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The Community Lifeline Service

Are you looking for peace of mind? If you live alone or someone in your family is sometimes left alone and may need to call for assistance, the Council's Lifeline team can help.

In an emergency, pressing a button connects you via a contact centre with family, friends, neighbours, or the emergency services. Giving you peace of mind and reassurance. The Community Lifeline Service allows people, young and old to stay in their homes longer and live independently. It is run by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

How it works

In case of an emergency, you can press the lifeline button. This can be worn around your neck or on your wrist. When pressed, the button sends a signal to a small base unit that is connected to your telephone.



This dials the contact centre who, after a few moments, will speak to you through the loudspeaker on the unit. You can then speak out loud and ask for the help you need.

Everyone using the lifeline service needs a local emergency contact – a friend, neighbour or family member - who lives locally and has a key (or access via a key safe) to your home. In the case of an emergency you can ask the contact centre for one of your emergency contacts or the emergency services.

How much it costs

The Community Lifeline Service costs £4.47 per week. This is payable every three months in advance by a £58.11 direct debit. (Whilst direct debit is the preferred payment method, it is possible to pay online or by payment card at the Post Office).

The installation charge is £30. Additional buttons are available for £50. For tenants living on a South Cambridgeshire District Council Sheltered Scheme the cost is £3 per week charged separately to the rent account.

How to apply

If you are interested in speaking with someone regarding the Lifeline Service, you can contact us by telephone on 01954 713470, email lifelines@scams.gov.uk or online at www.scams.gov.uk/lifelines. If you live on a Sheltered Scheme, please contact your Sheltered Estate Officer or email alarm.calls@scams.gov.uk. After applying, one of our local experienced staff will contact you to arrange a convenient time for installation.

Notice from the Editors

We like to bring to the notice of our readers that we as editors are looking to stand down at the end of this year as the Editors.

We have produced the News & Views for over 16 years and it is time for someone else or a team to take over.

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PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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Speeding

Following last month's call for volunteers to participate in a SpeedWatch scheme for the village, we have unfortunately only received 2 offers of help.

To get a scheme up and running in the village would require a core of at least 10 volunteers to be trained and run the scheme and 3 people at a time monitoring traffic speed. If you are able to spare a couple of hours a month to help out, please get in touch.

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

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

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

The Community SpeedWatch scheme, run by Cambridge Constabulary, encourages volunteers from members of the community to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhood. All volunteers would be fully trained and insured by the Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

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

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

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 continuing, albeit delayed by Covid-19

A TTRO (Temporary Traffic Regulation Order) has been submitted to the County Council Highways Department by the Project Manager detailing proposed traffic management schemes to run from 4 January - 4 June 2021, to allow work to be undertaken.

The proposed traffic management consist of 3-way temporary traffic signals at the north end, on each of the 200m approaches to the Papworth Roundabout, to cover the first section of the scheme. The rest of the scheme could then be completed using off-peak (09:30 to 15:30hrs) 2-way temporary traffic signals, with the exception of the 300m approach to the A428 Caxton Gibbet Roundabout, which will require overnight (19:00 to 06:00hrs) road closures with diversions in place.

A request for a reduction in speed limit from Caxton Gibbet to Papworth Everard, down to 40mph for the duration of the works has also been submitted.

Could you be a Parish Councillor ?

The Parish Council currently has 12 Councillors but still has a vacancy for 1 more to bring us up to the full complement of 13.

If you have a real interest in the village or are new to the village and want to get more involved why not call for a chat and see if it's for you?

We're looking for people who can rise to the challenge and make a commitment to improving the quality of life for everybody in our village, no matter what your age or experience.

Knowledge and previous experience aren't essential, training is available and existing members have a wealth of experience they are willing to share. The essential element is enthusiasm and a willingness to work as a member of our team to make a difference to our village.

We hold 11 Parish Council meetings per year and in addition you will be required to become a member of one or more of our sub-committees (Amenities and Playing Fields, Village Hall, Planning) and will be able to get involved in working groups looking at specific projects if you wish.

There is more information about what the council does and eligibility criteria for becoming a Councillor on the Parish Council website www.papwortheverardpc.org.uk

If you think you have what it takes to make a difference, have any questions or would like an informal discussion with the Clerk or an existing Councillor about what the role entails, we'd love to hear from you.

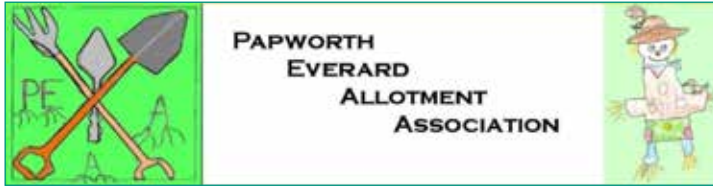
Village Hall Bookings

The Village Hall was reopened for hire by some of our usual regular hirers, on Monday 19 October. Only the Main and North Halls are currently in use.

All hirers have had to provide a risk assessment and floor layout plan, plus details of how their events will be run to ensure Government guidance is followed, to run their sessions safely. These have been reviewed and approved by the Village Hall Committee prior to the bookings being confirmed.

The Hall has undergone a deep clean and hand sanitising stations, posters, floor stickers and tape to ensure social distancing have been installed throughout the Hall. In addition to the regular daily cleaning schedule undertaken by the caretaker, cleaning supplies have been made available so that hirers can also wipe down surfaces before and after use. Maximum numbers for both halls have been set, and fabric seating has been replaced by plastic chairs which can be easily wiped down. Current Government rules stipulate that face coverings must be worn inside the Village Hall (subject to some exemptions).

The Parish Council is awaiting Government guidance on social gatherings, including private events (eg birthday parties), indoor community events etc. For the time being, we are not accepting bookings for any of these types of events. We will announce on our website and Facebook page when we are able to take new booking enquiries.



People are really finding out how important fresh air, exercise and fresh fruit & veg are during this strange year of lockdown, mask wearing and other out of the ordinary restrictions.

This is true in Papworth Everard too. We have always run with around 32/33 members on the site with a quite slow turn over of those members. People usually leaving the association only when they move out the area or something happens which means they do not have enough spare time to tend their site. But in the last year we have grown to over 40 members. This is great for us as an association but also shows what a useful facility the allotments are for this village. We have had to make new plots from spare land, plus split a number of full sized plots into 2 x ½ sized plots.

The new members are doing a great job of turning the Cambridge clay into a workable, rich growing medium on the new plots. They have also increased the number of sheds and greenhouses and showing a commitment to their plots. I can assure all of them that once improved the soil returns the energy and hard work put into it with great crops.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to organise any social events this year so we have not been able to get to know our new members (or catch up with existing members) as much as we would like. Hopefully, that will be resolved next year when things get back to something closer to normal.

Winter is a busy time up the allotments, with plenty of manuring going on as well as shed repairs and other maintenance projects we had no time to do in the growing season. I am adding some raised sides to some of our growing beds so we can add plenty of manure to improve the soil as well as feed the plants. This task at least is made easier by the wet soil as I can hammer stakes in easier than in a hot summer.

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A little over 8 years ago was the fulfilment of over 5 years of struggle to get allotments for Papworth, I class this as one of my greatest achievements in life, well ok, my only achievement in life, lol! Yes, I am very proud to have been Chairman at the time (and it would be easy for me to sit back and take all the plaudits) but the truth is, without a great and very hard-working team behind me, including the likes of Mark and Paulette, David and Val, Jo and many others, including the P.C. we would not have got this most valuable of assets for the village.

And to think, having only moved to the village in 2005, i had no real interest in growing vegetables, or perish the thought, actually eating them! (having grown my own (whisper it!) I now enjoy eating veggies!) I only joined to get to know people and maybe make a few friends, well I certainly made some great friends and those memories will stay with me for the rest of my days!

Do I miss it? Yes of course, but sunnier climes beckoned, Thank you all.

*If you haven't got one, get one now! Happy Allotmenting!
Kind regards, Cliff Bignold.*



Papworth Community Support Group

Since the start of March, a group of us in the village decided to band together to support the local community. Driven by a concern for the welfare of people in our community during the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, our particular concern was for the vulnerable and those in need of help and assistance due to the pandemic. We work in close collaboration with Papworth Everard Parish Council, our District Councillor, Mark Howell, and with the support of South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Our mission is simple – we are here to listen, advise, support the welfare, sanity and spirit of people residing in our wonderful village of Papworth Everard. We meet monthly (virtually, of course!) to discuss any issues we have seen in the village, and to ensure that we have enough resources to support whoever may contact us.

Since the start of the first lockdown, you may have noticed us, either through flyers put through your doors, the Facebook group (coronavirus support – Papworth Everard), posters around the village, or across numerous Facebook sites.

The statistics for the amount of amazing volunteer time from March to May left a huge sense of pride for all of us and our amazing community, here are just a few: Volunteers delivered approximately 1800 prescriptions, provided over 300 hours of local pharmacy

support, answered over 750 hours of calls and responded to hundreds of emails. Furthermore, volunteers spent over 500 hours telephoning individuals in need of support including those shielding.

In addition to the Community Support Group, we set up the Papworth Pantry; a resource for any family or individual in the village who requires additional support with food. To date, this has benefitted around 20 families. We have teamed up with the 1st Papworth Scout Group, who, instead of door-to-door collections, set up drop-boxes around the village for residents to donate food to and distribute to Godmanchester Food Bank. Further support initiatives have included the Joy Project, which involved placing birthday posters up around the village of local children unable to see their extended family, and the Pumpkin Hunt, which took place over October half-term as a way to keep children engaged with Halloween, though without the usual door-to-door trick-or-treating.

As the second national lockdown has just been announced, we want to reassure everyone in Papworth we are here to provide help. If you need advice or support with food, are self-isolating or shielding, please get in touch. Please be assured that your details will be kept strictly confidential.

For more information, please get in touch:

Tel: 07469 876467

Email: papworthcommunityweb.co.uk

Website: <https://papworthcommunity.co.uk>

RE-PLAY PAPWORTH.

With the current restrictions in place, we are not going to be able to run the Sunday afternoon vinyl sessions in the Courtyard café for a while. Here are a few ideas to enjoy an album in safe surroundings:

Classic Scottish Albums on BBC Radio Scotland. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06b2655>

Each 30-minute episode features presenter Davey Scott interviewing those involved in an album's creation. Listen online, download as podcasts or with the BBC Sounds app. 39 episodes (at the time of writing). Free of charge.

Tim's Twitter Listening Party. <https://timstwitterlisteningparty.com/>
Like a film's Director's Commentary but for a record. You can play the album and watch the Twitter feed in real time, or replay the tweets after the event. Free of charge.

Bandcamp Friday. <https://isitbandcampfriday.com/>

Bandcamp is already the most artist-friendly platform for musicians. You can listen to whole albums for free, download albums in CD quality (many for nothing), and order mail-order CDs, records and t-shirts direct from the artists. Bandcamp only take a 15-20% cut and, on the first Friday of each month, they waive their fees entirely for 24 hours. A great way to support an artist with a purchase.

Record Store Day. <https://recordstoreday.co.uk/>

The usual annual event has been expanded this year to four days, with the final 'Black Friday' date set for 27th November. Special-edition records (and some CDs) available to buy in person from our local independent record shops. There are five participating shops within 20 miles of Papworth.

Follow us at www.facebook.com/playpapworth or email playpapworth@fenton.org.uk

To donate to our virtual East Anglian Air Ambulance collection tin, visit www.eaaa.org.uk/

Update From Papworth Surgery



Covid is still affecting all our lives in significant ways, and we are still speaking to most patients on the phone rather than arranging face-to-face appointments. But be reassured that we are seeing patients in the surgery when appropriate; indeed our nurses have continued to do almost all of their normal work. It's hard to do dressings or give an injection on the telephone! In the long term, we think that we will continue to do a lot more on the telephone than we did in the past; it's more convenient for patients than sitting in the doctors' surgery, and we can do a lot on the telephone. Pictures sent from smartphones have great detail and clarity, and are saved securely to your medical record. Please also bear in mind that our very experienced nurse practitioners Claire Hodge and Philippa Lord undertake daily minor illness clinics, and can sort out many acute illnesses.

FLU: The flu immunisation campaign is well under way and many will have already come, but if you are over 65; or are under 65 and have health conditions affecting the heart/ lung/ kidney/ liver/ immune system, please do get in touch. We have clinics arranged for Saturdays 7th and 14th November, as well as some sessions in the working week. In addition the government has arranged that we can obtain more vaccine from mid-November to immunise all those over 50 who would not otherwise be eligible.

Doctors: Drs Flora Bailey, Kari Coulson and Hannah Greenwood are now partners with Dr David Cronk, although Dr Kari Coulson will shortly be on maternity leave. Dr Justin Hirst and Dr Kate Cooper are employed by the Practice, and Dr Lewis Barnes continues to locum with us regularly.

Pharmacist: the clinical pharmacists Kasia Lukaszewska and Izabela Golonka, employed by the Huntingdon Primary Care Network (PCN), a local GP surgeries alliance, of which Papworth Surgery is a member. These pharmacists are working with us to improve safety of prescribed medications, and they undertake careful and thorough medication reviews on behalf of the Practice.

Physiotherapist: Naomi Hodson, also employed by PCN funding, is with us 2 days a week, and is available to advise on all matters relating to joints, bones, ligaments, and muscles. You can book to speak to her by calling reception.

Social Prescriber Zoe Dunstan continues to be available. If you are feeling isolated and lonely, she may well be able to help. She might also discuss how to set up care, and also help if you are anxious or depressed. Speak to reception to arrange a call with her.

Papworth Everard Community Group

As we did with the first lockdown, we are still here offering support to our local community. We work in close collaboration with Papworth Everard Parish Council, our District Councillor and with the support of South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Whether you are self-isolating or shielding, need support with your shopping, would like us to provide a food parcel, would like to talk to someone regarding prescription collections, or would just like to call for a chat, please get in touch.

Tel: 07469 876467
email: papworthcommunityweb@gmail.com

Alternatively, please do visit our website:
<https://www.papworthcommunity.co.uk/>

Please be assured that this is completely confidential, and we will do our best to support you.

Could you help with donations or vouchers?
Please let us know.

We are all in this together.

Church Notices

St Peter's Church Services

During lockdown, from Thursday 5th November, there will be no public services at St Peter's Church. The church will continue to be kept open on Wednesdays and Sundays for individual prayer.

Team Services will continue on Zoom and by Phone.

See the team website for details

Details and link to our ZOOM services can be found on the team web site: www.papworthteamchurches.org.

Roman Catholic Mass

(Latin Rite)

Every Saturday at 5.00 pm

Please consult our parish website for other times and more information

www.stmichaelrc.org



Are you weary?

As I write the 'second wave' of the pandemic is running amok. Many commentators agree it all feels very different to when the 'full lockdown' was implemented in late March. Now the absence of an end date is making many people decidedly crotchety. Of course, there are many for whom this year's events represent the first major season of strict constraints on what we can do;

whereas others have lively memories of the horrors of war, nights spent in the air raid shelter and food rationing that went on for years.

Some may be asking: what can we do to offset waves of woe some feel more than others?

Christians will be increasing the number and frequency of prayers for the government and other civic authorities. That is not a political statement, but an act of obedience and recognition God works through those in elected and appointed officers of the day. The Bible makes it clear prayer is both a means of drawing from God fresh strength for what we are facing and for releasing God's wisdom and blessing through human agencies.

At the same time this has to be a time for imagining and working hard to create and sustain new ways of being engaged in community. This may well be easier living in a rural village than for others whose homes are in high-rise flats without any easy way to get together with others. Yes, being good neighbours has never been more important.

Some have found an outlet through humour shared through social media. The value of telephone contact has probably been reinforced for others – the chance to hear a familiar voice, to share feelings, glean news and offer insight or wisdom into other people's dilemmas.

The church as a national institution has not had an easy time. Many people were distinctly unimpressed at the caption of the Archbishop of Canterbury celebrating Easter in the kitchen rather than his cathedral church. More recently the news has focussed on failings committed by a few in places of high trust and responsibility whose misdemeanours have left a sorry stain as well having caused terrible damage to their victims. Nothing good has come from awful things having been swept under the carpet in times past. This is a time for being truthful and transparent so that, in time, with due repentance there is the opportunity for a new confidence to emerge again when a new humility and purity of motive are found to be trustworthy, not just a clericalized form of image re-branding .

As we begin to turn attention to what sort of Christmas celebrations we can have (both as church, as families and in our communities) in 2020 this is a time to recognise again God has always been in the business of never giving up on human beings. We celebrate Jesus coming to rescue us and offer us a fresh start. It all began with Mary's step of faith in response to the angel's announcement. As Jesus was conceived physically in Mary by the Holy Spirit, so his presence can be birthed and renewed in us today by the same Holy Spirit.

Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector



Hilton Methodist Church

Hilton Methodist Church now holds a service on Zoom every Sunday morning. It starts at 09:45 and finishes just before 10:30. If anyone would like to join us for that, please contact Sandy Monk on 01480 830273 to request a link and the Zoom ID.

You might also be interested in the Zoom and Facebook services at St Ives Methodist Church. These are at 10:30 on Sunday mornings and 7pm on Sunday evenings. St Ives also has also Morning Prayers on Zoom at 08:30 (Monday to Friday) and Children's stories every week. Rev. Nick Witham (Tel. 01480 462293) is the person to contact for the links for all these activities.

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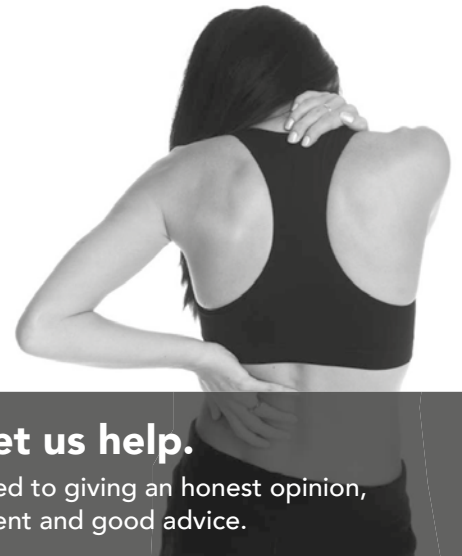
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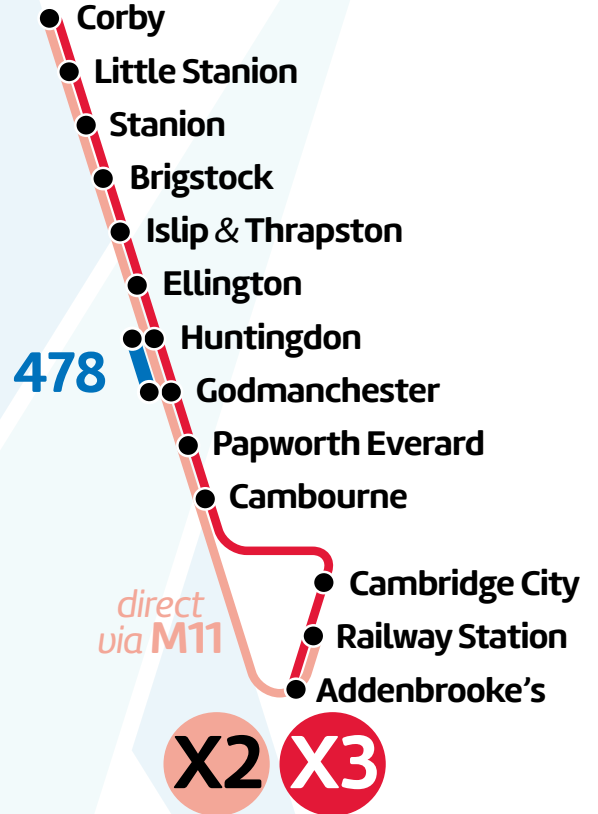
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KEEPING IN TOUCH THROUGH JULY/ SEPTEMBER 2020

Unfortunately as the Covid situation continues to be very uncertain, our WI ladies have been unable to meet again this month as a Group. However, some of the ladies have met up in small groups for a coffee or lunch at the local garden centre. It is important for many of us to try and meet up and chat on a regular basis while the rules allow!

The one highlight of this month has been the 94th birthday of our lovely member Ruth Hurst. Ruth has been a WI Member for over 70 years!! She has served on Committees as President on more than one occasion of her WI in Upshire in Essex and Frinton on Sea in Essex before moving to Papworth around 20 years ago. Ruth lives on her own but is frequently visited by a couple of our WI members who have enjoyed a drink and nibbles with her outside of her home. The photograph below shows just how youthful our Ruth looks enjoying her glass of wine and holding the lovely card made by our member Liz.

(Photo)

The Committee continue to Zoom once a month to discuss future options and plans once things return to normal.

Keep well everybody with best wishes from PEWI



On Your Door Step - Photos from Papworth Residents

Autumn at St Peter's Church
Steve Rossin



PAPWORTH CRAFT GROUP

MEETINGS EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH

10:30 - 12:30 AT PAPWORTH LIBRARY

NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Who would have predicted that come November, it would still be impossible to hold meetings of the Papworth Craft Group? Daily life has changed for everyone and, like many groups, clubs, teams and a host of other leisure activities, there is no sign of an early resumption of the Papworth Craft Group's sessions in the library.

There is much to miss in the loss of our twice monthly meetings. On a fundamental level, there is the pleasure in touching base with each other and catching up with all the news. As some members attend perhaps just once a month or every six weeks, there is always something interesting to talk about. However, in the world of COVID-19, the inability to touch base with others in settings like the Papworth Craft Group can lead to feelings of isolation. The absence of the normal daily and weekly round is keenly felt by many.

Showing current projects is very satisfying all round and we love to see those that have been completed in between meetings. Sometimes members will bring books and patterns to share and this can, not infrequently, lead to notes of book titles being taken, when someone's interest is piqued. Ideas are exchanged, tips are given - things that thrive in face to face situations.

Craft meetings afford the opportunity to help or be helped with

Varrier Jones Social Club

Another month gone by, whoever thought in March that we would still be in the same situation in November – how time flies when you're having fun!! What have we missed: Our Harvest Lunch, Fish & Chips, Bingo Session and also a visit from Jason Middleton with the Pearls, I was really looking forward to that, and now Steve Perry, remember him, he certainly entertained us well with his many songs and hats? We have also missed the AGM which has been rolled over until March 21 in the hope that we will be up and running again by then.

Hope you are all keeping well and staying in touch with family and friends. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has anything they think might be of interest and would like to share with our Members. Give me a ring: 01480 830338

We are still getting our nightly visits from the Hedgehogs, they seem to be here later this year than previous years so we are putting out the food, the cats (now 4 of them) seem pleased with that too.

Last Garden update: Tomatoes all gone but we are still getting a few beans so they are still standing. The grass is covered with leaves so I will need to get out there to rake them up before Thursday.

The Committee Members send their best wishes to you all – Take care and stay safe until we can meet again. Remember, if you need a chat, you can always contact one of the Committee Members, we would be pleased to hear from you.

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

problems that have arisen in a project. This is one of the central aspects of any craft meeting. Helping out has a very positive impact on one's being, and being helped with a seemingly intractable problem by a fellow group member engenders an equally good feeling - work can move on from where it became stuck!

However, November is a month of shorter days and longer evenings. The garden or allotment needs less attention and so the thoughts of crafters can turn to making things for Christmas. There is plenty of time to make a lot of small things to give as gifts or to decorate the home. Perhaps plan a longer project for someone special? Craft with children or even just for yourself. Lockdown saw a boom in crafting that did lead to a shortage of materials, from thread to yarns and more besides, so do not leave it until the last moment to source what you need.

With the winter coming, charities are in need of warm clothes. Hats, scarves and mittens are quick to make and are vital pieces of clothing for adults and children everywhere, including refugees in Europe. There are charities that make up boxes and deliver urgently needed items of every kind to refugee camps. The Papworth Craft Group has donated blankets to the charity People Not Borders, (www.peoplenotborders.org). As reported in this column our large yarn stash has been used up, (one member has been working constantly on blankets since the beginning of lockdown, and very fine they are too!), but if you have yarn that you do not want please contact Rosalind Parnell by email at parnellrh@aol.com. If you would like to knit some squares during the long evenings, they should be 20 cm x 20 cm (8 inches x 8 inches) with the ends sewn in please. (The joining of the squares is extremely hampered if all the ends from the squares have to be sewn in first!)

Although the Papworth Library, along with others in our area, is not operating normally, books can be returned and ordered for collection. Papworth is very fortunate to have its own library and generously hosts the twice-monthly meetings of the Papworth Craft Group. Plan to make more use of the library when life returns to normal. It could be a case of 'use it or lose it'!

A thought for the future - when normal service resumes, think about joining the Papworth Craft Group. We love to welcome new members of any age! Just watch this space!



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Pendragon Primary School

Time in bubbles does pass quickly, the Royal British Legion poppies have just arrived for selling after half term.

Year 2 have been busy learning about Harvest around the world. The tradition of celebrating Harvest festival in churches as we know it today began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service for the harvest at his church in Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter," and "All things bright and beautiful", helped to popularise his idea of harvest festival.



Once again we contacted Godmanchester food bank to ask if they wanted donations- they were very pleased to receive our donations. This is the email we had back:

Thank you, your staff, and the children, so much for this year's Harvest Donation to the FoodBank - it weighed in at 262.50Kg.

This weight of food will enable us to feed seven large families (2 parents + 4 children) for a week, and nine small families (2 adults + up to 2 children) for the same period.

Please find attached a certificate saying thank you to show the children, and again for your continuing support of Foodbank.

We were all very proud and celebrated in our weekly 'Teams' assembly when all the classes join in via the internet to celebrate good work and behaviour towards our school motto REACH- respect, effort, achieve and challenge which encapsulates our school values!

The School council are preparing questions to ask our local MP who is coming to visit us after half term- he was due to come in April but we had to re schedule. I will let you know how this event goes (and the questions and answers in the next issue). With the children playing in specified areas with their class bubbles, the school councillors are also finding out what playground equipment is the most popular so we can make sure we have enough at playtimes and lunchtimes as it is proving to be very popular.

The children have also been preparing Christmas card designs for their parents to order- another fundraising activity organised by the Friends of the school. Look out for our popular Christmas pudding orders after half term- who would not want a pudding with a dragon it!

Year 6 parents have already had to choose which secondary school they want their children to go to so we are now working out ways to showcase our school to prospective parents- as we cannot do everything we normally do! If your child is due to start school in September 2021, why not have a look at the school website <https://pendragon.eschools.co.uk/website> Mrs Willmore has added a new presentation to the Foundation Stage page to give you a flavour of our school and we hope to be able to offer some tours after half term.



Pendragon Preschool

It has been an amazing start to the preschool year, and we were lucky enough to welcome a fantastic new class who have now settled in and had a fun first half term!

Necessary changes were made to preschool, and while some routines are now different and the space has been adapted, we are still able to offer an excellent learning experience for your preschool child.

Over the last month we have been 'discovering Autumn'. Many children took part in our sponsored family Autumn walk, and we used their findings to create our lovely Autumn sensory tray. The children have been learning about textures, and using natural materials such as these are



a perfect resource for this. With lots of discussions about how the leaves, shells and fir cones feel. The children have been exploring pumpkins, cutting them



open, scooping out the insides and we will be observing what happens to them over time. They have also been busy creating lots of Autumn art, baked 'Hedgehog rolls' and enjoyed conker rolling.

At Pendragon preschool we are lucky enough to offer Forest School sessions taught by our preschool manager who is a qualified Forest School Leader. Children get very

excited about these sessions, they take place in our onsite nature area, The Haven. The next half term's Forest School sessions include creating our own bird feeders for our area, bird watching and mud monster games.

If you would like to find out more about enrolling your child for their preschool education with us, please contact us on: 01480 830267

Email: ppreschool@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk



Friends of Pendragon Primary School

As Pendragon Primary school has returned to its new normal and the children have enjoyed their first half term back, the Friends of Pendragon held their AGM meeting (via Zoom of course!) to catch up and start making some plans for fundraising events to benefit the school and children.

We inevitably missed out on some of the usual larger money makers over the summer, most notably the summer fete, but we are pleased to be able to have some plans for the coming weeks.

With Christmas fast approaching the children all created festive artwork which was sent home for orders to be placed and is now ready to be turned into cards, mugs or gift tags. The children loved making their designs and we're sure that the finished articles will look fantastic.

As in previous years we are offering the chance to purchase some delicious puddings ready for your Christmas celebrations. This year the options are traditional Christmas, sticky toffee or lemon. These are always very popular and sell out fast! Prices are £6 for Christmas puddings and £5 for the lemon or toffee. More details will be sent out nearer the time regarding how to place your order .

There are plans to run a Christmas raffle and we have some great prizes up for grabs including Christmas hampers and the star prize of £100, generously donated by Steve at SF Mortgages who has kindly contributed the top prize again. We will send out details of the raffle in the coming weeks.

One of the most popular events in the school calendar are the discos. At the moment these aren't able to go ahead in the usual way due to year groups not being allowed to mix within the school. Friends of Pendragon and the teachers have decided that it would be nice to be able to purchase

some disco equipment and lights of our own so that we can run smaller year group events. We are currently looking at options and costs and hope to be able to run some discos as soon as we can safely do so!

There is always a long-term goal for the fundraising money that is raised for the school. In the past we have purchased a trim trail and outdoor class reading area that the whole school are able to use.

The next goal is to purchase an outdoor classroom which would be used by all year groups and would be a fantastic addition to the school resources. We are looking at costs and suitable options to get this underway and to get a better idea of our overall target.

We are always looking for more volunteers to join Friends, and if you can offer any time to help us fundraise and enrich the children's school experience then we would love to hear from you! You can message us on Facebook or email on friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk for more information.

Don't forget that you can still support the school and make a difference from the comfort of your own home. Many of us use online shopping, and with Christmas approaching please make use of the Easyfundraising app as the school will receive a percentage of whatever you spend. Most of the main high street retailers are on there, along with Amazon and many more. The small amount that each transaction generates can quickly add up and make a difference to the school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>



On Your Door Step - Photos from Papworth Residents

Halloweens blue full moon with Mars in attendance over South Park Drive - Mark Brown





1st Papworth Scout Group



After months of running the different groups virtually since the lockdown started in March, we are now getting back to some face to face Scouting.

Although we are having to follow tough

restrictions and limit the group sizes it is great to be able to get back to doing what we enjoy, scouting outdoors.

That is not to say we haven't had fun over the past 8 months. The group has taken to Zoom and run a varied program from cooking and kitchen skills to making and playing musical instruments.

There have been numerous virtual camps with sleeping in dens or tents pitched in the back garden and of course the obligatory campfire with smores. We have tested everyone's knowledge with escape rooms and a virtual monopoly run around the sites of London.



We managed to get outside and followed scavenger hunts and a navigation trail using what3words all whilst socially distancing.

Now back face to face we have done cycling agility and tried a round of football or frisbee golf.

At a time when we would normally have done our Halloween Trick or Eat collection, we have adapted and you will have seen our food boxes out around the village as we have collected food for the local food bank.

We don't know when things will be back to normal, so we just need to carry on have fun and BE PREPARED for whatever gets thrown at us.



Santa is Coming



The Papworth Scouts in conjunction with the Round Table will be bringing Santa to Papworth on **Tuesday 15th Dec**

Like in previous years Santa will travel around the village to see everyone. Given the current guidelines we ask that you maintain socially distanced if you come out to see him.

SAVE THE DATE
more details next month

Due to Covid rules we will not be collecting on the night. If any local businesses would like to support us and sponsor the night contact tim@papworthscouts.org.uk



Papworth Football Club

Papworth First team remain unbeaten at home but continue to struggle on the road.

Papworth Res start to find consistency as they put pressure on the teams leading the way.

Recent results:

26/09/20

Buckden 6-2 Papworth First

Goals: Tim Cobden, James Clark

Papworth Res 3-2 Great Paxton Res

Goals: Bradley Emmett, Owen Meeds, Si Mayes

03/10/20

Papworth First 4-0 Great Paxton Firsts

Goals: Owen Meeds, Jon-Scott Clark, Tim Cobden, Ben Sloane

10/10/20

Guilford Morden Firsts 6-1 Papworth First

Goal: Josh Philpott

Papworth Res 1-2 Cambridge Ambassadors

Goal: Oskar Spouse

17/10/20

Papworth First 2-1 Littleton Athletic

Goals: Tim Cobden, Josh Philpott

Wicken Firsts 3-6 Papworth Res

Goals: Sam Barrett, Ryan Dowson, Bradley Emmett, Owen Meeds, Osker Spouse x2

24/10/20

Melbourn 5-1 Papworth First

Goal: James Clark

Papworth Res A-A Stretham Res

Game abandoned due to discipline reasons with the visitors, Papworth Res were 4-0 up.

Due to Covid 19 Lockdown all matches in November are postponed