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Do you have some time and energy to spare, helping older people?

Papworth Day Centre is looking for a new coordinator. The Day Centre operates on Tuesdays, looking after up to 15 clients. The clients are brought by bus, entertained during the day by the volunteers and given lunch, and then returned home in the bus; they all enjoy their day hugely. The current coordinator has undertaken the role for 10 years and is now busy with other things so can't continue.

Speak to Dr David Cronk, or the current coordinator Jenny Howlett on 01480 492697.


BIN COLLECTION DATES

Thu 8 Aug 2019		●	●
Thu 15 Aug 2019	●		
Thu 22 Aug 2019		●	●
Fri 30 Aug 2019	●		
Thu 5 Sep 2019		●	●
Thu 12 Sep 2019	●		

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VARRIER JONES SOCIAL CLUB

Our July Meeting was well attended with 30 Members present. Our speaker for this month was Bob Jones with his talk "I'm a Paramedic, can I help you?" and I have to admit that because he was interesting and informative as well as amusing I completely forgot to get his photo for our records. Following Bob's talk I took a look at the TV programme "Ambulance" to which he had referred and can only admire the skill and dedication of all the staff both on the front line and behind the scenes in the call centres. Grateful thanks to you all.



Our Coach trip to the Arboretum in Staffordshire on 17 July 2019 left Papworth on time and after a comfortable journey with no delays we arrived with plenty of time for refreshments before the Land Train ride which took us all around the Arboretum with very clear audio commentary. For those of us who were unable to walk very far this was an excellent way of seeing everything that was there and getting all the relevant information including a view of the River Tame which runs alongside. Unfortunately if you got off the train you were unable to get back on a later one but this still was an excellent way of getting round the vast site. The restaurant

and café provided a variety of food and the gift shop was well stock with various books and gifts. We were very fortunate that although leaving the Arboretum at 4pm and heading back to the notorious A14 around Huntingdon we still made very good time and were back in Papworth just after 6pm with no delays. Once again we need to thank all our friends from other local Groups who joined us on this trip which we would not be able to do without them and hope to see them all again on a future trip. A great day out.

Tickets for the show "Kinky Boots" at the Theatre in Milton Keynes for the 6th November have now all been sold however, if you would like to go on the drop out list, then please give us a call to either 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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Paddling Pool & Play Area

The school summer holidays are upon us, and it's great to see lots of families making use of the paddling pool and play area in the village.

The paddling pool opened for the summer as planned on Sunday 21st July and is scheduled to be open until the weekend of 7th/8th September. A big thank you to Mark, Paul and Luke for all their hard work cleaning and preparing the pool ready for use.

As in previous years, two temporary toilets have been sited at the play area for convenience, plus, this year we have also provided a disabled access toilet with baby change facility. The toilets are emptied and serviced a minimum of twice a week and checked daily.

The pool is maintained regularly throughout the day – but please help us to keep the pool as clean as possible for everyone to enjoy.

Do not allow children covered in mud and dirt to go in the pool – dirt and silt can easily block the filters.

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

We would like to thank Adrian, Eddie, Edward and Ofek who have stepped up to maintain the pool and who are doing a sterling job in ensuring the paddling pool and surrounding area is kept clean and tidy and safe to use.

With the high numbers of people using the paddling pool a huge amount of rubbish is generated.

Please take your rubbish home with you whenever possible, including food scraps and soiled nappies, and use the rubbish bins at the play area for general litter only.

The paddling pool attracts families from far and wide, many of who travel by car which can create parking problems on Ermine Street North, Chequers Lane and Varrier Jones Drive.

If you are visiting the paddling pool why not leave the car at home and walk?

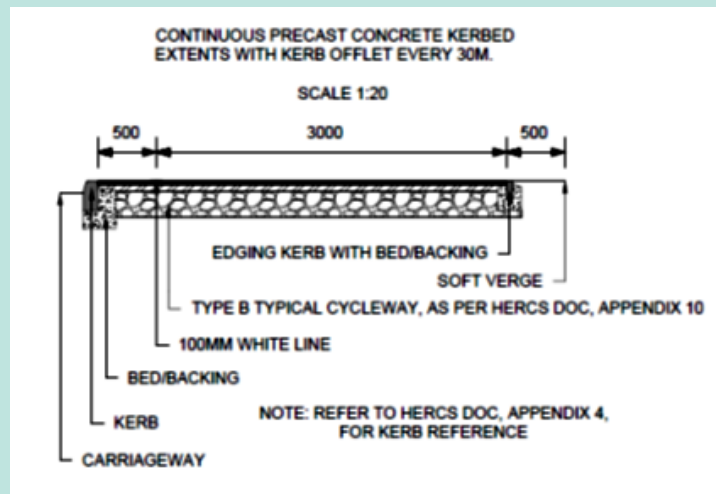
We would request that people who do drive, park with consideration for other motorists, do not cause an obstruction and park within the rules of the Highway Code.

Papworth to Cambourne (Caxton Gibbet) Cycle Path update

The following information has been provide by Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways Department:

- New path to be constructed on the east side on highway verge extending from the roundabout to the south of Papworth Everard to link to the path on the north side of the A428 at Caxton Gibbet, hence providing a link from Papworth through to Cambourne.
- Funding for the new path has been confirmed: some from Highways England and some from Cambridgeshire County Council.
- Three culverts will need to be extended to accommodate the width of the path.
- British Telecom poles have already been relocated.
- The width of the path will vary depending on the width of verge

available. This will generally be 3.5 metres wide. A typical cross section would be:



- It is hoped that work can commence in the Autumn, but this is subject to agreeing a cost with our contractor, and the interface with current A14 works (as the A1198 is on their diversion route).
- The traffic management arrangements, programme and working hours are still to be agreed, but it is likely that two way traffic signals will be in place operating 9.30-15.30 Monday to Friday for several months.

Village Hall

The Village Hall is a great space to hold all types of event and can be booked 7 days a week.

Both the main Hall with its stage area and well equipped kitchen and the adjoining smaller North Hall are available for medium to large sized events plus there's a smaller seminar room on the first floor is available for meetings or small groups.

From Wedding receptions, children's birthday parties with bouncy castles and exercise classes to fashion shows, radio controlled car racing, prayer sessions, conferences and concerts - we've had them all !

Further information including the tariff of charges can be found on the Parish Council's website (Amenities) or to discuss your requirements or check availability, please email the Bookings Clerk, Clare Taylor villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

Parish Office Summer Holiday Opening

Due to holiday commitments over the summer holidays, there will be days when the Parish Office is closed. If you are planning to visit the office please call ahead to make sure someone is here before you come down ! Tel: 01480 830360



ELSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL



A Fantastic Year at Elsworth Pre-School

We've had an amazing year at Elsworth Pre-School. A huge thank you to the Papworth parents who have supported us this year especially to those who helped at our Make a Difference day in July. We've fundraised over £2000, had high numbers, great feedback from parents and launched our newsletter covering all our weekly activities.

As the weather heated up we stayed cool with science. Children discovered they could use salt water to melt ice eggs to release dinosaurs. As well as fun science activities, our book of the week provided inspiration for a range of activities including magic

magnets, making bird food and even playing with pretend frogs spawn!

Heidi Allen visited us to launch Elsworth Rocks where painted pebbles have been created and hidden round the village. If you fancy a walk round Elsworth this summer you may find some. Visit www.facebook.com/elsworthrocks to log your finds – a few might



email elsworthpreschoolcommittee@gmail.com for more details.

Most parents who visit Elsworth Pre-School choose it for their children. Book a visit in September to find out why!

Elsworth Pre-School has places available from September for up to 27 funded hours. 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

4th Aug	No Service this week
11th Aug	10.30 Holy Communion
18th Aug	10.30 Morning Prayer
25th Aug	10.30 Holy Communion



Nigel di Castiglione Team Rector

We don't know what we've got . . .

. . . until it's gone!

Waking to discover the water supply to the whole village has been cut off was a shock. Because this was the result of an unexpected burst main there was no time to prepare; but to find workers repairing the problem was another reminder of how much we take for granted. Losing our water supply happens rarely, in this country; but for many around the world it is a common affliction. just another thing to cope with on a regular basis.

There is a principle worth grasping: choosing to be thankful rather than nurturing a sense of entitlement can be a key to transforming our outlook, culture, the attractiveness of a locality and the impact of our lives.

Thankfulness is a mindset that fosters generosity which strengthens community and reduces isolation. Thankfulness is the reaction which will prompt others to offer help when needs become known; because it drives the conclusion that your problem is my opportunity to lend a hand and become part of the solution.

The news the school had to be closed and some businesses could not open today due the absence of a water supply will have put hundreds of people to immediate inconvenience; but it is marvellous, with so much technology built into our lives, many will have found this out before arriving at the school gates or having driven miles only to find a "closed today" sign hanging on the door. It is when we can be thankful for the small things, we are starting to make headway towards thankfulness as a hallmark of who we are.

The summer months can be a time for holidays, changes in the regular routines and (dare I suggest) a bit more time to take stock of just how well-resourced many of us are. Let's make this summer a time to reflect, make choices about how we will become more generous, more community-minded, more aware of when where we can lend a hand and how we can be part of making a difference. The impact can be to the benefit of my neighbour, the community I live or work in; it may even ripple out globally when I decide to get involved in an overseas project we are aware of.

One of the greatest miracles Jesus did is known as the 'Feeding of the 5,000'. He was given 5 simple loaves and a couple of fish. We read he gave thanks and the miracle of multiplication happened as the distribution was made. The challenge is not so much understanding how, but to discover God's goodness is released through thankful people.



Hilton Methodist Church Services in Aug & Sept

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	
September 1st	10:00am
Morning Worship	
September 8th	11:15am
United Service at the Parish Church	
September 15th	10:00am
Morning Worship	
September 22nd	10:00am
Morning Worship	
September 29th	10:00am
Morning Worship	

Fair Trade Coffee Morning

Saturday, September 7th
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Roman Catholic Mass

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at 6pm and 4th Sunday
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St Peter's Church - Church Lane

Thank you from EACH

All at East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) would like to say a big thank you to anyone and everyone who has ever supported us, whether by raising money, donating items to one of our shops or volunteering, as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of our hospice in Milton.



It was on 1 August, 1989 that Diana, Princess of Wales opened what was at the time only one of four children's hospices in the world. Today there are 54.

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hospice is not just about end of life care; it is often a very happy and fun place where young people can live life to their full potential.



We need to raise £5,600 a day to run it and overall EACH needs to raise £6.4 million from fundraising - we have open air screenings of Bohemian Rhapsody coming up at Ely Cathedral, Huntingdon Racecourse and Audley End on 31 August, 7 September and 21 September respectively - and £4.9 million from our shops, with our vital care and support delivered free of charge.

We are also heavily reliant on volunteers, with some 1,500 helping us at our hospices and offices, in our shops, at fundraising events and to deliver family support.

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Our show 'Rock for Heroes' will be heading to Burgess Hall, St Ives on the 20th September.

'Rock for Heroes' fundraises in support of Help for Heroes so far on this Tour we have collectively raised 15K+ since starting the tour in February. Our aim is to double that this year and our overall aim is to raise 2.5 Million for the charity.

Details

Rock For Heroes

Fundraising in support of Help for Heroes - Music, Laughter & A Rockin' Night Out for all of the Family!!!!

Details

Venue: Burgess Hall, St Ives

Date & Time: 20th September, 19:30

Ticket Prices: £20

Website: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/cambridgeshire/burgess-hall/rock-for-heroes/e-vyqbmo>

YouTube Link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGUawTRVcgk>

Papworth Everard Womens Institute

Papworth Everard W.I. celebrated it's 12th birthday this month and an evening full of fun began with a glass of wine or soft drink.



This was followed by our speaker, Elaine McGregor from the Nordoff-Robbins organisation. Elaine told us that Nor-doff-Robbins music therapy charity is grounded in the belief that everyone can re-pond to music no matter how ill or disabled. Elaine enthralled us with her stories and the video clips she showed us upheld their view that the unique qualities of music as therapy can enhance communication, support change, and enable people to live more resourcefully and creatively. Elaine works with people of all ages and issues. Elaine had brought along with her a selection of instruments: drums, rattles, cymbals, and so on and before her talk finished we all joined in accompanying Elaine as she played a few well-known songs and from the smiles on members faces no further proof of the efficacy of music was needed!

Our W.I. has a number of individual groups where members get together to enjoy a shared interest and these include cinema and theatre visits, trips to events put on by Cambridge Federation or at Denman College, crafting groups and so on. A favour-ite which usually draws around 20-25 members is our monthly lunch and in

July we met up for delicious food at Johnsons Farm at Old Hurst and members were able to take time to look round the shop and grounds.

The next part of the meeting was for the Breast Cancer Appeal. Members brought along delicious cakes for us to purchase and enjoy with our refreshments (or to take home) and also items for our bring and buy trading table and from the proceeds of this and our raffle ticket money £177.00 was raised for this very worthy cause – a great result. The evening was a great success.

We will be holding a Prosecco and Cupcake evening on Friday 16th August at the Studio by the library and all the ladies of the village, young (over 18) and old, are warmly invited to join us to sample an evening with the W.I. to see what we do. Members will be available to show the things we get up to: patchwork, embroidery, crochet, painting, knitting, card making, and so on. Please feel free to come down and join us and have a look at what goes on.



Early in the month a few W.I. members together with our President and Liz Barrett's husband gathered for a short ceremony to plant the rose "Lovely Lady" in memory of Liz Barrett who had always been so supportive and encouraging to our W.I. The rose is growing in the bed beside the library and is now flourishing and has been flowering profusely.

Why not bring your friends and family along to our open meeting with "RAF Marham – Past Present and Future" to be held at the Village Hall on Friday 27 September 2019 at 7.30-9.30 pm. There is a £5 charge for refreshments and a donation the youth organisations in the village. Tickets for this are now available.

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 £5 including refreshments.



Well, what a turnout on Sunday 9th June and we easily filled every chair in our Village Hall. 'Lyrical Voices', the Papworth and Elsworth WI Choir hosted a musical afternoon at the hall raising money for The Royal Papworth Hospital and the local Day Centre. They started with their rendition of 'Be our Guest' introduced by our very supportive Compare Bert Bartlett who's French incidentally is second to none. Rachel on the Flute then played two very moving pieces 'Chanson de Matin' and 'Jesu Joy of Mans Desires'. This was followed by 'Silver Lining' playing four songs on the keyboard and guitar. The Papworth Handbells were next on with 'Carousel', 'Polaris' and 'Teddy Bears Picnic'. We then enjoyed a 30 minute break while tea and delicious cake was served up by some of our very own WI ladies.

'Sing Papworth' started our second half with 'Londonderry Air', 'Lowlands' a traditional English shanty and 'Chatanooga Choo Choo' a really great performance. Next on, singer Lucy with Sam Fallon on Guitar with their own version of 'Toxic', 'Layla' and 'Landslide', well done to this very young brother and sister duo. Debs and Gerry our Saxophonists played soothing melodic music such as 'Moon River', 'Autumn Leaves', 'As Time Goes By' and



more. 'Lyrical Voices' sang once again and finished with 'World in Union' when all the performers and audience were invited to join in. This was a fitting end to a very communal afternoon. Thanks were given to all the performers, our compare, tea ladies, and everyone who supported these good causes, including Nisa Stores of Papworth. Finally and not the least, to our wonderful musicians Jan and Penny for putting up with us all while we try to learn our words and music. Our afternoon raised the princely sum of £701 proceeds going to our nominated causes.



To pay for Care Home Fees

The Daily Mail has recently been highlighting the issue of homes being sold to cover the cost of Care Home Fees. There have been some horrendous stories, and the additional pain that has been caused for relatives who are seeing their loved ones so distressed about their home being sold. On July 20th in the Saturday Mail we had the story headed "My nan spent her last days terrified she'd have to sell her home" Countless people have been forced to sell up, and it seems grossly unfair that it is only when a person has £23,500 or less that the local council will start to meet the cost of care. It has also been highlighted that council's pay far less than individuals for exactly the same care.

It is estimated that around 33% of us will end up in a Care Home as we live longer and longer, and the present system is a scandal, but that is what we are having to work with.

As my daughter once said "What is the point in buying a house and saving Dad, if at the end of the day, the Council take it all if we have to go into a Care Home"

However, if you plan well ahead then you can protect your house and assets being taken to pay for care. This can be done with a Asset Protection Trust Will, and for a couple costs less than one weeks Care Home fees. It is a way of protecting 50% of your main asset your house, from being taken.

Alternatively you can set up a Family Protection Trust, although this must not be done solely to avoid Care Home Fees (called deliberate deprivation of assets).

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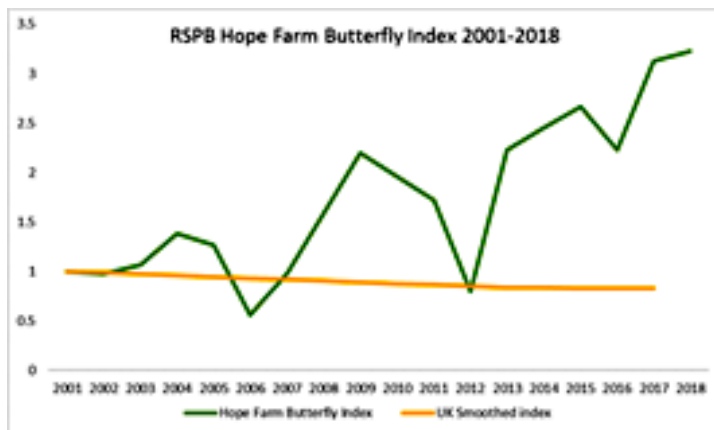
Butterflies at RSPB Hope Farm

Georgie Bray reports

At Hope Farm, we have been monitoring butterflies for almost 20 years. This gives us a measure on whether our wildlife friendly farming management is working. We look after butterflies on our farm by providing 5.4 hectares of wildflower enriched habitats (sown with Knapweed, Musk Mallow, oxeye-daisy and Vetch amongst others), and 4.3 hectares of leguminous clover based nectar resources (sown with clover, sainfoin and Lucerne-like species). This kind of management is made possible through governmental Agri-environment schemes which provide funding to farmers and land managers to farm in a way that supports biodiversity, enhances the landscape, and improves the quality of water, air and soil. The flower rich habitats, together with other sympathetic management techniques for farmland invertebrates have helped the wildlife at Hope Farm, like on other wildlife-friendly farms, soar!

Derek conducts weekly surveys which run from April to September, to see how our butterfly numbers have changed. It provides a wonderful insight into the butterfly populations and how they have responded to our habitat management. Our data is included in the UK's national butterfly monitoring scheme where butterfly trends are recorded from over 2000 sites.

Over the past 20 years we have seen the populations of our butterflies increase by an average 223% comparing with national trends showing two thirds of the UK's butterflies are in decline over



the past 40 years. At Hope Farm, we have seen species that were either absent or scarce colonise in significant numbers, including Marbled White, Brown Argus and Common Blue.

Graph showing the change in our diversity and abundance of butterflies at RSPB Hope Farm against the national average.



Marbled White

How have our butterflies fared in 2019 so far?

We had a good start to the survey season this year, with large numbers of Orange-Tip and Brimstone recorded between mid-April and Early June (one of the reasons the national scheme records for 6 months is to include the flight period for all species) both probably benefitted from a warm Spring.



Brimstone

As we hit July the numbers of Meadow Browns, Ringlets and more recently Gatekeepers have dominated the survey counts and we are on target for a record year for Meadow Brown. Over the next few weeks we hope to see more Peacocks, Small Tortoiseshells and Common Blues as well as the possible forecast influx of Painted Ladies.



Gatekeeper



Painted Lady

Our butterfly monitoring continues weekly until the end of September. I will publish the full results in a blog post on the rspb website in the Autumn once all the counts have been done and the numbers crunched.

Fancy joining in the survey to help monitor butterflies across the country?

Butterfly Conservation are inviting everyone enjoy such moments and to take just 15 minutes to connect with nature and appreciate our butterflies. By taking part in the Big Butterfly Count before the 11th August (the biggest butterfly survey in the world!) your sightings will help provide a snapshot of how well our butterflies are faring. In 2018, the survey had over 100,000 participants which is a testament to the appeal of these fascinating insects.

Visit www.bigbutterflycount.org for full information

Pendragon Community Primary School

The end of term has arrived- what a busy week it was leading up to it. We completed Sporting events for Keystage 1, Keystage 2 and Foundation Stage. The cup was awarded to red house with the house point cup given to the yellow house. Yellow house had an extra playtime as a reward.

Year 6 have managed 4 performances of 'Joseph and his amazing technicolour dreamcoat'. With over 50 children in the year group the teachers had 2 casts who performed over 2 days supported by the other class as singers. A great success and some wonderful moments!

Once again our leavers' assembly proved very emotional despite it being a celebration of the time Year 6 have had with us. School dictionaries were presented and a variety of certificates. The Endeavour Cup was presented once again by the WI who also donated the prizes. The winner was Oli Carey with Izzy Scrivens and Arabella Bernard second and third - well done to all the children who entered the quality of entries this year was amazing. Staff and Governors commented that this was the most difficult year they have ever had to judge. Tissues out, the rest of the school sang the Leavers song and the year was over for year 6 as they went to Swavesey Village College for the last 3 days of term and we had our changeover days in school .

It was great to see so many of you supporting the school fair and to catch up with ex Pendragon pupils to hear how everyone is doing. The Friends of the school did a fantastic job – as they have all year- and I wanted to use this article to thank them all for all their hard work. The money raised by the Friends is always used to benefit the children. The coaches to transport Year 4 to swimming are paid every year by Friends, a contribution to the year 6 bowling trip is paid by the Friends, Friends have bought 1 pads for the school, they pay for all the children to have membership of Mathletics (an online maths platform), they have given their time to run school discos, our fabulous 'make a difference day' and of course the replacement trim trail which means that the children have something to look forward to when we cannot go on the field at playtimes in the winter. A huge thank you from all the staff for their contribution to the school- it is very much appreciated.



I also need to mention and congratulate the School council who represented all the children when we were invited to be at the opening of the Royal Papworth hospital. They were a credit to the school and the village- an occasion many of them will never forget.

At the end of a school year there is always change. We said goodbye to Mrs Ruffle and Mrs Wetherfield who are both leaving to teach in Cambridge. A special assembly for all the staff and children who were leaving was held on the last day of school where we were able to say good bye and wish them good luck.

We wish all the families and children who leave us this summer good luck and look forward to welcoming our new starters in September.



The preschool children have had a brilliant year! Full of fabulous events such as Mother's Day Tea, Father's Day lunch, and our Sponsored Spring Time Walk. The children have enjoyed many fun learning opportunities including visiting the Papworth Fire Station, and having visits from a dentist and vet to preschool. In the last term we have been focusing on our transition to Reception Class. For this term we increased our weekly visits and the children were given opportunities every week to explore the classrooms, spend time with the teacher, play in the playground and watch sports days and assemblies with the older children. What a busy year it has been- all of the staff at Pendragon Preschool wish the children and our amazing families a wonderful summer and all the best for their new adventure to primary school.

Mrs Frost - Preschool Manager





Heidi Allen

Member of Parliament for South Cambridgeshire

I know from my inbox that many of you share my concerns about the acute pressures on our NHS. Last month, I called a debate in Parliament to challenge the Health Minister about this and press for a much-needed increase in funding.

The level of local funding continues to fall behind funding in other areas and does not reflect the fact the Cambridgeshire is one of the fastest growing counties. The NHS funding formula has determined that our population is growing at 0.1% below England average(!?) whereas in reality growth across the county has been 0.6% above the England average for the past four years. Even putting that growth aside, our per head funding has always been too low. In Cambridgeshire, we receive £1,125 per capita, as compared with £1,244 in Bedfordshire, £1,288 in West Suffolk and £1,497 in Norfolk.

During the debate, the Minister agreed to meet me and our Clinical Commissioning Group's Chief Executive to discuss these concerns in more detail. I will of course let you know how that meeting goes.

Climate change is undoubtedly one of the greatest challenges of our time. The recent announcement committing the UK to net-zero carbon emissions, ending the UK's contribution to climate change by 2050 is welcome - but to meet this target, we all need to play our part in increasing the use of cleaner and renewable energy. So last month, I was pleased to be joined by a group of constituents who made the journey to Westminster as part of the climate change lobby. I'll be working with a cross party group of MPs to come up with some tangible targets that we'll be campaigning to have embedded in the next Queen's Speech. Committing our ambitions to the next Government's legislative programme would be without doubt the most effective way of focusing minds.

Away from Westminster, it was wonderful to play a part in officially opening Gamlingay Village Primary School, following extensive renovation and an extension to the buildings. Enthusiastically assisted by some of the children, we made light work of the ribbon cutting! This project has been a long time in the coming, but was absolutely worth the wait with the children now enjoying first class facilities. Well done to everybody involved in taking the plans from paper to building!

In further local news, the Government has re-opened the Rural Community Energy Fund - a £10 million programme to support rural communities in England to develop community-based renewable energy projects. Further details are available here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-community-energy-fund>

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Green Woodpecker - Wendy Dodson

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The Papworth Craft Group is meeting throughout the summer. It is an excellent time to join, as numbers fluctuate due to members going away at different times over July and August. This would mean a gradual introduction to the group – meetings can be noisy, as we laugh a lot – and good if you want to learn a new skill, as it can be quieter. Everyone is now working on their own projects after an enormous effort sewing up squares, and making them into blankets. Some members have crocheted blankets singlehandedly, and very fine they are too. An ENORMOUS THANK YOU to everyone who has worked on this project, as well as to those who donated large quantities of yarn. The blankets will soon be making their way to missions in Africa.

Christmas has already made an appearance at the Craft Group. 'Jolly July' is the ideal

ideal for relaxation. It is also special having more time available to pursue hobbies, when on holiday, than in the working week.

A reminder that The Papworth Craft Group is a community project hosted by the Papworth Library. By coming to the Craft Group, you are contributing to the FOOTFALL of the library. This is very important, because rural libraries are under constant threat, due to cutbacks. The library is the heart of the Papworth community, and very precious. Join us at the Papworth Craft Group and check out some library books at the same time

Have a wonderful summer!

time to begin working on handmade decorations, toys or seasonal items for the home. One member is crocheting all manner of beautiful items for a Christmas fair. Everyone fell in love with the super cute pink flamingo. There is some fortunate person out there who will see it and purchase it swiftly before anyone else can whisk it away!

The summer holidays afford extra time for all sorts of activities, including knitting, crochet, cross stitch, patchwork and any other craft. Most of these are portable, and will fit nicely into a suitcase, backpack, basket or even a large handbag. There is no need to stay inside to craft away. The garden is an ideal place to sit and carry on with a project, be it new, half-finished or about to be completed. There is no reason to leave your project at home when going with the children to the play park, public park or any other venue where the children can happily play, and you can work on your project, keeping an eye on them at the same time. Take your project(s) away with you, and crochet by the pool, on the beach or up a mountain. Handcrafts are therapeutic, and



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All the lads will be going to the National Finals in Skegness 17th-24th august to represent Huntingdonshire.

A big achievement for Papworth Bowls Club.



PAPWORTH ASTRONOMY CLUB Wednesday 7th August

Peter Sandford will present "From Papworth Everard to Asteroid Ryugu by way of Some Interesting Places".

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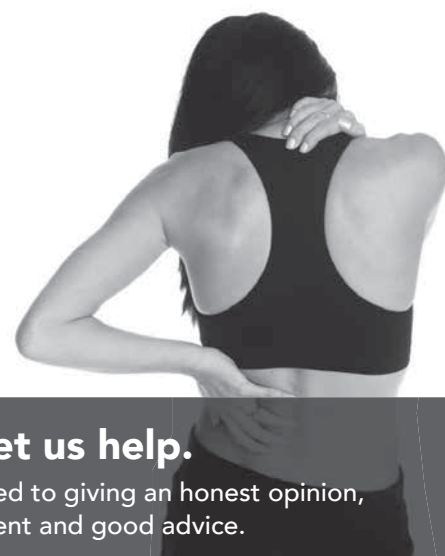
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