch off the taps completely. Unfortunately, we recently lost a lot of water due to the taps not being fully closed.



We're now in the middle of the main growing season. Soft fruit is starting to come on stream and there seems to be lots of nice strawberry's around – except on my plot! I changed plots this year and have had to put in new plants so I won't see a lot of produce this year. I've already seen some very nice onions being lifted on other plots and the potatoes seem to be coming along nicely. Not

being much of a salad eater myself I haven't paid much heed to any salad produce on the site but I haven't seen a lot. Personally, I grow any salad leaves I want in troughs in my back garden where I can pick them as I need.



I've always found that they do quite well in troughs. What I did see on the site in my wanderings is that a number of people seem to be having success with growing asparagus. Although I love asparagus, I haven't given it a go myself – it takes time and patience before you start to get good crops. It's a short season but I believe well worth the effort.

I'll end by saying thanks to those few who turned up again to help with maintenance work on the site. It's an ongoing job and we're always grateful for any help you can give – so I'll look forward to seeing more of us the next time.



For anyone that's interested there are still plots available. Just contact the PEAA on the website. Good gardening until the next time.

RE-PLAY PAPWORTH Sunday afternoon vinyl album playbacks.

Mama Mia! Are you a Dancing Queen or a Super Trouper?

What's The Name Of The Game? Come down to the Courtyard café from 2:30-4:30pm on the last Sunday afternoon of each month to hear classic albums played from vinyl on a top-end hi-fi system, with a coffee and a cake (or a drink from the fully-licensed bar). Entry is free, so it won't cost you much Money, Money, Money, with a voluntary donation to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, and well-behaved kids and dogs are welcome.

Each event is themed around an album, artist, year or music genre. We've already heard albums from The Beatles, Neil Young, Michael Jackson, Aretha Franklin, Fleetwood Mac, David Bowie, Jimi Hendrix, the chart pop of 1981 and, last month, Queen.

On Sunday 28th July, following a close-run public vote, we celebrate the music of ABBA. Come and listen, it sounds As Good As New, you might fall Head Over Heels again with vinyl. I know I Do, I Do, I Do. Honey, Honey, you can Take A Chance On Me. Come down and be One Of Us.

I Have A Dream where the Courtyard is full of The Visitors, but Knowing Me, Knowing You they'll say So Long. Voulez-Vous to join us to say Thank You For The Music?

Look out for the posters in the Courtyard, on the village noticeboards and on Facebook – follow www.facebook.com/playpapworth to be notified of forthcoming dates. No internet access? Then Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! a Ring, Ring.

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Papworth Everard Womens Institute



The National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) held its Annual General Meeting on 5th June at the BIC Centre at Bournemouth. It was Papworth Everard's turn to represent itself and three other WIs, namely Cambridge City, Westwick & Oakington and the Cambridge Ladybirds. Our delegate Pat and our Observer Daphne had a wonderful day along with around 2,000 other ladies from around the UK! The atmosphere in the Hall was electric when the meeting commenced with the singing of Jerusalem. It was a most uplifting and inspiring day and we felt very proud

to belong to such a powerful movement. Two resolutions were put forward this year – one for an Appeal Against the Decline in

Local Bus Services and the other Don't Fear the Smear – both very important issues. Both resolutions were carried unanimously and WIs across the country will now take action at both local and national levels to ensure appropriate steps be taken to resolve these issues in the future.

You will have heard about the wonderful Sunday afternoon's entertainment arranged by our choir, Lyrical Voices, on Sunday 9th June at the Village Hall. The choir performed several songs and were supported by many local musical artists. Lovely WI tea and cakes were served during the interval.

Our speaker at our meeting this month was the wonderful Dr Tim Wreghitt who spoke about Building a Stand for Chelsea Flower Show. Dr Tim is a Consultant Clinical Virologist who

walked us through the many stands that he was involved with at Chelsea in conjunction with the Royal College of Pathologists, many of which were awarded silver, silver gilt and gold medals. The themes of the stands were centred around plants and their role in medicine, explaining the link between plants, diseases and remedies. The stands always attracted many celebrities, and was a favourite stop of Her Majesty the Queen. We were all enthralled by Dr Tim and we all left with lots to think about the plants living in our gardens.



As shown below another delicious lunch! – this month at Bourn Golf Club

Attention ladies!!! Date for your diary: Friday 16th August – Prosecco and Cupcakes!!

Come along and join us at the Studio from 7.30pm – bring a friend too - and meet some of the PEWI ladies for an informal fun evening. The WI is such an inspirational organisation and we're looking for new faces to help us push forward into the future ☐. We're a lovely, friendly bunch at "Brownies for grown-ups" and we look forward to seeing you.

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Heidi Allen Member of Parliament for South Cambridgeshire

Before I launch into my usual monthly constituency update, I thought it important to explain what has happened recently in terms of my own party allegiance. As you will know, I left the Conservative Party in February to sit as an Independent MP because I was concerned the Party

had drifted to the right and it was more concerned with its own survival than the national interest. Early polling results gave us, as Independents, the confidence to formalise into a party structure, named "Change UK" to fight the European elections at the end of May. However it soon became clear that the Brexit Party was storming ahead. Believing passionately that the National interest must always come first, and that Nigel Farage did not have the right answers for the country's future, I felt our support should shift to other Remain parties who were faring better than us in the polls.

I was unable to convince a majority of Change UK MPs of this strategy and they remained steadfastly of the opinion that the party should seek to achieve as many votes for itself rather than collaborate with other parties

Now the European elections are over, I remain unwavering in my strong belief that the country must always come first. As such, I have stepped down from Change UK and returned to sit once again as an Independent with four other colleagues – Sarah Wollaston, Luciana Berger, Angela Smith and Gavin Shuker.

There are two principal reasons as to why I have done this.

I do not believe I can serve my constituents and country well if I put party interests ahead of theirs.

Secondly, the political landscape remains very volatile. In the coming weeks and months I can easily envisage MPs leave the Conservative Party because they cannot tolerate a new Prime Minister who advocates a hard Brexit or no deal Brexit. Equally, there are Labour colleagues who will no longer tolerate Jeremy Corbyn's inability to fight as an opposition leader should.

Recognising that it is very difficult for MPs to leave their parties and immediately join other ones, I believe my role will be to help convene a safe neutral space in the centre ground of Parliament and offer a home for those MPs. It will allow us to work alongside the Liberal Democrats, Greens, SNP, Change UK and Plaid Cymru in the national interest, ensuring we do not crash out of the EU with no deal.

As an Independent MP with a reputation for cross party working and prioritising the national interest over party allegiance, I feel strongly that I will be able to help act as a convener.

It is my strong belief that this is what the country needs right now.

Back onto local issues!

Highways England have launched the latest stage of their consultation, seeking your views on the proposed route for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements.

The consultation webpage has "fly-through" videos which show what the roads and the junctions will look like. They are an excellent way of not only getting a clearer understanding of the route but also looking at specific "pinch points" along the route including Black Cat roundabout, the Eltisley junction and the roundabout at Caxton Gibbet.

There are also a number of local consultation events taking place including:

Saturday 29th June from 10am to 4pm
at Newton Primary School, Eltisley

Monday 15th July from 12 noon to 8pm
at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Cambourne

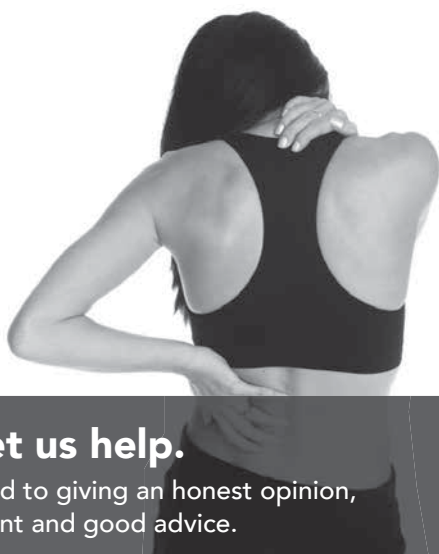
A mobile visitor centre on
Friday 12th July between 8.30am to 2.30pm
at Pendrill Court, Ermine Street North, Papworth Everard

The consultation is available here and is open until 28th July - <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a428-black-cat-to-caxton-gibbet-improvements/>



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Visitors are welcome to attend any of our meetings.

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June has been all about sewing up squares at the Papworth Craft Group! The number of squares residing in various bags and boxes reached unmanageable proportions. So, it was agreed that June would be devoted to sharing the load of sewing the squares together! Goodness, this is not a speedy task! The response to the call, in this column, for donations of any spare yarn or finished squares has been wonderful. At the second meeting in June, a large box of yarn came into the library, much of it brand new. It is being sorted for distribution. The whole group would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has knitted squares and donated yarn. Happy July! Hopefully more space for news next month!

Space is at a premium in this month's News & Views, so just a very quick update.

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The Papworth Peloton

After months of training On Sunday 2nd June, a group of 7 of us entered into the Tour of Cambridgeshire 'ToC 100' - This is 100 mile Sportive cycling on closed roads, so no traffic.

What a lovely day, the weather was possibly a little too hot for such exertions, after pre registering for the ride on the Sat where we were issued with our start numbers and timing chips before all meeting up at Peterborough Showground with 10's of thousands of other cyclist's, It sure was certainly a sight to behold.

We joined what seemed like an endless queue and waddled our way to the official start and timing mat. The 100 mile route took us out over the A1 towards Eton, through Washingley, Caldecote, Great Gidding, Winick, Hamerton, Old Weston, Leighton Bromswold, Barnham, Buckworth, Alconbury Weston, Monks Wood, past Woodwalton along the old A1 to the first pit stop at 47 miles on the old RAF Alconbury airbase. What a disaster that turned out to be no food and water running out fast, after a short rest we regrouped and set of again the route followed the old taxi way around the airstrip before heading out of the far side of the airbase past 100's of new Audi's & VW's towards Abbots Ripton, and onto Wennington, Great Raverley, Upwood, Ramsey Heights (all the time we were looking out for a convenience stores for some provisions) then in Ramsey St Marys there was a gathering of parked bikes, we parked



Left to Right as we crossed the finish line in the Purple team kit Ben, Mike, Paul, Lee G, Sharon, Lee H, Sue (in White)

up and joined very long queue in a small village shop to buy some drinks snacks, samosa's and Jaffa cakes, the ring of the till would have made Arkwright a very happy man, feeling refreshed and refuelled we pedalled on towards Ponderserdridge, missing the 2nd pit stop which had reports of dwindling supplies, so with a tail wind powered on through the Ramsey's Mereside then Forty Foot we looped back and struggled along the opposite bank of the Forty Foot into an awful painful headwind, we continued through Benwick, towards Whittlesey and back to Pondersbridge, we stopped for the 3rd and final time this time greeted by rationed supplies. We then headed out for the final 15 miles to the finish through Facet, after Yaxley we turn left toward the A1 at Norman cross and then alongside on the A1 to Haddon Elton We all managed to complete the 100miles and crossed the finish line as a group of 7 and were rewarded with a medal for our effort and a well need beer from one of the spencer's.

What an achievement some of the group have cycled for years and participated in many 100 miles events, for some it was their first and hopefully not there last.

Huge congratulations to us all.

If any one fancies joining us for a ride we meet outside the Nisa shop on a Sunday morning the times vary but normally are around 8 or 8.30 for a couple of hours and during the lighter summer months we also meet on a Wednesday evening normally at 7.30 for a pedal and a pint.

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