



Papworth Fire Station to Close after 60 years

I am writing to inform you about changes to your local fire station that will hopefully enable us to improve our service to you.

Papworth fire station is crewed by on-call firefighters, which means they do not work from the fire station during the day, instead they respond to an alert when they are needed and need to live within five minutes of the station to do this.

We are currently struggling with the availability of our fire engine at Papworth, particularly in daytime hours. This means that we do not have enough on-call firefighters available locally to respond to the fire station. Therefore, on around half of occasions, if someone dials 999 in the Papworth area, a fire engine will come from elsewhere. This situation has worsened since the hospital moved, as it was a significant employer in the area and staff who worked there were able to be on-call firefighters and respond from work. With the hospital now in Cambridge, our staff who work there can no longer respond in the day.

In 2010, when Cambourne was being developed and plans to move the hospital were being muted, we foresaw this issue and used Section 106 money from the developers to build a fire station in Cambourne. We built a modern training facility on the site too knowing that when the hospital did move, our risk profile would likely change and we would likely need to move the fire engine from Papworth to Cambourne. The growing population of Cambourne would also give us more of an opportunity to recruit on-call firefighters who could be available in the day as there would be more employment and residents.

Since the hospital moved, things have played out as we predicted. We have struggled to have enough firefighters available to respond in the day and have been stationing our roaming pump (a fire engine with a full time crew that can be located anywhere in the south of the county where availability of on-call fire engines is limited) at Cambourne to cover the shortfall and ensure we can meet our target response times for incidents in the Papworth area. This is not a long term solution though and is a resource only available in the day.

The hospital was also our greatest risk in the area and now this has moved, the risk in Cambourne with the significant growth in houses is becoming greater.

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So taking everything into consideration, we have decided it is the right time to relocate the fire engine and crew currently based at our fire station on Ermine Street to the fire station in Cambourne.

We will also undertake a recruitment drive to recruit more on-call firefighters to the station, particularly looking for those who can provide daytime cover. This means we will be able to provide Papworth and Cambourne with a better service and faster response time than we do now.

The facilities at Cambourne are also far better, providing our on-call



firefighters with greater comfort and a modern training building. It would cost thousands of pounds to replicate this at Papworth.

The plan is to begin the process of moving in March, which we anticipate will take a few weeks. During this time, the availability of the fire engine to respond will not be impacted. Following the relocation, the station will be fully decommissioned with the site likely to be sold.

We appreciate that the station has been a key part of the community in Papworth for many years, but we have to respond to changing risk and opportunities in order to continue to deliver the best service we can to everyone. Moving to Cambourne provides more opportunity to recruit on-call firefighters which in turn will lead to a better response from us if you need our services.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported Papworth fire station over the years, either as on-call firefighters or attending car washes, open days and other events at the station. We hope you continue to support the crew as they move to Cambourne.

I would also like to thank our current on-call firefighters at the station who live in both Cambourne and Papworth. They are an incredibly dedicated crew who go out of their way to ensure the fire engine and high volume water pump (one of our specialist vehicles that can be called out nationally) are available as often as possible to make the current situation the best it can be. Some of the crew have served at Papworth for nearly 40 years and we are extremely grateful for their service.

If you have any questions about the relocation, you can email pressoffice@cambsfire.gov.uk or visit our website and use the Contact Us function, and we'd be happy to answer them.

Kind regards

Chris Strickland - Chief Fire Officer

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Rertirement after 33 yrs in Papworth

Some of you may be aware that Dr Cronk is retiring at the end of March after 33 years as a GP and partner at our village surgery. With the agreement of the practice manager I have set up an online gift account where anyone who wishes to can leave a message and / or contribute towards a leaving gift to show our thanks for so many years of service to the people of Papworth.

This is a secure and well known giving site with an option to convert the full amount to vouchers to avoid any fees so Dr Cronk will receive the full amount that you choose to donate.

There is further information about Dr Cronk leaving and how you can donate by cash or cheque on the Practice website:

<https://www.papworthsurgery.nhs.uk/dr-cronk-retirement/>

The link to donate online is:- <https://www.giftround.co.uk/page/62138a4ab2f57>

Liz Lightfoot

VARRIER JONES SOCIAL CLUB

Well, I am very pleased to be able to tell you that, to all our relief, our Speaker for February turned up and did not disappoint. Jason Middleton from Gemstone Talks UK gave an extremely interesting and informative talk on the history of Pearls up to the modern day. As requested, when he last came to talk to us about Gem Stones in 2019, he brought along with him some jewellery for sale, which was very popular.

Next Meeting: 1st April 2022 in The Studio, Pendrill Court at 1.00 for 1.30pm

Entertainment: Vocalist Terry Morgan – a new name to the Club, so hoping for a good turnout

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 a 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?

M Poulter

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Thu 24 Mar 2022	✓		
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PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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Local Council Elections

The next scheduled elections for all Parish and Town Councils in South Cambridgeshire will be held on 5th May 2022.

Are you interested in becoming a Councillor but are not really sure what it involves ?

In advance of the elections, Cambridge & Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) will be running 2 FREE online Zoom workshops for prospective Councillors interested in finding out more.

Are you passionate about your community? Do you want to help make a long-lasting change? Do you have innovative ideas for the council? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If this is you, then we need you.

We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election. Make a change and become a councillor.

At the session you will find everything you need to know. They will explain what local councils and councillors do, how you can become a councillor, details of the role and what to expect.

The sessions will be held on :

Saturday 5th March 2022 – 0930 until 1200

Wednesday 16th March 2022 - 1830 until 2100

Both sessions are bookable via the CAPALC online booking system - why not book your free place at www.bookwhen.com/CAPALC , sign up for Prospective Councillor Training and find out more !

Village Hall

The Village Hall is a great space to hold all types of events and can be booked 7 days a week.

Both the main Hall with its stage area and well-equipped kitchen and the adjoining smaller North Hall are available for medium to large sized events plus there's a smaller seminar room on the first floor which is available for meetings or small groups.

From Wedding receptions, children's birthday parties with bouncy castles and exercise classes to fashion shows, radio-controlled car racing, baby and toddler groups, ladies' nights, prayer sessions and church groups, conferences, fayres and concerts - we've had them all !

We're available to hire for corporate events too - maybe your employer is looking for a venue to hold a team meeting or conference, or a small room to hold an off-site meeting – the village hall is ideal.

Did you know that there is also a Badminton court marked out in the Hall along with a net and posts? Why not organise a recreational game of Badminton with family or friends - or set up a more competitive group ?

Further information including the tariff of charges can be found on the Parish Council's website (Amenities and Village Hall page) or to discuss your requirements or check availability, please email the Bookings Clerk, Clare Taylor villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk , use the enquiry form on the Parish Council's website www.papwortheverardpc.org.uk or message the Bookings Clerk through our Facebook page.



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Scrabble at the Day Centre

The Day Centre has recently started to offer Scrabble as a morning activity before lunch, along with the other usual activities of dominoes and knitting and sometimes cards. So why not take a break from the telly and all the bad news and tedious adverts, and spend a day each week at the Day Centre each Tuesday?



On 15th of February, we had another bingo session. We also had another welcome visit from David Potter, lay preacher, with bible readings and hymns accompanied by David's wife Anne on the piano.

If you are interested in joining the Day Centre or finding out more you can phone Jennie or Eddie (numbers below). Please note it is not now necessary to be referred by your G.P. just give us a call.

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)

Please ring for more information



We have received support from the
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Pendragon Primary School



On Wednesday 2nd February Mrs Huntley worked with groups of Foundation Stage children to plant some trees on the field.

Sebastian Gleed's mum kindly directed us to the free tree scheme and we requested 10 Rowan trees.

Sebastian came along to help us too.

The trees are just saplings at the moment but will hopefully grow to form an avenue of trees down to the new gate for the Haven; our environmental area.



Pendragon Preschool



What a busy half term we have had at Preschool. The children have been learning all about winter. They have enjoyed going on an ice hunt around our garden to see were Jack Frost had left ice - we found lots in the water tray and in the stepping stones. The children said the ice was very cold and had made some very pretty patterns.



During our circle times we spoke a lot about what happens at winter and the children said it may snow, although we have not seen any yet the children made some amazing snow man pictures. We have enjoyed lots of wintery stories and one of the children's favorites was 'Harry and the Snow King'.

In our art area we have been colour mixing the primary colours to make pink, orange, green and purple. In the math's area Miss Williams has been subitising to number 5.



Alongside our winter topic the children have been celebrating Chinese New Year and learning all about the festival. The preschool teachers made the children a Chinese Banquet - they tried noodles, rice, bean sprout and prawn crackers.

We were very lucky our local Chinese takeaway kindly donated some lovely

food including prawn crackers, spring rolls, chicken nuggets and some fortune cookies for the children to try. Preschool would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at Cook 4 U for their kindness and wish you all a very Happy New Year



Register your Interest

Pendragon Preschool has places available for April 2022 and September 2022.

Contact us on 01480 830267 or ppreschol@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk

We can offer up to 30hrs funding. We operate daily 9am -3pm daily during term time.

Please contact us to come and have a look.

Pendragon Pre-school is part of Pendragon Primary School and is run from The Daisy Building, on the site of Pendragon Community Primary School. We have a bright spacious room, our own garden access to the school field and wildlife area. Preschool has a team of dedicated and experienced staff who work closely with the staff at Pendragon Primary School.

Pendragon Pre-school is registered with, and inspected by, the government agency, the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted), which is the same body that encompasses all tiers of school education.

Our Pre-school serves our community of Papworth Everard. The day to day running of the Pre-school is the responsibility of the Pre-school Manager who refers to the Primary Link Teacher at the school, Head Teacher and School Governors for guidance and support.



Church Notices

St Peter's Church

Church services at St Peter's in March

6th March - 10am Team Zoom Service

13th March - 10.30am Holy Communion

20th March - 10.30am Holy Communion

27th March - 10.30am Mothering Sunday Family Worship

6th April - 10am Team Zoom Service

On Thursdays during March there will be a shortened Holy Communion at 11.30am at the church. Come and join us for prayer, worship and fellowship.

Also please note the following.:

Sunday 27th March
10.30am Mothering Sunday
Family Worship for All

Followed by refreshments
Everyone welcome

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



'When the wind blows'

Storms Dudley, Eunice and Franklin have wreaked havoc. Power cuts, fallen trees, fences destroyed, travel plans disrupted, severe flooding and, tragically, lives lost. Just a few of the consequences experienced by many all over the UK. Once again, we feel vulnerable.

It's not all bad. Sometimes these storms highlight weaknesses we knew about or suspected and could have addressed earlier. At the same time wind power is now an increasingly valuable source of much-needed power as prices rocket for fossil-fuel alternatives which signals how something can be both very good as much as it can be destructive.

Nevertheless, we are not in control of our lives, despite our best efforts. I am thinking, for example, of the person who tripped unexpectedly and had to be hospitalised for urgent surgery; one minute enjoying a casual conversation, the next moment in unwanted agony and distress. These things erupt and take their toll as much more than unwanted interruptions – they demand an immediate response that inevitably get in the way of good and long-awaited plans; they remind us not to put off until tomorrow what can be done today.

This is especially true where personal relationships are concerned. COVID has highlighted the need to keep short accounts with one another, to end each day without the sun going down on anger, to make sure nothing has been left unsaid that will make a difference, bring comfort and the knowledge we have done and said everything needed and possible.

This issue of the magazine will arrive with you during Lent and the run-up to Easter. One of the tragic stories we touch upon as Christians is the betrayal of Judas Iscariot. There is an easily missed and little-known comment on his behaviour towards Jesus tucked away in the gospel text: when Judas saw what he had done resulted in Jesus being condemned "... he changed his mind and brought back the 30 pieces of silver..." Sadly, there is no sign of his remorse prompting him to seek out Jesus and say sorry. He died subsequently a broken and deeply distressed person.

At the heart of the Christian narrative whereby in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus all we need to secure forgiveness and reconciliation with God, our response is required to make this effective for us. The same is true in other relationships – however much I forgive offences someone may do against me there is no real restoration of the relationship unless a perpetrator owns the wrong, expresses remorse and seeks to repair the bonds of trust that were broken.

If unexpected storms can be a gift, let them prompt us to put things right now with God and one another that need dealing with. We can't afford the luxury of thinking they can wait until spring comes and balmy summer evenings arrive. For some that may be too late.

Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector



March at Hilton Methodist Church

March 6th. 10:00
Dr David Ward

March 13th. 11:15
United Service at the
Methodist Church.

March 20th. 10:00
Local Arrangement

March 27th. 10:00
Mr. Don Moorman

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



Tree Warden Report

David Potter

treewarden@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

The storms of February remind us of the power of nature and the vulnerability of some of our trees. It was sad to see reported that the old elm tree, beside the former nurses home in Church Lane, fell victim to those very strong winds. But the collapse and break up of this noble tree allows us a glimpse into the pattern, shape, history and character of this venerable structure.

Elm trees were once a dominant feature of the English landscape. Introduced by our Bronze Age ancestors, their tall form graced our field edges and woodlands with their broad umbrella shaped tops or billowing hemispheres. It is a deciduous tree with oval serrated leaves and winged fruit. The bark is grey brown, rough and fissured, often with suckers growing from the base of the trunk. The flowers of the elm are dark pink to red and hang in tassels, appearing between February and March.

Mature trees grow to 30m and can live for more than 100 years. However, the population of English elms has been decimated by Dutch Elm Disease since the 1960s. Dutch Elm Disease is a serious fungal disease, spread from tree to tree by elm bark beetles. The disease, for which there are no effective controls, is known as 'Dutch' because important early research on it was carried out in the Netherlands.

Historically, elms have been regularly associated with death, perhaps due to their readiness to drop massive branches without warning, or maybe to the use of their wood for making coffins.

Elm wood is strong and durable with a tight-twisted grain and is resistant to water. It has been used in decorative turning and to make boats and boat parts, furniture, wheel hubs, wooden water pipes, floorboards and, as mentioned, coffins.

A fallen elm features in the wonderful poem: 'As the Team's Head Brass' by Edward Thomas, written in 1916.



It's a poem about the war but it takes the form of a conversation between the poet, who sits 'among the boughs of the fallen elm that strewed an angle of the fallow' and the ploughman skillfully managing his team of horses as they plough the field. Do look it out.

There will be a lot more speculation in newsprint and on social media before it is decided if there has been a permanent change to our weather patterns. What we can say is, this year, February was a very windy month when, sadly, so many trees up and down the country were destroyed or damaged. And what of March, with its reputation for also being a windy month? William Morris, the 19th century artist, designer and poet, wrote a poem entitled 'A Message of the March Wind' which includes this verse:

'Hark, the wind in the elm-boughs! from London it bloweth,

And telleth of gold and of hope and unrest,
Of power that helps not; of wisdom that knoweth,
But teacheth not aught of the worst and the best.'

News from Papworth Library

Along with all other public libraries in Cambridgeshire, here at Papworth Library we're continuing to follow the latest Cambridgeshire Libraries COVID-safety guidelines.

As we start to notch up events again we've had lively discussions at our first Engage meeting on what the library service offers, and have been delighted to welcome author Charlie Bown to the library, who came to read from her first poetry anthology, *There's a Poem in my Dungarees!*, in February. She kept a group of children spellbound on the carpet as she read, and they even wrote their own poem at the end. If you missed her at Papworth, please visit her at Bar Hill library on 5th March. Thinking of good reads, World Book Day is on Thursday 3 March this year, so children are welcome to come tell us about their favourite books if they like on that day. We can help you choose some more!

We've very much looking forward to welcoming the Papworth Craft Group back to the library on Saturday 5 March from

10.30am - 12.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you at our next Engage event, a talk on Thursday 10 March 10am - 11.30am given by Pat Cole, Chair and crew member of The Ladybird Boat Trust. She'll be talking to us about river trips for disadvantaged, disabled and vulnerable people in the community. Refreshments will be provided, and donations (suggestion £1) gratefully received.

Later in the month, we'll be marking our own 21st birthday on Saturday 26 March; come along to the library between 10am - 1pm to celebrate Papworth old and new. And for the whole of March, we'll be celebrating Women's History Month with a display of books about women's achievements, past and present.

In a sneak preview for April, our Engage talk will be given at the library on Thursday 14 April by Judith Large, a volunteer from Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital, from 10am - 11.30am as she outlines how we can support the welfare of these prickly and endearing animals in our communities.

If you're visiting over what promises to be a



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busy month, our opening hours remain the same: Tuesday 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm; Wednesday 10am – 1pm, Thurs 2pm – 5pm and Sat 10pm – 1pm. Contact details: web address: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library, tel 0345 045 5225, and email: your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Papworth Library Talk

Thursday 10th March 10am– 11.30am

“The Ladybird Boat Trust”



With Spring only around the corner, we are delighted to welcome Pat Cole - Chair and Crew member of the Trust, who will talk to us about river trips for the disadvantaged, disabled and vulnerable people in our community.

Refreshments will be provided and donations gratefully received. Suggestion £1.





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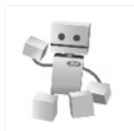
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News Update

Maintenance Update

We continue to be committed to improving our tenant's homes. We have an extensive programme of works to be completed within Papworth Everard. So far, this financial year we have completed the following improvements:

Changed heating systems from Oil to Air Source Heat Pump in 5 properties

Replaced Gas boilers in 4 properties

Changed heating systems from Oil to Gas in 2 properties with 3 more properties to be completed

Replaced bathrooms in 7 properties

Replaced kitchens in 8 properties

Completed electrical rewires in 32 properties

Undertaken roofing works to 4 properties

Externally decorated 32 properties

We are currently in the process of carrying out gutter cleans to over 100 properties and we have 9 properties where works are being completed on the porch roofs.

Work programme

Papworth Trust is 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:

Email: Scott.Twinn@papworthtrust.org.uk

Telephone: 07707 290969

Community Connections South is funded by the European Social Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund

Time for Tenants

"Time for Tenants" is an opportunity to speak to one of Papworth Trust Executive Team directly about something that is important to our housing tenants. The sessions take place on the last Wednesday of the month between 6pm & 8pm via zoom video call. For more information or to book a slot email Tracey Croucher on tenantengagement@papworthtrust.org.uk

Social Media

Do you follow us on social media? Papworth Trust has an official Facebook and Twitter page and these are useful tools to be kept updated on the latest communications from the Trust. For our housing tenants we often post about works that might be taking place in the village, important information that our tenants should know about and sometimes job opportunities.



Papworth Craft Group

MEETINGS EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH

10:30 - 12:30 AT PAPWORTH LIBRARY

MEETINGS RESUMED ON 5 March 2022
OPEN TO ALL, NO MEMBERSHIP FEE

Snowdrops have popped up everywhere, as well as the yellow aconites. The crocuses will be next, appearing like carpets wherever there is the space to put on a real eye catching display. These small, courageous blooms herald the beginning of spring. As far as 'when is it spring'? meteorologists consider the beginning of spring to be 1 March, not the 21st as most of us believe. So this edition of News & Views will appear at the outset of spring. What a thought! The days are getting longer and with each day that passes the dark days of the winter become an increasingly distant memory.

As of 23 February all restrictions imposed by government as a response to the Covid-19 pandemic have been lifted. We have moved to the phase of 'living with Covid', in which every citizen must take responsibility, when dealing with Covid-19. As reported in February's News & Views, the library had already decided to allow meetings of the Papworth Craft Group to resume.

It is worth mentioning again what a special resource the village has in the library. Rural libraries live with the uncertainty of possible closure. Footfall really counts. By coming to the meetings of the Papworth Craft Group, each person contributes to the library's footfall. Choose or return books before you attend the meeting, or use the opportunity to browse the shelves or find out what other services the library has to offer.

It would be wonderful to see new faces at the craft group meeting on 5 March, as well as the members who have been at the meetings for years up until the end of March 2020. That seems a world away now and in and in fact, it is. It is so difficult to make sense of the past two years, much of which was spent locked down in our homes. Now is the time to look forward and find joy in the resumption of activities that we considered to be run of the mill - normal!

The yarn stash is very healthy, so if you would like some to make squares or other items that are needed by the refugees and the vulnerable, contact Rosalind Parnell at parnellrh@aol.com if you have a special request. Likewise, if you would like to learn to knit or crochet, there is yarn of most colours available and of varying weights. Bring projects that you have worked on over the past two years to show everyone, or projects that you are about to start. Books, yarn, patterns - bring them all along to share with the group! Let's hope that March brings some warmth and sunshine and no wind!

Have a good month and stay safe and well.

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1st Papworth Scout Group

After a well-earned Christmas break all sections are back meeting again weekly.

Not that we completely stopped over Christmas

The Scouts were out helping Santa on his trip around the village. It was so nice to see so many people out to say hello. Thank you to all those that donated we collected £526.51 on the night. P.S. Santa says thank you for all the mince pies and the Oreos

The Cubs and Beavers also got festive travelling around Summers Hill singing Christmas Carols.

Back in the meetings the Beavers have been busy making puppets and putting on a show, learning about the Green Cross code and finding out about wildlife & habitats.

The Cubs have been planning their own meetings, where they will include den building, pancake making and lots of games.

Finally, the Scouts have completed a night hike from Cambourne to Papworth, made bird boxes, completed a team building evening around taskmaster challenges and visited the Godmanchester foodbank. This is where all the food that we collect every Halloween goes to. The scouts got to see how the foodbank works, what a typical bag of food consists of and the numbers of people they help.

There was also time for plenty of games as well across the board, with a new favourite created based on the famous hungry hippo game.

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



Taskmaster Challenge



Hungry Hippo

Devastation after the storms in Papworth Woods . . . Pictures from Stu Proudfoot





PAPWORTH TENNIS CLUB NEWS

The resurfacing of our tennis courts finally got underway today 24th February below are some of the photos.



PAPWORTH BOWLS CLUB NEW MEMBERS WANTED



Everyone is Welcome

The new Bowls Season will soon be upon us, and we are looking for new members to join our friendly club which runs from May to September.

We have teams in the Huntingdon & District Bowls League with club members joining other regional competitions throughout the season. We also have various internal competitions which members are always welcome to join in with, giving you a chance to compete against a variety of skilled opponents.

You don't have to just be from Papworth to join us! We have many members from neighbouring villages who have joined. If you wish to just come and play for fun, or maybe enter leagues and other competitions, why not pop down and have a chat.

All members will be willing to talk to you, help and even show you the ropes.

Our club is very proud of its achievements over the years with our A-Team still competing in division one, our B-Team getting promotion into division two last year, and not forgetting our Over 60's winning their league with no losses all season.

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