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Papworth
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Christmas Cheer Project

In the run up to Christmas the Papworth Community Group embarked on project "Christmas Cheer". The primary objectives were to lift the spirits of the community, and to bring some care and support to those who needed it. With the help of many village volunteers, and our key sponsors, Aveva we were able to bring a bit of festive spirit!

Papworth Pantry – we provided Christmas hampers with gifts for children and some emergency food parcels during the run up to Christmas. The Papworth Pantry will continue to operate for the foreseeable future. <https://www.papworthcommunity.co.uk/food>



Above - Ema Cannon with one of the Hampers



Christmas Trees and Decorations– We wanted to bring a little festivity to parts of our community where people may not have been able to get out and about as much. We put up two extra trees this year located on The Close and Southbrook Field, thank you to those who contributed a little to help dress the trees. And a huge thank you to Papworth Yarn Bombers for the wonderful snowy robin display at Liz's memorial garden.

Left - Image provided of David Henderson of Aveva - Taken by Sarah Fakes



Above - Image yarn bobbing

Christmas Sing Song – Working with Sing Papworth and musical duo Jenni Pinnock and Stephanie Reeves we brought a little festive cheer and handed out small treats. Many people joined us from their doorstep, the reception we got was amazing, seeing the smiles on people's faces was a joy for all and something we would like to bring to the village again next year! Hopefully, we will be less "COVID-19" "restricted and be able to be a little more widespread.

Right and Below - Images of Jenni Pinnock and Stephanie Reeve, taken by Sarah Fakes





Papworth Community Group . . . continued



Christmas Lunch – we managed to partner up a few generous neighbours who, on Christmas day, put up an extra plate of Christmas lunch and delivered to those who were not able to cook themselves.

Winter Wonderland Walk – Over 60 pictures were put up throughout the village, lots of fun was had by all. Many children did the Bingo Walk Challenge and were happy to be recipients of a Certificate for their efforts.

Above - Image of Alina & Isabelle Arbov – taken by Anton Arbov

Laptops for Pendragon School – With a generous donation made by Aveva, we supplied 6 new laptops to the school, and a refurbished laptop to a deserving family. These are for children to use at home, when they find themselves in lockdown or isolation due to COVID-19, or other reasons. We believe no child should have their learning disadvantaged due to inefficient IT.

Posters and Cards for Pleasure - Children at Pendragon Primary School produced a huge number of amazing Christmas pictures that we were able to laminate and distribute to those isolated, elderly or vulnerable. We were so impressed at the quantity and quality of the work.

Look at the gallery on our web site: <https://www.papworthcommunity.co.uk/handmade-cards-and-decorations>

A Huge thank you goes to Aveva and Papworth Parish Council to whom, without their sponsorship, much of this would not have been possible. We would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who helped to make this all happen.



We wish all the Community a Healthy and Happy 2021.

More images and details can be found at <https://www.papworthcommunity.co.uk/christmas-cheer>

THANK YOU

On behalf of the residents of The Close and Chequers Lane, can we convey our thanks to Papworth Everard Community Group and their sponsors Aveva in Cambridge for the Christmas Tree planted in The Close early December.

At these times when all of us are being told to stay at home, all of us are doing just that.

To know that we are being thought about is very encouraging. Best wishes to all concerned.

Thank you – Joan Tomkinson

Happy New Year

Everyone enjoyed the outdoor Christingle and Crib Services at St Peter's Church before Christmas.



Here is a poem for New Year

New Year

We step through the midnight chimes
To hail and celebrate the turning year.
Hold on to our breath and then exhale

Our old doubts and dismays into fresh air.

Wipe clean the old year's ruined slate
And on a pristine clock count up the seconds
For the as yet unknown twelve months ahead,
Dance into a new year and another chance

For new beginnings and unexpected possibilities.
Stretch out our hands and sing the old familiar song
Of friendships held in high esteem, for all that matters,
Is the journey we will travel on together.

David Potter



1st Papworth Scout Group

As we start 2021 in Tier 4 it means we will be back to meeting online again for the foreseeable future.

In December, the cubs were busy stretching out with Yoga, learning emergency aid, and finishing the year with an escape room Christmas party all over Zoom.

The Beavers managed to get outdoors, putting on their wellies to explore the woods at night and then learning all about fire lighting.



Finally, the Scouts completed a Papworth history navigation challenge, made yule logs over Zoom with great success and finished the year with campfires in the woods. Here they got to cook hotdogs, toast marshmallows, and eat s'mores.



We were also happy to bring Santa to Papworth. Thank you to Aveva for sponsoring the event. It was so nice to see so many people out observing social distancing but having a good time. Santa has asked us to say thank you for all those mince pies you left out for him, it kept him going on Christmas Eve.



We have several children on our waiting list so are always looking for additional support. If you think you would like to offer your services, either on a regular basis or perhaps you have a skill or some knowledge that you could pass on to the group. Please contact us on: info@papworthscouts.org.uk

Church Notices

St Peter's Church Services

Church Services at St Peter's in January will be on the team Zoom only.

Details on the Papworth Team web site:
<https://www.papworthteamchurches.org/>

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Nigel di Castiglione

Team Rector

... and a happy new year!

Most people will be glad to see the back of 2020 ... an annus horribilis ...; with the promise of anti-covid vaccinations becoming available we have some reason to hope there will be a return to 'normality' during 2021.

Nevertheless, I believe we have a lot to be thankful for. There has been a relatively low incidence of people falling ill with coronavirus in South Cambridgeshire, although many

will have seen it touching family members and friends further afield. We have witnessed many acts of kindness through 2020 which speaks volumes about human decency and generosity in often trying circumstances. Whether it be Captain Sir Tom or others who have done similar feats without the same publicity, there are many inspiring examples of human endeavour for the sake of supporting others.

Even so we long to be able to meet without wearing masks; also enjoy the round of activities and organisations which have had to be suspended for many months.

Perhaps we have taken the freedom we have long enjoyed for granted? To be robbed of it to greater or lesser degrees for the best part of a year may make us more appreciative and grateful moving forward.

The Bible encourages us to give thanks in all circumstances, rejoice always and pray without ceasing.

These exhortations assume we have faith in God through Jesus, that we have welcomed his holy presence into our lives. They do not place the blame for things we don't like or can see are horrible things (such as coronavirus or cancer etc) on God but act as a guide on how to live through trying times.

Maybe this is a good way to enter what lies ahead ... to pursue God through Jesus and to check out how what the Bible teaches can make an important and helpful difference in the months ahead.



Hilton Methodist Church

The Methodist Church building at Hilton may be closed but the church is still open online.

For the time being, we are holding our services via Zoom every Sunday morning at 9:45am. The services last for about 30 minutes and anyone is welcome to join us. Why not join us on Zoom for one of our services? If you would like to join us for worship, you will need a Zoom app on your computer, phone or tablet. The ID number you will need in order to participate can be obtained from Sandy Monk on 830273.

There is also an online service at 10:30am, which is usually led by Rev Nick Witham. That can be accessed via the St Ives Methodist Church Facebook page. It lasts for about 50 minutes.

In addition, each week, there is a recorded service that can be accessed by phone at any time on 01480 597118



Nature Diary

January 2021

by Holly Blue

If you are walking the bypass footpath, just take a few minutes to stop look across the pond near the Shilpa roundabout. There are small groups of Tufted Ducks and Teal as well as Mallard. Great to see these spending the winter here.



Tufted Ducks above left, are resident all year in the UK but their numbers increase in the winter as they are joined by visitors from colder climates. Teal above right, are a pretty little duck and gather in large numbers in the winter on gravel pits, reservoirs and flood meadows. Most of these are also visitors from Baltic and Siberia. In the summer they head back to breed, although a small number may stay

in the North of the country.

Scanning the trees at the back of the pond, you may spot a Buzzard shown left, or a Red Kite, shown below, especially if the sun is out as they seem to like to sit in the winter sun. Buzzards are now thought to

be our most common bird of prey, quadrupling in numbers since the 1970's thanks to protection and now banned use of pesticides. They eat rabbits, small rodents down to earthworms and also road kill. This varied diet ensures that they can always find something to eat.

Red Kites were once common but persecution drove them almost to extinction in Britain. Following reintroduction of Red Kites from Europe



in the 1980's the numbers are beginning to increase. Red Kites are top predators eating both live and dead prey, and their diet consists of small mammals, young rabbits earthworms and also fish.

Also along the by pass is a Kestrel. It can be seen most days hovering, or perched, and searching the grass banks that line the road. A Kestrel has the ability to keep its head still while it hovers, even in strong winds, helping it to pinpoint its prey by sight. In the winter months it likes to perch to look for food thus using up less energy.

Winter is not as barren or bleak as it may seem. There are some flowers that will bloom in winter. Of course the one that comes to mind is the Snowdrop, shown right, carpeting the woodland floor before the Bluebells appear. I have not seen any in the Papworth Woods but maybe someone knows where to find them. Of course, some of the best sights for us can be seen at Anglesey Abbey or Wimpole Hall. Please check the National Trust



Website to see if these are open at present. Snowdrops are used in modern medicine. They contain a substance called galantamine, which can be used to treat memory loss and has been used in the UK to treat the symptoms of Alzheimers disease. Their latin name is Galanthus Nivalis which translates as "milk flower of the snow".

Primrose, shown below, is a tough little wildflower and can bloom from late December through to May. Last



year Papworth woodland was carpeted with them in the spring. They like damp shady woodlands making our local woodland perfect for them.

Lesser Celandine covers the woodland floor from January to May. It looks like a large Buttercup and is an invaluable source of nectar for early insects.

January is the month for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. We are all "locked in" in tier 4 at present so what better way to spend an hour. This year you can take part between 29th - 31st January. All you have to do is spend an hour counting the birds in your garden. You don't have to be an expert, the RSPB provide an identification sheet and many hints and tips. Sign up today to take part at rspb.org.uk. You do not have to be a member and all results collected help to give a picture of the state of our wildlife throughout the UK, get the kids to join in with you, its really good fun for all the family.

Happy New Year and Stay Safe .



We hope everyone enjoyed a happy and peaceful Christmas, although I am sure many of you had to make changes to your plans due to the government's new restrictions.

Prior to Christmas members rose to the challenge to help make items to be included in parcels that were being distributed by the Papworth Community Group.

A wonderful variety of items from handmade cards, handmade xmas labels, beautiful knitted and crocheted tree decorations, together with handmade xmas pot pourri bags, and so the list goes on. Thanks to all the ladies that gave up their time at very short notice.

A fun Christmas Face Covering Competition among the members took place with several ladies taking part. Photographs were taken of all the entries and sent to the members to make their choice. The winner as you can see was the lovely mask made by Joyce.

A Christmas gift of scrumptious christmas biscuits were delivered



personally by the Committee to all the members by way of a thank you for all their support over the past very difficult year.

Our choir had a festive Zoom Christmas Sing Along, together with a quiz which put us all in a great Christmas mood.

Finally, members were invited to a Zoom meeting to give them a chance to see other members and to offer each other Christmas wishes. Several members joined in but we are hoping to make this a regular event each month and to also arrange events that members can take part in on Zoom going forward.

We look forward to 2021 which will hopefully be a more positive and fruitful year for the WI and for the whole of the Community.



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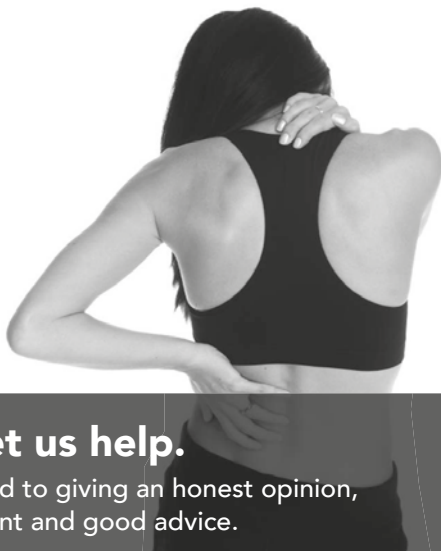
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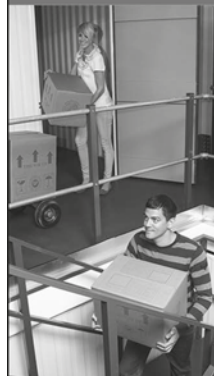
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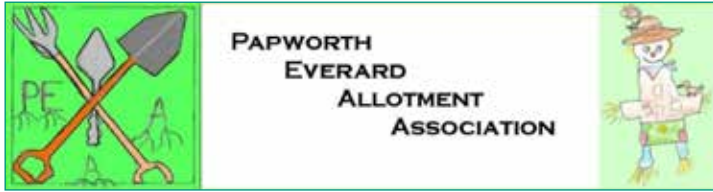
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Wildlife up the allotment is particularly important to us growers. Good wildlife (toads, bees and hoverflies) are to be encouraged as they deal with not so good wildlife (for allotmenters) such as slugs and aphids such as greenfly and blackfly.

To encourage bees of all varieties we grow lavender at the end of most of our beds. As well as bees, lavender also encourages butterflies, whilst their caterpillars can have a nibble at a vegetable or two. It's a small price to pay for having the sight of a butterfly floating around. Of course cabbage white butterfly caterpillars can take



advantage of our generosity and really savage any leafy crops, but they can be hand picked easily enough (plus the birds like eating them).

Soon after starting the allotment we spent a few very wet days planting natural British hedging all round the plot. Most of these turned out to be covered in very large, sharp thorns. These have at last become large and dense enough to be popular with birds as can be seen in the used nest above found in our hedging.

Most plots also grow sunflowers and these are immensely popular with birds, some of whom eat the seeds on the plants and others who eat the dropped seeds on the floor.

We have plenty of birds around the allotment. They do seem to like trying our patience though.

We have 2 pheasants who love to hide in the fruit canes and tall veg and then flap out on us to test our hearts work. We also have numerous pigeons that enjoy pecking out the top of any brassica plants we grow.

RE-PLAY PAPWORTH

A Happy New Year from Play Papworth HQ. 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.

With 2020 touring plans shelved, lots of performers took to the home studio, including no less than Sir Paul McCartney. You might have heard of him - he was in The Beatles - you might have heard of them...

Macca's first solo album – he played all the instruments himself - was recorded at home on a four-track tape machine as The Beatles were coming to an end and released early in 1970. There was a lovely vinyl pressing for 2020 Record Store Day, half-speed mastered at Abbey Road.

The follow-up, McCartney II, was recorded at home in 1979, as his post-Beatles band Wings were coming to an end, and released in Spring 1980.

Early 2020 ("Made in Rockdown") saw the recording of the follow-up, McCartney III, released in December and his first UK number one album for over 30 years.

All of which makes a theme for our next Sunday afternoon event, whenever that might be!

Keep safe and healthy, and we hope to see you at some point in 2021.

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/

Papworth Tennis Club



Despite being in Tier 4, Papworth Tennis Club remains open for play although under strict guidelines, as set out by the LTA.

We can't hold our usual Club Nights but 'social tennis for exercise' is still allowed providing it's singles. You can only play doubles with folks from the same household (or in a bubble). One-to-One Coaching can continue and Group Coaching for children is permitted, but not adults.

Obviously, we must observe social distancing before, during and after play for all activities.

We ask all our members to register when using the courts, via the NHS QR Venue code next to the Club entrance.

For any further details, please refer to the LTA website, our Papworth website or contact a Committee member/Coach.'



Blasters

After a 4 week break for lockdown in November the Papworth Blasters teams were back playing at the beginning of December. The Committee would like to thank our players and parents for supporting the club and abiding

by the Covid measures, and our Coaches who have done a brilliant job keeping us all safe.

We would also like to thank Caroline and team at the Papworth Deli who donated over £100 to the club from the proceeds of their Christmas Hamper raffle. We will put this to good use for equipment next year.

We wish everyone a better 2021, and hope to be back playing in January.

John, Ian & Alison

PAPWORTH CRAFT GROUP

MEETINGS EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH

10:30 - 12:30 AT PAPWORTH LIBRARY

NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Happy New Year! Christmas is now behind us and everyone is hoping that 2021 will bring relief to millions with the advent of vaccinations against COVID-19. The normal round has been suspended since March 2020, with nearly all aspects of everyday social life put on hold, until it is deemed safe to meet up, go to the theatre or cinema, shop normally, go to a football match.....the list is endless!

The Papworth Craft Group has not met since March. Some may believe that there is little merit in continuing to write this monthly column, when there is no group activity to report. However, the editors have made a supreme effort to continue assembling and publishing the News & Views throughout the pandemic. This is reason enough for regular contributors to continue providing content. However, for many residents in the village, the News & Views provides an important function, informing them of what is going on. These residents typically do not have the Internet, have

Varrier Jones Social Club

Well, that is Christmas over for another year and what a strange year that has been. We hope you are all keeping well and staying in touch with family and friends. I expect, like us, you are all hoping that the vaccine will be forthcoming before too long and just maybe we will be able to get out and about a bit more and then even meet again in The Studio to resume our programme of events that Jennie has already planned for us.

I would, and I am sure many of our Members would like to thank Janet and Peter for continuing to publish this Newsletter and to express our gratitude for all the years that have gone before. Let's hope that in the New Year they manage to find some Volunteers to assist with this great Publication.

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?

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing you all a

Happy & Healthy 2021

no knowledge of, or access to the Papworth Living Facebook group, or are without access to a computer now that libraries cannot provide this service, due to current restrictions.

Why should readers be bothered about the Papworth Craft Group, when there have been no meetings for nine months? One objective is to keep the group on the radar, so that people, who did not come to meetings pre-pandemic, may have it in mind to check the group out, perhaps having renewed their crafting during lockdown. To these possible members, the message is to bring your knitting, embroidery, crochet or any other handcraft you enjoy to the first meeting once restrictions are lifted. This may be sooner than we think, but hopefully late spring is not too ambitious to aim for!

This column is also very much for members of the Papworth Craft Group themselves. Many have been coming to the twice-monthly meetings in library for over five years and the continuing health crisis has left a whole in each month. The social interaction is fundamental to this group. We do not sit in silence, bent over our piece of crochet, using the two hours as nothing more than guaranteed time to do something one enjoys for oneself. Not a bit of it! Where did you get that yarn? How far have you got with that gorgeous piece of cross stitch you were working on last time you were here? How lovely to see you after such a long time! Who fancies sewing up some squares for the charity blankets? Did you remember to bring along the pattern for that blanket you were making? Would you like to see the jumper I have finished? Can anyone help me correct this mistake in my knitting, because I am stuck? How do you make a magic loop? Have you heard if A N Other has recovered? These are just snippets from the life of the Papworth Craft Group. We miss this, but we shall resume the many conversations as soon as the light goes green!

A CALL FOR YARN AND KNITTED SQUARES

If you would like to knit squares for blankets during this latest lockdown, they should be 20 cm by 20 cm or 10 inches by 10 inches, with all the ends sewn in please. If you have spare yarn that you do not need, please contact Rosalind Parnell by email at parnellh@aol.com. Squares can be handed in once meetings resume or use the contact email above.

Keep safe, happy and healthy during January. Come the next News & Views in February, a fair number of readers should have been vaccinated! What a relief!!



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Pendragon Primary School

Another busy couple of months at Pendragon as we adapt to our bubbles while trying to maintain the best education we can for the children at Pendragon Primary School.

The school council co-ordinated questions to ask Anthony Browne – Misha has written an article about his visit:

Before lockdown the school council arranged for our local MP to come and visit the school for British Values Week. The two school councillors from Year 4 wrote letters to him inviting him to school. He accepted and we arranged a date. Lockdown happened which meant that he could not come in. In November we went back to the subject of him coming into school. We arranged for him to come and meet the school councils in person and then go on a Microsoft teams meeting and talk to the rest of the school. And then second lockdown happened preventing him from coming to the school.

After thinking about it for a while, the school council decided to just have him on a TEAMS meeting. Everyone asked their class what questions they would like to ask Anthony. At the next meeting, everyone decided on their best question for Anthony. They were wide ranged and very interesting. We got told that the school councillor was to ask the question. We all got a slip of paper which told us how to start our questions- "Hi my name is Misha. This is the question from Tigers' class- have you thought about quitting your job?" He answered, "No, I don't like to use the word quit since it sounds like your saying I can't do this anymore. I am going to quit. I have only been an MP for a year and I am very happy with my job." I would say it was an experience that I will remember.

We later saw on his Twitter page:

"Some really good questions from the pupils at Pendragon Primary School this morning. While I couldn't visit in person, I was still beamed into every classroom and could take questions directly. What a fantastic way to start Friday."

Thanks to the hard work of all the staff in EYFS, The First Nativity was broadcast live via TEAMS to all the parents and the rest of the school. We also managed a bubble friendly decoration day and the children learnt a Christmas carol and went out to sing to another class on the last day of term.

It has been a very challenging time for everyone at Pendragon but with the support of Governors, parents and the children, we have had a very successful term and are looking forward to the Spring term.



Pendragon Preschool



We have had another busy few months in preschool but as always full of fun filled learning experiences! Bursting with celebrations and festivals; for Guy Fawkes Night the children made yummy chocolate sparklers and colourful firework pictures. To mark Remembrance day they decorated their own Poppy's using plastic bottles, and created this wonderful display. To raise money for children in need the staff and children dressed up and made some tasty Pudsey Bear treats. The children made their own Autumn vegetable soup which was delicious!

When celebrating Diwali we explored patterns, the children learnt a pattern rhyme and had fun creating their own patterns during Forest School with Miss Davies. Here is a great pattern made during one of our forest school sessions. Other forest school sessions this month have included bug hunting and bird watching! Our last session we enjoyed making a 'campfire' and tasty hot chocolate and marshmallows.



We had lots of Christmas fun during December, with plenty of sparkles and messy play. We enjoyed our own party, singing Carols, lots of decoration & reindeer food making, a Christmas 'photo booth' and party games.

You can find more information and newsletters on our website. If you would like to find out more about enrolling your child for their preschool education with us, please contact us on: 01480 830267
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