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Papworth Patients' Link

<https://www.papworthsurgery.nhs.uk/patient-group/about-our-ppg/>

A government initiative in 1987 was the catalyst for the formation of what we now know as the Papworth Patients' Link. Our aims are;

- Good liaison between surgery staff and patients and the well-being of all
- Provision of beneficial services, equipment and amenities above those the doctors are required to supply

The volunteer group meets regularly with Papworth surgery staff to carry out their role.

Patients' Link Financial Support

Did you know that Papworth Surgery receives a number of very generous financial donations? For example last year one donation provided air conditioning for a number of consulting and treatment rooms. Another part funded the provision of a refrigerator for the pharmacy. Ongoing contributions payed for the room used for the monthly diabetes meeting. Another provided for a Gynaecology and Obstetrics couch! All donations are greatly received and provide additional benefits to the surgery.

Your 'Patients' Link' Representatives

Conington	Dean Jarvis	Hilton	Pat Porter & Kathleen Hodgson
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BIN COLLECTION DATES

Bin Dates	Black Bin	Blue Bin	Green Bin
Thu 11 Mar 2021	✓		
Thu 18 Mar 2021		✓	✓
Thu 25 Mar 2021	✓		
Thu 1 Apr 2021		✓	✓
Sat 10 Apr 2021	✓		

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News & Views - Papworth Everard

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m Papworth Surgery



Report from Dr Flora Bailey

A year on Covid remains a significant challenge in all of our lives, but hopefully the end is in sight. The pressures of the pandemic means that we have had to adapt our ways of working to reduce the risk to our patients and staff. We are doing many consultations on the telephone and we have found that this is working well. Please be assured that we continue to offer our full range of services and face-to-face appointments are available where necessary.

We are delighted to report that our covid vaccination campaign has been up and running since late January and so far we have delivered over 6000 first doses. We are vaccinating as part of a Primary Care Network (PCN) in conjunction with the Acorn, Charles Hicks, Roman Gate and Priory Fields practices. Together we have been running vaccination clinics from the Charles Hicks Practice in Huntingdon, often at weekends. We have also visited local care homes and our housebound patients to ensure that everyone who is eligible receives their vaccine. The hard work and dedication of all the staff involved has meant that we have been able to deliver this important programme whilst keeping the practices fully open for patients throughout this time. We are calling patients in priority order as set out by the government. Please be assured that you will be called when it is your turn. You may also receive an invitation from the government to have your vaccination at a local vaccination centre, which is not run by the PCN. You can choose whichever is more convenient for you. You will need to return to your original vaccination site to receive the second jab.

Flu: If you have not had your flu jab this year then please contact us as we would be delighted offer it to you. This year the government has extended the eligible group to include all over 50s.

Staff: Partners David Cronk, Hannah Greenwood and Flora Bailey are working alongside Drs Justin Hirst and Kate Cooper. Partner Dr Kari Coulson is currently on maternity leave following the birth of her daughter. Her sessions are covered by Drs Lewis Barnes and Will Bostock. Our experienced Nurse Practitioners Claire Hodge and Philippa Lord are available to see a wide range of minor illness and injuries as well as manage long term conditions. As always we are supported by our fabulous practice nurses, health care assistants and admin team.

Additional roles: We have several members of staff who are employed by the PCN and work with us on a regular basis. First Contact Physiotherapist Naomi Hodson is working with us on Thursdays. She is an expert in diagnosis and treatment of all things related to joints, muscles and bones and you can book an appointment with her via reception. Marcus Daley our social prescriber continues to support isolated patients and those with complex needs. You can ask for an appointment via reception with him or you can be referred by one of the team. Our clinical pharmacists Kasia Lukaszewska and Feyi Ojo are continuing to conduct thorough medication reviews and ensure medication safety.



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. Let's hope the vaccine rollout continues to gather pace and we can all get together soon.

This are Two Tone (month).

Two Tone was a record label set up in 1979 by Specials frontman Jerry Dammers, run from his Coventry flat. The name was chosen to reflect the mixed-race nature of the Specials, at a time when racism was rife at gigs. Their punky ska and reggae music attracted trouble from the far right, and let's just say their gigs were "lively" and leave it at that.

Jerry Dammers had an ear for spotting talent and many of the bands' support acts – Madness (from London), The Selecter (Coventry), The Beat (Birmingham) and The Higsons (Norwich) - released their first singles on the label.

The label had a near-perfect run of six albums by the Specials, The Selecter, Rico Rodriguez (the Specials' trombonist), and the Special AKA (after the Specials vocalists left to form the Fun Boy Three), two compilation albums and 28 singles all packed into six years. Not surprisingly, Jerry Dammers couldn't keep up that momentum for long while being main songwriter, musical director, producer, keyboard player and all while "living above (in) the shop".

2019 marked the beginnings of the label's 40th anniversary with a 12 x 7" box set and a half-speed master of the Specials debut LP. 2020 brought a CD box set of the six albums and two compilations and half-speed master of the (imaginatively-titled) More Specials. A half-speed master of the Selecter's Too Much Pressure is coming this April. Both The Selecter and the reformed Specials (without Dammers, or – RIP - Rico) continue to tour.

The Two Tone: The Albums 8 CD box is a great buy at about 40 quid. We will, one day, be featuring the label as a theme for a Re-Play Papworth event, playing all that lovely half-speed mastered vinyl. Now, where did I leave that Pork Pie hat?

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 Trust

Papworth Trust is delighted to confirm the expansion of our Opportunities Without Limits offer in Papworth Everard.

In the coming weeks, we will be introducing new sensory based sessions to improve skills independence and combat isolation such as cooking, art and singing. We are looking forward to opening up new sessions in the village and would love to hear suggestions from customers on what other new sessions you would like to see. If you are interested in accessing some of our sessions, have any queries, suggestions or have community events and activities we can engage with, please email dan.eaton@papworthtrust.org.uk.

As well as this, our Housing service host a 'Time for Tenants' Zoom video call on the last Wednesday of every month, which is an opportunity for our housing tenants to speak to our Executive Team about any ongoing issues. To book a slot for Wednesday 31 March 2021 (between 6pm & 8pm) with Helena Harris, our Director of Operations, please email Tracey Croucher: tenantengagement@papworthtrust.co.uk.



PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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DOG FOULING

It appears that dog mess is becoming more of an issue in the village once again.

Dog fouling is not only unpleasant – it can be dangerous – particularly for children. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocarasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness and seizures.

With the lighter evenings upon us and more children playing out on the on the fields and public areas in the village, allowing your dog to foul and not clearing it up is unacceptable.

Dog mess left on pathways can end up on shoes, scooters, bike wheels and prams and spread all over the place – it really isn't nice.

It is illegal not to clear up the mess left by your dog as soon as it has fouled and those that leave their mess behind could be liable to a fixed penalty notice. It is the responsibility of the dog owner or the person in charge of a dog to clear up any - being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

There are many dedicated dog waste bins throughout village so there is no excuse to leave dog mess on the paths and open spaces. If you can't find a dog bin, you can bag your pet's poo, seal it well and place it in any standard litter bin – or take it home for disposal in your Black bin

Throwing filled poo bags into trees and bushes definitely isn't an acceptable way to dispose of your dog's waste.

Dog fouling is particularly unpleasant when it is left on the playing field for people playing sports to tread in. With the lockdown easing over the coming months, the sports pitches will soon be used for football once again. Unfortunately, prior to each match, the football coaches have to scour the playing field removing piles of dog mess before they can start playing which wouldn't be necessary if dog owners took responsibility for clearing up after their dogs.



FLY TIPPING

There have been several instances of fly-tipping and dumping of unwanted items in the village in recent weeks.

What is fly tipping?

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of rubbish or unwanted items including garden waste.

If your waste is fly tipped by you or by someone else on your behalf, you could face a fixed penalty notice of up to £400.

It is also classed as fly-tipping if you leave items:

- beside street bins and recycling banks
 - on the floor of communal bin areas
 - outside closed recycling centres and charity shops
- How you can prevent fly-tipping

Everyone has a legal 'duty of care' to ensure their household or business waste is disposed of correctly. You can be prosecuted even if your waste is fly tipped by someone else on your behalf.

If it is your waste, it is your responsibility.

Always use a registered waste carrier to provide a skip and/or to collect your rubbish.

There is a list of registered waste carriers on the Environment Agency's website.

Reporting fly-tipping

Fly-tipping is illegal. If you witness someone fly-tipping, call the police on 999 and report it as a crime in progress. All instances of fly-tipping (whether you witnessed the fly-tipping take place or not) should be reported as Envirocrime to South Cambs District Council via the Reporting Tool on their website.

Any envirocrime which has been reported will be investigated - collection and clear up may not happen immediately while SCDC check the facts and work to deter future envirocrime.

Fly tipping on private land is the responsibility of the landowner to clear.

When you report the fly-tipping you must try to include the following:

Exact location

Date and time you discovered the fly-tipping

Details and photos of the items

If you witnessed fly-tipping in progress you should also report

Vehicle's registration number and other identifying features such as colour and model

Description of the fly-tipper(s) and the direction they were travelling

What can you do with your household waste?

Use your kerbside bin collection.

For larger items, use the Bulky Waste Collection service offered by South Cambs District Council. It costs £30 for them to take away up to 3 items and they will recycle as much as possible.

Use neighbourhood recycling banks or recycling centres

COULD YOU BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR ?

The Parish Council currently has 11 Councillors but still has vacancies 2 more to bring us up to the full complement of 13.

It doesn't matter if you're new to the village or have lived here your whole life - if you have a real interest in 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 Parish Council does and eligibility criteria for becoming a Councillor on the PC's 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 would love to hear from you !

Please email the Clerk, Sarah Cruse for further information clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk



Nature Diary

March

by Holly Blue

I always think that 1st March, not 1st January, should be New Years Day. It is the first day of the meteorological spring, (astronomical spring starts on 20th March) and I feel the start of everything new, and makes everyone feel a bit more optimistic. The days are getting longer, buds are starting to show on the trees and flowers are appearing in the garden and countryside. Some days are starting to feel just a "wee bit warmer" as said by a certain weather presenter.

In the garden the soil is starting to warm up and its time to think about new planting. Some days, you can take a coffee break outside in a sheltered corner and enjoy the spring sunshine without getting chilled.

Little migrants such as the Chiff Chaff are starting to arrive after a long flight from Africa, their call echoing around the spring wood.



Spring is breeding time for Frogs and Toads and they will be heading for your garden ponds any day now.

Keep an eye out for Hedgehogs. As the days warm up they will be coming out of hibernation.

Red Admiral and Brimstone butterflies that have overwintered in sheltered places such as garden sheds and greenhouses can be seen on the wing. Such a welcome sight.



The Blackthorn Bush is one of the first to flower. Their blossom appears before the leaves, but they are best known for the inky dark fruits produced in the Autumn that make delicious Sloe Gin.



There is a Rookery in the wood near the allotments and February/March time is the when they start nest building. Rooks breed in colonies high up in the trees, sometimes numbering several hundred pairs. Their nests are made of twigs broken from trees or stolen from other nests. Rooks are very raucous and one of the collective nouns for them is a Parliament of Rooks. It says it all really.



You cannot talk about Wildlife in March without mentioning the Hare. Hares are becoming scarce caused by a change in farming methods and hunting. We are lucky in Cambridgeshire as it one of the strongholds for Hares who like arable farmland and edges of woodland. They shelter in "forms" which are small depressions in the ground. When disturbed they can be seen zig zagging across the fields and can reach up to 40 miles per hour. If you are lucky hares can be spotted in March chasing around and "boxing", earning them the title of Mad March Hares. It is really uninterested females fending off the unwanted attention of amorous males.

Enjoy your Spring walks, there is so much to see this time of year, something new everyday, and it. makes you feel better.



Church Notices

St Peter's Church Services

There will be services at St Peter's church on the following Sundays

14th March - 10.30 Family Service (Mothering Sunday)

28th March - 10.30 Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)

4th April - 10.30 Holy Communion (Easter Sunday)

There will be Sunday services on the Team Zoom, details on the team website. 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



Nigel di Castiglione . . . Team Rector **Freedom**

The Prime Minister's 'cautious roadmap' that hopes to see the end of social distancing by June 21st has changed the mood of many. Signs of spring are appearing, hopes rising we can start to do normal things again. Freedom is in the air!

But what do we mean by 'freedom'? Clearly it not just doing what we want when we want and how we want; especially if that puts others and ourselves at risk. Whatever we make of the past year's lockdowns and climate of uncertainty fear and loss, we have come to realise there is an important place for right and proper constraints to be in place if true freedom is to be enjoyed, protected and shared.

I recall once talking to someone describing a close a relative as someone who 'had his own demons'. I suspect we all know the sort of thing that phrase implies even if we can't say whether this person had an affliction or chose responses to various circumstances in their own way. Whatever the explanation or underlying causes, I suspect the impact affected not just the individual but a wider group of family, friends and acquaintances; and curtailed all sorts of 'freedom', even if it was not much more than always feeling one was 'walking on eggshells' around this person.

The offer of freedom is at the heart of Christian belief and experience. There is a real irony in realising it required the arrest, torture, false accusations and horrible execution of Jesus. He gave up his freedom so that we could be set free. Hence the central importance of the resurrection when he was freed from death and triumphed over all he had endured in such a spectacular way.

Lent is the period when Christians prepare to celebrate the events of Holy week, Good Friday and Easter. This year the events and services we can hold to mark these pivotal moments in human history will still be subject to many constraints. However, what remains undiminished is the confidence and proclamation that Jesus died for our sins and was raised to life so that we could free from the burden of sin as well as the power of sin over us, and be fully restored to an unfettered relationship with God; with all the attendant benefits and ramifications for all our other relationships. This has very practical implications.

Here are two important examples. We all know how human behaviour and the defence of our so-called freedoms is causing devastation damage to the environment. We also know we need COVID vaccines to be available to all people around the world. Such important issues demand elements of sacrifice and service of others if we are to ensure we remain free to enjoy the world God has placed us in and ensure it is a good place for subsequent generations to steward after us. These are, I believe, Christian imperatives and about being fully free human beings

Jesus said: 'You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.' (John 8v32)



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

COVID etiquette

Seems we're not quite out of it yet
So let's maintain covid etiquette.
Yes, wash your hands without regret
And keep your sangfroid going yet.

Pass by politely on the street
Two metres distant, or six feet.
A smile, a word is good to greet,
Your village neighbours on the street.

Now dogs abound these lockdown days
Their waggy tails, their knowing gaze
And grand it is to see them play
But keep them close these lockdown days.

A good idea to exercise
Cycle or run, to win the prize,
Remember distance and be wise
When passing folks to exercise.

Going to shops, face mask's a must
To gain the other shoppers' trust
And at the till don't feel too rushed,
To pass the time of day's a must.

For situations here's a clue,
Not everyone thinks just as you,
Give way, make space, is what to do
Take time, stay calm that is the clue.

David Potter



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No meetings for the time being

“Clickety-clack, clickety-clack, clickety-clack”

Close your eyes and you could be forgiven for thinking you are on the Caledonian Night Sleeper Train. Departing London Euston 23:50. Calling at Watford Junction, Carlisle, Carstairs. Arriving Edinburgh Waverley at 07:22 in good time for a Tuna Baguette from the Upper Crust bakery in the station forecourt.

Open your eyes: you are back in the room. You are of course facing the Day Centre's knitting circle with needles constantly clicking. Along with dominoes and cards, knitting is a weekly staple of the Day Centre experience before lunch, as mentioned last month.

After the morning's activities you can look forward to a tasty meal. Then on to the afternoon's entertainment, which is very varied, and always good fun.

The cost is £13 per day including tea and coffee and a delicious two course meal cooked by our resident chef, Jane.

We would normally meet every Tuesday between 10am until 3pm in The Community Centre, The Close, Papworth Everard. The centre is fully wheelchair accessible. Transport is available in certain cases.

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

If you are a member of the Day Centre and would like a chat, or if you would like to find out more about the Day Centre, why not call the following?

Contact: Eddie on (01480) 830338 or Jenny on (01480) 492697 for further details or to book you place. Please ring for more information

Varrier Jones Social Club

Another month gone by with nothing much changed, hope everyone is managing to find something to do to pass the time, jigsaws seem very popular together with crafting. I know someone who has set himself a challenge to finish a Wordsearch Book he got last year by doing at least 1 a day. Anyone else set themselves a challenge and if so, how are you doing, we would all like to hear about it. Give us a call.



Do you remember our March Meeting last year when we had a visit from Saffron Summerfield with her songs and the bird songs she had recorded? She told us that many of the Motorway Service Stations are now playing bird songs in their rest rooms as a way of calming stressed motorway drivers. Well, I would certainly like the opportunity to see if this is true!! Saffron also told us about

her Soundbench at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve – why not Google this at “Saffron’s Soundbench” and find out more, certainly a place I would like to visit but a bit too far for a Club Outing.

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?



Papworth Tennis Club



Following the Government's 'roadmap' announcement, we are delighted to confirm that Papworth Tennis Club will be open again from Monday 29th March. This means that recreational tennis can resume, including singles and doubles social play, 1:1 coaching and formally organised activity for groups, including group coaching.

The Club welcomes new members of all ages and abilities, and further membership details can be found on the Club's website at www.papworthtennis.co.uk. We can offer individual and group coaching lessons via our coaching team from Over&In.

Once we receive further advice from the LTA regarding the removal of all restrictions, we hope to run Open Days this summer when you can come along for tennis taster sessions. We would love to see anyone from Papworth and our surrounding villages come along to the Club and give tennis a try!

If you have any queries regarding Papworth Tennis Club, please drop us a line at papworthtennis@hotmail.co.uk and we'll respond as quickly as possible.



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- Thur Closed
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Road Map out of Lockdown

MAR 8	APR 12	MAY 17	JUN 21
STEP ONE A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools re-open, childcare allowed One plus one social meetings outdoors One visitor to care home residents Stay at home stays in place 	STEP TWO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-essential retail, personal care premises, hairdressers and nail salons, libraries, gyms, zoos and theme parks can reopen Pubs and restaurants can reopen outdoors. No need for substantial meal, no curfews Wider social distancing rules continue One household can stay at a cottage or holiday let 	STEP THREE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rule of Six will be dropped outdoors Two households can meet indoors Hotels, cinemas, soft play areas re-open 1,000 people or half full permitted at indoor sports venues. Outdoor venues 4,000 people or half full. 10,000 allowed at Wembley International travel possible Review of social distancing Review of certificates for jobs, tests 	STEP FOUR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All legal limits on social contact to go Remaining hospitality re-open Restrictions on large events lifted Restrictions for weddings may still be in effect
STEP ONE B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rule of Six Outdoor sports Stay Local Work from home where possible Still no overseas travel 			

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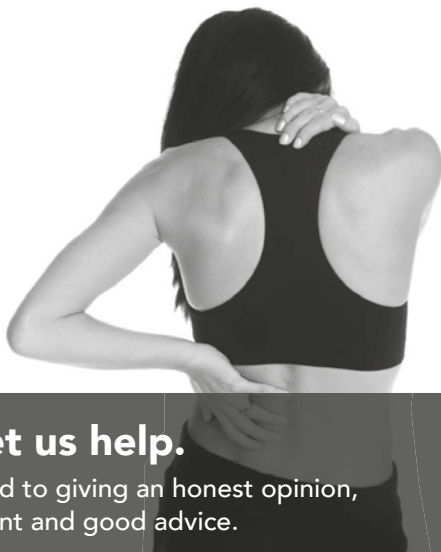
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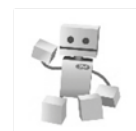
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Pendragon Preschool



Pendragon Preschool have really enjoyed the snow that came our way this month! It has really helped to support our learning of 'Winter'. The children enjoyed making snow angels on the field and footprints with their boots. We continued to explore ice because there was so much of it in the preschool garden, the children enjoyed melting and

breaking it; some then added sea creatures for their imaginative play.



We celebrated and learnt about Chinese New Year before breaking up for half term. We read and watched a story, wrote our name in Chinese, practiced using chopsticks and had an amazing food tasting session. Thank you to Cook 4U for supplying us with some very tasty food for this.

Other activities we have been busy enjoying include, decorating our own delicious valentine's biscuits, we enjoyed talking about who we loved and why. There has been a lot of construction this month, with many creative buildings, trains and cars being made with a range of resources.

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 Email: ppreschool@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk



Pendragon Primary School



I delayed writing this month's article to be able to listen to the PM's announcement about schools and we are now getting ready to welcome back the 60% of children who have been at home during this latest lockdown. Luckily, it was only September when we had to prepare for all the children to be in school. Parents already had staggered start and finish times and the children came in using different entrances around the building. We will continue to offer remote learning for the children who may need to self-isolate but the live online lessons will stop unless the whole bubble has to close (and the teacher is not ill of course). Staff are now able to use home tests twice a week which will show up anyone who is asymptomatic.

In school, all the adults in school have been very busy engaging the children in and out of school.

Foundation stage still had their medieval banquet with the children both at home and at school dancing, juggling and eating their baking!

Year 1 had great fun competing in pancake races – everyone in school and at home was challenged to see how many times they could toss a pancake and Joseph in year 6 managed over 100- the pan and the pancake were cold.

Year 2 have been learning about life in the cold areas of the world and have made sure that we all know that polar bears and penguins do not live together!

Year 3 have been furthering their historical knowledge of the Stone Age in Britain and it was quite a surprise to see the children walking across the playground with their handmade spears.

Year 4 have been looking at the differences between the countries of North America and UK. It was great to see cube towers to scale to show the difference in the heights of mountains.

Year 6 have been exploring the world of earthquakes and volcanoes- it's hard to believe that in a term and a half they will be off to secondary school.

In Year 5 PSHCE (Personal, social, health and citizenship education) have looked at a British recipe poem by Benjamin Zephaniah and Tigers class have come up with their own – we hope you enjoy reading it as much as they enjoyed writing it.

Tigers

Add some immature Cubs and Kittens
 From three parts Asia, four parts European and one part Canadian
 Let them mix to make friends
 Before adding some Italy and Spain
 To the bake of Ocelots and Lynx
 Starting to settle, they split us apart
 In Sandcats and Bobcats, they crushed our hearts
 Some Chinese was added to the wok
 In Leopards and Pumas they gained our trust
 Panthers and Jaguars before the pandemic
 Headed out on a trip
 An overnight stay with a farmer and fox
 Packing a day later, we found flung socks
 The dreary home schooling tore us apart
 Sobbing and weeping, we looked for a new start
 Year five was happening, with plenty of joy
 Christmas is here to fill us with cheer
 But who knows when Covid goes...



1st Papworth Scout Group

It has been another busy start to the year, all be it online.

The Beavers have been active taking part in an International Evening, learning to play the Djembe Drum, making Crazy Kontraptionz and of course cooking pancakes.

The Scouts have learnt about local knowledge, completed a virtual murder mystery challenge, and made woggles out of paracord. They even used their navigational skills to play a real-life game of Pacman using the leaders as games pieces.

Meanwhile the cubs have been learning about animal care, completing the big garden bird watch, and learning about Photography and Astronomy. They then had a virtual Harry Potter camp over a couple of nights of half term when over 30 of them (including siblings) spent their time completing over 14 challenges.

They were sorted into houses by the sorting hat, then competed for their house as they learnt new skills and had lots of fun. A selection of things tried included broom stick building, Butter beer making, muggle studies and map making. They even tried their hands at a potions class making things change colour using everyday household items.

We look forward to hopefully getting back to face-to-face meetings again soon and perhaps even getting to do a real camp.

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



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February is a month for sharing the love and to bring our members a little love and light to brighten the dark wintry and sometimes lonely days, lovely pot roses and plants were delivered to each of the ladies which were received with great joy.



As we have not had our monthly meetings now for a year – the Committee have planned a ‘Virtual’ Members’ Meeting for Tuesday 16th February. Our very own member, Daphne, will be giving a short talk on ‘Wellbeing during the Pandemic’



and this will be followed in the usual way with members chatting and catching up with friends, some of whom they have not seen for a long time. Hopefully, if the meeting is successful, we plan to have further ‘Virtual’ monthly meetings with an exciting programme of events going forward. Of Course we can’t wait to gather once more as a group in Papworth once restrictions are lifted.

Siyabonga: Several ladies have once again sponsored this young boy in Mazwi, a small village in Zimbabwe to cover his education fees and equipment including books etc for another year. This is a project operated by members of the Open Door Church in St Neots for the children in the village.

Best wishes to all and keep safe

