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Papworth Everard Parish Council Report

COVID-19

As a direct result of the Covid-19 crisis, Papworth Everard Parish Council took the decision to close the Parish Office and Village Hall to the public until such time as we receive clear guidance that these buildings are safe to be publicly accessible again.

We have taken this decision for the protection of members of the public, as well as Parish Council staff and Councillors.

We are in the process of contacting all village hall hirers regarding their bookings. Any queries about bookings can be made to our Bookings Clerk at villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

Due to the outbreak, the Parish Council has had to cancel several scheduled meetings due to being unable to meet quora.

It is hoped that it may be possible to hold virtual Parish Council meetings using video conferencing technology to allow the Parish Council to transact its usual business as normal. Agendas and further details will be posted on the Parish Council's website.

Whilst the office is closed, we are working remotely to try to fulfil our obligation to service the village in this difficult time. You can still email the Clerk, Sarah Cruse at clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk (which is our preferred method of contact) or leave a voicemail on the office phone (01480 830360) where messages will be check periodically.

Further to the Government's announcement on 23 March, to seek to control the spread of the Coronavirus, the Parish Council's play area on Ermine Street North, the trim trail and the MUGA are also now closed until further notice.

To date we are still allowed to keep open our green spaces, so whilst the play equipment must not be used, the field itself will remain open for people to exercise on, until such time as the Government mandate otherwise. This is on the provision that individuals are adhering to rules on social distancing and not using the field as a place to gather or congregate.

We are proud of our play and leisure facilities in the village, and with the support of everyone we hope that these restrictions can soon be lifted.

The Parish Council is really heartened to see the huge amount of community spirit being shown at this time.

Please stay safe, be sensible and play by the rules - as a village we will get through this !

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.

Parish Clerk: Sarah Cruse Telephone: (01480) 830360

E-mail: clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

As we move into spring, vegetation is growing rapidly and can very quickly cause problems for pedestrians when it starts to encroach the public footpaths. This is particularly an issue for wheelchair users and parents with children in prams and buggies, when twigs can be at face height and easily cause scratches.

The owner or occupier of a property has a legal responsibility (Highways Act 1980 s154) to ensure that the 'public highway' adjacent to a property is not obstructed by vegetation from their property. The public highway is defined by law as consisting of any verge, footway, bridleway or footpath that is maintained at public expense and over which the public has right of way.

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 can issue a formal notice for the work to be undertaken, which, if ignored will result in the Local Authority undertaking the work and charging their costs back to the owner/occupier.

If your hedge is a starting to get a bit unruly, with twigs and branches sticking out towards the pavement, 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 !

Issues such as overhanging hedges, bushes and trees or any other highways matters such as potholes, street signs, damage to street furniture and obstructions or debris and mud on the road can be reported online via the Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Department reporting tool https://www.cambridgeshire. gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/ roadworks-and-faults

Bypass Resurfacing

The bypass has now been resurfaced and what a difference it has made to the levels of road noise. Hopefully we will all be able to enjoy summer evenings, windows open, without the constant hum from the traffic on the bypass.





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Well this is certainly unprecedented times. I have been a Volunteer at the Day Centre for the past 20 years and have never known anything like this before. We were extremely proud of the fact that we only closed for a couple of days a year, usually for public holidays but to have to close the doors last Tuesday for an indefinite period was truly heart breaking. But, in the true upper crust British way we will self-isolate and hopefully all come out the other side of this ready to resume the activities at our Club on a Tuesday.

I am sure you would like to join me in taking this opportunity to thank all the Volunteers who regularly give their time and to the stand by Volunteers who step in, many at short notice, to enable the Centre to operate effectively. Thank you to you all.







For anyone who has not heard about us, then let me tell you a little about what goes on. We meet every Tuesday from 10am until 3pm



ELSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL

We were very sad to say goodbye to our children during this closure time and will be holding them in our hearts. We're sending

families registered at the Pre-School a weekly newsletter with simple activities linked to all the different areas of learning.

We're looking forward to hearing about all the home adventures the children have. Rest assured having a picnic on the carpet is an adventure for a child.

You don't have to

do stress about doing lots. Children learn best from play in the early years.

We're also putting activities up on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ elsworthpreschool

> Please do check it out for lots of lovely ideas when you need it. For example hunting for insects in the garden and making models of them, see our Facebook page for things to talk to your child about when you do.

If you have a child turning 3 and eligible for funding you can still register with the Pre-School for when we're open but we can't take visits until the advice changes.

Contact our manager Julie for details on elsworthpreschool@

outlook.com or visit our website www. elsworthpreschool.org

in The Community Centre, The Close, Papworth Everard. The centre is fully wheelchair accessible. Transport is available in certain cases.

Our day start with Coffee and then activities; Cards, Board Games, Craft, perhaps visitors, for example lay preacher David Potter and wife Anne to lead us in prayers and songs. Following on from this is a two-course lunch prepared on site, and then guite often we play games, have a quiz or even entertainment such as singers, comedians even a ventriloquist.

So, when we get the all clear we will contact all our clients and hope to see you all again then. If you are not already on our list and would like to give it a try then please get in touch in readiness for our return.

Contact: Mark Sansom on (01480) 830008 or Eddie Poulter on (01480) 830338 for further details or to book your place. For more imformation please

call the numbers above



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Varrier Jones Social Club



Unfortunately, due to the current climate it is necessary for the Social Club to close its doors for the time being. We are all very sorry about this but we will be in touch with you just as soon as we are able to open again. With best wishes from all the Committee Members, hope you stay safe, warm and well until we all meet again hopefully, in the not too distant future.

Report from our last meeting, Friday morning, sunny and bright, if a little cold giving us a good turnout for our Fish and Chip Lunch with 30 Members, 2 new Members and 1 Guest. Cambourne "fishnchickn" served us well and were ready for collection on time and so lunch arrived back still good and hot, thankfully the A428 had no queues, and even the village traffic lights co-operated. For dessert, made by our Chairperson, Audrey, we were treated to a lovely Mousse with cream and chocolate flakes.

So, on to the afternoon's entertainment provided by David Tomkins, Ventriloquist and Comedian. What a treat this was too. Never seen so many grown people with tears of laughter at the same time. Magic tricks and songs. One comedic Rat, three reluctant assistants (stooges from the audience) No.1 couldn't cut the rope with her scissors; No. 2 couldn't hold her water!! And No. 3 well, couldn't even speak for herself. You had to be there to believe it and even then, how did he do it!! The act finished with a performance from "Elvis". All in all, a very enjoyable afternoon as I said before, laughing til you cry what could be a better way to spend an afternoon especially, as it was the last meeting before the Coronavirus set in to restrict our lives.

We then moved on to afternoon tea and cake followed by the club notices and closed the afternoon with the usual raffle.

Our Theatre Trip for this year is to see "Strictly the Musical" at



Milton Keynes on the Wednesday 21 October at 2.30pm. The Coach will leave Papworth at 11am to allow time for Lunch before the Show. Tickets cost £27 which includes the coach. Due to demand we are now looking to purchase further tickets and get a larger coach but, for the time being, bookings are on hold. However, if you would like to add your name to the "drop out" list please contact us in the usual way.

Diary Date: Wednesday 17th June. This is the proposed date for our Trip to the Seaside at Sheringham, being the members destination choice. More information about this later in the year.



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. 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?



Church & Notices

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St Peter's Church Services

No Services Until Further Notice

In these troubled times

One of the gifts of these strange days when much of the world is in crisis, due to the coronavirus pandemic, is seeing how many acts of kindness are springing forth. Local communities are pulling together, serving one another, looking out for the most vulnerable. Thank you.

There seems to be one general exception – the panic buying and 'hamstering', typically of foodstuffs and groceries, by some people. It is understandable but, in many instances, it is little more than greed, self-centredness and an abuse of power.

There are people who cannot afford to stockpile even if they wanted to and there are many others who find the idea of stockpiling morally offensive, which it is. If you have been doing it, please stop and see if you can find someone nearby who needs what you have stockpiled excessively; when you find them, give away what they need. Please resist the temptation to sell it and make a profit. Fear is at the root of the worst forms of panic buying. It is an ancient tendency in human beings.

The Bible tells the story how God provided manna for the Israelites as they sojourned for 40 years in a region where otherwise they could not sustain themselves. They were to gather 2 days' worth only the day before the sabbath; otherwise they were to look daily for the new supply from heaven. They were never disappointed; and those who stockpiled contrary to instruction found what they had secreted away was not fit for purpose the following day.

The Bible's antidote is that God's love dispels all fear. We are invited to ask God to make the power of his love tangible and something we feel on the inside as much as through the circumstances we are in.

Christians are to love God first, then love one another as our number two priority. For many of us there has never been a time when these unchanging demands are being put to the test and should be followed (dare I say it) religiously.

The requirement announced by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York for Church of England churches not to meet for worship services on a Sunday will be a great loss. As with schools closing, we do not know, currently, how long this will last.

In case you wonder, this is not a holiday for clergy – instead (as I explained to my own Mum!) it's a season when we work differently. Even so, in many places our churches will be open throughout the week as places to enjoy for prayer, solitude and quiet reflection. Please keep abreast of news and other resources for spiritual encouragement we will provide through our Team website: go to www.papworthteamchurches.org.

Keep safe. Help one another if at all possible. Stop stockpiling, please. Turn fears into prayers – taste and see how the Lord is good!

Nigel di Castiglione Team Rector

Roman Catholic Mass

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(Latin Rite)

No Services Until Further Notice



Hilton Methodist Church

I would normally have sent my details of the forthcoming services at Hilton Methodist Church to be printed, but due to the Coronavirus crisis the chapel will be closed and there won't be any formal services for the time being.

For this reason, our circuit is providing worship materials for people to use in their own homes and details of live-streamed services via the website:

www.snahmc.org.uk.

There is also a Facebook page www.facebook.com/stivesmeths/ where our minister, Rev Nick Witham, has posted a video with a children's story amongst other things. He is planning to add more children's

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Holy Week by David Potter

Palm Sunday

Holy Week wakes with loud alleluias, Red for Palm Sunday and crowds line the way. Street that now shakes with shouts of 'Hosanna', Will soon cry another as falsehood holds sway.

Welcome our saviour, hold high your crosses, See him enter the city, Messiah alone. Victim and victor, riding to glory, God's plan unfolding, the cross become throne.

Alone on the mountain, calling to Abba, Praying forgiveness for what he must face. Disciples uncertain, leave Christ deserted, Humanity weak and in need of God's Grace.

Maundy Thursday

Though betray'l lies ahead, meet in the upper room, Washing of feet and friends gather round. Body of broken bread, love in the poured out wine, Servant and Master and King to be crowned.

Good Friday

Foul kiss in the garden, arrest and detention, Jesus stays calm in the storm of men's hate. Saviour forsaken, the cock crows a challenge Terror and turmoil as each fear their fate. Picture the moment, the trial and the verdict, Establishment anxious to win at all cost. Taunted and clothes rent, mocked and insulted, Jesus stands rooted to rescue the lost.

After the cock crow the last words are spoken. What do you hear in the crowds fickle cry? What do you know of the clean hands of Pilate? How could you stand back to let Jesus die?

Red for the liturgy, Holy Good Friday, Walking as witness we follow the cross. Hard road to Calvary, in grief and misery, Shocked that we merit such love and such loss.

Easter Day

New dawn of Easter, light up the bonfire, Sing alleluias, He is risen today. Gold round the altar, garden adorning, Joy in our hearts on this glorious day.

Hearts that were broken, now are rekindled, Future forlorn is now looking bright. Gospel forsaken, now resurrected, Lives lost in darkness are rescued by light.



From the book: 'Validating Ministry' by David Potter



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PAPWORTH CRAFT GROUP

MEETINGS EVERY 1ST AND 3RD SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH ALL WELCOME

(Please note that on Saturdays access to the library is by the rear entrance adjacent to the Studio).

The current lockdown throughout the country due to the Covid-19 virus has forced the temporary suspension of the Papworth Craft Group meetings. The media is so full of the latest statistics on the spread of infection, not to mention the appalling figures for deaths here and abroad, especially in Italy and Spain, that there is scant reason to dwell on all the changes that have affected daily life. Our hearts go out to all who are suffering from loss, sickness, poor mental health and the simple inability to navigate normal daily life.

There is no shortage of suggestions on how to best use one's time at home during the lockdown. Members of the Papworth Craft Group may see a silver lining to the extra 'free' time that the lockdown affords, even if one is working from home. The gentle pursuits of knitting, crochet, cross stitch, embroidery, patchwork and quilting are a brilliant way of coping with stress, and bring joy to all those who take up a needle or hook. For those who are novices, there are countless video tutorials on YouTube. This may be the perfect opportunity to learn something new. When normal life resumes, it would be great to welcome graduates of the lockdown as new members of the group.

We still need knitted squares for CHARITY BLANKETS, so if you knit and have some spare time (!), please make 20 cm (8") squares with all ends sewn in. You can deliver them to one of our meetings in the library, on either the first or third Saturday of the month once the lockdown is over.

The Papworth Craft Group is a community project, generously hosted by the library. Support for rural libraries is vital to keep them open, as they are frequently the target of cuts. Every foot over the threshold counts. The current crisis is providing time for reflection on our priorities in life. The Papworth Library is an amazing resource for the village and is at the heart of our community. In time it will open again. Why not give it a try? Stop by and borrow some books, show your children how to borrow books, read the local newspapers, and drop by for a chat with the Papworth Craft Group. We would love to meet you!



Stay safe and stay well - and of course, STAY HOME!

Feeling Stitchy?

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Papworth Craft Group

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

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RE-PLAY PAPWORTH

SUNDAY AFTERNOON VINYL ALBUM PLAYBACKS

Obviously, with the Courtyard off-limits, we are not going to be able to run the Sunday afternoon vinyl sessions in the café for a while.

I (chairman Steve) am aiming to do the next few Sunday sessions as planned, but online instead. I'm not familiar with internet video, so I'm going to do them by podcast.

The idea is simple:

- 1. Go to www.facebook.com/playpapworth and 'Follow' to be notified of events.
- 2. Email playpapworth@fenton.org.uk
- 3. I'll reply to your email with a link.
- 4. Download the podcast.
- 5. Connect your computer to your best speakers or headphones.
- 6. Get yourself drinks and snacks at the ready (maybe preordered and delivered in advance by the Courtyard).
- 7. Start it playing at 3pm on Sunday.
- 8. Spend the next couple of hours enjoying the music.

Everybody else will be listening to the same thing at the same time, the only difference is we'll all be doing it from the safety of our homes. You can post comments or requests on the Facebook event, or via email, and I'll do my best to answer any questions in real time.

It might even prove an opportunity to catch up on the backlog of requests – there are well over 100 albums on the list (which would otherwise take about 3 years), and I might find time to do more than one session each month. Keep well, everyone.



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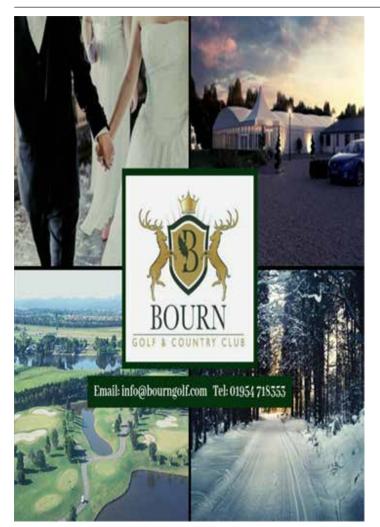


PAPWORTH EVERARD ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION





Here is my rhubarb bursting through its mulch of farmyard manure.



Despite the very wet conditions we are trying to prepare our plots for Spring. That is spreading mulch around overwintering veg (such as leeks) and digging in manure and compost to prepare beds for soon to be planted veg (such as onions and first early potatoes). Soon after that the rest of the planting happens, I am hoping for a better crop of sweet corn than last year. Previous years' sweet corn have been brilliant and snapping a cob off the plant and eating it raw straight away means you get the maximum sweetness. Nothing like the stale starchy things you get "fresh" in a supermarket.

This month we have welcomed a few new members and we are looking at opening up new plots on the site. So if you want a plot either email enquiries@peaa.uk or pop up the site and speak to anyone up there.

M&P



Here are just some of the daffodils we have on our plot with our globe artichoke in the background.

On Your Door Step - Photographs from Papworth Residents







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All pictures on this and the previous page courtesy of David Potter - Please send your local photos in for is to see