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UPDATE FROM DOCTORS SURGERY

Covid does indeed seem to be waning: We have had no new cases in our population for more than a month.

We are still telephoning everybody who wants to make contact with a GP, but following that initial contact, we are seeing more patients in the surgery now; relaxation of the 2m rule to 1m will help a lot too! Our nurses and Health Care Assistants are also undertaking a large part of their usual work; nearly all of that is face-to-face. We do still ask everybody to use a face mask when visiting the surgery (we will provide these if you don't have one).

Nothing stays the same for long in the current climate, but sometimes the old ways are the best! We have decided to split from the Octagon umbrella after less than 12 months. It started well, but it has not lived up to expectations.

However I am delighted to let you know that Drs Hannah Greenwood, Dr Kari Coulson and Dr Flora Bailey are coming on board as partners with me, so we will be a partnership of 4 (Gang of 4?!). I have agreed to stay on at 2 days a week for at least 18 months to help the new partners bed in with the management of the Practice. I have to say I am really pleased that we have achieved this outcome.

The date of de-merger is not yet firm but looks like it will be 30th September.

David Cronk

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Bin Dates	Black Bin	Blue Bin	Green Bin
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Thu 16 Jul 2020	✓		
Thu 23 Jul 2020		✓	If Resources Available
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Thu 6 Aug 2020		✓	✓
Thu 13 Aug 2020	✓		
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PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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Papworth Village Hall

In line with Government guidelines, the Village Hall remains closed for use.

The Parish Council will review the situation on an ongoing basis and will reopen the Village Hall once it is agreed that it can be opened safely and with any necessary health and safety procedures in place as required.

At this time, the Parish Office, situated on the 1st floor of the Village Hall also remains closed. The Clerk continues to work from home and can be contacted by email clerk@papwortheverarpc.org.uk (Messages may also be left on the office answerphone on 01480 830360 but callers may experience a delay in a response as the answerphone is only checked for messages periodically).

Pavilion

The Parish Council is delighted that planning permission has finally been granted for construction of a sports pavilion to be built in the space between the changing rooms and tennis courts on the playing field site.

As part of this project, there will be some minor changes to the fence line of the tennis courts as well as a hard surface car park being laid. The brick entrance way to the playing fields and Rocky's Car Park will be widened to allow better access and the brick pillars and King George V plaque will be reinstated.

Now permission has been granted, the work will commence quickly, with the first arrivals on site due from Monday 29 June. It is hoped that the project will be completed by the end of September.

A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Improvement Scheme - Consultation

The scheme to dual the A428 between the Black Cat Roundabout and Caxton Gibbet is in the final planning stages before a submission to the Secretary of State for a Transport Development Consent Order (TRCO) which will be submitted later in the year.

Following a consultation held last year, some amendments have been made to the scheme and its design.

Highways England is running a supplementary consultation between 24 June and 28 July 2020.

How to get involved and have your say

Visit the virtual consultation room

Visit the online virtual consultation room at:
www.highwaysengland.co.uk/a428.

This allows you to access all the scheme documentation and plans, whenever or wherever you want.

Live webchat with the team

Two live webchat events are being held in the virtual consultation room to discuss the plans and answer questions at the following times:

- Thursday 2 July 2020 from 10:00 to 14:00
- Thursday 16 July 2020 from 15:00 to 19:00

You can also leave questions outside this time and the team will get back to you.

Speak to the team

The experts are available to answer any questions you may have during specialist telephone events at the following times:

- Monday 29 June 2020 from 15:00 to 19:00
- Monday 13 July 2020 from 10:00 to 14:00

You can call between these times on 0800 640 4956

Have your say

You can get involved and help shape the proposals.

You can also complete an online response form at: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/a428

If you have any questions or want to submit your consultation response via email, please contact: info@a428.co.uk or complete a response form and send it to: FREEPOST, A428 Consultation

If you have any questions or would like to request a USB containing the documents or printed materials, call: 0300 123 5000



A new two tier junction at Caxton Gibbet will allow vehicles to travel to and from the new dual carriageway from the A1198 (Ermine Street).

- 1 The existing Caxton Gibbet roundabout will be maintained on the south side of the main carriageway.
- 2 A new roundabout will be constructed at ground level on the north side. The two roundabouts will link under the new dual carriageway via an underpass.
- 3 Access to the service area will be unaffected.
- 4 Drivers will access the filling station and shops on the south west side of the junction by using a link road and a new roundabout.



Nature Diary

July

by Holly Blue

The weather at the start of Summer has been promising and we had progression of young families through the garden. Noisy Starling youngsters monopolised the bird feeders and bird bath. As they moved on and the air became calmer the Blue Tits and Great Tits took over with demanding youngsters. The adults constantly flying back and forth filling ever open mouths and becoming more harassed looking as the days went by. Now we have the House Sparrows, the young ones chirping and fluttering wings at whichever adult is closer hoping to be fed.

By now our skies should be full of Swallows, Swifts and House Martins, but where we usually see them swooping low over the fields and across the ponds the numbers are definitely down this year. This has been reported nationwide and one theory is that as the migration started from Africa to Europe high winds and cold temperatures hit the Aegean Sea in April and thousands of small birds were left dead. The birds were reportedly found in the streets of Athens and around the Aegean Islands as Greece is on the flight path for hundreds of thousands of birds which migrate in Spring and Autumn.

Hopefully some of you will have Swallow nests on your property and the young should be leaving soon. The parents will go on to raise a second brood and sometimes even a third. After the tragedy this spring it is now more vital than ever to provide nesting sites and help the numbers of these beautiful birds increase. Imagine flying thousands of miles, battling the elements only to find, on your arrival, your nesting sites destroyed.



Reed Warbler



Sedge Warbler

The ponds by the allotments are a great source of wildlife. Summer visitors Reed and Sedge Warblers can be heard singing. Both sets of warblers are very difficult to see, but if you stand quietly and watch you can see the reeds moving as they travel through. The Reed warbler has a very loud "Churring" call and are plain brown birds. The Sedge Warbler is a small bird with a distinct eye stripe. Its call is very loud and rambling and the Male can change its phrases frequently to attract a mate. More phrases equals more mates!

The Coots on both ponds are raising families, as are the Moorhens and Little Grebes. A pair of Mallard are around but do not seem to be nesting.

Common Blue damselflies can be seen everywhere and Four Spot Dragonflies can be seen basking in the sun. Keep a look out for the Emperor Dragonfly and the Broad Bellied Chaser darting over the water.

Things to look out for in July,

Dragonflies and Damselflies on the wing.

Hobbies catching dragonflies in flight

Swifts usually fledge in July, watch for them high in the sky.

Bramble Flowers make a good nectar bar for a variety of Insects.

Silver Washed Fritillary and Marbled White are some of the Butterflies you may see, as well as Comma, Large Whites, and Painted Ladies.

If you have planted night scented flowers in your garden such as Stocks or Nicotiana look out for Moths and even bats out hunting

Remember to keep your garden ponds and bird baths topped up with water.

Stay Safe and Happy Spotting

Pictures supplied by the Editors

Varrier Jones Social Club

Hello to all of you who have been unable to see the News & Views whilst we have been in lockdown since the March issue. Hope you are all keeping well and in touch with family and friends. Remember, if you need a chat, you can always contact one of the Committee Members, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Strawberry Tea Meeting been and gone, hope you all managed to get some fresh strawberries and cream.



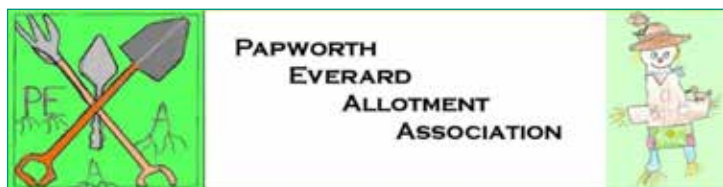
June Trip to Sheringham has now gone by too. Looking on the bright side we have had some lovely weather of late and this has been a bonus to cheer us up and we can keep looking forward to our first Meeting after we get let out. Can't at this stage tell you what is in store for you as until we know when it is difficult to plan



what!! I am sure that Jenny will work her magic and manage to find us some good entertainment as no doubt all our entertainers will be only too pleased to be getting out as well.

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 Solstice was 20th June, this means we are now in the phase of allotmenting where we start to harvest the crops from the plants we carefully planted and / or cultivated in winter and spring.



That means picking strawberries straight off the plant and straight into your mouth, sorry collection bowl.

We also have gorgeous gooseberries (both red and white), blackcurrants, raspberries and other fruit that grows on canes.

We also have quick growing crops that we grow from seed including beetroot, spring onions, carrots and lettuce. These you plant

the seed and expect to crop in approximately 2 months. We keep planting every 3 to 4 weeks so we can crop almost continuously.

The potatoes are getting earthed up on a regular basis, this both encourages more tubers to grow as well as stopping the top-most tubers going green from sunlight.

We have already eaten a few of our over-wintered onions and have cut-and-come-again spinach and chard (which may have escaped its original planting bed, but we are not complaining too much).



But it's not all about what we can harvest now, we also have brussel sprouts growing strongly. Forget the awful sour tasting things you get on super market shelves, I am talking the crisp, flavoursome, sweet “mini cabbages” that I look forward to eating with my Christmas dinner.

So we have crops to harvest and enjoy now, plants we are growing now for future enjoyment and plants we will

be planting soon for future crops. So as always you never run out of jobs up the allotment, while there is watering, weeding, prepping beds etc.

We now have a waiting list for a plot on the allotment, this year has proven very popular with people taking up plots. This list will be dealt with on a first come, first served basis, so if you are interested, contact us at enquiries@peaa.uk and get your name on the list soon.

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

Being wise and realistic in an uneasy world

As 'lockdown' constraints are easing mixed emotions are in evidence. Some of the greatest challenges are faced by those around us who have been 'shielding' for about 4 months. The other day, when I asked how one such individual was faring, she said: "I'm thoroughly fed up.... Not seen one son since early December ... the other came to see me last weekend for the first time since early March..." Meanwhile, others are concerned they may be facing unnecessary risk if they venture out of doors too soon. The importance of being good neighbours and faithful friends has been a definite gain in these difficult times; this is something we must not let slip and endeavour to strengthen in new ways. It is the natural behaviour of a person of faith – living well for the glory of God and the benefit of others.

For a variety of reasons – some hard to fathom for many – the churches seem to be at the tail end of the relaxation of lockdown arrangements; one commentator put it recently that it seems one can pray anywhere apart from in churches! The reality he highlighted, accidentally whilst making his point, is churches are first and foremost communities of people in fellowship with God and one another; we happen to use particular buildings as places for gathering together which we come to cherish and find solace in. Other activities and focal points of human contact are learning something similar in this new season.

Many people find comfort in Psalm 23. This begins: 'The Lord is my shepherd ...' One of its striking features is (whilst reflecting on his relationship with God through different situations and life-contexts) the author, David, never suggests a person who knows, and trusts God is immune from the difficulties or challenges other people face. Rather she or he can go through them in the confidence God leads, guides, equips, sustains and watches over us. I suggest Psalm 23 a good resource to pick up, read and reflect on regularly in the days to come.

Here is my suggestion for the next few weeks:

- a) look out the old family Bible or the little copy of the New Testament and Psalms you were given at school;
- b) find a quiet place to be able to read and reflect for a few minutes in the early part of each day;
- c) read Psalm 23, allow it to get beneath the surface, then,
- d) turn the phrases into simple prayers.

You will be surprised at how this sort of spiritual activity refreshes your engagement with God and opens your eyes to how we can be God's hands, feet, ears, eyes and mouthpieces to others we come into contact with, through the rest of the day.



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.



Pictures by David Potter

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PAPWORTH

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St Peter's Church is now open for private prayer and reflection on:
Sundays and Wednesdays
between 10.00am and 5.00pm.

When you enter please use the sanitiser provided and read further guidance on using the building safely at this time.

For details of how to join us for worship each day, visit the Team website: www.papworthteamchurches.org

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Hello everyone

Papworth Everard WI remain in lockdown with no monthly meeting at present.

We continue to support our members with regular contact to those most vulnerable together with our quizzes, jokes and poems. Our choir continues to hold Zoom practice meetings weekly and we are also holding monthly Zoom Committee Meetings to discuss possible future activities and projects which we can hopefully start to implement from around August time.



Many of you may have noticed one of the beautiful roses that is in flower in the WI Memorial Garden outside the library (photo). The roses were planted in memory of those members who have sadly died and also included one planted in memory of our dear Liz Barratt.

We hope to bring news of our first outside meeting in the next issue. Keep safe and well everyone.

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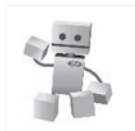
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PAPWORTH LIBRARY

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.

NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Summer is well under way, lockdown is being eased, but alas the Papworth Craft Group is still unable to meet. Hopefully, in the not too distant future, meetings can take place in a 'COVID Secure' way. Watch this space for updates!

Crafting can help one to relax, especially once one gets caught with the project in hand. As noted before in this column, there has been an upsurge in the demand for crafting materials. Lockdown has afforded more time to spend on projects that are perhaps only picked up on an evening or two during the working week in the past. Crafting can aid mental health, and no doubt working away on a project has had a positive effect on mood, and how one copes with this hugely difficult period. Completing a particularly challenging project can do wonders for lifting mood and generate calm and positivity. However, one group member reported that she had lost her desire to crochet for a while during lockdown, (not uncommon), and this is the other side of the crafting coin - losing the motivation to work on any project at all, a direct result of the current situation.

The cessation of all leisure activities has lasted so long that it seems an age since the Papworth Craft Group met. It is three months already. There will be a great deal to catch up on, when we finally reconvene. Meetings with like minded individuals enriches the crafting experience in all sorts of ways. Inspiration from fellow group members can motivate to undertake a new project in the void that can occur, when a long time has been spent on an individual piece. There is always help to hand, as different members have strengths in various crafts. Sometimes crafters can lose heart with the project being worked on, especially if repeated mistakes are being made, resulting in very slow progress. A chat with the whole group or an individual holds out the prospect of working through the persistent problem - and then a soothing calm ensues and you can confidently work on.

So, what to do in lockdown when there is no one to inspire or help? Technology comes to the rescue, of course! Instagram and Pinterest are both brimming with ideas on the crafting front. The images are endless, and while it can occasionally lead to feeling a touch inadequate, when one person appears to crochet three blankets a week and another four detailed cross stitch samplers, on the whole both Instagram and Pinterest are never less than engaging. For instruction in just about ANY activity, make friends with YouTube. More often than not it can solve your crafting problem. Learning from a fellow member during a group session is very rewarding as you chat and laugh about the trials and tribulations of resolving the problem in hand. YouTube offers a different experience. For one thing, you can enlarge the images - really helpful - but best of all you can stop and rewind as many times as you like.

Where to get inspiration and solutions to crafting problems if one does not have the internet? There are so many crafting magazines on the market that there is bound to be at least one that suits. The plethora of craft magazines can lead one down the slippery slope - this one for cross stitch, this one for crochet, oh! and look, one that deals with lots of handcrafts. A visit to the magazine isle can prove very expensive! However, lockdown has saved money on petrol, train and bus rides, as well as excluding random visits to the shops that have been closed. So, maybe stopping by the magazines is



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Closed Until 4th August

Re-opening Libraries

Papworth Library will re-open w/c Mon 3rd August

- The Mobile Libraries service will not resume due to the challenge of creating a safe environment in a confined space
- The Library at Home Service has partially resumed and we will resume the full service later this summer
- Meeting rooms, library events and activities will not resume in July and August.
- These services will be reintroduced when it is safe to do so

not such an extravagance after all!

When 'normal' life resumes and the Papworth Craft Group can meet again, we shall be very pleased to accept knitted or crocheted squares for the charity blankets once more. The squares should measure 8 x 8 inches or 20 x 20 cm, with all the ends sewn in, please. Bring them along to any group meeting in the Papworth library and perhaps stay for a chat or bring a project with you to work on. If there is anyone who has sorted their stash and has surplus yarn to donate, we would be most grateful. Appeals for yarn in the past have led to wonderful donations, providing materials for many blankets.

The Papworth Craft Group is very generously hosted by Papworth Library as a community project. Please support our library! The library's long term future is inextricably linked to footfall, which means using all its resources. The library is more than a source for borrowing books. Events are held there, there are computers for use at no cost, newspapers to read, or simply somewhere to have a quiet moment reading. When it reopens, check it out!

Stay safe, stay well and have a jolly July

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP

DO YOU USE A HEARING AID OR FIND YOURSELF HARD-OF-HEARING...OR DOES SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY?

If so, please join the new 'Cambridgeshire Hear for You community' group. This is a new way of keeping in touch and to exchange views and ideas, whether it's about hearing loss, or just your news, ideas and messages about literally anything!

The group has been set up by local charity, Cambridgeshire Hearing Help, which maintains hearing aids, runs workshops on hearing loss and teaches lip-reading. The charity also runs 'Hear for You' social groups, which are suspended because of current restrictions - so they're going online for members old and new!

Many people have used social media to keep in touch with family and friends in recent times. This is a chance to make contact with more people locally, who share your interests.

It is being established on Facebook and is a 'closed group', giving members the extra safety and security, that only other members will be able to see your comments. It is also completely free.

You can join the Facebook group NOW by going to the 'Cambridgeshire Hearing Help' page on Facebook, click on 'Groups' then on 'Join'. If you have any difficulty, simply enter the following link in your search engine: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cambridgeshirehearforyoucommunity/>

If you are new to Facebook, the charity has produced a simple guide of how to join the group, which is on its website. Or contact them at enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk

Cambridgeshire Hearing Help is launching the new group at 11am-12noon on Tuesday 30 June. You can join at any time, but then please try to log-in during that hour, and take part in the initial messages between us.

It's a new and excellent way of keeping in touch – let's all use it!

Cycle Way from Papworth to Caxton Gibbett

It has just been confirmed that this scheme is currently with Skanska and is going through the detailed design stage.

There are some issues around utility infrastructure that are being investigated but the next steps are target costing, mobilisation and construction.

It's anticipated scheme completion will be this financial year (April 2021). The estimated cost is fully funded through Highways England Designated funds programme.

Once I have a start date I shall let everyone know.

Cllr Mark Howell



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