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**Trick or Eating this year!**  
MEAL EXCHANGE

Following on from the success of the last 2 years, this year on Halloween, the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts of Papworth will once again be knocking on your door.

But we don't want your sweets, we are asking for donations of food items that we can re-distribute to those in need.

Please can you look in your cupboards and dig out those items you can perhaps do without ready for our visit.

We will be distributing leaflets with more details and times soon. So as not to offend those who prefer to be left alone on Halloween. If you want us to call please put the leaflet in your door / window so we know you are happy for us to knock.

## HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Listed below are some of the items needed by the Food Bank

- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Breakfast Cereal   | Pasta & Pasta Sauce |
| Uht Milk           | Rice                |
| Tea Bags           | Tinned Fruit        |
| Coffee             | Custard             |
| Fruit Squash       | Biscuits            |
| Fruit Juice        | Cream Crackers      |
| Tinned Cooked Meat | Jam                 |
| Tinned Vegetables  | Rice Pudding        |
| Tinned Tuna        | Pot Noodles         |
| Tinned Oily Fish   | Tinned/Packet Soup  |

## BIN COLLECTION DATES

Thu 10 Oct 2019	●		
Thu 17 Oct 2019		●	●
Fri 25 Oct 2019	●		
Thu 31 Oct 2019		●	●
Thu 7 Nov 2019	●		
Thu 14 Nov 2019		●	●

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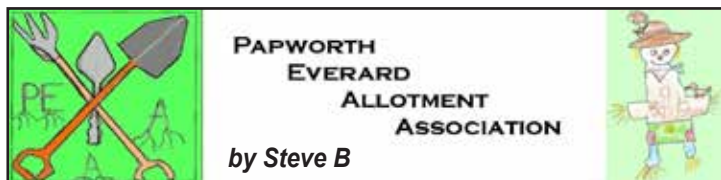
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News & Views - Papworth Everard

**Editorial deadline for next edition is 25th October**

Cover Picture "Autumn at Jesus Green - Cambridge" taken by the Editors



Well autumn is truly with us now as witnessed by the countryside all around us and within the village. A truly magnificent and beautiful sight full of colour and rich, damp, earthy smells. A busy time for us allotment holders with produce to be collected and stored or converted into produce to be consumed some later point. In the past this may have involved, drying or preserving in a variety of ways. Of course, these days we are not reliant on such things to provide us with food over the winter – the local supermarkets fulfil that role! But there are still those among us who like to try the old methods of preserving – jam and chutney making being the

most obvious, but also bottling and drying for the more adventurous. Anyone out there with recipes they would like to share? Storing produce can be a bit of a poser for some of us when faced with a glut of fruit and veg and sadly I have lost produce in the



past that I've been unable to store properly and that had no takers. An enterprising chap I once knew helped people dispose of their excess of apples which he then turned into cider – I suppose that it can just about be seen as a way of preserving!

On the site as I say much of the produce is being harvested. However, sprouts, cabbages, parsnips and other things can be left in the ground for some months to come yet to continue to provide us with a flow of freshly grown veg for the autumn and winter. As the allotments are gradually cleared of their produce so begins the process of tidying up and putting the plot to bed or beginning the preparations for next year. This can be a heavy task in ground that is becoming increasingly damp, but it's all part of the rotation of the seasons that goes on without end.

To end I'd just like to remind holders about keeping your plot tidy and in good shape, not just for your own sake but for that of your neighbours on the site. We are still organising working days on the site, usually on the last Saturday of the month to help to keep the place ship-shape. Please come along and help if you can.

Finally, a word a word about security on the site – please remember to lock gates after you have used them.

Good gardening



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The NHS Health Check is a national programme offering a health check-up every five years to adults in England aged 40 to 74 without a pre-existing cardiovascular condition. One of the largest prevention programmes of its type in the world, the programme is designed to help prevent and detect early signs of heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, type 2 diabetes and dementia.

As we get older, we have a higher risk of developing one of these conditions. An NHS Health Check helps find ways to lower the risk. If you are in the 40-74 age group without a pre-existing condition, you should have an NHS Health Check every five years.

Your GP may have written to you inviting you for your NHS Health Check. Everyone Health provide the same NHS Health Checks in the community which you can access if it is more convenient for you.

Everyone Health delivers these important checks in local, easily accessible community clinics across Cambridgeshire, you will find us in libraries, community centres, at local events, church halls, Pop up Shops in town centres- we also deliver in workplaces.

Plenty of appointments are available to suit your needs. The check takes about 20-30 minutes. You will meet with a trained professional who will check your blood pressure and cholesterol, they will record your height, weight, age, gender and ethnicity. You'll also be asked some simple questions about your family history and choices that may put your health at risk.

Once you've had your NHS Health Check, your results will be discussed with you, you'll be given personalised advice on how to maintain or improve your health, which will help you lower your risk of developing any of the conditions screened for.

Andy H, who had an NHS Health Check at our Pop up Shop in Huntingdon earlier this year was informed his Cholesterol was high and would need to visit his GP for discussion and medical advice about how this could affect him. Andy also took advice away with him from the Everyone Health practitioner about changes he could implement in the meantime to improve his health & lifestyle.

At the GP appointment after a further fasting blood test Andy's results from the NHS Health Check were confirmed and it was agreed he would return after 3 months to see if the changes in lifestyle he was implementing would improve his results enough to avoid medication. Andy returned after 3 months to find his GP happy as he confirmed his cholesterol had reduced to a healthier level and he had lost 9.1kg, meaning he would not need medication – just to continue with what he was doing!

Andy said: "Everyone Health provided a very beneficial and good service, a worthwhile visit that has turned things around for me".

How can you get involved? You can make an appointment for your NHS Health Check by: Tel: 03330 050093 Email: [eh.changeointcambs@nhs.net](mailto:eh.changeointcambs@nhs.net)

# VARRIER JONES SOCIAL CLUB



Our September Meeting was again well attended with 34 Members tucking in to a Fish & Chip Lunch followed by a Trifle Dessert. Our Entertainment was Jason Middleton who had come to talk to us about Gemstones. This was an extremely informative talk together with a power point presentation from which we learnt many interesting facts about the origin and how they are fashioned to give us the gem stones we all know and love. Jason had also brought with him a selection of stones which we were able to not only look at but feel. I am pleased to say that he took away all he had brought with him!! It was agreed that we should ask him to come back again when he would give us more information on any specific stone we were interested in. Cake and Tea followed before the afternoon closed with the usual Raffle. There was then a quick evacuation to enable us to get the room ready before the dancers arrived. There was certainly some scurrying around for a little while. But, from the parting comments, certainly a good afternoon enjoyed by all.

As many of you may have already noticed we have moved the Rose Bush into the front garden and added the memorial plaque.

Unfortunately at the moment the rose is looking rather sad but with extra feeding and watering we are hopeful that it will slowly recover from the move.

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?



## The Launch of LOOOOOL

On Wednesday 25th September the Courtyard Café hosted the launch of LOOOOOL!, a gift book both written and illustrated in the village by Stu Proudfoot and recent Hills Road graduate Beth Masureik respectively.

Written on the X3 into Cambridge and brought to life in full colour, this endearing, laugh-out-loud tale of an increasingly frustrated owl's seemingly unrequited love is the perfect stocking filler for those social media addicts who have become a little too attached to their mobile devices, and who can just about tolerate a good dad joke.

Discounted pre-publication copies are still available at the Courtyard (cash only – £5 for paperback, £7.50 for hardback), with 10% of any profits going to a humanitarian charity, Hand in Hand for Aid and

Development. The book has a fledgling website, [nadiaandhamid.com](http://nadiaandhamid.com), where you can find out more about Stu and Beth's story – in every sense – and also contact them with any queries.

Stu and Beth will be signing copies of their book at Papworth Library on Saturday 19th October, giving a quick talk at around 12pm. Please come along and support Papworth's newest author and illustrator, as well as those in need.

**Please note this date may change after publication**



## Editors Thoughts

So, Rockys has closed and we have not heard, as yet, if the lease has been sold on or what will happen to the building.

Work seems to have started again at the Old Printworks and housing in Church Lane. We do not have any updated information as to the building of a Brewery on the in the Old Printworks site.

Meanwhile we are left with the Courtyard Café and Papworth Brewery to provide a much needed watering hole in the village.

Do we need a Public House? Lots of areas where one could be sited, but is there a demand for one?

In the Parish Councils report this month they have given information as to the work being carried out behind the fencing at the Changing Rooms on the playing field. They are also submitting planning permission for a new and much needed Sports Pavilion. Maybe, before this goes ahead they could talk to the VJF, the owners of Rockys and come up with a solution of improving, or even taking down the eyesore which is Rockys and start again with a purpose built Sports Pavilion housing a Sports and Social Club with a bar. Wouldn't this benefit everyone, Sports Clubs, Social Gatherings and Family's alike. It is such a great location but it is not being used to its best advantage.

Please answer resident Richard Fishers questionnaire below, and lets get some answers as to what the Village would like and maybe how to move forward.

## Questionnaire

### from Richard Fisher - Local Resident

Hi would it be possible to gauge what the village wants no that rockys has closed?

- A. Knocked down and a purpose built Sports and social club
- B. Kept and opened again as a pub
- C. Knocked down

Just seems sad a village of thus size has no real meeting place. Maybe the results can be published and then sent to the parish Council and the Varrier Jones.

**Could we ask that all replies are sent to adverts@pendrill.net and we will send these on to Richard. Please note these replies may be published.**

## Please Drive Carefully

Dear Editors

A short while ago; at the time between 08.30-09.00 there was a close encounter of two children nearly getting knocked down by a vehicle... Either entering or exiting the north entrance end from/to Ermine St. South A1198 of Summer Fields Estate.

I witness every morning at these times...all types of vehicles travelling too fast... Not taking into consideration it's this time of day when mums/dads are taking their children to school and having to cross this junction.

Some children do walk to school on their own, some, if not most, have good road sense.

In some cases, I have ushered some children safely across the road myself.

I therefore implore to all motorists (for the sake of our children and others) who use this road at this time of day to exercise caution.

So, I plead with you PLEASE take extra care when you enter or exit this turning.

Thank You - Jack Tar

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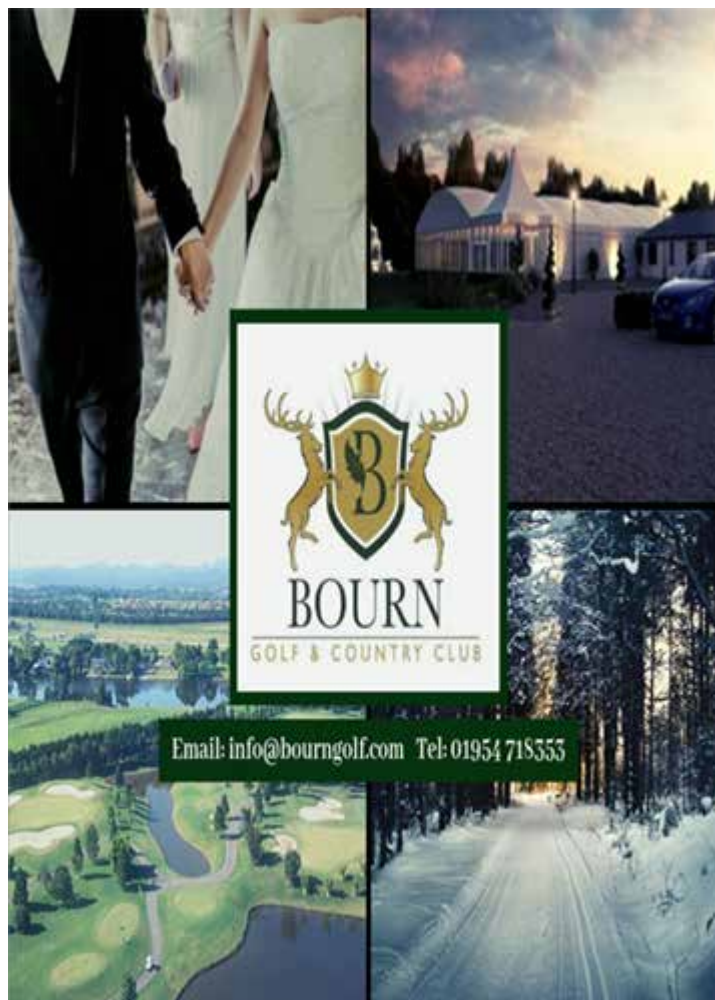
## Papworth Everard Womens Institute



We had a very enjoyable and lively meeting with members catching up with friends and news following the August break.

We had Jason Middleton along to talk about Gem Stones. He spoke about various gems, and showed examples of what they were made of, passing round samples of stone for us to handle. His depth of knowledge and explanation of the Gems gave us all a new interest in our own jewellery and to perhaps think deeply and explore where it originated from. He recommended great care be taken of all pieces of jewellery that you have being mindful of how it was found, by whom, and how it was mined. He also brought along a wonderful display of original jewellery for the members to handle and purchase. He donated a beautiful pair of pearl earrings for our raffle prize. Many thanks to Jason for a great evening.

Another delicious lunch was enjoyed by all this month at the George and Dragon in Elsworth.



# Church Notices

## St Peter's Church Services

6th October	10.30	6 Morning Prayer
13th October	10.30	6 Holy Communion
20th October	10.30	6 Prayer & Praise
27th October	10.30	6 Holy Communion
3rd November	10.30	6 Morning Prayer
10th November	10.30	6 Remembrance Service
17th November.	10.30	6 Prayer & Praise
24th November.	10.30	6 Holy Communion



### Come and See!

On occasions when I complete a round of golf having won or been on a winning team the banter in the clubhouse is that I had an extra person on my side! It is a genial and respectful acknowledgement of my personal faith and professional role in the community.

Although I am not sure God's help extends to how well I drive the ball from the tee or putt out on the green, I know God is our very-present help and a very important means of strength day-by-day; to the extent I don't know how other people live well without the personal knowledge and enjoyment of God in their lives.

Even so many people acknowledge God on a daily basis, even if it is only in the form of an expletive or reaction as part of ordinary conversation; which puts religious faith in the category of something talked about but not really taken seriously.

As the warmth of summer recedes and Autumn creeps in, we are now in the season when there are lots of opportunities, if we want to take them. to join in with your local church at services intended to help the whole community and not just today's Sunday-regulars!

It starts with Harvest when we take time to acknowledge the gift of a bumper year for our farmers as their work underpins the food supply of the nation.

A few weeks later, on November 10th we hold a special service on Remembrance Sunday to acknowledge the many people who have given their lives in wars, both past and present, to secure the freedom we often take for granted. We will be joined by members of the local uniformed organisations for an Act of Remembrance at the village memorial in St Peter's Church at 10.30am before processing down for the main service being held in the Village Hall. During December our Village Carol Service will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 12th December at 6.30pm; we will have a Christingle Service in St Peter's Church at 3.00pm on the afternoon of Sunday 15th December and our much-loved Crib Service on Christmas Eve, starting at 3.00pm.

Can God only be found and known in church services? No; there are many places in the Bible that make this clear. On the other hand, I can hardly call myself a golfer if I never get my clubs out of the garage, never go to the course and never play a game with like-minded friends.

This is where my analogy breaks down; because in the end playing the game of golf is about how well I manage my use of the clubs in the conditions on the course; whereas Christianity at its best is how God finds us, comes along side and addresses the inner condition of our souls, if we will let him. I have found there is something very special about being in those places and occasions along with others when (in worship and prayer, reading the Bible and enjoying the fellowship of others) God makes known his presence with us and the availability of his resources for us. People often tell me they get a warm welcome at St Peter's Church. Please consider joining us for one of our special services; if in doubt remember we meet every Sunday at 10.30am.

A few years ago, my daughter bought for two of her brothers and me tickets for the final day of the British Open Golf Championship. I was excited to go but, being candid, I thought I might end the day thinking I could have seen more if I had stayed home and watched the day's play on TV. I was wrong! It was a wonderful experience and unlike anything I would have known or experienced just sitting in front of a screen at home.

*The Revd Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector*



## Hilton Methodist Church Services in Oct/Nov

October 13th	11:15am
Harvest Festival at the Methodist Church	
October 20th	10:00am
Rev C. Owen	
October 27th	10:00am
Rev. N. Witham	
November 3rd	10:00am
Morning Worship	
November 3rd	6:30pm
Mr. R. Willis	
November 10th	10:45am
Remembrance Service at the Parish Church	
November 17th	10:00am
Mr. F. Cannon	
November 24th	10:00am
Rev N. Witham	

### Fair Trade Coffee Morning

Saturday, November 2nd  
10:00am – 12:00 noon  
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## Remembrance Service

Sunday 10th November

Uniformed groups start from St Peter's Church  
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Process to Village Hall for service starting at 10.55am

Reading of names and 2 minutes silence

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## Quiz with Fish and Chips

Friday 22nd November

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## RE-PLAY PAPWORTH Sunday Aternoon Vinyl Album Playbacks

In a bonus edition this month, to celebrate the second National Album Day, we'll be playing albums from 1pm on Saturday October 12th. Our featured album at 3:33pm will be The Kinks Are the Village Green Preservation Society from 1968, on heavyweight vinyl in glorious mono. If you have a particular album you'd like to hear on the day, drop us a line in advance and we'll do our best.

Are you Le Freak? Like to Dance, Dance, Dance when you're Lost In Music? Do you enjoy Good Times? Well, in that case, We Are Family. On Sunday 27th October, we'll be playing three classic disco albums by Chic, Sister Sledge and Diana Ross on audiophile vinyl, half-speed mastered from the original master tapes at Abbey Road studios.

Come down to the Courtyard café from 3:00-5:00pm 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, 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, Queen, ABBA and Amy Winehouse.

Look out for the posters in the Courtyard, on the village noticeboards and on Facebook

Follow [www.facebook.com/playpapworth](http://www.facebook.com/playpapworth) to be notified of forthcoming dates.



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- sunday 27th october •  
 3pm - 5pm - Nile Rodgers  
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**ALL WELCOME**

It is not always easy to join groups and societies, especially if you do not know anyone beforehand, or you do not have a friend with whom to take the first step. Not all of us has the confidence to slip easily into a new group, especially if the group is well established, and most members know one another. You may have been in Papworth Library on one of the Saturdays when the Papworth Craft Group is 'in session'? There is usually a lot of laughter, and chatter, but nothing forbidding! The group is a mixture of ages and craft experience, and everyone engaged in different crafts and projects. Anyone is welcome to join. If you are shy, find a friend or family member to accompany you on your first visit. Check us out, to see if you feel you would like to attend frequently, or just the odd meeting here and there. Are there any mums and daughters who would like to spend time together with others for two hours of crafting? From time to time in this column the gauntlet is thrown down for a male to join the group. No luck to date!!

Autumn has arrived, the leaves are falling, and the wonderful, colourful month of October is one of the best times of year. Everyone has settled down after the summer, and Christmas is sufficiently far away to put to the back of the mind. At the Papworth Craft Group, summer projects have been finished or set aside, and in their place more seasonal ones on knitting needles or crochet hooks. A great-grandchild is expected very soon for one of the group members, and a beautiful blanket has been crocheted in anticipation of this happy event. It is sure to be



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treasured. Baby garments are very satisfying to make, as a new baby is always a special event in any family. They are not always the speediest projects to complete, depending on the complexity of the pattern, and the nature of the garment. Garments usually require small needles, and that can be a drawback for some. Blankets can obviate this problem, and are quicker to complete, although the extent of one's ambitions can frustrate this hope. An expert cross-stitcher has made huge progress on a very complex project of tigers on black fabric. The effect so far is stunning, but the patience required is epic, made all-the-more admirable because black fabric is notoriously challenging to work with. The group of crocheted toms or gnomes is growing. The ad last month displayed one, although the image did not do justice to the charm and crafting of these charming little men. They are part of a growing collection of crocheted toys that this member is producing. The Christmas decorations by another group member are currently in the very early stage but should be most effective when they are complete. A crocheted blanket in autumnal colours and patchwork are also in progress. This is just some of the work in progress.

Squares are still being knitted and joined together for blankets. As previously noted, the blankets for the missions in Africa are mostly completed. However, we shall continue to knit and crochet squares, and if anyone would like to knit or crochet squares of 20 cm or 8 inches from yarn remnants they may have, we would love to have them. If anyone has SPARE YARN that they no longer want, we would be most grateful to take it off your hands. Please bring it to Papworth Library on any of the Saturday meetings. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this effort.

This column offers the opportunity to encourage the use of Papworth Library. The Papworth Craft Group is most generously hosted by the Papworth Library as one of the Community Projects. The library should not be taken for granted, and the village is most fortunate to have this resource in the centre of our community. FOOTBALL COUNTS! In other words, the more people who visit the library, the more likely it is to be safe from the cuts that threaten all small rural libraries. You do not need to attend the Papworth Craft Group to contribute to the football, but it helps!

Finally, we would all like to send our sincere condolences and love to Lilian Ashley on the very sad loss of her husband earlier in September.

# PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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## Work at the Playing Fields

You may have noticed the site compound, porta-cabin and contractors from The Lindum Group Ltd working on the changing rooms at the playing fields.

The Parish Council is currently having the changing facilities refurbished and brought up to standard. The work includes new showers, creation of an officials' changing room, plus general refurbishment of the building to provide better facilities for the village's sporting teams. A veranda is also to be built on to the front of the building.

This work is part of a larger project on the site - to construct a single storey pavilion, create a hard surface car park plus installation of an additional floodlight and alterations to the existing boundary fencing of the tennis courts.

As part of these works the entranceway to the car park will also be widened to improve access. Unfortunately in recent weeks, a large vehicle collided with one of the brick plinths at the entrance, so for the time being the pillar has been removed to make it safe. The original King George V plaque was not damaged and has been retained to be built into the new entrance way once constructed.

Planning documents for the proposed Pavilion, car park and associated works have been submitted to South Cambs District Council Planning for approval and we are awaiting their decision. (Planning Reference S/3051/19/FL)

## Overhanging Hedges & Trees

I have been asked by Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways Department to remind householders that hedges and trees should not be allowed to encroach onto the public highway.

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Local Authorities have a legal duty to ensure that public highways are unobstructed, so usually inspect roads regularly and often receive complaints from members of the general public.

When Local Authorities become aware of such obstructions, they will usually advise the property owner or occupier of the problem. They may sometimes raise the issue with an owner/occupier even if the vegetation only overhangs the pavement/roadway by a small amount. If the owner/occupier does not take corrective action within a reasonable time (the Local Authority will normally specify a time limit for the work to be completed), the Local Authority can issue a formal notice for the work to be undertaken, and if that is ignored, they can do the work and charge the owner/occupier.

If your hedge is a bit unruly, now is the perfect time of year to get those shears and hedge trimmers out and get trimming to help keep our pathways clear and unobstructed !

## Paddling Pool – Summer 2019

The paddling pool closed for the summer on Sunday 8th September after nearly 8 weeks of use over the holidays. The Parish Council would like to thank Adrian Clifton, Eddie Tomkinson, Edward Hick and Ofek Vaich-Shkolnik for all their hard work in maintaining the pool and play area. The guys have been out in all weathers ensuring the pool is safe and clean for our children to use - and have done a great job !

The paddling pool is a great asset to the village - if you have any ideas or suggestions to make it even better for next year, we'd love to hear from you !

## Village Hall Bookings

Are you thinking of holding a Christmas party, or have a celebration coming up ? Perhaps you're looking to start up a regular meeting or hobby group and need somewhere to hold it ?

The Village Hall is a great venue for all types of events from children's birthday parties, fitness classes and fashion shows to conferences, meetings and training courses.

There is also a Seminar Room on the first floor which is ideal for small committee style meetings, crafting groups or informal meetings.

If you are looking for a venue to hold your event, or perhaps your employer needs somewhere for an annual conference, training event, social gathering or regular off-site meetings, why not get in touch and see what we can offer?

Booking enquires can be made by completing the enquiry form on the Amenities page on the Parish Council website (<http://papwortheverardpc.org.uk/amenities/>) where you will also find the tariff of charges, or by emailing the Bookings Clerk, Clare Taylor ([villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk)).

A message can also be left by calling the Bookings Co-ordinator on 07841014414 or the Parish Office on 01480 830360.



## Heidi Allen

### Member of Parliament for South Cambridgeshire

Well, nobody can accuse politics these days of being boring! The events of the past month have certainly tested our parliamentary democracy to the full.

As a result of the fast-moving national situation, I spent the month of August

holding pop-up surgeries at various locations in and around the constituency. I am enormously grateful to the café owners, publicans, supermarkets and my team for facilitating these. It is always so important for me to hear the opinions of my constituents and gauge and idea of what the feeling is on the ground. So, in an effort to hear from all of you, in alphabetical order, thank you to the constituents of Bar Hill, Bourn, Cambourne, Dry Drayton, Fowlemere, Gamlingay, Girton, Grantchester, Great Eversden, Guilden Morden, Queen Edith's, Sawston, Shelford, Shepreth and Swavesey who turned out in droves to express their opinions and share their concerns. If I haven't visited your patch yet, please keep an eye on my website as I'll be holding more meetings shortly.

It is my responsibility to represent these concerns on the national stage and consequently, I have been working extremely hard to ensure that our parliamentary process is upheld and that my constituents are placed front and centre of any future decisions that impact the United Kingdom. By the time you read this, events will have moved on again but please keep talking to me to express your opinions and ideas as we navigate uncharted territory.

Roads were a focus this month for me, as I attended the Duxford Road Safety Day, arranged by one of the families in my constituency whose lives have been devastated by dangerous driving. Since becoming aware of the laws surrounding dangerous driving, I have worked with several families in the constituency (for over two years) to try to get the law changed; meeting with the then Secretary of State, Rory Stewart to ask when the legislation to make the law tougher would be brought forward. In spite of consulting on this and preparing a response which toughens up dangerous driving punishments, the government have not yet



Photo – Heidi and Phil Allen at the Duxford Soap Box Derby on Sunday 1st September 2019

brought this before the House. We urgently need to ensure that this law is changed, so that more lives are saved. I will continue to push for action on this important reform issue.

I returned to Duxford at the tail end of August to celebrate the Duxford Soap Box Derby which is always one of my favourite constituency events. This brilliant event raises vital funds for Cancer Research UK and brings out the clowns in all of us! Residents career around a grand prix track in any sort of improvised go kart vehicle – I think I even saw someone travelling in a bath! The power of the South Cambs community to do good should never be underestimated. I'm looking forward to hearing the total amount raised.

As ever, my newsletter can only provide a snapshot of my work but if there is anything you would like to talk to me about, please visit my website for details of my upcoming surgeries - <https://heidiallen.co.uk/constituency-surgeries/>.

In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk) or call my office on 01223 830037. My team and I are always available to help constituents with any concerns.

I look forward to sharing more news with you next month.



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## Forest School is coming to Elsworth



We've had a great start to the year at Elsworth Pre-School. Our deputy manager Jacquie is currently studying for her level 3 Forest School qualification. We can't call ourselves a Forest School until she has completed her study but Forest School style activities are starting in Elsworth this

Autumn. As well as using our lovely outdoor area, we'll be visiting Fardell's Lane Nature Reserve, which we're very lucky to have across the road from the Pre-School. A big thank you to the Fardell's Lane Nature Reserve committee for their support in this.

You can get into the Christmas spirit with an evening of gingerbread decorating on Friday 29th November at Elsworth Sports Pavilion. Tickets are £5 and will be available from Elsworth village shop or by emailing [elsworthpreschoolcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:elsworthpreschoolcommittee@gmail.com). It should be a fun evening including a pay bar and raffle to raise funds for the Pre-School.

We're currently programming our fundraising events for the year, which will include a return of our popular quiz nights in January.

Yoga is a regular part of the day at the Pre-School. Elsworth Pre-School is offering local parent/carer and under 5s groups a free 10 minute yoga taster. If you know a group who might be interested then email [elsworthpreschoolcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:elsworthpreschoolcommittee@gmail.com) for more details.

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The term is flying by and Friends of Pendragon are already hard at work preparing some exciting events this term as well as for the year ahead!

Before we focus on the future, we want to take an opportunity to say a big thank you for all the support we received over the last year! As a new committee we were able to meet our basic fundraising target of £5,500 to cover essentials for the last academic year as well as that amount again to cover this academic year. This is in addition to £5,000 towards new iPads for the school and £3,000 from the Cambridge Water Fund for trees and the willow tunnel for the field.



A big thank you to Steve Fakes from SF Mortgages, your local mortgage advisor based here in Papworth Everard, for sponsoring our two big raffles last year, helping us hit those fundraising targets!

We were even lucky enough to have Steve do the draw at our Summer Fete in July where he was able to hand over the cash prize he sponsored.

We also want to thank all the local companies who donated to the raffle prizes and throughout the year, including Ashcroft Vet's kind donation towards our Summer Fete!

As we move ahead to this school year, we already have some exciting events lined up! This term Friends of Pendragon will be arranging in-school Christmas cards for you to order, Christmas pudding orders, after-school pop-up shops, non-uniform days, Winter Fest, Christmas Raffle, and Christmas entertainer and parties for the children! Additionally

we will be holding our wreath-making workshop again as well as our Community Gift Wrapping evening. To make sure you don't miss out on any of these events and more, make sure you follow our Facebook page.

If you're interested in helping Friends of Pendragon, please get in touch at Friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk or on our Facebook page. Our helping hands group welcomes all and any support, from baking a cake for our cafe or helping on a stall, while our dedicated Committee also welcome all new joiners to help plan and run these wonderful events. Our Annual General Meeting is being held on Tuesday, October 8th at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome!

Another easy way to help us raise vital funds is to use [easyfundraising.co.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pendragoncps) for any online shopping! At no additional cost to you, your support really does make a difference, so don't forget there's 3,300 shops and sites you can raise free donations with. Please make sure you shop the easyfundraising way every time you buy something online:

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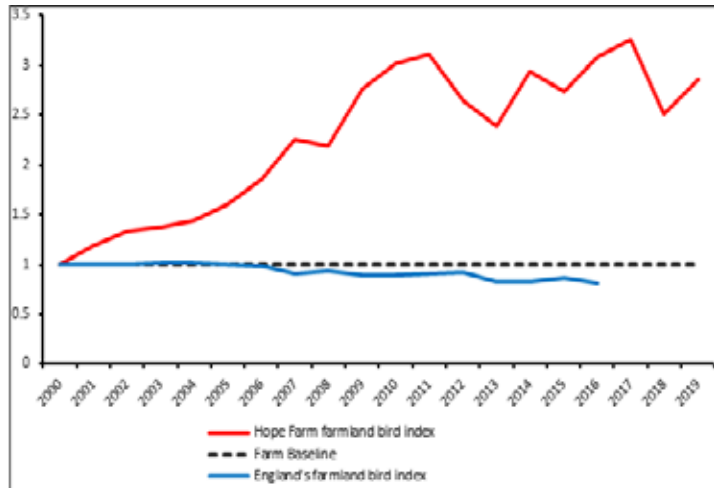
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A key part of the work we do at Hope Farm is to demonstrate wildlife friendly farming, in its practicalities on the ground, but also with stringent monitoring to demonstrate what a difference wildlife-friendly farming can make for nature. 2019 has been a wonderful example of what birds may return to a farm and increase in abundance when a space is made for nature to thrive.

### Scores on the Doors



Monitoring for farmland birds is undertaken using the Common Bird Census. Here, surveys are walked across the farm to identify the number and distribution of territories on the farm. This graph shows the increase in the Hope Farm index by 185%, having maintained the index at the same high level for over a decade now. This year has also seen a bounce back after a decline in 2018, that may result from the severe weather events of that season. This sits against a background decline of England's farmland bird abundance since 2000 by 20%.

Below, are the changes in territory numbers between 2000, when we took on management of the farm, and 2019. Yellow wagtail and corn bunting have returned to the farm after an absence in 2018. Goldfinch numbers have continued to increase this year, whilst reed bunting, yellow hammer, linnets and starling territory numbers are similar to previous years. Surprisingly, grey partridge has been scarce in terms of territories on the farm, although this autumn has witnessed a couple of large coveys remaining on the farm.

	No Terr 2000	No Terr 2019		No Terr 2000	No Terr 2019
Kestrel	0	1	Jackdaw	0	4
Grey Partridge	0	3	Starling	3	12
Lapwing	0	4	Greenfinch	18	4
Stock Dove	2	6	Goldfinch	3	19
Woodpigeon	33	61	Linnets	6	19
Turtle Dove	0	0	Yellowhammer	14	27
Skylark	10	32	Reed Bunting	3	13
Yellow Wagtail	0	2	Corn Bunting	0	1
Whitethroat	25	34			

So what management has made the difference at Hope Farm?

### Hedgerow management

It is always rewarding to see the difference that can be made for farmland birds, through provision of summer food, winter food, and nesting habitat. We have continued to manage hedgerows in a way that creates a diversity of hedge structures, and this helps to cater for a diversity of hedge nesting species. Some are

maintained as shorter 2m high and at least 2m wide structures, whilst encouraging long vegetation growth at the bottom most suited to yellowhammers and grey partridge. Other taller scrubby hedges should be better suited to turtle doves should they return, or greenfinch, with the adequate feeding habitat in nearby areas.

A few hedges have been earmarked to flail back already this autumn, where the hedges have become very tall, and have spread so far out that they come to a hard border with a track rather than having a softer border for ground nesting birds. The decline in use of these hedgerows by yellowhammers and whitethroats could well reflect this change in structure. With over 12km of hedgerows on the farm, management of 3km will still leave plenty of berries and pollinator resources in full swing for the winter and following spring next year.

### In field management



Newly hatched lapwing chicks, ready to hunt for their dinner in an insecticide-free winter bean field

Out in the field, we have managed skylark plots, lapwing plots and a corn bunting plot, funded within the Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS), to keep our ground nesting farmland birds as safe as we can from mammalian predators. 25 skylark plots across the farm, in every field with a winter cereal, help to maintain accessible and safe nesting habitat all the way through the breeding season. The lapwing fallow plot has also been a great success, with lapwings using the 2ha fallowed plot and surrounding areas to host 4 lapwing territories within a bean crop and on a spring barley field following a cover crop.

### Summer food availability

On the farm, we do our best to make sure that birds can find food nearby suitable nesting areas. We grow 4.4ha of wildflower margins, and 4.3ha of leguminous pollen and nectar rich areas, to ensure plenty of flower rich resources on farm. These areas are a fantastic resource for pollinators and natural enemies to insect pests in the crop, helping us to farm, but also resulting in more chick food! Seed resources are important for species like linnets using the oilseed rape in the rotation, but also for turtle doves where we grow and spread some seed through the summer, ready for their hopeful return.

### Insecticide-free harvest

All of these practices, mostly funded through CSS, have been practiced for many years at the farm. One key additional change to management this year has been the ceasing of insecticide use. Up until September last year, insecticides were not used as a rule throughout the bird breeding season, to prevent the destruction of key bird food resources or a natural enemy army to help with in crop pest control. This year we have taken this one step further by removing insecticide use altogether. So far, our crops are looking as good as ever, and the farm is full of insect life.

# On Your Door Step - Photographs from Papworth Residents



South Park - Jane Brown

## SMA changing the course of our lives.

We never know what lies behind that next corner, and it had been certainly surprising revelation to us what has unfolded in front of us at the beginning of 2018.

Me and my wife were expecting our first baby. We were so looking forward to welcoming our baby boy and cherish those first moments of having him in our arms. Unfortunately, all of that was taken away from us the moment René tried to draw his first breath. Being in the completely unknown waters, not knowing why and what is happening quickly changed from being two people anticipating great joy and contentment to weeks of constant uncertainty mixed with hope and enormous pain.

We lost our beloved René after eight weeks, he left this world in our arms knowing that we loved, treasured and appreciated every single moment we had together. We never left his side and we are grateful for every precious minute spent with him. René managed to have such an impact on our and our close friends' lives and put so many things into perspective.

René was diagnosed after four weeks with SMA Type 1, there was nothing we could do to save René. We have received incredible support from our close friends, family and our employers. The individual nurses that helped us to care for René were incredible and we can never thank them enough for their understanding and support.

Spinal Muscular Atrophy, or SMA is a rare inherited neuromuscular condition with devastating effect. One in 35-40 people is a carrier of the faulty gene and one in 6000 to 10000 babies are born with SMA. Individuals who have one faulty copy and one functioning copy of SMN1 are called carriers. Carriers do not have SMA, but they may pass the faulty gene on their children. Many times, carriers do not know they are carriers until they have a child born with SMA. When two carriers have a child, there is a 25% chance that the child will be unaffected, a 50% chance that the child will also be a carrier and a 25% chance that the child will have SMA. This risk is the same for each pregnancy.



There are four primary types of SMA—1, 2, 3, and 4—based on the age that symptoms begin, and highest physical milestone achieved. Individuals with SMA have difficulty performing the basic functions of life, like breathing and swallowing. However, SMA does not affect a person's ability to think, learn, and build relationships with others.

We support SMA UK, a charity dedicated to those that are affected by SMA. We are very pleased that we are in the position to support the charity and help to raise awareness of the condition which may affect the lives of any of us or our friends and family.

We are very grateful to everyone who have supported our initiative to help SMA UK through our activities like Wolf Run undertaken by our friends, SMA awareness days at Jana's work or my and our friends cycling challenges throughout this and last year. The last one being London to Paris ride completed on September 21st.

If you would like to support SMA UK, please visit the following links.

<https://give.everydayhero.com/uk/to-all-who-need-our-help>

<https://smatributefund.everydayhero.com/uk/rene-s-fundraising-page-1>

*We will continue to spread awareness and support the SMA UK in future and make a positive difference to all affected by SMA.*

**Marcel Hovanec**

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# CHAMPION AGAIN



Following on from national finals week at Skegness, Papworth bowler Eric Baker was the winner in the Blue Ribbon event the 2 Bowl singles. Hunts and Papworth Bowls Club are very proud of him for this amazing achievement.