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News & Views - Papworth Everard

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Reaction to the Closing of Rocky's

I would just like to say a big thank you to the people that took time to vote on the future of Rockys.

The votes we received suggest that the villagers want a Sports and Social Club back. How we go about getting this I have no idea but all we can do is keep asking the Varrier Jones and the Parish Council if this is at all possible or is it going to be another derelict building in our ever expanding village?

What ever happens we need to make the villagers feelings known.

Last Months Questionnaire

from Richard Fisher - Local Resident

Hi would it be possible to gauge what the village wants now 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 this size has no real meeting place. Maybe the results can be published and then sent to the Parish Council and the Varrier Jones.

Out of your 3 options, I would prefer (A) 'Knocked down and a purpose built Sports and Social Club'.

Alternatively, knocked down and a quality pub/restaurant replaces it.

But if nothing else I believe the building itself should be knocked down because it is an eye sore and we can/should do better. It would be a lovely spot if the building itself was high quality.

Please also consider the plans in St Ives I believe, that have a sports and social club with a community kitchen idea in the works. I think a community kitchen could be great as well. Above all it should be a spot that is a real warm focal point for the community to come together.

Ashley

I believe a sports and social club will be ideal for all age groups and also serve a multi purpose function as both a place for social gathering as well as improving the health being of all residents.

Karen

I would like to see Rockys become a sports and social club.

Rachel

My preference for Rockys would be for a sports and social club.

Gavin

Can I say first of all that the closure of Rocky's doesn't come as any surprise. To open an Indian restaurant, when the only other restaurant Papworth has is also Indian was a recipe for failure. I agree: the village deserves a hub they can be proud of. Pubs seem to be closing around our ears, so it doesn't make sense to me to knock the building down and re-build it as a pub. On the other hand, the sports facilities need a good base. So, I would opt for Option A. Knock the place down and rebuild it as a Sports and Social Club, open throughout the day and the evenings, to everyone. This will mean amending the plan that is up for Planning, which leaves Rocky's as it is and builds a small-ish sports facility next door. Combine the two and maybe let the coffee bar area on a tender basis.

Geoff

I've been reading News and Views this afternoon and came across the comments about both Rockys closing and the proposals for the new pavilion.

As a coach for one of the younger Blasters football teams, but also as a practicing town planner, I was wondering if you can clarify a number of things, and also possibly offer my assistance.

Firstly questions/comments:

- I understand Rockys has now closed. Is this owned by the Parish Council and/or the same group applying for the pavilion project?

- I know the pavilion project is already on site, and admit to being vaguely aware of it some time ago, but is it fully contracted, given that planning is yet to be granted for the additional building?

I ask both questions, as the current project seems rather limited in scope, given the historic problems with the building Rockys vacated- not least it's maintenance related issues.

I wondered whether a more cost effective solution may be available that may both solve the facilities provision issue for sport on the rec, and also present an opportunity for enhanced social facilities for the village if the 'rockys' Building was in scope.

I'd be happy to offer my views and assistance if helpful.

Mike

Both my husband and I would vote for Rocky's to be knocked down and a sports and social club built.

It needs something that involves the whole community. Some where for teenagers to use also as there is nothing available for them here.

It's time that Papworth Everard move with the times and involve all the residents to make this the place we are all proud to say we live.

Maxine

Regarding the Rocky's building, our vote would be A.

However if a future use was for it to be available for Scouts and other youth groups, it could be made available, as is. I am sure parents and supporters would make it look less of an eyesore.

A new building for the use of all residents would be ideal. The central location could make it a great facility for all the village and should be a place that we could all use and where everyone would like to go.

Bert and Sally



My preferred option is: A. Knocked down and purpose built as Sports and Social club

But would still be nice to have a pub elsewhere. The Courtyard is great but was a bit crowded last Saturday, possibly because of Rocky's closing.

Stefanja

We think the present building at Rocky's should be knocked down and re-built as a Sports and Social Club with a restaurant available for all the Clubs that use the green, but also open to the general public to bring in extra income. In other words a central social meeting point for the whole of Papworth.

Knock down Rocky's and build a purpose built sports and social club. This will benefit more residents and get more usage. It could also give those looking to hire a venue for parties a better option to have somewhere that also serves alcohol.

Charlotte

In response to Rockys, as a new family who was excited to have Rockys when arrived here last July, hoping we could get grub on a Friday and let the kids run around the playing fields, we were then sad to see it close as we loved it.

We'd love to see a purpose built pavilion and place to socialise with the family and friends. Be great to meet regularly with locals and the kids to play.

So definitely a vote for social club/pub kinda place. We also look to hire halls for events so to be able to hire across the road would be brilliant!

Michelle

In response to the question posted in the Oct 2019 issue of News & Views I would like to put forward my recommendation of option B - kept and open again as a pub.

As fantastic as the Courtyard micro brewery is the village desperately needs a public/free house. Something in line with the Green Man in Triplow which is an exemplary example of a community run free house with a fantastic welcoming atmosphere and food menu. Unfortunately Rocky's was never this in my experience.

The village needs an inclusive meeting place to cover all aspects of the community, something to encourage more people to think of the village as a promising place to move. Unfortunately at present with so many derelict buildings, lack of facilities/amenities and poor public transport options, the village feels devoid of character!!

Many thanks for the opportunity to contribute,

Mary & Darren

Firstly, thank you to all those that answered Richard's Fisher's request for comments on Rocky's closing and all the contributions we received directly which have been passed on to Richard.

Secondly, it is refreshing to see that so many of you are keen to get some form of central meeting place in the village and hopefully some of you will pick up the gauntlet and help drive this through.

We have lived in the village for over 30 years now, and were one of the first new residents. We were warmly accepted into the fold by the members of the then Sports & Social Club.

True it wasn't everyones cup of tea, but we also had Kisbys Hut Public House. Both these were an active and important part of the community.

TALKING DOES NOT DO IT . . . YOU NEED ACTION . . . Editors

Please Note: The response from Mike we understand has been sent to both the Parish Council and the Varrier Jones Foundation and we await their response with interest.

VARRIER JONES SOCIAL CLUB



Our AGM October Meeting was well attended with 36 Members sitting down to a Harvest Lunch of Ham, Pork Pie and Quiche accompanied by a mixed salad and followed by Apple Pie and Cream. Very enjoyable with the usual chatter and laughter. This was followed by a vote of thanks to the Committee for their hard work.

The AGM was duly commenced with the Chairpersons Report of events of the last year. This was followed by the Treasurer whose Report was welcome as we are still financially stable. The Committee were asked if they were agreeable to carry on at which point Audrey advised the Club Members that Sonja Allerton had, after many years' service to the Club, decided to resign. Audrey then thanked Sonja for all her hard work and this was followed by a round of applause from the Members. The remaining Committee and Treasurer all agreed to stand for another year and this was approved by the Members. Once the business was concluded the Meeting settled down to a Bingo Session, always popular for the cash prizes. Tea and Cake followed, the afternoon concluded with the Raffle.

A quick reminder to those of you going on the outing to see "Kinky Boots" at the Theatre in Milton Keynes on the 6th November. The coach will leave the usual stops in Papworth at 11am 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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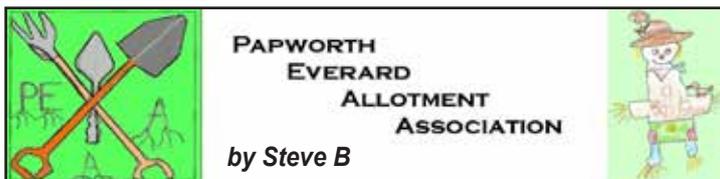
We held a fundraising evening at Papworth Village Hall on Friday 27th September in aid of the youth organisations of Papworth. WARRANT OFFICER MO HOWARD MBE (Mo as he prefers to be known) a most distinguished speaker from RAF MARHAM gave a very informative talk and slideshow giving an insight into the Past Present and Future buildings and aircraft capabilities based at RAF Marham throughout its entire history. The evening was a great success with a diverse range of people attending from not only Papworth but Huntingdon, Hilton and other surrounding villages. Mo (as he prefers to be known) a most gave a most impressive talk describing aircraft and their capabilities in the Past compared



to now and to what they will be in the future. WI homemade cakes and refreshments added to the evening as did the raffle where a great variety of prizes were donated by our members. Thanks go to our members for providing the wonderful cakes and raffle prizes, to the Courtyard Café and the Deli for selling tickets on our behalf and of course to everyone who came along to make the evening such a success. A total of £600 plus was raised on the night and we will shortly be announcing how the money will be distributed..

Our monthly lunch this month was held at Willingham Barns & Auction Rooms at Willingham where we enjoyed browsing around the antiques and collectables before enjoying a delicious lunch.

Sarah Bellows from Care Network Cambridgeshire was our speaker this month and described the amazing services and support the organisation offers to people in their own homes following a hospital stay, illness at home, loneliness etc and how they can help with arrangements to have volunteer support workers to help them get back in some way into the community. Many of us were surprised at what is being done by Care Network Cambridgeshire and this maybe something our WI could contribute to in some way in the future.



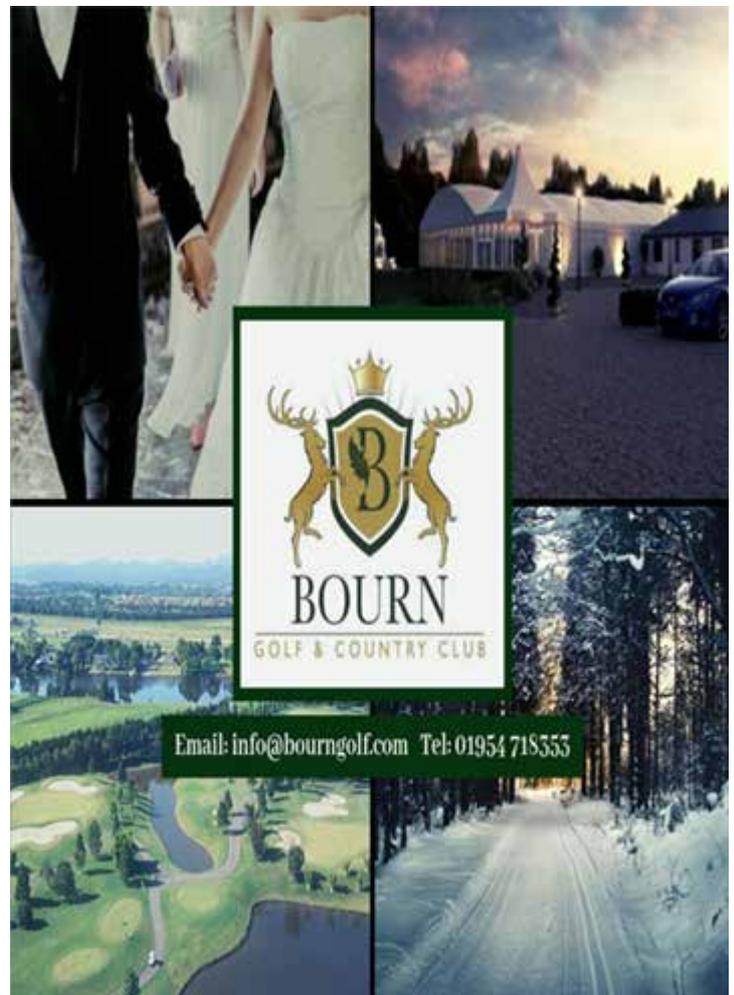
No fruit, - No flowers - No leaves - No birds November!

Many of us will be familiar with those words by Thomas Hood and feel very much in agreement with him. November is not often the brightest time of year; the clocks have gone back and the short days mean that we can only work on our allotments at weekends unless like me you are retired. That doesn't mean that work stops altogether. There are still vegetables to be gathered and I hope my kale and sprouts will see me out until Christmas. There's ground to be turned over and dug in preparation for next year. It's also a good time to digging in manure to give it time to break down before next year's spring planting. It also raises the question for me – do I cover the ground to stop weeds growing or do I leave it open to let the winter frost do its work? Any views on that?

It's also a time to be tidying up the plot and doing repairs and maintenance. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask members to make sure their own plots are in good repair. Recently a group of allotmenters spent a day clearing up one of the plots at the entry of the site, making it ready for use. Thanks to all of those who turned up. For anyone looking to try their hand at running an allotment just contact PEAA and ask about vacant plots. It's hard work, but it's hard work that pays off in many ways.

Well, that's all for now but I'd like to sign off with my old favourite Robert Frost – I'm much more in tune with his view of November!

*Not yesterday I learned to know
The love of bare November days
Before the coming of the snow,
But it were vain to tell her so,
And they are better for her praise*



Church Notices

St Peter's Church Services

3rd November	10.30	Morning Prayer
10th November	10.30	Remembrance Service Village Hall
17th November.	10.30	Prayer & Praise
24th November.	10.30	Holy Communion
1st December	10.30	Morning Prayer
15th December	10.30	Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

3pm Sunday 8th December - CHRISTINGLE

7pm Thursday 12th December - VILLAGE HALL CAROLS

10.30am Sunday 22nd December - COMMUNION WITH CAROLS

3pm Tuesday 24th December - CRIB SERVICE

10.30am Wednesday 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY WORSHIP



Hilton Methodist Church Services in Nov/Dec

November 3rd	10:00am
Morning Worship	
November 10th	10:45am
Remembrance Service at the Parish Church	
November 17th	10:00am
Mr. F. Cannon	
November 24th	10:00am
Rev N. Witham	
December 1st	10:00am
Morning Worship	
December 8th	11:15am Gift
Service at the Methodist Church	
December 15th	10:00am
Morning Worship	
December 15th	5:00pm
Carol Service	
December 22nd	10:00am
Morning Worship	
December 24th	11:30pm
Rev. N. Witham	
December 29th	10:00am
Morning Worship	
Fair Trade Coffee Morning	
Saturday, December 7th	
10:00am – 12:00 noon	
in the Methodist Schoolroom	
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Business as usual or just the usual busy-ness?

In many walks of life, the period September to December seems long and demanding – a new school year, groups courses and activities re-starting after a summer break, perhaps new commitments taken on. We are mistaken if we think life will return to normal at the start of a new year; it won't unless we take a hard look and (perhaps) make some important decisions.

A conversation recently helped me to appreciate how much we are driven by our culture rather than being instruments of change in it. He returned recently to the UK from 6 months

living abroad; and struck how people in the community where he had been staying will stop for conversation with people they know rather than being too busy to talk because of their next appointment. By and large we are very busy; even so-called retirement is often a change of activities rather than a change of pace, at least for a few years.

I remember a period when I was living with a major blind spot. I was working excessively long hours when our children were young, and my wife bore the brunt. My blind spot was I thought I was doing it all for them. I learned a major lesson when - having decided things had to change - I returned to work after a holiday resolved I would be at my desk no earlier than 8.00am, home by 6.00pm for tea and bedtime with the family, and no longer bring work home or return to the office for a late night stint. Within a month I discovered I was getting through more by working less, I was happier and so was my wife!

(I haven't always managed to hold to that promise; the challenge is harder as a clergyperson where, along with most people not really knowing what we do, many meetings in evenings go with the role.)

In Psalm 46v10 we read how God speaks to a hard-pressed and anxious civic (probably political and national) leader in the midst of a crisis. God said: "Be still and know that I am God". The gist of the message is when we become too busy and it stays that way, we start to lose out on the most important thing – knowing and being known by God; and the parallel is no less destructive for other relationships we think are important to us.

As we hurtle towards another Christmas and year end let me encourage you (with me) to try and do some "de-cluttering" so that the people we treasure get the time they deserve.

As a wise wit once put it: nobody ever ended life saying: "I wish I had spent more time working!"

When someone shared with me their search for a better understanding of how God made her to flourish – I was ready to suggest she step back from some commitments at church to make more room to think and pray about the way ahead. Yes, sometimes even the church can be reduced to just another organisation demanding too much.

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Christmas Events

Carols around the Christmas Tree:

The nights are drawing in and the clocks have gone back - Christmas must be getting closer! This year, Papworth's Carols around the Christmas Tree event will be held in Pendrill Court on Saturday 14th December at 5pm. Each year we support a different local charity, and this year we'll be raising money for EACH - East Anglian Children's Hospice.

We're keeping our fingers crossed for clear skies this year, but whatever the weather Sing Papworth will be joining the festivities to boost the carol singing, and there'll be refreshments and carol sheets available. Keep an eye out for posters nearer the event, and check our Facebook page to hear updates and more about those supporting the event.

Come and join us around the tree at Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard (outside the Nisa/Library) on Saturday 14th December at 5pm for lights, carols, refreshments, and to raise some money for EACH. Many thanks to the Varrier Jones Foundation for supporting the event.

Sing Papworth's concert in December:

Fancy a different take on the Christmas story? On Saturday 7th December, Sing Papworth and Friends will be at Eltisley Church telling the Russian Christmas folk story of Babushka through an evening of Russian folk music and Christmas songs.

Sing Papworth is Papworth's community choir, rehearsing on Monday nights at Pendragon Community Primary School. This term they've been brushing up on their Russian pronunciation and Christmas favourites. These will be entwined around Babushka's tale alongside some lesser known seasonal pieces and instrumental music including excerpts of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite from the Ermine Street Band. There'll also be the odd carol the audience can join in with too!

Join us on Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm at St Pandionia & St John the Baptist Church, Eltisley. Tickets £5, concessions free - available on the door. For more information please see our website - <http://singpapworth.wordpress.com>

Posada: Travelling Crib



St Peter's Church has a travelling crib (woollen figures of Mary and Joseph) which stays each night in December at a different house in the village. This is called Posada. It originates from Latin America where young children dress as Mary and Joseph and travel from house to house.

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PLAY PAPWORTH: live music in the Courtyard on 9th December

Kyle D Evans - Pop Song's for Pedant's

The one-man venn diagram intersection of maths, pop and comedy returns. In the follow-up to his award-winning debut BORN TO SUM (Best Stand-up, Swindon Fringe 2018) he once again casts a mathematical eye across popular culture and wonders whether there is a place for all this pedantry in a world seemingly going to hell in a handcart. Expect songs, mathematics, fiendish wordplay and weapons-grade pedantry. If the devil is in the detail, he is Lucifer.

Kyle is an award-winning musical comedian and science communicator (winner, Famelab UK 2016) who takes a borderline perverse enjoyment in using any platform possible to preach the good word of mathematics. He has performed musical/comedy maths shows at various events, such as Cheltenham & Manchester Science festivals, Blue Dot, Green Man, Camp Bestival, London Science Museum, Edinburgh Fringe & various other festivals. He is a regular contributor to Radio 4's flagship numbers show 'More or Less' and the Today programme's puzzle of the day.

I have been a fan of Kyle D Evans for over 10 years, since his days in the bands The Dawn Chorus and The Retrospective Soundtrack Players. He's worked with Frank Turner, Chris T-T and Ben Marwood. Kyle has recorded albums based upon The Catcher In The Rye, Cool Hand Luke and even a Dickens-themed Christmas album. He's also a mathematics whizz, and has written a maths book for children. Think maths, music and humour can't possibly mix? Come down to the Courtyard at 8pm on Monday 9th December and see how.

This show is suitable for adults and older children, especially those studying GCSE or A-level maths, when accompanied by a responsible adult.

Tickets from the Courtyard. £3 in advance, £5 on the door.

All profits from this event will be donated to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.



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RE-PLAY PAPWORTH

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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. 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, Amy Winehouse and Chic.

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.



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PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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SPEEDING

Over the past month or two the Parish Council has been contacted by several residents expressing their concerns at the speed at which vehicles are travelling through the village – not only on Ermine Street but on the side roads too, including Elm Way, Varrier Jones Drive, Chequers Lane and through the Summersfield estate. Even though part of Ermine Street, from Jubilee Green to the north of the junction with Varrier Jones Drive, is subject to a 20mph limit and despite traffic calming measures, speed tables and give way points, cars are still driving through the village at quite a speed.

Speed enforcement can only take place on adopted Highways, but without solid proof of speeding the Police are unable to commit to setting up speed cameras or taking action.

The best way to provide the necessary proof, is to set up a SpeedWatch scheme in the village.

Areas where speeding is identified as an issue can then be considered for enforcement work by officers.

The Community SpeedWatch scheme, run by Cambridge Constabulary, trains volunteers from members of the community to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhood.

Volunteers are trained to use speed indicator devices which display vehicle speeds. The registered owner of any vehicle seen exceeding the speed limit is sent an advisory letter by the Constabulary, explaining that speeding is unacceptable to the local community and asking them to be more considerate.

Volunteers typically offer 1 to 2 hours a month helping to reduce the speed of vehicles driving through their neighbourhood. There is no expected time commitment, volunteers attend sessions when they like, and it's a great opportunity to meet new people, and enjoy the activity whilst benefiting your community.

All volunteers are fully trained and insured by the Constabulary.

To get a scheme up and running in the village would require a core of at least 10 volunteers to be trained and run the scheme and 3 people at a time monitoring traffic speed.



If you have a little time to spend and would be interested in volunteering to participate in a SpeedWatch scheme please let us know. If we can get sufficient interest we will look into it further.

Changing Rooms

The work to refurbish the sports changing rooms at the playing field is almost complete and they are looking very smart.

The interior has been fully refurbished, including updated shower facilities in both changing rooms, the creation of an officials' changing room plus upgrades to the hot water and heating systems, whilst the exterior has been re-clad and a new door and double glazed windows have been installed.

The changing rooms were partially handed back to the Parish Council to enable them to be used for the scheduled football matches for the first time on Saturday 16th November.

Contractors will still be on site for a while as some minor interior works are still to be completed and the path outside will be re-laid over the coming weeks.

Once planning permission is granted, work will be scheduled for the construction of the pavilion, widening of the entrance and reconstruction of the entrance pillars and resurfacing of the car park.

New Councillor

We would like to welcome Catrona (Cat) Lloyd as new member of the Parish Council.

Cat has been resident in the village for many years and is enthusiastic about serving the village as a Parish Councillor. As a trained Nurse, Cat brings to the Council a wealth of life experience and she will be a valuable member of the team.

Papworth to Caxton Gibbet/A428 Cycleway

The project to construct a cycleway/footpath along the A1198 from Papworth to join the existing cycleway running from the A428 Caxton Gibbet roundabout towards Cambourne, is well underway.

A new Project Manager has been appointed to deliver the project and the basic design is now in place. An order for the full detailed plan has been issued and this is due to be delivered by 20th December 2019, along with a full costing which will be done by the end of the year.

Whilst the detailed plan is being completed, Skanska will look to appoint a contractor to undertake the works, allowing for their input into the plan before it is finalised.

The finances have been secured for the project and providing costs are agreed, it is hoped that contractors could be on site early next year.

The Parish Council will be in regular contact direct with the Project Manager and will provide updates as they arise.

Royal Papworth Hospital Site Sold to a Chinese Investor

Some readers of the News & Views will know from the local press that the former Royal Papworth Hospital site has been sold to Global Healthcare Real Estate, led by entrepreneur Ms Grace Bian. The company intends to spend more than a quarter of billion pounds to create what has been called a 'wellness and health village'.

Wellness village

To bring this about, the 13-acre (5 hectare) site will be developed to include a country club, a floating spa and restaurant on a lake, an art centre and health complex. There will also be 300 convalescence beds, 384 apartments and 90 villas set in landscaped gardens.

The new owners say that about 1,000 new jobs will be created to serve the site, providing employment and training opportunities for local people. They say they also want to maintain a good relationship with the existing village.

Parish Council's view

The proposals are welcomed by the parish council. New jobs will help to balance the loss of Royal Papworth Hospital from the village and this type of development is more appropriate to the site than more houses and will help to keep the village active during the day and improve our self-sufficiency.

There are some obvious concerns about the potential impact of the development on the currently attractive landscape around the hospital site, on the older buildings of the hospital that are worth preserving, and on public access to areas like 'The Lake' (i.e. the Duck Pond).

The number of apartments and 'villas' (Total = 474) raises a concern about the density of development. How will be achieved considering the constraints of the site? It will not be until some detailed plans are put on paper that the impacts can be properly assessed. We will also need make sure the new development has plenty of staff parking – no one wants to see a return to the jam-packed, on-street parking experienced when Royal Papworth Hospital operated the site.

Planning and the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan

Village residents were invited to meetings in the village hall and provided ideas for possible site uses. When, some time ago, the parish council suggested to South Cambs District Council that a 'masterplan' should be prepared for the site, the reply was that it was 'too early', and we should wait until the new owner of the site is known. Now that we know who has bought the site, we will be



going back to South Cambs with the 'master plan request'. We hope this will initiate discussion between the new owners, the parish council and other interested organisations, and village residents. The great benefit of a masterplan is that it gives a degree of certainty about what is going on the site - and where it is going - particularly on a large site that may be developed in several phases. (Even with a masterplan in place, the owners will still need to get approval for individual, detailed planning applications to allow the development to proceed).

The District Council has already set some basic principles it will follow for the site. These are contained in the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan, which came into force only last year. Within the Local Plan is a special policy for the Hospital site; it says that, ideally, the use of the site should continue to be healthcare. It goes on to say that no new housing would be permitted, except where conversion for residential use would be the best use of the older hospital buildings.

The aim would be to maintain the character of the older hospital buildings and to protect the parkland 'setting' of Papworth Hall (which is not part of the Hospital). Also, in the Local Plan, the duck pond and the grassed area around it are included in a specially protected 'Local Green Space'. The parish council will be working to encourage South Cambs to follow its own Local Plan in connection with the hospital site redevelopment.

In 2011 the Papworth Everard Conservation Area was extended to include the hospital site. This designation gives extra protection to the buildings and trees in and around the Hospital, and approval is needed to make changes or to remove them.

Provided we can use the planning system to protect the visual, historical, and landscape character of the hospital site, the development of a 'wellness and health village' should be a substantial benefit to the existing community.

Information from: Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Trust, Cambridge News, Cambridge Times and Cambridge Independent



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The year is just flying by! Halloween is already upon us, and the clocks have gone back. Everyone is pleased to have one extra hour, but that soon pales as the days become shorter and shorter. However, this is an excellent time for crafting, with fewer daylight hours, but longer evenings that can be filled with creating beautiful items.

Everyone at the Papworth Craft Group is very busy with individual projects. There are no short-sleeved jumpers or lighter garments being worked on. The shift is more towards cosy throws, soft, thick sweaters, and Christmas decorations. One member is crocheting a gorgeous textured throw in various shades of soft purple. The yarn is overdyed, so the various shades are all on



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the same ball. The different stitches that are used, together with the effect created by the yarn, all contribute to a very desirable throw, much coveted by others! Waffle stitch used in crochet produces a fairly dense fabric, ideal for a baby blanket to keep a little tot snug and cosy over the autumn and winter months. One of the super swift knitters, who is almost as quick in crochet, has made a couple of blankets using waffle stitch. Another member wanted to learn something new by way of a change from the pattern she has used to crochet the charity blankets. Help was on hand, and now another waffle stitch blanket is flying off both crochet hooks. The exchange of skills is at the heart of the group. That is not to say that the two hours when we meet are taken up with teaching and learning new skills, but at one time or another this benefit is being enjoyed. There is nothing more frustrating than encountering a problem that one cannot resolve oneself, but then realising that in all probability someone in the group will be able to provide the answer.

Everyone has been enchanted with the amigurumi-like alpaca that appeared at the first meeting in October. It was beautifully made, garlanded with perfect pompoms. (These are more to achieve than one would imagine). It spent the two hours on the table so that we could all admire it while working on our projects. This member specialises in these items, and the tomtarna or dwarf-like figures with large pointed hats are big favourites. One member ordered a tomta in purple - her favourite colour. This was contrasted with grey to produce a stunning effect. These figures are currently in vogue and can be seen in Christmas displays in large stores and garden centres. The custom-made ones are the best!!

Christmas decorations are in progress in the guise of little snowmen with their own scarves! These are not so simple to make, as a small-size crochet is needed to achieve the required result. However, the end product is worth the slightly fiddly moments that are encountered along the way. October means Halloween, and there were crocheted pumpkins being worked, and were great fun to make. A knitted cushion cover is on the needles of another member in a warm, dark red, and promises to be just right for winter.

The charity blankets are still being worked on, with squares knitted and crocheted, as well as baby blankets that are made all in one piece. Although currently there is less time being devoted to this project, so that members can work on their own, YARN can still be donated, if anyone has a stash that needs reducing, or surplus yarn that is no longer wanted.

Donations can be brought to the library at any of our meetings. A huge thank you in expectation!

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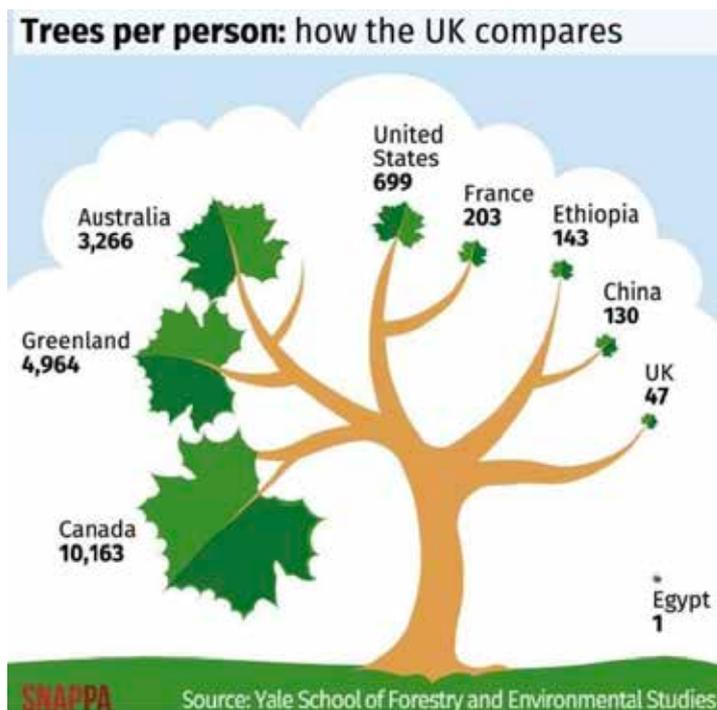
When the Papworth News and Views magazine printed a request from the Parish Council for a volunteer to be Papworth's tree warden I thought "I want to do that!" Having a deep passionate love of nature and wildlife I thought it would be just up my street!

So on October 6th I left home early for the Norfolk Broads to attend the annual East Anglia Tree Warden's Forum. Many of the warden's there have been involved a long time and it was great to hear about what they do to champion trees in their areas.

Reducing our carbon footprint through tree preservation and tree planting was a main focus of the day. It was quite amazing to learn what a difference trees make. Planting trees is a great way to help sequester carbon emissions. Through photosynthesis trees absorb carbon dioxide to produce oxygen and wood. By ensuring that the trees planted are native broad leaf species you can help to preserve the UK's environment and biodiversity.

Researchers at ETH Zurich have found that by extensive tree planting and reforestation we can cut carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by up to 25% to levels seen almost a century ago. Many countries now have reforestation programmes. China is often criticised for its emissions but China has now reforested an area the size of Mexico.

Trees absorb carbon dioxide but also absorb potentially harmful gasses, such as sulphur dioxide and carbon monoxide, from the air and release oxygen. One large tree can supply a day's supply of oxygen for four people. Tree's improve the air we breath. Let's help improve the air we breath in Papworth.



**On a personal level you can do your bit!
Plant a tree.**

Autumn is a perfect time of year to plant a tree.

The Tree council says if you plant a tree you can consider yourself to be almost carbon neutral for an entire year. To be carbon neutral you need to plant one and a half trees a year. You can't plant half a tree but you can plant one tree, two is even better. I am told this reduction in carbon footprint is calculated by the amount of CO2 sequestration of the tree over the next 40 years. You don't need to plant big trees but they should be broadleaf deciduous trees. Hawthorn is a great tree to plant and would fit in even a small garden. It is often used in hedging so can be kept compact. It will reward you with white blossoms in May and red berries called haws in autumn There is also a pink Hawthorn blossom variety. I

have one of each in my garden. Or what about Blackthorn which is also a hedging tree and will produce white blossoms in March and April and black berries called sloes in autumn. Make your own sloe gin with the fruit from the Blackthorn.



Hawthorns

You will also be rewarded by an increase in wildlife in your garden too. These trees provides pollen and nectar for bees and will support many insects that birds will feed on.

The birds also love to eat the fruit in autumn and winter.

If you do plant a tree, tell us what you planted. Send in a photograph.

Julie Greaves



On Your Door Step - Photographs from Papworth Residents



Rainbow - Mike Sellwood



A glimpse of the Duck Pond - Elsa Brown (age 10)

Weekly Healthy Walking

Every Thursday throughout the year: 10am and 10.30am start



We have an enthusiastic group of trained volunteers who lead our two, weekly Walking for Health walks at Wandlebury. The first is slightly faster while the second is more leisurely, accommodating people who are not so fit or are newcomers to the group. Each walk lasts around 30 minutes and covers about 1.5 miles. With the slower second walk, we offer a shortcut back to the base if needed. This social group meets all year round at 10am every Thursday morning, with the slower walk starting at 10.30am. Walks are well-attended, with 50-60 people joining most weeks. Some people like it so much they do both walks! Teas and coffees are available afterwards.

NB: Free of charge and no need to book. If you want to take part for the first time then please arrive 10 minutes early to register. The meeting point is the Stables Education Centre. Donations towards the upkeep of the park are always welcome.

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PAPWORTH TENNIS CLUB



Our new coach, John Garland, will run some one-day weekend tournaments before the end of 2019. There are singles and doubles competition formats and all levels are welcome. These are open tournaments for members and non-members on the following dates:

A) Doubles on Sunday 10th November starting at 10 am

The tournament will comprise two levels, each taking 3 hours. Players choose whether they want to play in the higher or lower level. A minimum of 8 players is required, but there's no limit to number of players, alternate doubles partners.

B) Singles on Saturday 23rd November starting at 2 pm

The tournament will run for 2 - 4 hours, depending upon the number of entries, and is aimed at new players and those not yet confident enough to take part in doubles/ Club social evenings. The idea is to meet new players and compete at a similar standard. A minimum of 8 players is required.

C) Singles on Sunday 8th December starting at 10 am

The tournament will run for 4 hours, targeted at established players looking for new playing partners or just keen for more competitive tennis. Minimum of 8 players required.

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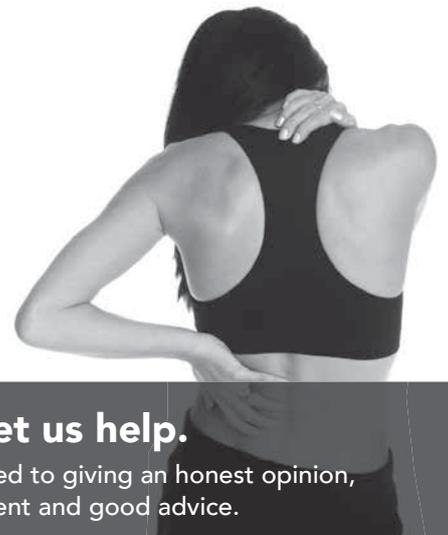
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