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News Update

Papworth Trust are pleased to inform our housing tenants of a new service available, which will provide support and advice to help you improve skills or identify employment or volunteering opportunities. If you would like to find out more about what support is available to you contact Scott Twinn on:

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PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Parish Council still has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

Would you like to have an opportunity to make a real difference in our community - have you considered becoming a Parish Councillor ?

Why not make it your New Year's Resolution to step up and get involved !

We are looking for people with drive and enthusiasm to become Parish Councillors.

If you have a few hours to spare each month and are happy to take on the occasional small task or project as well as attending a few meetings every month, please get in touch.

The Papworth Everard Parish Council is responsible for the upkeep of many village facilities, including:

- The playing fields and the main children's play area and paddling pool
- The village hall
- Lighting in some residential side roads and footpaths
- Bus shelters
- The churchyard and cemetery
- Grit Bins, Dog bins and most litter bins
- Public seating and Noticeboards

In addition to fulfilling its own responsibilities, the council also monitors items that are the responsibility of the county council, including roads, pavements, street lighting, verge cutting and public footpaths as well as being consulted on all planning applications made to the District and County councils, which affect the parish.

If you have a particular interest in any of the areas of responsibility then we have a committee to suit you - and lots of small projects to get involved in. You don't need any specific experience to be a councillor - just experience of life and some common sense !

If you would like to find out more about being a member of the Papworth Everard Parish Council and learn how you might get involved in parish activities please contact the Parish Clerk, Sarah Cruse. You can also visit the parish website at www.papwortheverardpc.org.uk for eligibility criteria and more information on the role of the Parish Council.

Village Carol Service

The Parish Council are delighted to be hosting the Village Carol Service in the Village Hall once again. This year's event will be held on Thursday 16th December at 6.30pm. See you there !

Drains / Grates

After reports that a large number of drainage grates throughout the village were blocked the County Council has sent contractors out to jet and clear the blockages. There are still some grates yet to be cleared but it is expected that these will be done in the coming few weeks.

Any highways issues such as blocked drains causing standing water, potholes, damaged road signs etc can be reported online via Cambridge County Council's website:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-fault>

Parish Office – Christmas Opening Hours

The Parish Clerk is currently working from home, so her working patterns may vary, but you can still email your queries to the Clerk clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk or leave a voicemail on the office phone 01480 830360, which is checked periodically.

The office will be closed over the Christmas and New year period although the exact dates that the office will be closed are yet to be confirmed. Over this time calls and emails will be monitored, and urgent queries responded to, as necessary. More detail will be posted on the Parish Council's website when confirmed

For Village Hall enquiries or to make a booking, the Booking Clerk can be contacted via email villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

**THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU
ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR !**

Carols around the Christmas Tree



Saturday 11th December, 5pm

Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard

Join us to sing some festive favourites! Carol sheets provided.

Singing supported by Sing Papworth
Refreshments available from The Courtyard Café
Supported by Papworth Community Group



Papworth Surgery

Update on surgery opening hours

From 1st December, in line with many other Practices, Papworth Surgery will be closing each day between the hours of 12:30 and 13:30.

This will allow time for staff training, meetings and lunch.

Please be assured the number of clinical appointments available for patients will not reduce!

The Pharmacy opening hours will not be changing, they will still close between 13:00 and 13:30

Demand for services

The demand for our services remains at an unprecedented level throughout the whole day! If you have a medically urgent problem then please phone at either 8.30am or 1:30pm to try and get a same day appointment. We appreciate that some people are getting frustrated that all of the appointments have gone by the time they get through. Please be assured that our receptionists are answering the phones as quickly as they can, but with a finite number of appointments available, it is inevitable that some patients are disappointed. If your problem can wait, it may be easier for you to ask for a pre-bookable appointment, which can be booked, a week or two in advance. Please be kind to our receptionists, they really have had a tough year and will always do their best to get you the help you need.

Update on Covid Vaccinations

As you are probably aware by now, Papworth Surgery are not involved in the Covid booster vaccinations this time but we felt it was important to give an update on the booster.

Clarification regarding booster dose timescales. Following national media coverage of the Government announcement over the last few days that eligible people can now pre-book their booster appointment through the National Booking Service after 5 months have passed since their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, we understand that there has been some confusion among patients with regards to the timescales for booster doses.

We can confirm that booster doses are still being offered after at least 182 days have passed since an eligible patient's second dose. Patients who are in the eligible groups can pre-book before this time by visiting www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine or by calling 119. Whilst they can pre-book after 5 months, or 152 days, have passed since their second dose, they will only be offered appointments from 6 months (182 days) after their second dose.

The Family Way

Families are so special, without them what would we do

A link to our past and our future too

Memories to treasure, comfort when we are low

Everyone reading this please let them know

Tell them that you love them and that you care

A phone call or a message, a bit of news to share

A surprise visit to brighten up someone's day

Come on everyone is this not the family way

Valerie Hall

Patients who wish to walk in for their booster, which is currently possible at the Queensgate vaccination centre in Peterborough, should not walk in before they have reached the 182-day mark since their second dose. To avoid disappointment, please note, patients can only get their booster dose after 182 days, and patients who turn up before this time will be turned away.

Christmas and New Year!

Christmas is creeping up on us very quickly now! We will be closed over the Bank Holidays, but apart from that, we will be open as usual. If you have a life threatening medical emergency when we are closed dial 999. If you require URGENT medical assistance that cannot wait until the surgery re-opens please dial 111

We would like to take the opportunity to wish all our patients a very Happy Christmas and New Year!



Papworth Community Group

Bringing some extra sparkle to Christmas in Papworth

Christmas Hampers – This year we are creating and distributing Christmas hampers for 23 families in Papworth, a significant increase on last year. The hampers will include an age-appropriate gift for each child, Christmas treats and other essentials. THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Toy Amnesty on 12th November. Every toy donated will be going straight to a child in Papworth and thanks to your generosity we collected around two thirds of the total gifts required.

Christmas Trees – In addition to the Christmas tree in The Courtyard funded by the Varrier Jones Foundation, we have purchased two additional trees for the village. These will be located in The Close (around the corner from the doctor's surgery) and in Southbrook Field (Summersfield). All being well, we will be putting up all three trees on Sunday 5th December. We will be adding lights and some very basic decorations but then it is over to you! We invite you to hang decorations on any of the Christmas trees. They can be store bought or home-made. We would just love to see all three trees decorated and bringing Christmas joy to our community.

Traditional Carol Singing – We will be joining forces with the Cubs and Scouts to bring some traditional festive cheer to Summersfield estate on the evening of Thursday 9th December. The young people and their families will be singing carols and Christmas songs at various locations around the estate. If you hear the singing, we would love to see you at your doorstep supporting the troop, listening, and even joining in!

Carols Around the Christmas Tree – We are supporting Sing Papworth in the welcome return of Carols Around the Christmas Tree on Saturday 11th December. With the support of the Co Op and District Councillor, we are closing the car park so that everyone can come along for a socially distanced jolly good Christmas sing song, led by Sing Papworth and their MD Jenni Pinnock. The Courtyard Café will also be open for festive refreshments.

Live Christmas Music – Once again, this year we have teamed up with local Papworth musicians to bring live Christmas music to some of the more isolated communities of Papworth. On Tuesday 21st December (weather permitting), the musicians will be playing at Southbrook Field at around 5pm and The Close at around 6pm. With the support of the Co Op and their staff, we also hope to give out some festive treats and wish a Merry Christmas to local residents.

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Tree Warden Report

Trees Please 3

The autumn colours have been glorious this year and the leaves have lingered on the trees late into November. Soon, strong winds and frosty mornings will strip the trees of their last few leaves.

Wildlife becomes more visible. Our regular friends, the Starling, Blackbird and Robin are easy to spot but you could also look out for visitors such as the Fieldfare, Redwing and Waxwing. Keep a note of what, where and when you spot any birds; make a recording of their song; start a sketch book. You are likely to see other wildlife in the woods at this time of year. Keep your eyes open and your senses alert!



Of course, as our deciduous trees shed their golden leaves, we appreciate even more the grandeur and contribution of our evergreen pine and fir. The character of their bark, the sweep of their branches, the intricacies of their needles and leaves. Pine cones looking like fat candles at this time of year.

Trees of Christmas



The tradition of having Christmas Trees in our homes at this time of year comes from 16th century Germany. Brought to this country during the reign of George III and enthusiastically supported by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Ever since 1947, Norway has donated a tree to London to say thank you for helping them during World War II. A special ceremony is held

in Norway in November, when the tree is cut down in the forest. It is then transported to the UK, to be put up in Trafalgar Square and decorated in the traditional Norwegian way, with strings of lights going down the tree, rather than cross-crossing it.

Another tree with Christmas connections is the Holly. Before holly was hung in houses to accompany Christmas trees, it was considered to be a sacred plant by the Druids and is now full of symbolism for Christians. While other plants wilted in winter weather, holly remained green and strong, its berries a brightly

coloured red in the harshest of conditions. Before the 1800s the Christmas tree was actually a Holly tree.

Another Christmas staple is the Mistletoe, steeped in folklore and midwinter tradition. Nowadays you might put a sprig in the house under which to kiss your sweetheart. It grows on the branches of trees such as hawthorn, poplar and lime where there is plenty of light. Its seeds are spread by birds such as the Blackcap. So look up and enjoy the spectacle of large bunches of mistletoe with their distinctive pairs of symmetrical evergreen leaves and white, almost translucent berries.

Books for Christmas

There are, of course, many books about trees that you might buy as Christmas presents. Here are a few I have enjoyed.

'The Glorious Life of the Oak' by John Lewis-Stempel

'Poems About Trees' – Everyman's Library Pocket Poets

'The Willows in Winter' by William Horwood

'Meeting with Remarkable Trees' by Michael Pakenham

theWI Papworth Everard Womens Institute

INSPIRING WOMEN

Pudsey Bear again this year found himself on the Top Table at our November Meeting when much money was so generously donated by our members for Children in Need.



We all enjoyed a fabulous Demonstration by Madelaine Bradley: Demonstrator, Tutor and Freelance Florist. Madelaine made six amazing arrangements, and at the same time chatted about how she first got hooked on flower arranging after joining a local flower club many years ago. She gave much advice on how we can use plants and greenery from the garden to create our own arrangements.

The arrangements were donated by Madelaine as raffle prizes so many lucky ladies went home very happy at the end of the evening.

Our next meeting is our Xmas Bash on Wednesday 15th December – we look forward to seeing you there.

ALL LADIES WELCOME

7 for 7.30 pm at The Studio, Pendrill Court



Church Notices

St Peter's Church Services

Sunday 5th December 10am Team Zoom
Sunday 12th December 3pm Christingle Service
Sunday 19th December 10.30am Holy Communion with Carols
Friday 24th December 3pm Crib Service
Saturday 25th December 10.30am Christmas Day Family Communion
Sunday 26th December - NO SERVICE

3pm on Sunday 12th December

St Peter's Parish Church

Make your own Christingles

Support the work of the Children's Society

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



Soon it will be Christmas Day!

I, like a few others I have spoken to, find the pandemic has left me with a sense of time lost; '...did we do such and such then or was that now 2 years ago?' being the sort of thing we are saying.

One of the joys of this Autumn has been the opportunity to get back into most of our local schools, to share in Collective Worship and to be a visible presence again.

Of course, everyone is being careful and clearly infections are very much in evidence all over the area. However, the prospect, we hope, of being able to sing carols together, re-tell the nativity events with one another and to have 'a normal Christmas' once more is both exciting and still somewhat tentative. At the same time the health and social care structures we all need are under immense pressure, with very real concerns locally as to just how these vital services will be able to just get through the winter. They need our ongoing prayers allied to sensible behaviour from all of us.

This sort of uncertainty is at the heart of what may have been felt when Jesus was born, as Mary and Joseph set off from their home to go to Jerusalem to satisfy the politicians demands of their time. That said, it is the story of what happened then and there, and what God was doing through one - apparently insignificant family - that has dominated global history rather than the census demanded by the Caesar of the day. This reminds us that God can use the machinations of human behaviour (eg to get Mary and Joseph to the place where the Christ was to be born) but is often doing something far more important than what registers in our thinking and perspective at the time!

In this respect, as many will be struggling with the sharp rise in prices (when filling our cars, meeting the huge cost of energy price spikes as well as the obvious increase in food bills and the like) let me suggest this Christmas should be less about how much can we spend to make up for who and what we missed in 2020, and more about who can we re-connect with and what sort of giving can we do that will make a real difference for others for whom this is a very worrying time.

A favourite carol for some is 'In the bleak midwinter'. The final verse picks up something of what I am saying - both in relation to God, but also one another. The opening line is What can I give him, poor as I am? ... Sometimes it is when we sing such carols or hymns we start to tune into the whispers of God about what we can do and often want to do, if only someone reminds me!

There will be a number of Carol services and concerts all over the area in the next few weeks. Please think of joining us and others and make this a very special celebration of Jesus' birth as Saviour, for all humankind.

Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector



December at Hilton Methodist Church

December 5th 10:00am

Mr. J. Green

December 12th 11:15am

United Service (Toy Service) at the
Methodist Church

December 19th 10:00am

Rev. N. Witham

December 24th 11:30pm

Midnight Communion Service

December 26th 10:00am

Local Arrangements

**And on Tuesday, 14th December
there will be carol singing around
the village, starting outside the
Parish Church at 6pm - All welcome**

***We regret that there will be no refreshments
after the services nor regular coffee
mornings for the time being***



Village Carol Service

6.30pm on Thursday 16th
December

Papworth Village Hall

Followed by refreshments

Supported by

Papworth Scouts; Papworth Rainbows;
Sing Papworth; Papworth WI; Papworth
Everard Parish Council

Varrier Jones Social Club



Our Meeting on the 5th November was attended by 19 Members and 1 Guest. Unfortunately, our Entertainment booked for the day cancelled and although she tried very hard it was too late to find any replacement. Once again, many thanks to Jenny for trying.

However, after opening the Meeting, Audrey gave a talk on her time as an evacuee from London to Witney in Oxfordshire during the Second World War. Such a change from her home in London. After a couple of false starts Audrey found herself split from her siblings and on her own with a very lovely couple with whom she remained in contact over the following years. Nina Farrel then followed with a talk about her memories of her time in the Prince of Wales Hospital in Tottenham when she was 4 years old. If any other Members have any stories that they would like to share with the Club we would be very pleased to hear from them. Nina has asked me to say big thank you to the kind young lady who gave her a lift to the Meeting. Valerie Hall read one of her Poems "Families" and we hope that maybe she will let us hear some more in the future. A talented lady, thank you.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the AGM which should have taken place on the 5th November has now been postponed until the 4th February at which time we will be looking for new Members for the Committee including a new Secretary. Anyone who would like to join our Committee, or if you know someone who would like to, please do get in touch we would be pleased to hear from you.

Reminder: There is no Meeting in January.

Next Meeting: 4th February 2022 for the AGM and Speaker: Jason Middleton, Introduction to Pearls.

Please watch out for the Posters in case of any Changes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call either Audrey on 01480 831053 or Eddie on 01480 830338 (for either number if no answer please leave a message or name & number for call back)

So, why not come and join us? Make some new friends or catch up with some old ones for an afternoon of entertainment and chat. Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month. Normal 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 AND THIRD SATURDAYS
OF THE MONTH

10:30 - 12:30 AT PAPWORTH LIBRARY

NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Christmas is fast approaching, but the meetings of the Papworth Craft Group remain suspended. This is hugely disappointing. The library is restricted to sixteen people at any one time and until a health and safety review takes place, there is no prospect of holding meetings of the group.

The rationale behind these monthly musings is very straightforward - to act as an ongoing reminder that the group still exists and hopefully catches the eye of crafters, who have not yet attended the meetings. NEW MEMBERS will be very welcome indeed. There have been frequent mentions in this column about a huge rise in people resuming craft and taking it up for the first time - due to successive LOCKDOWNS. Many people have had time on their hands over the past eighteen months. This triggered interest in crafting, gardening and cooking. The intermittent scarcity of the related products attests to this, with retailers reporting a huge rise in sales. Surely there are some of these people here in Papworth Everard! If you knit, crochet, cross stitch, embroider or quilt and patchwork, we would be so pleased to see you at our first meeting, whenever that may be.



RE-PLAY PAPWORTH

Planned building works at Play Papworth HQ (not at the Courtyard) mean we are not going to be able to run the Sunday afternoon vinyl sessions in the Courtyard café for a while.

Last month saw another 50th anniversary release by The Beatles - you might have heard of them – this time of Let It Be. This album has been cleaned up by the wizards at Abbey Road - not just given a quick remaster, but reconstructed from the individual multitrack master tapes. Not only that, but expanded with an additional four records (or four CDs) of out-takes.

The original album production by Phil Spector was in his trademark murky 'wall of sound' style and the new version is a whole lot clearer. The recordings were considered sub-par at the time and only the Get Back single was released. Within weeks the band were back at EMI to make their final recordings (which became the Abbey Road album). Spector's mix of the album was released after the band had split.

As I write it is the eve of the Get Back film, documenting the Let It Be recording sessions at Apple Corps, and the rooftop concert at Saville Row, shown in three parts (each of two hours).

Let's hope we can all get together in early Spring to hear Let It Be in full clarity. Until then... keep healthy, support your local record shops, our equipment provider Criterion Audio, 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/



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It is astonishing that the Covid-19 pandemic has had such diverse effects on our daily lives. In the world of groups such as the Papworth Craft Group, the easing of restrictions last July did not permit the resumption of our meetings. This is a community project, hosted by the Papworth library. Unfortunately for us, the library continues to operate by restricting numbers in our library. There are also concerns about the amount of ventilation that can satisfy health and safety requirements. Let us hope that the New Year will bring the lifting of these restrictions. As has been noted before, if our meetings are able to resume before or immediately after the next edition of the News & Views, there will be an announcement on the Papworth Living Facebook page.

A word about yarn, knitted squares, hats and scarves. The TWENTY BLANKETS mentioned in last month's News & Views have been despatched to Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Some were retained for Afghan refugees in this country. Given

the scope of the needs of the many thousands of displaced people that have become refugees, twenty blankets may seem like a drop in the ocean. Look at this from a different perspective. There are many people around the country making blankets, collecting clothes and other necessities for refugees, who have left everything behind in their home countries. Their need is monumental. Being a part of the larger picture, every donation is a vital contribution to this effort. It IS worth making blankets, knitting warm garments, collecting toys and many other things that can ease the plight of these unfortunate people. So please continue to make squares, hats and scarves if you have a spare minute. Our yarn stash is very healthy and waiting for anyone who would like to join this project. Please contact Rosalind Parnell, parnellrh@aol.com if you need some yarn.

This is the last News & Views of 2021. Where did the year go? A very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year! Enjoy the holidays with family and friends, for many the first time since Christmas 2019.

Stay safe and stay well!

Andrina B

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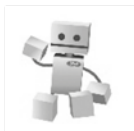
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Pendragon Primary School



We have had a busy term already. The children have elected their house captains who have already been busy selling poppies for the Royal British Legion. We will be observing a one minute silence on 11th Hour of the 11th day of the 11th month- it may have been virtual but I am sure all the children heard the trench whistle and a football rattle to mark the start and end of the silence.

Year 2 encouraged all to donate to the Godmanchester Foodbank as part of their Harvest RE topic- in fact we were able to provide 158.6kg of food this year- many thanks to everyone who donated items.

This year, our Christmas appeal is for new toys which will be distributed by the Salvation Army to parents who need them. There is no need to wrap them- you can just drop them off with the children or via the school office.

Foundation Stage have been out to complete their autumn walk and managed to find leaves and puddles to play in. Year 1 went to Duxford to investigate their topic on flight.

Year 2 are currently enjoying 'Scooterbility' and can be seen scootering around the playground on a Monday.

Year 3 are off to Flag Fen soon to look at how people used to live 3000 years ago in a Bronze Age village. Year 6 are already excited about going to Hilltop.

Year 5 have had a day at Burwell House as their residential visit earlier in the year was cancelled. They didn't stay overnight but they had had that experience with their camp out evening before the summer holidays. I hope you enjoy their comments.

At the end of September, Year 5 enjoyed a day trip to Burwell House. We were unable to have a residential visit during Year 4 due to COVID restrictions.

Despite only being able to go for the day, the children had a great time learning outside and developing their team-building skills.

Here are some of the highlights of our visit (whilst practising our use of fronted adverbials in our writing!):

When we first arrived at Burwell House, we played an orienteering game around the grounds called 'The Snail Game'.

With great enthusiasm, we made clay heads.

While we were in the arts and crafts barn, we saw Buster, the black and white cat.

In our free time, we played on the trim trail.

Just after lunch, we played hide and seek and we found an amazing place to hide.

Silently, we hid behind a huge tree.

As carefully as possible, I peeked out of my hiding place.

During the challenges, we had to work as a team.

In the orchard full of apples, we made our shelters out of tarpaulin, cord and pegs.

Frightened, I huddled under the tarpaulin as the teachers poured water on my tent.

Feeling relieved, we didn't get soaked!

Sadly, we had to leave Burwell.



Year 6 parents have already had to choose which secondary school they want their children to go to so we are now working out ways to showcase our school to prospective parents- as we cannot

do everything we normally do! If your child is due to start school in September 2022, why not have a look at the school website <https://pendragon.eschools.co.uk/website> for more information.



Friends of Pendragon Primary School

We are holding our Christmas Tree Sale on the 5th December at the Primary School. Most trees have been pre-ordered but there will be a limited amount available to purchase on the day.

Prices for the trees are:

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| 4/7ft | £25.00 |
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We will be at the school from 10am – 12pm so please come down and support us, with all profits going directly to the school.

Thank you.....

To everyone who has supported us throughout this year, from purchasing Christmas puddings via us, to helping us, attending our events or making donations, we are very grateful. We know times have been tough and we really appreciate how hard it has been at times. Thank you very much.

If you are a local business that would like to help us with a future event through sponsorship or donations please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

Friends is a small committee that is always looking for new people to get involved. The events you will be part of make a direct difference to the school and children.

If you would like more information or are interested in helping please email us on friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk or you can send us a message via our Facebook page.



Santa Is Coming

1st Papworth Scouts will be bringing Santa to Papworth on

Tuesday 14th December

With the support of Huntingdon Round Table, Santa will be travelling around the village to see everybody.

We are looking to start at around 6pm, the timings and locations will be available later in the week.

On the night you will be able to track his progress by logging in to

<https://huntingdonroundtable.co.uk/santa/>



Entertainment by Val Empson

On Tuesday 16th of November, The Day Centre clients and volunteers were delighted to be entertained by Val Empson who played the electronic organ. Val played a selection of songs

from various eras. Many at the Day Centre knew most of the songs and sung along contentedly.

On Tuesday 9th of November, we were lucky to have a visit from Vanessa from Wiltshire Farm Foods, who sell and deliver frozen foods for heating in a microwave oven. We were very pleased to be given the opportunity to sample some of the dishes available including a very tasty mild Chicken Curry and some Rice Pudding.



You can be referred to the Day Centre via your G.P. or alternatively, you can telephone Jennie or Eddie (pictured together) for more information.

The details of how the Day Centre runs 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 meet every Tuesday between 10am and 3pm in The Community Centre, The Close, Papworth Everard. The Centre is fully wheelchair accessible. Transport is available in certain cases.

If you would like to find out more about the Day Centre, why not call the following? We would love to hear from you.

Contact: Jenny on (01480) 492697 or Eddie on (01480) 830338 for further details (for either number if no answer please leave a message or name & number, we will call back)



Blasters Update

The season has progressed well with thankfully very few interruptions due to Covid. Our new U8s team have also played their first games and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Although we remain full in our younger age groups we are looking to recruit players to our U12 team. Please get in touch if you are interested.

We have sadly had a couple of incidents in the last few weeks of dog poo having to be cleared from the pitches, which isn't pleasant and is potentially dangerous for our players. If we can keep the Playing Fields a poo free zone that would be appreciated!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Papworth Blasters

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Every Friday Night across December, from 6.30pm til Midnight, join Cambridge Country Club for their Christmas Party Nights!

Starting the evening with a touch of sparkle,

guests will be met with an arrival drink of Prosecco. They will then be seated for a 3 course festive meal designed by Executive Head Chef Lee Scott before partying the night away with a DJ & Disco.

Christmas Party Nights are still available for large groups and Christmas lunch is available in a private room on request.



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For those with an interest in getting active, why not treat them to a membership at The Cambridge Country Club gym? Brand new, state of the art equipment, full class time tables and personal training available we make fitness fun. And of course not forgetting a spot of Golf on the 18-hour championship greens.

With an array of dining options, including Afternoon Tea, there really is something for

everyone at our luxury health and wellness complex this Christmas. Monetary vouchers are available, as well as an e-voucher, beautifully printed and delivered straight to your door!

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