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News Update

New Heating Contractor

We wish to inform Housing tenants that our heating contractor will change from 1st May 2021. The company we will be using to service and maintain your heating system (gas, oil, air source heat pumps) will now be Aaron Services Ltd.

Their logo is below for your information.



There are no changes to how we deal with any repairs and Aaron Services Ltd will contact you directly to book in service visits with you or repairs if they are necessary.

If you need to report a repair to your heating system please do so in the usual way by contacting Papworth Trust on 0330 678 0008 option 1.

Tenant Consultation

During February & March Housing tenants were invited to complete a survey with regards Papworth Trust's proposed Tenant Involvement offer and Tenant Charter. The consultation period has now ended and we would like to thank all those that have provided very valuable feedback.

We will continue to communicate the next steps with regards Tenant Involvement by using the following methods: providing updates in quarterly rent statements, to tenants by email (where applicable), on the website at www.papworthtrust.org.uk and on social media e.g Facebook and Twitter (search Papworth Trust).

BIN COLLECTION DATES

Thu 10 Jun 2021		✓	✓
Thu 17 Jun 2021	✓		
Wed 23 Jun 2021		✓	✓
Wed 30 Jun 2021	✓		
Tue 6 Jul 2021		✓	✓
Tue 13 Jul 2021	✓		

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Speeding / Speed Watch Scheme

Over the few months we have been contacted by several residents expressing concern at the speed at which vehicles travel through the village – not only on Ermine Street but on the side roads too, including Elm Way, Varrier Jones Drive, Chequers Lane and through the Summersfield estate.

Even though part of Ermine Street, from Jubilee Green to the north of the junction with Varrier Jones Drive, is subject to a 20mph limit and despite traffic calming measures, speed tables and give way points, cars are still driving through the village at quite a speed.

The Police will only undertake speed enforcement on adopted Highways, but without solid proof of speeding they are unable to commit to setting up speed cameras or taking action.

To provide the necessary proof, a SpeedWatch scheme could be set up 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 trains volunteers from members of the community to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhood.

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.

All volunteers are fully trained and insured by the Constabulary.

To get a scheme up and running in the village would require a core of 8-10 volunteers to be trained and run the scheme – with groups of 3 people at a time running a speed check.

If you would be interested in volunteering to participate in a SpeedWatch scheme please let us know. If there is sufficient interest we will look to set a group up.

The Parish Council will also be looking into other measures to help to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling through the village.

If you witness speeding or dangerous driving, you can report it online direct to Cambridge Constabulary <https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-anti-social-driving-without-video-evidence>

Outdoor Gym Equipment

The Parish Council has approved funds to purchase some outdoor gym equipment for the benefit of the village and will shortly be having various exercise items installed on the playing field.

The exact date for installation is not yet confirmed but it is hoped that it will be installed in the next 8 weeks.

Research shows that being physically active can help us to lead a healthier and happier life and people who exercise regularly have a lower risk of developing many long-term (chronic) conditions.

The equipment will include items such as an Air Walker, Seated

Chest Press, Spin Bike, Cross Trainer and Rower and will be for use of anyone aged 14 and over. All the equipment is designed to be suitable for all abilities and the items have been selected to improve general cardiovascular fitness, balance, co-ordination and muscle strengthening and allow a low impact workout.

This is not children's play equipment and is intended for exercise only and will therefore be sited a little bit away from the main play area on the corner of the playing field to the rear of the Ermine St

N / Wood Lane Bus Shelter.

Paddling Pool Attendants

We have not yet received many responses to the advert for Pool Attendants to maintain the paddling pool over the summer period and are therefore still looking for people to share the role.

The job is for approximately 5-6 hours spread out over the day from early morning until early evening, 7 days a week and is therefore ideal for job sharing (Aged 18+)

This is a paid position, and all necessary training will be provided

If you are interested and would like more information about what the role entails and are willing to commit a few hours a day to help over the Summer period, please register your interest with the Parish Clerk by email clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk or by calling 07810 433228.

Without people to maintain the pool daily we may not be able to open up the facility for use over the summer period.

VACANCY

Paddling Pool Attendants

(mid-July until early September)

We are looking to employ 2-3 pool attendants to maintain the paddling pool over the summer period to allow us to open the facility for this year.

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

By the time you read this, it will soon be Record Store Day (12 th June). I hope you find something to enjoy and can support our local record shops.

January's article discussed Paul McCartney - you might have heard of him, he was in The Beatles - you might have heard of them. Well, over the past few years their later albums have been cleaned up by the wizards at Abbey Road - not just given a quick remaster, but reconstructed from the individual multitrack master tapes. Let It Be should have come out for its 50 th anniversary last year, along with the related Get Back film, and hopefully both will later this year.

The latest to receive the Abbey Road rebuild is John Lennon - you might have heard of him, etc... His first two albums, John Lennon/Plastic Ono Band, and Imagine, have been expanded to 6 CDs and 4 CDs respectively. Every note recorded is there to hear, as clear as if it were recorded yesterday. The original productions were done in a murky early-60s style by Phil Spector and the new versions are like opening the curtains on his wall of sound. There's also a new 'Best Of' set, Gimme Some Truth.

Luckily they've both been released as double vinyl sets, with the original album on one record and a selection of out-takes on the second. We look forward to playing them both for you. Until then, support your local record shops and your local café.

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/

Next Stage of Covid

Step 4 - not before 21 June

<https://www.gov.uk>

Social Contact

By Step 4 which will take place no earlier than 21 June, the government hopes to be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact.

Business, Activities and Events

We hope to reopen remaining premises, including nightclubs, and ease the restrictions on large events and performances that apply in Step 3. This will be subject to WWthe results of a scientific Events Research Programme to test the outcome of certain pilot events through the spring and summer, where we will trial the use of testing and other techniques to cut the risk of infection. The same Events Research Programme will guide decisions on whether all limits can be removed on weddings and other life events.

As we move through each of these phases in the roadmap, we must all remember that COVID-19 remains a part of our lives. We are going to have to keep living our lives differently to keep ourselves and others safe. We must carry on with 'hands, face, space'.

Comply with the COVID-Secure measures that remain in place. Meet outdoors when we can and keep letting fresh air in. Get tested when needed. Get vaccinated when offered. If we all continue to play our part, we will be that bit closer to a future that is more familiar.



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Church Notices

St Peter's Church Services

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

6th June - 10am Team Zoom service

13th June - 10.30am Communion Service

20th June - 10.30am Family Worship

27th June - 10.30am Holy Communion Service

The church is open on Wednesdays and Sundays for individual prayer

Details of Zoom services and other church events on the
Papworth team website.

Roman Catholic Mass

(Latin Rite)

Every Saturday at 5.00 pm

Please consult our parish
website for other times and
more information

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Spring Watch

This Year

Starlings have again built their nest in the house gutter

We hear the squeal of the chicks

Every time a parent flies off

To find food for their hungry brood.

It is a relentless task

Last Year

A black crow, drawn by the cries of the fledglings,

Snatched a chick from the nest.

The parent starlings were frantic in their distress.

They harried and chased the crow

But to no avail

David Potter



Hilton Methodist Church

We are hoping that the arrangements for worship at Hilton Methodist Church will soon return to normal but we will be continuing with worship on Zoom during June.

So our arrangements remain as they have been for the last few months:-

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.



No meetings for the time being

I think he must be retrieving the coloured die from the peg and board memory game Colour Chess. Colour Chess is based on a circular board with 24 holes which accommodate 24 pegs which are coloured underneath. There is a single coloured die with all of

the six colours. The rules of the game are simple: each player rolls the die, and then picks out a peg. If the peg matches the colour on the die, then the peg is retained by the player, counting as a point, and the same player gets another go. If the peg does not match then it is returned to the board in the same position and the next person has a go. Guesswork at first, but it gets easier as play progresses and is good fun.

The details of how the Day Centre runs under normal circumstances are below:

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



What is Eddie doing under the table?

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 your place. Please ring for more information



Varrier Jones Social Club

It is hard to believe that another month has gone by but hope you are all slowly managing to get out and about a bit more now. If only the rain would pass it is lovely in the sun.

So, what are we missing this month – Oh yes, the Afternoon Strawberry Tea - hope you are all able to get some lovely nice fresh ripe strawberries and don't forget the cream and, if you can manage it, a home-made scone. Mmmm..... Yummy. What was the Entertainment? Liz Wright from the Donkey Sanctuary – let's hope that she will be able to be re-booked for next year.



I am sure you are all anxious to know that we are commencing the fight against the cats at our newly planted garden. We now have four which visit but unfortunately although we saw the Hedgehog in the first week of May it has not been back to the delight, I think, of the cats as they are enjoying the food not to mention the leftovers going to the birds. Still, gives us something to watch on the camera in the mornings. Garden now planted with Runner Beans, Carrots and Tomatoes – let's hope we have a good crop this year. We are trying again with the Sweet Peas just hope they don't shrivel and die again this year!! Gardeners we are not but we are trying, very, some might say!!

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 CRAFT GROUP

MEETINGS EVERY FIRST & THIRD SATURDAYS
OF THE MONTH

PAPWORTH LIBRARY 10:30 - 12:30
(MEETINGS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED)

It is difficult some days to believe that it is supposed to be spring! It has been so cold and there is a true disconnect between the calendar date and the weather. However, 21 June is tantalisingly close. Wearing an optimist's hat and with a glass half full, it is possible to believe that the outlook is good for the lifting of the remaining restrictions set by government in response to the Covid-19 crisis. This would herald the return of many indoor activities, including the Papworth Craft Group meetings. Keep an eye out for an announcement on the Papworth Everard Living Facebook page. For those without the Internet, perhaps friends and neighbours could pass the message on?

In previous months, the nationwide revival of handcrafts has been noted in this column. Statistically, that should indicate that there are some Papworth Everard residents in this group of former and new crafters, brought to their old/new hobby by the successive lockdowns. Why not take the opportunity to spend two hours with like-minded people, working at your chosen craft? Bring a friend, child or relative along to check out the group. Gather up your yarn, hooks, needles, thread or whatever you need for your favourite craft and come along to our first session in the (almost) restored normality of the post-Covid-19 era!

A very big thank you to those who have knitted or plan to knit squares for the charity blankets. A very special thank you to Mrs Maynard who has knitted 100 squares! She has knitted

Residents Letter - Speeding

Dear Editors - I wish to ask if you could include a notice in the next possible magazine that requests consideration of driving speed.

The road in question is Hayman's Way, especially on the bend where local residents have to pull in and out their drives, and also young children can come out of the gardens near to the road.

Local cars who access this road to their own properties are not considering the speed limit and are causing fear to the residents who live here. Drivers are also showing frustration if they have to stop for the residents!

Not only that, disabled residents also use the road and it is a blind bend, and drivers travelling at speed causes them risk.

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countless squares for this project in recent years, all of which have been made up into blankets. An equally special thank you to her daughter, who kindly sews in all the ends! Thanks to the very generous yarn donation a couple of months ago, our stock is good, with plenty for anyone who would like to knit or crochet some squares. A quick reminder of the size: the squares should be 20 cm x 20 cm (8 inches x 8 inches), with all the ends sewn in please. (Having the ends sewn in is a total game-changer, as this makes joining the squares together so much easier). The blankets are currently being donated to the small charity People NOT Borders, who work with refugees in Europe and the UK. Check out their website, www.peoplenotborders.org to learn about the wonderful work they are doing. They are looking to the cold weather of winter and would be grateful for knitted hat, scarves and gloves. For further information please email Rosalind Parnell, parnellrh@aol.com.

If knitting squares is not for you, perhaps the annual campaign by smoothie manufacturers Innocent may be more appealing. Readers may have purchased an individual smoothie bottle at the supermarket over previous winters that have a small bobble hat over the top. They are super cute and have been knitted by people all over the country. For each bobble-hatted bottle sold, a donation is made to Help the Aged. Patterns are available online at www.bigknit.co.uk.

This writer is so looking forward to the first session of the Papworth Craft Group once restrictions are lifted. The pleasure of being in the group comes from sharing our individual efforts with others who enjoy knitting, crochet, cross stitch, embroidery, patchwork and quilting.....there must be other handcrafts, so apologies for any omission. Everyone is interested in the projects of the other group members and the exchange of ideas. Helping one another out and sharing the progress on projects large and small all contribute to the collective experience. There is, of course, a great deal of chatter and laughter. After such an extended break in our meetings, there will be lots to catch up on.

Do think about joining the Papworth Craft Group, or at least give it a try!

Here's hoping that 21 June delivers the longed-for release of restrictions. In the meantime, have a happy June. Come the July issue of the News & Views, summer should have arrived?

Stay well and safe.

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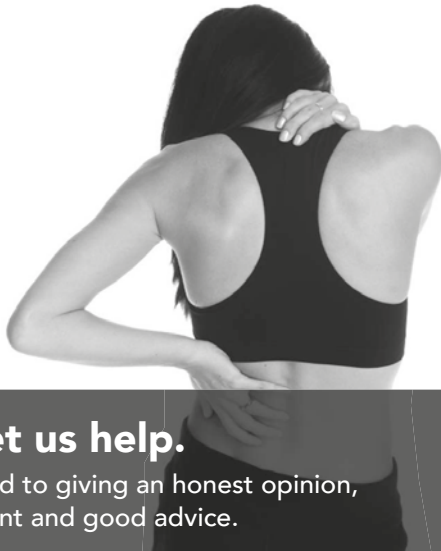
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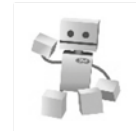
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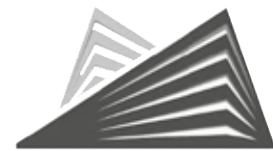
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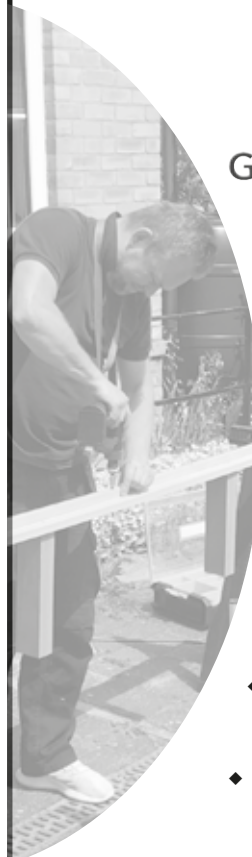
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Pendragon Primary School



The children have enjoyed lots of traditional tales this month, each week we focus on a new tale and the children have fun retelling it to the group using puppets and props. A huge favourite has been 'The Gingerbread Man'. We especially liked creating our own with our lovely smelling ginger playdough, and baking our own tasty gingerbread.

The children have been exploring shape, matching, ordering and sorting. We had lots of different sized gingerbread men to put in order and count, and we used some shape finders to help us spot shapes in the environment. While searching for shapes we had a lot of excitement as we noticed our plants have been growing very well. Soon we should have some sunflowers for our sunflower key group competition and tomatoes.

Our Forest school sessions have been much warmer than previous months and busier than ever. The children have had lots of enjoyment with their imaginative play; creating seesaws, trains and buses for their friends. A continued favourite is finding insects with the magnifying glasses and pots, we link them with their names, and talk



about how they look, how many legs they have etc. Many of the children like to draw them too.

Our music sessions with Jenni Pinnock have continued, and the children have been introduced to the instruments harp, trombone and saxophone. They enjoyed listening to 'Let it go' played on the harp. With all the instruments the children played guess the nursery rhyme, sang some of their favourite rhymes and practiced their listening skills with identifying high and low notes. They clapped out syllables of the names of the instruments. The children were able to hold a soprano saxophone and press the keys. They came up with some lovely descriptive words including heavy, shiny, straight, curvy and cold.

You can find more information and newsletters on our website. If you would like to find out more about

enrolling your child with us for their preschool education, please contact Miss Davies (preschool manager) or Mrs Duff (preschool administrator) on: 01480 830267 Email: ppreschool@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk



ELSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL



At Elsworth Pre-School our inspiring learning experiences are led by the children, recently we have had a football challenge, traditional sports day races and obstacle course building to support the children's physical development, resilience and confidence. You can see more about what we're doing in the newsletter section of our website or on the Elsworth Pre-School Facebook page.

This term the children have been caring for the vegetables that they have planted. The first of these have been ready to pick and the children have experienced the full field to fork experience with their radishes. We cannot wait for our other vegetables to grow too!

At Forest School the children have been noticing how the nature reserve is changing through the seasons, we have been exploring and identifying plants, flowers and minibeasts. There have been elements of risk taking with 'spider web' ropes and large scale mud art as the children learn freely in the natural environment.

We currently have spaces available! We have found that parents who visit and meet our fully-qualified, caring and attentive team choose Elsworth Pre-School for their children. Unfortunately, we cannot offer visits in the usual way yet due to Covid-19 restrictions, but we are always available for a chat or a video tour.

If you're interested in registering your child for Pre-School then please contact our manager Julie, email elsworthpreschool@outlook.com, phone 01954 268050. See elsworthpreschool.org for more information.

theWI Papworth Everard INSPIRING WOMEN Womens Institute

Many members joined us again for our April Zoom meeting when our speaker for the evening was Andy Malcolm, East Anglia Fundraising Manager of the Fisherman's Mission. This is a charitable organisation set up some 120 years ago primarily to help Fishermen and their families in time of need. Andy explained how Deep Sea Fishing is the UK's most dangerous occupation and sadly many men lose their lives each year to the unpredictable stormy seas. He described how the mission comes to the help of families who have lost a loved one at sea or who may be struggling financial difficulty with advice and support both financial and personal arrangements. Many fundraising events take place throughout the year in normal times, but sadly due to the pandemic most financial support has been through donations to the charity.

Andy's talk was professional, humorous and, at times, very moving when relating

stories of the work he has undertaken during his 17 years with the Mission.

As a bit of fun he then held a short quiz asking us to recognise pictures of various fish as 'cod' or 'wallop'.

It was surprising how little some of us knew about our fish!!! Following Andy's talk a donation was made on behalf of the WI and many members



made their own on-line donation too. We will certainly be taking this very necessary charity on board in the coming year in the hope of raising more funds for such a worthy cause. Give them a thought the next time you purchase your fish and chip supper!!

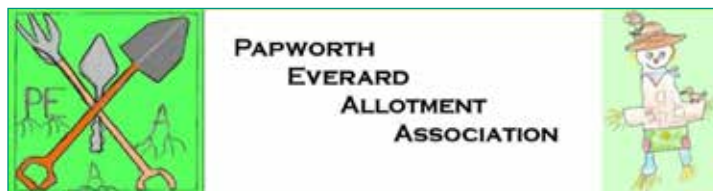
One of our ladies Ann is BEE-ING helpful to the wildlife and turning her lawn into a haven for the bees, and Julie is continuing to make these wonderful crocheted blankets for the needy

A REMINDER OF WHAT IS TO COME AT OUR NEXT ZOOM ON TUESDAY 18TH MAY AT 7.30PM

CHRISSY – THE CRAZY GARDENER



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL



It is an exciting time on the allotment and at home where we grow lots from seed. Our giant pumpkins are nearly ready to be planted out in their final positions.

They really are whoppers. We have had to wait until the end of May as the frost is their enemy and we want them to really flourish in the warmed up, rich Papworth heavy soil on the allotment.



Another plant that loves the heavy soil we have is cabbage and they are very nearly ready to be planted out. They are a bit long stemmed but I'll plant them a bit deeper to hide that.



Just behind in growth are the sweetcorn which, like the pumpkins, are tender. Planting out the sweetcorn needs to be carefully timed to avoid frost damage. By the beginning of June these plants should all be in their new homes, safely

bedded in to grown on and provide us with great produce in the months to come. I'm sure we will be able to show you pictures of them as they mature.

On Your Door Step - Photos and Images from Papworth Residents



Sunset over Summersfield - Mark Brown



Little Dove - Wendy Dodson

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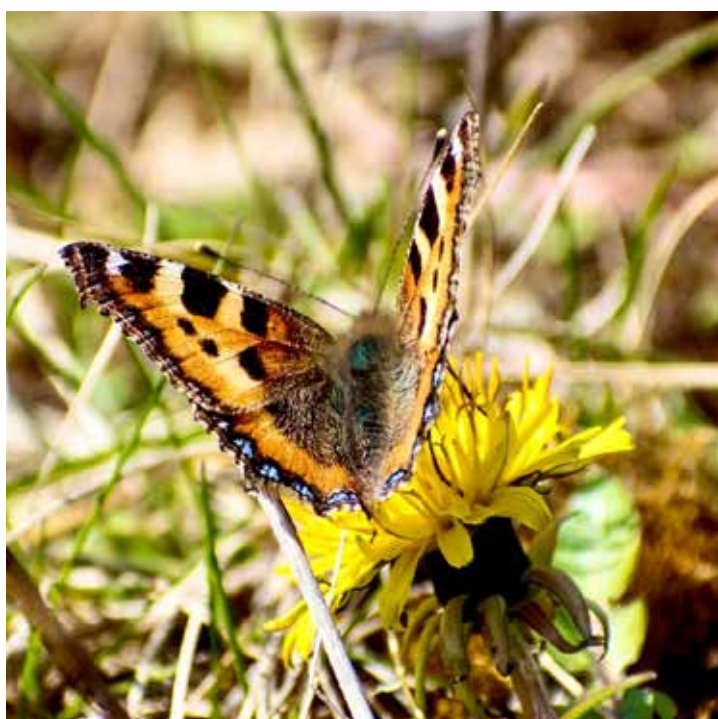


Springs Been ! - Dan Jones



Baby Blue Tits picture from our handmade lockdown blue tit box made by the kids, and they are very proud of the chicks

Fiona Peters



Small Tortoiseshell Butterfly - Natalie Olivero



White Bluebell - Natalie Olivero



1st Papworth Scout Group

We have had a fun packed month of activities across the group with all sections now back meeting face to face. Remarkably even with the weather we have had, all sections have managed to meet outdoors every week without getting too wet.

The beavers have been busy out and about enjoying the woods with a wildflower hike. They then spent a night around the village doing a litter pick. The last couple of weeks they have started to learn about knots and had a go at archery.



The cubs have started back with some socially distanced football, an introduction to orienteering and worked on their map reading skills with a hike around the village and fields.



The scouts have been busy working on a variety of badges. To complete their farm badge, they visited Papley Grove Farm, on the outskirts of the village where they had a tour of the farm and a talk about how modern farming is changing to be better for the environment. This includes the use of chicken poo being used on the field instead of chemical fertilisers. (this explains the aroma we get sometimes!!) We would like to thank Martin Lines for allowing us to visit his farm and providing a very informative talk. I think we all learnt a lot. We continued our term with a back to basic session on fire lighting and the safe use



of knives and axes. We then completed a night on team building challenges based on the TV programme Task Master. This included such challenges as a blindfold maze, several puzzles, a water relay, and a drawing challenge. The drawing challenge consisted of drawing a quarter of a picture just given a subject without seeing what your teammates have drawn. Some of the results were shall we say interesting!! We have included a few for you to admire, can you tell what they are?



Finally, we got out on the water at Milton Country Park with a session Canoeing & Kayaking. The weather stayed fine and we nearly all remained dry!!

Again, we would like to thank all those that have given their time to help. We still 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





The 3 Girl Guiding units in the village are starting to meet back in person after a long pause.

The Rainbows unit, for girls aged 5-7, had been meeting on zoom since the Easter break, and are now back in the village hall each week. They have welcomed 5 new girls and have 3 more starting Mid June. They recently enjoyed being Secret Agents where they made disguises, played I-Spy and completed activities from their special Secret Agent books.



The girls have been busy at home with their Nature badge, which saw them growing sunflowers, going for a walk in the Bluebell woods, and creating an amazing Seasons book.

We all enjoyed our mini badge ceremony recently, where Parents came along to see the Rainbows collect the badges they had worked so hard on. A special mention to Amelia, who received the amazing Bronze award badge. A bronze award is achieved by earning 6 different badges within 2 themes. With Rainbows not running for over a year, this is an extra special achievement for Amelia.

A special mention also goes to Izzy who created a book swap from an old Rabbit hutch for her Recycling badge and Earth Day badge. It's great to see that the whole village can benefit from the Hutch library which is located in Izzy's front garden. Well done Izzy.

The Rainbows are celebrating the Queen's 95th birthday in June, and have a visit from a Hedgehog rescue centre in July to look forward to. Their leader is currently planning a virtual sleepover for the summer holidays.

The Brownies unit, for girls aged 7-10 years, are getting ready to return to the village hall in September, with lots of new girls joining them and lots of fun activities planned. The Brownie leader is busy planning their next sleepover which will be at Shepreth Wildlife Park.



The Guides unit, for girls aged 10-14 years, are back in the small hall each Thursday from 7pm to 8.30pm and are enjoying lots of guiding activities.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides meet each week on a Thursday evening.

If your daughter would like to join us please go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter

We are also looking for volunteers to help each week so that we can accept more girls from the waiting lists. Please email Charlotte at papworthrainbows@gmail.com to find out more information on helping at one of the units.



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HOPE FARM'S FARMING CALENDAR UPDATE

The spring crops (spring oats, spring barley and spring beans), have been drilled and the hard work of the Hope farm team that has been carried out at the farm over the winter is really starting to show. Flowers are now coming into bloom and we have installed tree sparrow nest boxes too. No tree sparrows in resident yet, but still useful to lots of other species. Hedgelaying has also been forming an attractive border alongside the Elsworth-Knapwell footpath, becoming a haven for wrens and insects.



This spring had been very dry until a few weeks ago, and we, as well as many other farmers, have been rejoicing over the wet weather, saving crops from another season of drought that pose a huge pressure on the business. Where the fields are compacted after two years of very wet winters, that has been bad news as the roots struggle in the clay pot-like soil. Luckily, there are still many fields that have come into the spring in good condition, and the heavy soils held onto the moisture and nutrients better than some of the lighter soils might do on the sandy lands to the west of here.

The farm has always looked at farming with nature as a core aim of the RSPB, but more recently we are in need of reviewing our carbon footprint, looking for mitigation measures that create benefits for nature and the climate. Subsequently, an exciting new Agroforestry trial is now taking place at Hope Farm. There are strips of a range of wildflowers already established in the field next door to Knapwell, which reflect where the tree canopies will eventually be. The spring oats in that field are looking pretty good at the moment too.



The next stage of this project will be to plant the field with apple trees and hazelnuts in the winter. 13 varieties of apple tree have been chosen, including heritage varieties from local counties. The project will also use 2 varieties of cobnut to produce nut oil for sale. Additionally, a shelter belt will be planted on the west side of the field – including Field Maple, Hornbeam, Wild Cherry, Small leaved lime and Common Alder. With a few farmers also starting agroforestry across the country, and it already being relatively common practice on the continent, we plan to look at the impact of the trees on soil carbon, yield, and biodiversity, against a control field on the farm.



If you want to see the agroforestry field, there is a footpath running along the top/south of the field (see inserted photo), so that people from the local area can see what is happening. If anyone would like to be involved in helping out with the project as it develops, then please contact the Carbon Farming Project Manager – Sophie Mott (sophie.mott@rspb.org.uk).



Later in the year tree planting will be taking place and volunteers would be welcomed to take part in this activity – no experience required. This activity will be spread across November/December 2021 and January/February.

The map to the left shows the agroforestry field and an insert map of the entire farm for reference to indicate where the project field is located within the farm. The blue lines are footpaths, which run along the south side of the field for good viewing. The coloured

strips indicate which type of trees will be going where: The green strips are hazel trees, the pink strips are apple trees, and the orange strips are a mixture of non-cropping trees to provide wind protection and additional biodiversity benefits. The tree strips are not footpaths, but you can still get a good view from the footpath.

A plan of tree species will be available in the coming months once it has been finalised and will be published in a future edition of the Elsworth Times.