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PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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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 progressing. The Parish Council has been advised by the Project Manager that the detailed design is on track to be delivered by 20 December. We will have a further update in the New Year, but the Project Manager as advised that he hopes work to construct the cycleway will commence in the first quarter of 2020.

The preliminary design for the A428 / A1198 junction as part of the A428 upgrade project has recently been released to the County Council by Highways England. We have been advised that as part of the design for the replacement A428/A1198 junction, construction of a new roundabout between the I-Way Inn and the currently existing roundabout is planned. In addition a cycle path to link to the current cycleway towards Cambourne will be installed. It has therefore been agreed between Highways England and the County Council that the section of cycleway from the I-Way Inn to where it joins the current cycle way will be constructed as part of this project using a temporary surface which will then be replaced with a full hard surface once the A428 Project work is underway. We have been assured that the temporary surface will still be fit for use for pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair users.

The Parish Council will provide further updates as they arise.

Bus Shelter

Although it has taken a while to deal with the insurance claim and obtain quotes for replacement of the Bus Shelter on Ermine St North, which was partially demolished by an articulated lorry performing a U-turn in the road, the Parish Council has finally been given the go ahead to have the shelter replaced.

A contractor has been appointed and initial work to remove the old structure and concrete pad has been undertaken. The new concrete pad has been installed and the replacement shelter is on order from the supplier. The hardwood shelter has to be made to order so we have been advised that the shelter will be delivered and installed week commencing 7th January.

Request for provision of a skate park

Periodically the Parish Council received request for a skate park and other such facilities in the village and suggestions of where these could be sited.

The Parish Council is in quite the unusual position, that we do not own any land in the village and therefore do not have anywhere we could install a skate park, so unfortunately it is not as straight forward as just building one.

All the areas run by the Parish Council are leased (eg Playing Fields) and not owned by us with exception of the cemetery.

The majority of land in the village including the business park is owned by either the Varrier-Jones Foundation or the Papworth Trust.

It is regularly suggested that the old BMX track may be a suitable location (this land is owned by the Papworth Trust) or the car park area next to the allotments (this is owned by the Varrier-Jones Foundation and is currently leased as part of the hospital site). The car park area is due to transfer back to the Varrier-Jones Foundation once the lease has expired and is due to be returned to agricultural land.

The Parish Council has previously looked into the availability of space on the Playing Field to see whether this might identify a viable space on which something could be constructed but unfortunately this could not be achieved without the loss of one of the football pitch areas and the area is too close in proximity to adjacent housing. Many other things would also have to be taken into consideration including obtaining permission from our Landlords to actually use the playing field in the first place, noise levels and planning consent in addition to ongoing insurance and maintenance costs.

If someone were to approach the Papworth Trust or V-JF and gain agreement for them to provide a suitable location, and bring a costed proposal to the Parish Council we would consider this as an option, although without owning the land the Parish Council are likely to have issues with trying to obtain insurance to cover the facility.

The Parish Council would look for a team of people to get involved in any project, garner support from the village, raise funds and apply for grants. To give an idea of cost, the Clerk has spoken to Potton Town Council who have built a skate park in the last year 2 years and has been advised that the skate park cost just under £100K.

Parish Office Opening Hours and Christmas Cover

The Parish Office at the Village Hall is generally open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 10.00am and 2.00pm and parishioners are welcome to call at the office whenever it is open - although it is advisable to call ahead. When the office is closed you can still leave a voicemail message on 01480 830360 or email the Clerk clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

The office will be closed from Monday 23rd December and will reopen in the New Year on Monday 6th January 2019. Over the period between Christmas and New Year calls and emails will be monitored and urgent queries responded to as necessary.

Village Hall booking enquiries can be made via the online enquiry form on the Parish Council Website or by emailing the Bookings Clerk, Clare Taylor, at villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk or by leaving a message on 07841014414.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD
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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR !**

VARRIER JONES SOCIAL CLUB



What a treat our last Meeting was - 30 Members all laughing, singing and clapping along with an Entertainer who certainly did that. New to the Club, Steve Perry, sang and danced his way through over an hour of favourite songs together with a few good "strictly moves" not to mention the various hats to accompany the songs. Steve certainly had a good work out and left us all feeling quite exhausted just watching him!

On the 6th November we had our trip to the Theatre in Milton Keynes to see the show "Kinky Boots". What a great show – a little loud at times but excellent singing, dancing and acting. How Lola/Sam and the Angels managed to dance in those high

heels was simply amazing. Once again we must thank our friends from the WI and Cruse who came with us making this outing possible. We look forward to seeing you all again for our next trip!!

Our December Meeting will be at the Community Room in The Close at 12.00 for 12.30 when Members will sit down to Christmas Lunch followed by entertainment, Mandy & co, with their Christmas Show. There will, of course, be the usual tea, cake and Christmas Raffle. Don't forget to wear your Christmas Decorations!!

Now just a reminder that there is no Meeting in January. The next Meeting will be on the 7th February 2020 back in The Studio at 1.30pm

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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Early in the month several of us went along to the Garden Centre at Roxton for a little early Christmas Shopping. There was a great variety of gifts for all from chocolates and biscuits to candles, ornaments, clothes and obviously plenty of beautiful indoor plants with the Poinsettias taking centre stage. After shopping refreshments were the order of the day including a most enjoyable lunch.



Our speaker this month was entitled 'Police Officer to Therapist' when Sharon Herbert spoke of her work specialising in overcoming Anxiety, PTSD, Leaving Panic Attacks Behind and Managing Stress.

Having worked in the Emergency Services for the past 27 years and juggled a family and career with the challenges these bring there is not much of life that Sharon hasn't seen or experienced. Through a

complimentary mix of her Cognitive Hypnotherapy & Coaching methods she can help you make positive changes, identify and address the underlying factors that are contributing to where you are at. Whether you are in a place of overwhelm, burnout, experienced trauma or other significant emotional event, her trauma informed approach is really effective and can get you back on the road to living a more fulfilled and productive life. No longer just surviving BUT thriving!

Sharon works with clients both face to face and online using ZOOM - so Geographical location need not be a barrier. She runs a busy practice in Cambridge however she is also available for clients within the City of London.

Sharon kindly donated a 'Stress Buster Session' for our raffle which will be drawn at the December meeting.



Donation Gone to a Good Cause

We have recently returned from Zimbabwe where we visited our friends, Graham and Sarah Giles, who live in Bulawayo and are working with Mazwi, a community in the bush. Sarah and Graham have asked us to pass on their grateful thanks to the congregation of St Peter's church for kindly donating the Harvest Service collection towards bricks for the new Early Childhood Development Centre to be sited in the community building which is being built in the centre of Mazwi.

The ECD school for 4-5 year olds currently runs in a make shift building walled with blue plastic sheets so the brick built building will be so welcome. Graham and Sarah thought it was special that the Papworth Church is called St Peter's because Mazwi was originally called St Peter's extension and is situated not far from the community of St Peter's. Children from the ECD go on to St Peter's Primary School when they are 5.



The building under construction will also encompass a new church building and community area plus kitchen and toilets and will be in the heart of the village and they plan for it to be used for spiritual, educational, and health purposes (the HIV Mamas Support Group will meet there). While we were there the church had it's fun day and as well as lots of activities on the "field" and play area that adjoins the new building, a group of the village ladies cooked a wonderful meal of guinea fowl stew, Eland mince, cabbage relish and sadza (corn meal), all on an open fire,. Imagine how good it will be when this can all be cooked in the new kitchen. The village currently has no electricity and water only comes to standpipes with tanks at the side of the tracks and has to be carried to separate homes. The dream is to have electricity and mains water in the building. Renting out the building to other communities will also bring in revenue.

Very many thanks to St Peter's Congregation from the people of Mazwi for your support.



Sally and Bert Bartlett

Church Notices

St Peter's Church Services

15th December 10.30 Holy Communion
 29th December No Service

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

3pm Sunday 8th December - CHRISTINGLE

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

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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Christmas - a time for?

Whenever I visit the USA, I become aware that in many American homes more is made of 'Thanksgiving' (the fourth Thursday in November) than the celebration of Christmas. It has made me think what do WE celebrate, at this time of year?

As I write there is talk of a major strike by Royal Mail staff. If it happens there could be significant disruption to our postal services in the run-up to Christmas as well as this year's General Election. Is our Christmas chiefly about the sending and receiving of cards or presents?

The nearer we get to December 25th more attention will be given to anticipated weather conditions and travel disruptions. Is our Christmas mainly about whether there is snow or sun, getting to where we want to be?

What Americans do well is in reminding us of the importance of thankfulness; I suspect we could do with a dose of that in the UK this year.

What the church contributes is in reminding people of our common legacy of God's goodness and love - conveyed to us because Jesus came into this world and offers himself as Saviour and Lord. Being able to do this with fellowship and seasonal refreshments is always good for our spirits and the well-being of the community.

Of course, there are some people for whom this Christmas may feel especially challenging. In the course of 2019: they may have attended, (even organised) the funeral of a loved one, lost their job, seen a business close, been given a serious health diagnosis, felt the pain of family tensions or break up. What will this Christmas be like for the many families who have lost so much in floods very recently? Not everyone will be feeling thankful or wanting to celebrate but very much need our support, attention and care > a knock on the door, an invitation to something they can be persuaded to face, a bit of time to talk and reflect with someone other than their own thoughts.

One of the great carols we may sing has the line: "O come to us abide with us Our Lord Emmanuel". No other faith can offer or be comforted by this truth. God promises to be with us whether we are in sorrow or enjoying all the festivities; very often He delivers on these promises by the thoughtful, loving and caring actions of the likes of you and me as we look beyond ourselves to think – literally being His angels to others.

Many thanks for reading this column, and for all your support of your local church in 2019.

Happy Christmas!

The Revd Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector

Roman Catholic Mass

(Latin Rite)

Saturday Evenings at 6pm
 Syro-Malabar Rite 2nd Friday
 at 6pm and 4th Sunday
 at 3.00 pm

St Peter's Church - Church Lane

Carol Service Cancelled

Due to the clash of dates with the General Election we have sadly decided to cancel the Carol Service in the Village Hall for this year. There will be 'Carols round the Tree' on 14th December as well as Christmas Services in Church during the month, starting with the Christingle Service on 8th December.

St Peter's Church will be open all day on Thursday 12th December - Election Day Refreshments from 9 - 10.30am and 3 - 4pm

Look in after the school run, or for time to reflect It will be good to have your company

Carols Round the Christmas Tree



Carols around the Christmas Tree is less than a week away! The posters are up, the mulled cider is being prepared and by the time this edition of the News and Views has made its way to you, the tree should be up too.

My Happy Place

I wanted to write something to say how amazing our little hub of the village is, The Courtyard Cafe.

The owners and people who work in there are always so friendly and welcoming. I love the way David and Steph are open to suggestions and they take on board all comments/suggestions and bear them in mind for future plans. There is a fantastic menu of drinks including coffees, teas, milkshakes, soft drinks, beers, gins etc.... They cater for dietary requirements and have a lovely selection of rolls, cakes and pastries should you fancy a bit of lunch or a tasty treat. Soon after first going in there I put a suggestion in the box that they do sugar free syrups for coffee and the next time I went in they had two to choose from, they now have four!

They have great events on too, if you haven't tried any then I recommend that you do! The book nights are very enjoyable and have opened me up to reading genres of books I would never have considered before. It's lovely to meet the authors behind the books and hear their story of how they got to where they are now.

The recent quiz nights have been great fun too and very popular with local people. Always a special food item on for each of the quiz nights, chilli nachos for one and Cornish pasties for the other. Always great to raise money for charity while enjoy an evening out with friends and a few drinks!

On Sunday I attended the vinyl afternoon with some friends which I thoroughly enjoyed and will most definitely be going to again. Relaxing afternoon with great music on a fantastic sound system. Another once a month event that is great to be a part of with different music themes/bands/albums each time.

I also have tickets for the comedian who is on on the 9th December. Another different event being put on and I hope it does well. Tickets are only £3 each in advance and it looks to be a humorous evening with a few drinks in the run up to Christmas.

I am a regular in the courtyard and to those who know me they will know I call it 'my happy place'. It's got a lovely relaxing atmosphere day or night and I shall continue to support them and enjoy my time in there. If you haven't been in then give it a try, I think you'll like it!

Jo Huggett

This year we're inviting Papworth residents to decorate Colour EACH Star and decorate a star for the tree. Stars can be purchased from Jenni Pinnock or The Courtyard for 50p each, with proceeds going to EACH. Either decorate them in house at The Courtyard or take them home to decorate, then come and put them on the tree either on the morning of Saturday 14th or on the evening itself.

The carol singing will be held on the evening of Saturday 14th, beginning at 5pm with the turning on of the lights. Sing Papworth will be supporting the singing, with carol sheets available for a suggested charity donation of 50p. All proceeds from the event go towards this year's charity, East Anglia's Children's Hospices.

Thank you to all who have helped with this year's event: to the Parish Council for financially supporting the event, and to the Varrier Jones Foundation for allowing us to run it and for the tree, provided by Waresley Garden Centre. Thanks to the News and Views for printing the carol sheets, The Courtyard for refreshments and for supporting the event as a whole. The wonderful posters were created by 1st Papworth Rainbows, and thanks to Steve Fenton from Play Papworth for his support too (we're hoping it's dry enough to amplify the singing this year!).

We will also have Christmas Cryptic Charity Quiz sheets for sale. Quiz sheets will be on sale for £1 each (proceeds to EACH). Completed entries can be returned to The Courtyard by Tuesday 7th January to be in with a chance of winning the £25 cash prize!

If you're on Facebook, follow the Carols around the Christmas Tree page (shared on the Papworth Everard Living group) to keep up to date with news about the event. See you on Saturday 14th December for carols, refreshments and festive cheer!

Picture from Carols Round the Christmas Tree - 2017

**The Parish Church
of Papworth
warmly invites you
to the Christmas
Services**



8th December ~ 3.00pm ~ Christingle

22nd December ~ 10.30am ~ Carols and Communion

24th December ~ 3.00pm ~ Crib Service

25th December ~ 10.30am ~ Family Worship

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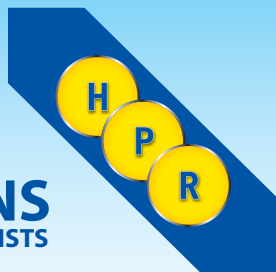
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PLAY PAPWORTH:

**Live music in the Courtyard
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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.


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

**Sunday afternoon
Vinyl Album Playbacks**

Frankie says Relax! On Sunday 29th December, we'll be playing the classic 1984 album Welcome to the Pleasuredome by Frankie Goes To Hollywood, with ZTT Records label-mates Art Of Noise, Propaganda and Grace Jones on original vinyl.

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, Chic and Prince.

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 LIBRARY

PAPWORTH CRAFT GROUP

MEETINGS EVERY 1ST AND 3RD SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH



Feeling Stitchy?

SO ARE WE.

Papworth Craft Group
 Every 1st & 3rd Saturday
 Papworth Library
 1030-1230.

Where has the year gone?! December is here, and for crafters, it is all about Christmas. In fact, the Christmas theme has been flitting around the group for quite some time. Whatever your chosen craft, making Christmas decorations can be very rewarding. They are small, and in no time at all it is possible to complete more than a few – that is if one plans and sets realistic ambitions. Small does not equate with easy! As with many things, small can be synonymous with fiddly. Do not be deceived by the illustration of a modest-looking decoration to crochet, for example. How enchanting that little snowman or Father Christmas looks!! Enchantment can mean feeling that one is all fingers and thumbs, as repeated attempts are made to crochet a tiny little body and head, complete with hat and scarf. The prospect of pulling out



Papworth Library

Thurs 13th Feb 10am -11.30am

Free Ancient Treasures, Pictures and Catalogue Project

Kate Hadley talks us through her recently published digital catalogue of fascinating

Roman Secrets from local private

collections . £1 suggested donation



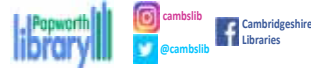
Papworth Christmas talk

Thursday 12th December 10am-11.30am

“Further Glimpses of Cambridge Past”

Honor Ridout returns to take us on a *different* pictorial journey of the interesting and often unnoticed aspects of Central Cambridge.

£1 Suggested Donation for **Christmas** refreshments



a stash of little crocheted figures for your tree dwindles with each successive attempt to correct mistakes. Even to the experienced stitcher, patterns may look pretty straightforward, until one begins to stitch, and discovers that the detail, such as frequent colour change that had been dismissed as 'not a problem' when choosing the design, slows the process down considerably. At this point, the annual pledge to start early for Christmas springs to mind! Others in the group have been making gifts for friends and family, mostly crocheted or knitted. It is still possible to fall into the trap of trying out a new pattern and finding that it does not click as quickly as one anticipated. However, it is a pleasure to hand make gifts for loved ones. The most precious gift that one can give is of one's time.

The Papworth Craft Group has had another good year. There have been new members join, bringing with them their experience and expertise, as well as the very rewarding gift of new friendship and a shared hobby. There have been so many completed projects over the past year, and everyone enjoys seeing modest materials evolve into items of beauty. The charity blankets piled up, as squares were knitted and donated and transformed into very colourful blankets, large and small. To all those who knitted squares, made up the blankets, individually made blankets as well as to the many who donated yarn a VERY BIG THANK YOU! Without the yarn, there would have been no squares, and therefore no blankets. However, group members and others donated their time to make the fulfilment of this project possible, and it is a most affirming feeling when people join together to achieve a common aim. Watch this space for news of a new project in 2020.

The Papworth Craft Group is now a very well-established fixture at Papworth Library. The group has evolved from very modest

beginnings into a regular coming together of people who love to craft and share their passion with other crafters. There is a solid core of members, augmented by members who cannot come to every meeting. However, we would love to have NEW MEMBERS IN 2020. Do you like to knit, crochet, cross stitch, embroider, quilt or patchwork? If so and you would like to spend two hours with fellow crafters, come along to a meeting in the New Year to test the water! We are friendly, chatty and laugh a lot and we love meeting new people. Have a think over the festive season, and we look forward to welcoming you in January.

The Papworth Craft Group is a Community Project and is generously hosted by Papworth Library. This space in the News & Views offers the opportunity to reaffirm the luxury of having a library in the centre of our community. It is easy to take this resource for granted, but it has not always been in Papworth. The village has been enriched by the advent of the library - the opportunity to borrow books, use computers, read the newspapers, access all kinds of information, or to spend a quiet half hour reading. Rural libraries are vulnerable to local cuts, so by using the Papworth Library, footfall is increased. This provides evidence of use. The greater the footfall the better. Check out the library, go there with your children to educate them in the joy of borrowing books to read at home. The library also hosts all kind of events that may interest you. Make a New Year Resolution to use the library more frequently!

The Papworth Craft Group is so grateful to the staff at the library for accommodating us twice a month. It is wonderful to have the space to meet and craft. A very, very big thank you to all of you.

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Thank You



On the 17th October 2019, I turned 50 and I asked my family and friends if they would help me bring some happiness to children who have to be in hospital on Christmas Day.

I wanted to raise a sackful of Christmas presents for the children on Holly Ward at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. Well I have been absolutely overwhelmed by people's generosity. I actually have two full to the brim sacks and more people want to donate.

I never want to leave Papworth Everard. I live in a village that has so many kind and thoughtful people. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you also to my friends who live out of Papworth that also wanted to help a child smile on Christmas Day.

Mandie Skeels

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Real Christmas Tree or Artificial?

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If you are thinking of buying a new artificial Christmas tree this year you might want to consider getting a real one instead. You will need to use your artificial Christmas tree for 10 years to offset its carbon footprint. Artificial trees are mainly made in China and transported worldwide. They are generally made of metal and PVC.

More recently aluminium and fibre optic trees are available.

The idea that having a real Christmas trees causes deforestation is untrue. Nowadays Christmas trees are grown on Christmas tree farms as crops. As trees are cut down each Christmas new ones will be planted. It is far better for the environment to buy a real Christmas tree that is grown locally if you can. It is often possible to buy directly from the farm.

In Papworth we are lucky enough to have two Christmas tree farms both within a 30 mile drive. At Badger Hill Christmas Tree Farm Maulden Bedford there are over 10,000 Christmas trees. You can wander through the plantation and choose your tree then cut it down yourself, if you want to, before bringing it home. That's what my family will be doing this year and my sons will be both want to be the one to cut it down! But if you don't fancy cutting it down yourself, then the farm staff will be happy to cut it down for you.

They also sell container grown Christmas trees if you would like to plant out it in the garden after Christmas. Or it could be left in the pot and brought back into the house next Christmas. The RHS advise bringing a pot grown tree into the house as late as possible as it won't be happy indoors for much longer than 12 days. It will help to keep it in a cool room.

The other Christmas tree farm within easy reach is Parsonage Farm near Bottisham, open at weekends. They have cut trees, you can cut your own or they will cut a fresh tree while you wait. Cash payment.

A Christmas tree newly harvested will stay fresher for longer than the trees that have been cut and left lying around for days, especially if the tree is stood in a bucket of water for a few hours in the garden as soon as you get it home. To preserve its life longer, once in the house, it should should be stood in water which is topped up daily to prevent it drying out. I know from experience a Christmas tree can drink a pint of water a day over the Christmas period. I always buy my Christmas tree the first weekend in December and take it down on the 12th day of Christmas. It is up for a long time, so I also mist it with water to help to prolong its freshness. It usually does pretty well with minimal needle loss.

After Christmas disposing of your used real Christmas tree should not be a problem. You can dispose of your tree and at the same time support a local charity. For a donation the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity is collecting real Christmas trees for recycling. They will be collected January 9th, 10th and 11th in CB23. You will need to register with the charity to have your tree collected. <https://www.charityxmastreecollection.com/xmas-trees/>. Real trees can be also be chopped up and put in the green recycling bin. Artificial trees are more difficult to recycle. They are often made from a combination of metal and plastic making recycling possible but difficult, so they usually end up in land fill sites.

Have a Happy Christmas everyone!

Julie Greaves - Papworth Tree Warden





ELSWORTH PRESCHOOL



Elsworth Pre-School out and about!

We've had a lot of fun going out on visits this term. The Pre-School has been to the nature reserve, the park, the shop to buy flapjack ingredients and the Church for the Harvest festival. Following our forest school style activities, children have really enjoyed gathering natural materials to take back to the Pre-School to learn about and create art with.

With our book of the week activities and mini Pre-School library, where children can borrow Pre-School books, introducing children to the local library is important to us. We ran a lovely storytime yoga session at Papworth Library in October for under 5s using a yoga story book. Yoga is a regular feature at Elsworth Pre-School that the children really benefit from.

We'll be back at Papworth library to run a sensory storytime session 2pm on Thursday 30th January. You'll find sensory trays with items linked to the story for under 5s to enjoy in this free drop in session at Papworth Library. For more information see www.elsworthpreschool.org

Another date for your diaries is Saturday 1st February when our popular gin tasting quiz night will return. Tickets available in the New Year, please see our website for more details.

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Pendragon Community Primary School

We have welcomed 57 children into Foundation stage this year. The children start their year learning about Shape and can already describe all the mathematical properties of a cube and a sphere, today I noticed that they have started on cones with flavoured playdough in the classroom ice cream parlour!

Meanwhile, Year 1 visited Duxford as part of their 'Up, up and away project' – a lovely sunny day with lots of aircraft on the ground and in the sky for the children to look at.



Year 2 are once again looking at super heroes and people who help us. As part of their RE the children made posters to advertise the collection of food for harvest. Our harvest collection resulted in a great collection for the Godmanchester food bank- this is the reply we had back after our collection:

"On behalf of the Godmanchester Foodbank team, I would like to say THANK YOU to all the children, staff and parents for the awesome food gift that you gave to us.



The weight of food provided was 132.70Kg which will enable us to provide food assistance to four large families (each have 2 adults & up to 4 children) for 7 days."

Year 3 visited the Fitzwilliam museum to learn more about life in Ancient Egypt. The staff and parents were all very impressed with the knowledge the children shared and their behaviour throughout the visit was excellent.

Year 4 have been learning about maps and the village history. They start their swimming lessons this month- many thanks to the Friends of the School who support the children's swimming by paying for the transport to and from the pool.

Year 5 are studying invaders and settlers looking at Anglo Saxons and Vikings. The children enjoyed reading about Beowulf and his adventures.

Year 6 have been studying the history of the Mayans- the hot chocolate making has gone down very well even if it did have chilli in it.



Our sporting teams have also been busy taking part in football and netball tournaments already this term.

Finally, if you would like to help the children in school and you are happy to complete some paperwork and a DBS check for safety, we would love to hear from you. It could be reading with children, helping in the library or even playing with Lego! The children love talking to adults in school. You can e mail the office and we will be in touch: office@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk



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Friends of Pendragon Primary School

Over the past weeks the children of Pendragon Primary have been enjoying some seasonal fun, including an after-school Halloween Pop Up shop where there were lots of goodies on offer, and have created Christmas designs to be turned into lovely cards and gifts.

Planning has taken a very festive feel with some exciting events coming up for the children and wider village community to get involved in.



Sunday 15th December 10am : Santa Dash 2km Fun Run

A fantastic event, kindly organised by Papworth Runners on behalf of the school. Join us at the school for a 2km fun run and under 5's Santa Dash. If running isn't for you, why not come down and watch the fun while enjoying some refreshments. Please see the poster and entry form for full details. Closing date for advance entries is December 10th, but entries on the day are allowed.



Christmas Gift Wrapping Service: More details to come!

Got lots of Christmas presents to wrap? Let us take us stress out of it all and do it for you! We will be running a village Gift Wrapping Service, time and date to be confirmed and full details will follow.



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2k Santa Dash

Sunday 15th December



Event Timetable

- 10.00 – 10.20am – Collect race numbers
- 10:25am – Warm-up
- 10.30am – Santa’s little helpers U5 dash
- 10.40am – 2K Santa Dash

Prices

Santa’s little helpers U5 dash - £1.00 (sign up on the day only)

Advance entries only: 2K fun run: £4.00 per runner/ £12 family ticket (2 adults, up to 3 children)

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Entry Form

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Full Names of entries: _____

Name and class of eldest child at the school: _____ Class: _____

(Running numbers will be sent home via this child prior to the event)

I would prefer to collect my numbers on the morning of the race: (Please tick)

Please return this entry form along with a cheque (made payable to 'Friends of Pendragon') or cash in an envelope to the school office before **Tuesday 10th December**. After this date the office will not accept any advance entries but entries on the day will still be allowed. Alternatively, you can enter using the Friends PayPal account. Please make sure you state all runners names in the message (Friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk)

Don't forget to bring some extra change to enjoy a well-deserved hot drink and cake after your run, plus our Christmas Tombola and other activities.

We look forward to seeing you there in your festive jumper and Santa hats!!