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Queen visiting Papworth Hospital in 1960 with Matron Robinson
Photo from Lynda Morton

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Cover Picture Overflow Pond Papworth" taken by the Editors

Varrier Jones Social Club

Well here we are again, another month gone by and still in lockdown, although we have managed to go out for a few walks through the woods to look at the bluebells and as the bowls green has now opened, hope to see some of the members out for a "rollup" all following the Government Guidelines with Hygiene and Social Distancing. We are getting quite good a shouting to each other now and nobody thinks that that is odd. Hope everyone is still out clapping on a Thursday evening as we are certainly one household very grateful to all the essential workers for keeping us supplied with our essentials and thank you to the Surgery Volunteers for our medicines.

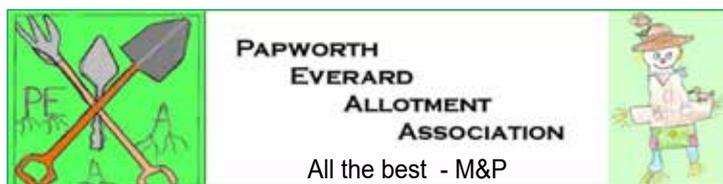
Jenny gave us a laugh this week when she rang to say that she had heard from the Theatre who were suggesting that they transfer our October tickets for the Show from this year to June 2022, no that is not a typo, she did say 2022. We all agreed that we should do this as it will give us something to look forward to and no doubt, they will remind us nearer the time we have done this, just in case we have forgotten!!



Unfortunately, we had to postpone the June Meeting "Strawberry Tea" so here is a photo from last year to remind us of what we hope to have once they "let us out again". Also, a photo from the harvest lunch, maybe we will get to have this one and combine it with the strawberries and cream – but who knows, can't promise.

The Committee Members send their best wishes to all our Members – Take care and stay safe until we can meet again, don't know when but do know where – The Studio, Pendrill Court.

So, remember to make a note that when we are all "free" again 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?



Summer is here, crops are growing and so the rain stops. So we are currently all watering seedlings and doing rain dances (when no-one is looking) up the allotments.



These are our beetroot growing from seeds. Beetroot seed is about £2 for 200 plants, so once your soil is in good condition (a combination of compost and hard work) you are getting beetroots for a penny each.

We have also planted pumpkin, sweetcorn and carrots from seeds this month (for us for the first

time we have tried carrots, but I know others have had great results on their plots). Brussel sprouts from plug plants have also gone in this month. Onions from onion sets (small pre-grown seedlings) and potatoes from seed potatoes have been in a month or so now.

Perennial crops such as the asparagus, rhubarb, globe artichoke and all the fruit bushes are all looking good. They are great as apart from mulching with manure in early spring, they need very little care now they are established.



We use lots of lavender to encourage bees and other helpful insects to our plot. Here they are helping our rather rampant strawberries get pollinated by the bees that visit it.

We are currently full, with all our plots taken. This is a lovely situation to be in and I am not saying it's easy work, but some of our younger allotmenters are certainly happy.





Peter Pattle

1925-2020

Peter, our father, passed away peacefully at home in Papworth Everard on 28 April 2020, aged 94 years. He lived almost his entire life in the village, having moved here as a young child after his father became a patient at the Papworth tuberculosis colony. Peter attended the village school until he was fourteen and then started working at the carpentry shop.

Peter's wartime service took him away from Papworth and to adventures in the Far East, which formed an important part of his story. Rather than waiting to be called up, Peter volunteered to join the Royal Navy, aged 17 ½ years, trained as a radar operator and volunteered for the submarine service. His main tours of duty were based in Perth, Australia, from where the submarine patrolled the Indonesian islands and Borneo.

He returned to Papworth in 1946 to his old job in what became Papworth Industries' Coach Builders. This factory was located roughly where North Lodge Drive is today. Until his retirement, Peter used huge machines to cut precisely the wooden parts needed for assembling vehicle bodies.

In 1949, a new chapter started when Peter joined the village's part-time fire service. He was part of the team for 31 years, thirteen of these as the sub-officer in charge of the station. For most of this time, there was a bell in our house, which rang loudly when the crew had to be summoned at night. We remember that our dad shot out of bed and cycled to the fire station at top speed. It all seemed great fun from the outside, but Papworth's firemen could also face difficult and harrowing tasks.

Even though he had a young family, Peter found time to join the choir at St Peter's Church in 1965, learned to read music and sang tenor and bass. The choir sang in the chapel of King's College in Cambridge and in Ely Cathedral annually and in many churches in nearby villages. Always on the lookout to see if he could do something useful, Peter also started to cut the grass in the churchyard and to tackle the dense undergrowth of saplings and brambles that covered most of the area at that time. Peter Mann joined him in this task and the jungle was gradually tamed. What had started as the small job of cutting a path to his parents' grave, turned into twenty-five years of regular grass cutting. He also undertook many small jobs for the church, notably assembling the crib at Christmas.

When Peter started writing articles for News and Views after his retirement, he probably did not realise that this too would lead to the longer-term project of documenting all the streets of Papworth as the village grew in size. He was delighted to share his knowledge of the village's history in this way. It led him to new discoveries and to new friendships with people who had contacted him about his writings. Even though his articles concentrated on the village's history, Peter was an enthusiast on a wide range of topics, including engines, astronomy, wildflowers and the weather.

We have been touched by the many messages that we and his wife Margaret have received since Peter passed away and the happy memories that have been shared. We will be arranging a Thanksgiving Service at St Peter's once such things are permitted and hope to see many of you there.

Sheila and Clive Pattle



Peter with his friends from the Varrier Jones Over 60's Club and Dilip and Kanta from the NISA Shop - June 2012



Picture from Anne and David Potter



Peter and Sonja - June 2012



We were lucky enough to be friends of Peter, when we lived in the village from 2003-2013. In 2003, we joined the Papwoth 0/60's Club and served with Peter on the committee for the next ten years. Both of us, being Ex Servicemen, had a lot in common, and we became good friends.

Over many years, people in Papworth will know what a great servant to both St Peter's Church and the village he was. Proud to have known you Peter.

(Photo 0/60's WW2 /60 years anniversary celebration 2005, showing members of the committee.)

Your friends / Bill & Marie Starkey.



Peter Opening Lukes Fish & Chip Shop - May 2012

A Word from the Editors: When we took over as editors in 2006 we had the fortune of getting to know Peter very well and managed to persuade him to start writing his stories for the News & Views. We can genuinely say that a nicer and kinder gentleman it would be hard to find.

His tales and knowledge of the village and his war exploits always made for great reading and we published a number of them monthly for a considerable number of years.

His dedication to St Peter's Church and the Varrier Jones Over 60's Club was immense and the village will sadly miss him.

R.I.P. Peter you were a very special man and a pleasure to know.

Church Notices

St Peter's Church Services

No Services Until Further Notice

Roman Catholic Mass

(Latin Rite)

No Services Until Further Notice



Nigel di Castiglione
Team Rector

What's 'normal'?

'The new normal' has entered our vocabulary in the past few weeks. We accept COVID-19 has changed some things for ever; we can't see yet how extensive these changes will be, both for good and otherwise.

To my mind, moving forward safely, what is unacceptable for much longer includes the inability currently to gather for funerals to acknowledge the life of loved ones who have died, to come together as families and friends to witness couples marrying, being unable to hug someone in their sadness or be civil with a handshake greeting. Many more things come to mind, including the freedom to gather for public acts of Christian worship.

We are in the midst of what one of my sons calls a "handbrake-turn". Such responses are meant to meet an impending danger or emergency situation so that the journey can continue safely. To accept this necessity as 'normal' very quickly does damage to the essential design and purpose of the mechanism.

Human beings are designed to flourish in community where personal contact and time spent together are essential elements of living normally. For Christians it is rooted in our perspective human beings are made in the image of God who exists in family; also the realisation it is "not good for a person to be alone" (see Genesis 2v18). This helps us understand why the mental well-being of so many people throughout the world is a real and growing issue at the time of writing this piece. We can all be especially vigilant about the needs of others as a way embracing the 'new normal'.

It has been so heartening to feel less hurried in some aspects of daily life – for example picking up the phone rather than pinging an email, stopping for a conversation or three as part of our daily exercise, seeing different communities making connections and mutual support initiatives to cater for the more vulnerable. These are examples of changed behaviour we should want to establish as part and parcel of eventually "coming out of lockdown", in my view.

Following the Ascension of Jesus, a few weeks after he was raised from the dead, his first followers discovered how Pentecost ushered in their 'new normal' in terms of relating to God in heaven, to one another as disciples and to the world at large as Jesus' representatives. The Holy Spirit filling them defined their future.

The same Holy Spirit is available to all people who will trust in God through faith in Jesus as Saviour today. This is one area of personal and corporate experience COVID-19 is powerless to destroy. As aspects of daily life and expectations have changed irrevocably for all, one life-giving response I commend is the simple and ancient prayer Christians have used for centuries: 'Come Holy Spirit'. It is a prayer of invitation. God is not in the business of failing to hear. He does not disappoint us.



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 stories in due course.

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Papworth WI members are a great bunch of ladies who continue to give support to one another by way of emails, telephone calls, etc. particularly in respect of our members who are vulnerable and live alone. We have been sent uplifting words and a yoga class which is most calming and uplifting at this time. Weekly 'brain teaser' quizzes sent round to all the members with the occasional joke to keep the grey cells working. Weekly Zoom meetings of the choir so that we can continue to rehearse and get a chance of a brief face-to-face chat. Wonderful birthday cards made by one of our members who is sending beautiful hand-made cards to those who are vulnerable and live alone with a 'thinking' of you message. We are holding Zoom Committee Meetings to enable us to discuss ways of continuing to help members and the community at this time. Many other members continue knitting, crocheting etc to help the community.

To celebrate VE Day many of us organised afternoon and evening 'picnics' on their front gardens so that they could chat across the 2 metres or so to their neighbours. This was a most enjoyable afternoon to commemorate the end of the 2nd World War. The photographs show a sample of the wonderful cards that are being made by one of our very talented ladies, together with celebrations of VE Day and a lovely photograph of our eldest member Ruth, now in her 92nd year enjoying a celebration drink and chat – gin and tonic being her favourite tippie!! with two of our members who continue to ensure she is not alone. Also two wonderful photographs of one of our members as a child with her family in 1945 on VE Day



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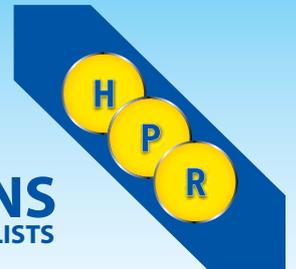
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NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The lockdown has provided an opportunity to spend more time on leisure activities. Working from home still affords extra hours, as the daily commute to and from the workplace no longer applies. There are so many things that are currently off the agenda of our much altered daily lives. Many people are discovering new passions, grounding activities that help to ease the anxieties and even boredom of life under lockdown. Online retailers attest to the fact that people are buying crafting materials in previously unimaginable quantities. In some instances, (especially for products from the USA such as specialist embroidery threads), stock cannot, for the moment, be replenished. COVID-19 has disrupted most businesses in one way or another. That said, there is always scope to adjust, perhaps by buying thread that is close to the desired colour or even changing the prescribed materials with one's own choices, but informed by the availability of these items. Creativity rules, although some people find deviating from the listed requirements takes them out of their comfort zone! In truth, we are all out of our comfort zone in the world of COVID-19, but adapting and accepting the situation can help to soften the blow.

Knitting, crochet, cross stitch, embroidery, sewing, quilting and patchwork can all be worked on alone without company. However, meeting as a group enriches the experience. One can ideas off one another, get help from another group member when something is difficult to fathom, or simply chat and listen to the stories of others. In days gone by, the quilting bees were real social occasions, even though there was a task to be completed. They were an opportunity to come together. The Papworth Craft Group, in line with the current rules on lockdown, has been unable to meet since March and with little prospect of meetings taking place anytime soon. The twice monthly meetings were a chance to catch up with everyone, and to see what everyone had been working on in between the meetings. There was always plenty of chatter and laughter. Although not a quilting bee, over the past 18 months or so the Group has been working on a project together - knitting squares and making them up into blankets for refugees in Europe. Significant amounts of yarn and also knitted squares were most generously donated by readers of the News and Views. When normal life resumes, it is hoped that this project will resume, as there is a constant need for blankets. If you like to knit or crochet and find that you have a spare moment to make a square or three, they will be gratefully received once we are able to collect them again. The squares should measure 8 inches or 20 cm, with all the ends sewn in, please. If making squares is not your thing, please think about donating any spare yarn you will not use, or ask family and friends if they have unwanted oddments of yarn (The small charity 'People Not Borders' distributes the blankets. You can learn more about their work providing all kinds of help and support to refugees, here and in Europe at www.peoplenotborders.org.uk). If the crafting bug has caught you during lockdown, perhaps you would like to consider checking out the Papworth Craft Group when meetings resume. The meetings are a great opportunity to share your expertise with others, or to learn how to knit, crochet or cross stitch from one of the experienced group members. It is a great way to meet new people who enjoy crafting, and as the meetings take place in the library, you can check out this wonderful resource at the same time.

Stay safe, Stay well - and enjoy the Sunshine!



OPENING HOURS

Mon	Closed
Tues	10.00am - 1.00pm 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Wed	10.00am - 1.00pm
Thur	2.00pm - 5.00pm
Fri	Closed
Sat	10.00am - 1.00pm

Telephone: 0345 045 5225

Web renewals:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries

Cambridgeshire Library Notice

- All library buildings closed on 23 March 2020 until further notice.
- All item due dates have been extended and all overdue fines suspended throughout the closure period.
- We are expanding our online offer. This includes investing more resources into our e-offer as well as planning online events.
- Please see our library news page for more information and follow Cambridgeshire Libraries on Twitter or our Facebook page for more news on this.
- The Library Presents Spring Programme 2020 has been postponed. This includes all performances and workshops planned until June 2020. For more information, please visit our Library Presents page.



ELSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL



Staying Connected

During the last half term we've enjoyed finding ways to stay connected. Our staff have been busy creating some lovely videos for our Pre-School children and posting activities in our weekly newsletter and daily on Facebook <https://facebook.com/ElsworthPreSchool/> We've also been using zoom for any families who want to chat their child's key person.



Families have been taking part in our Paddington Challenge, using their daily exercise to get to Paddington station and back - a combined distance of 200km!

The aim is for families to record the distance they've walked or cycled each week, giving little ones the incentive to do longer walks and make the most of their time outdoors. We're tracking on a map each week how close we get to Paddington

and back. We started in May and are halfway so far! Paddington teddies and marmalade sandwiches optional.

We will be posting photos of Paddington Bear out and about for the children to spot, as well as a few other surprises. See www.elsworthpreschool.org/events for more information. You can sponsor the children's efforts on our gofundme page <https://www.gofundme.com/f/dtehrd-paddington>. Children not in Pre-School who want to join in the challenge and send their distances in are welcome.



While you're out and about in Elsworth, Stick Man and his family are currently on holiday in Fardell's Lane Nature Reserve and will be there during June. The characters are hiding up trees, amongst bushes and wood piles. Created by Elsworth villagers the short trail is designed as a fun activity for younger children to enjoy. You can access the nature reserve from a gate near the playground on the Rec by Elsworth village shop.

With the gradual and careful reopening of Pre-School we're supporting our families and will carry on providing online resources too. If you're interested in registering your child for Pre-School then please contact our manager Julie, email elsworthpreschool@outlook.com, phone 01954 268050 www.elsworthpreschool.org

VE Day 75 Celebrations Friday 8th May 2020



Ernie Phillips doing his bit waiting for the Tea and Cake







VE Day 75 Cont . . .



On Your Door Step - Photographs from Papworth Residents



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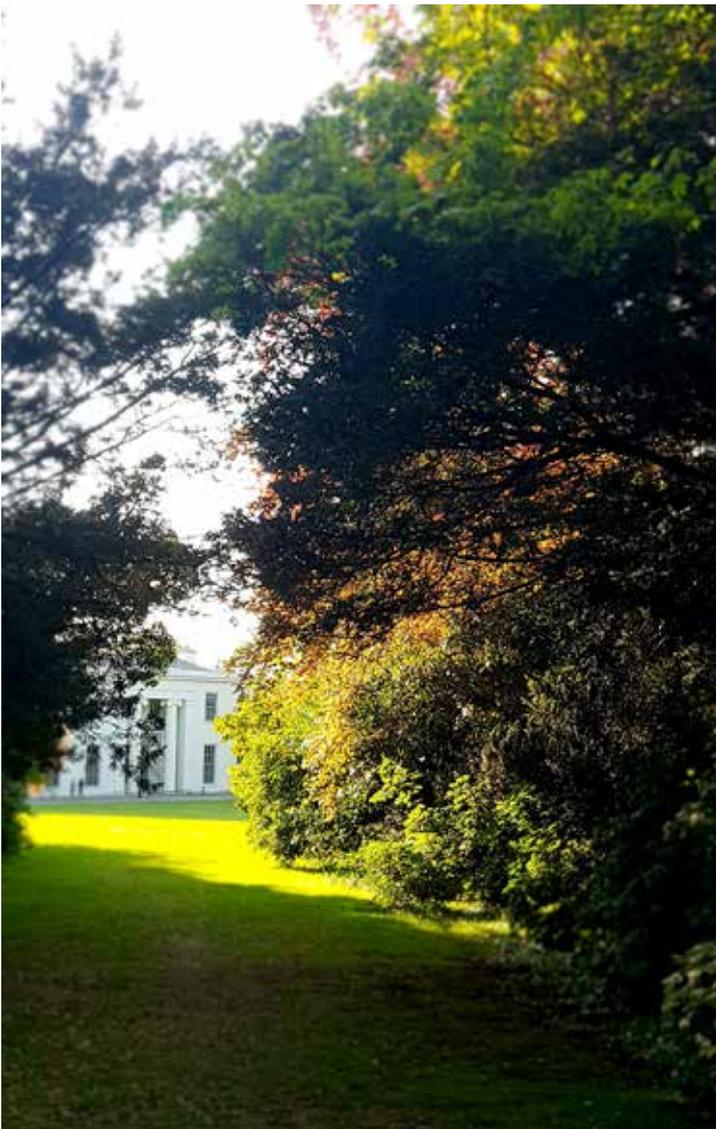


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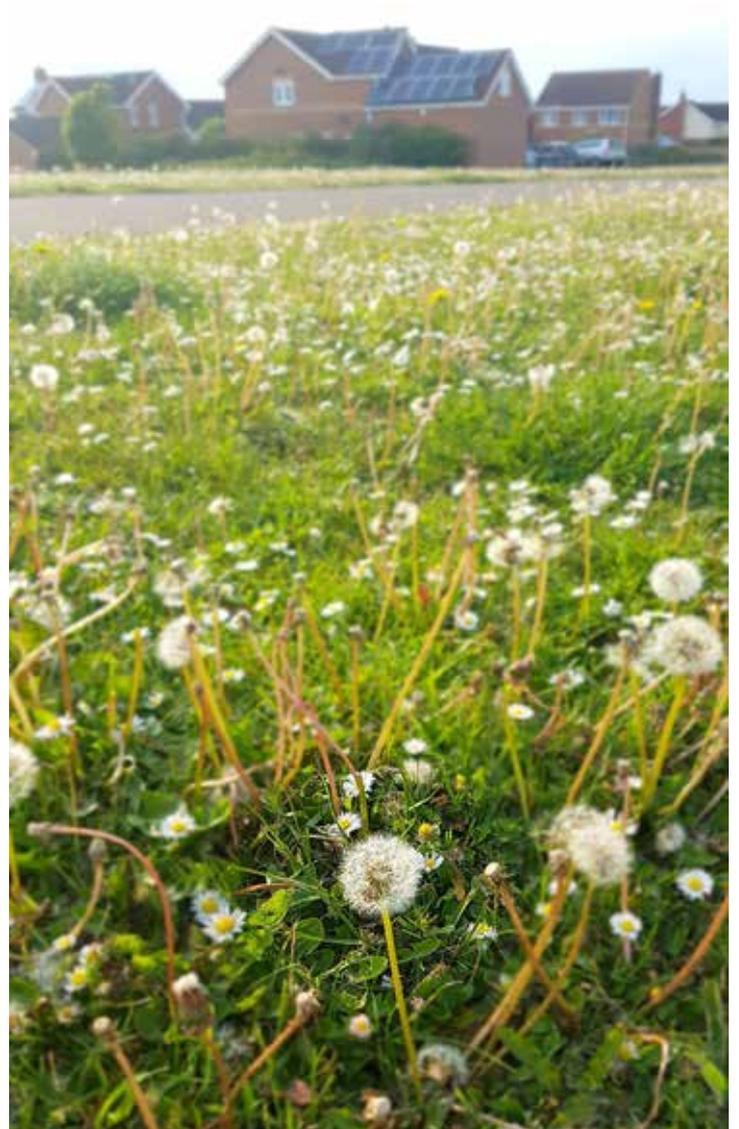
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