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Update on the Printworks Building Ermine Street South:

Work on upgrading the roof, windows, and external walls of the Printers Building appears to have been completed in January. Flagship Developments (the developer of the Church Lane and Printworks site) wrote to offer the building to Allia (the social enterprise company which intends to open the building for the benefit of the Papworth Everard community).

Allia is currently checking that the Printworks refurbishment has been carried out to the agreed specification and has begun to look at the 'fit-out' of the building and its likely cost. They have until July to decide whether they wish to acceptance of the transfer and undertake the project. It will then take 12 months to carry out the fit out. According to the planning agreement that Allia and Flagship Developments entered into, the building must be open to the community 24 months from the date the transfer was accepted by Allia.

Allia's initial plans for the building, included an eating/drinking area, with a bar and pizzeria and a micro-brewery. Other proposals included office facilities that can be hired to 'home-based' businesses and a room - or rooms - for general community use, that could be hired by individuals or clubs. Allia have opened at least one other similar centre in Cambridge, so hopefully they will know what works.

The Parish Council is keen to ensure the proposed facility serves the needs of the village. We have a provisional date for a meeting with Allia in May for a 'catch-up'. We don't know whether Allia will

be carrying out any further consultation with village residents about future uses, but we will encourage them to do so.

Hopefully, we can provide a more detailed update in the next edition of the N&V, following our meeting with Allia.

Chris Howlett
Parish Council
(Planning Committee)



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PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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Council Elections

As you will be aware, the Local Council Elections took place on 5th May across much of England.

Parish Council elections were also due to be held, but in Papworth, as in many parishes across Cambridgeshire, the elections were uncontested and did not go to ballot due to insufficient candidates coming forward.

The Parish Council currently has 8 Councillors – with vacancies for 5 more to bring us up to the full complement of 13. The vacancies will be advertised on the village notice board in the coming weeks.

Although the elections have now passed, it is still possible to be co-opted to the Council, so if you would like to find out more about the role and what is involved, please contact the Clerk, Sarah Cruse by email clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk to arrange to have a chat. Why not come along to the Annual Parish Meeting and have a chat with some of our Councillors and see if it's for you?

We're looking for people who can rise to the challenge and make a commitment to improving the quality of life for everybody in our village, no matter what your age or experience.

Knowledge and previous experience aren't essential - training is available, and existing members have a wealth of experience they are willing to share. The essential element is enthusiasm and a willingness to work as a member of our team to make a difference to our village.

We hold 11 Parish Council meetings per year and in addition you will be required to become a member of one or more of our sub-committees and will be able to get involved in working groups looking at specific projects if you wish.

There is more information about what the council does and eligibility criteria for becoming a Councillor on the Parish Council website.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council will be holding its Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting is open to all residents of the Village and is a chance to hear what the Parish Council has been up to over the last year, plans for the coming year and for electors to have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of the parish.

We hope to see you there !

Cycleway & Highways Matters

The new pathway alongside the A1198 is finally open !

A few minor finishing touches are required (such as installing some bollards) but these will be completed without any traffic management in the carriageway and everything should have been completed by the time you are reading this.

The County Highways Department have engaged a Contract Manager from Rhino Surfacing to look at surface improvements along Ermine Street North and South.

These improvements will include:

Refreshing of the red tarmaced areas at pedestrian crossing points and cycle only areas alongside traffic calming islands

Sealing of joint areas in the carriageway that are opening up along the centre line

Improvements to surfacing in the turnings to side roads

Re-establishing the surface condition of speed cushions along the length of Ermine Street

Complete relining along Ermine Street, including give way markings at junctions leading onto the main road

Improvements to areas where utility trenches are present

As soon as a date for the works has been scheduled, we will communicate this.

In addition, some pothole works have already been completed along Ermine Street South, with a few remaining to do.

Costing for lining works on minor roads within the Parish will be completed later this spring/summer.

Village Hall – Roof Damage

Over the past few months, damage has been caused on a couple of occasions by people climbing up on to the roof of the Village Hall and breaking or displacing roof tiles. The latest damage has been repaired, and the Parish Council have made the decision to have the areas where access can be gained, painted with anti-climb paint to discourage people climbing on the roof. Signs warning of the use of anti-climb paint will be in place.

Multi – Use Games Area (MUGA)

It has been brought to our attention that some people are using the Multi Use Games Area to allow their dogs to run freely in an enclosed space. Please note that this is a games area and the Parish Council kindly request that the courts are not used for exercising dogs.

Outdoor Gym Equipment

After several months of manufacturing delays, the final 3 pieces of outdoor gym equipment are about to be installed on the playing field. We hope you enjoy using them !

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Our Chef Jane

It seems a good time to feature our chef, Jane. Jane has been with us for around six years. Some of the delicious dishes she prepares for us include Toad in the Hole; Chicken and Bacon Casserole; Sausage, Mash and Onion Gravy; and Fish Pie. Deserts include Fruit Crumble; Bread and Butter Pudding; Home made Rice Pudding;

and a personal favourite: Lemon Sponge.

Jane has a catering company which you can look at on Facebook. Please visit her Facebook page at @masiejscatering.

If you are interested in joining the Day Centre or finding out more you can phone Jennie (number 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 for further details (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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Tree Warden Report

David Potter treewarden@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

Dry April was a month to be dazzled and delighted by the beautiful fresh tree blossom to be seen everywhere. In gardens and in hedgerows, around the village playing field, along village streets and in our woods. The showy blossom of fruit and nut trees, like apple and almond and horse chestnut, or the more discrete flowering catkins of trees like the oak

and alder. The May blossom of hawthorn has also been on show, encouraging us all to 'cast a clout'! Or should we wait until the end of May?

Some of you might be fortunate enough to have a magnolia tree in your garden, especially if it is in your front garden where others can enjoy your good fortune. The large velvety fragrant flowers of the magnolia tree are stunning, often covering the branches with white or cream or pink, depending on the variety. They mostly originate from east and southeast Asia. They are an ancient genus, appearing before bees evolved, and it is thought the flowers therefore evolved to encourage pollinating by beetles.



An excellent display of different magnolia trees can be found at the University Botanical Gardens in Cambridge. Here, the branches reach down low and you can feel the texture of the flower head and carefully peer inside to see the beetles busily at work.

As an alternative to the Botanical Gardens, a bus ride through the streets of Cambridge, especially from the upper deck, gives the opportunity to observe the many magnolia trees that decorate the streets of our county town.

The white or Yulan magnolia is the official flower of the Chinese metropolis Shanghai. Magnolia grandiflora is the official state flower of both Mississippi and Louisiana. It is also the National flower of North Korea.

I hope you have taken the opportunity to visit our local woods during the past few weeks, to see the beautiful bluebells and primroses. I have seen so many lovely photos on Facebook but I hope you have also taken the time to stand still and drink in the magical sight.

The Queen's Green Canopy, a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". Everyone from individuals to community groups and corporates are encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the planting season. Tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year.

Thanks to the Parish Council and the Varrier Jones Foundation we will have a commemorative tree in Papworth, to be planted on Jubilee Green in October. Details of the planting event are being finalised and this will be advertised nearer the date.



theWI Papworth Everard INSPIRING WOMEN Womens Institute

April meeting took place on 20th and started with the AGM which was held over from March due to members' absence caused by illness and bad weather.

The Committee were re-elected with 2 members standing down and one new member joining us as the new Treasurer.

Following the business we were lucky enough to have the Parish Tree Warden, David Potter come along to give an interesting talk on tree planting in and around the village. David described his role as 'Tree Warden' and spoke of the many wonderful trees we have in Papworth and the need for the residents to protect them and to plant more in their own environments. He finished with a quote from an old book which described the importance of trees to maintain our planet. A cheque was presented to David as a donation to St Peter's Church following his talk.

Our speaker for May is Emma Sanders from the Magpas Air Ambulance – who will be giving a talk with supporting slides of the remarkable work that they undertake in our area.

Magpas Air Ambulance give the best pre-hospital emergency care, in the air or on land 24/7, including treatments normally only available in hospital. By providing this advanced care to critically ill and injured patients across the East of England and beyond, the charity not only saves lives but limits disability.

Our talk will take you behind the scenes to learn more about how Magpas Air Ambulance, its clinicians, staff, volunteers and supporters come together to save lives in your community.

The talk incorporates video footage and a power point presentation.

Do come along and support this marvellous charity – all ladies over 18 welcome.



Come sing with us!!

Papworth Everard WI Choir invite you to their 'Open Evening' at :

The Studio on 6th July 2022 at 7:30pm.

Join us to enjoy a relaxed evening of song, a glass of wine, and help raise money for Ukraine.

Tickets are £3 per person and available at the Co-Op store.

Varrier Jones Social Club



Our members met on a very cold April afternoon for their monthly meeting on April Fool's Day! But as it turned out we were not so foolish, we had a brilliant afternoon with vocal entertainer Peter Day. Our original booking had been with Terry Morgan, who unfortunately caught Covid the day before he was due to come. Peter is a good friend of the club and has sung to us on many occasions. We were most appreciative that he was able to come at such short notice and sing his selection of songs from the 50's and 60's that everyone could join in with. We ended

the afternoon with tea and cake provided by the ladies of the committee followed by the usual raffle.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 6th May when Lis Wright will visit to talk about her Donkey Sanctuary, and on 3rd June we intend to have a Strawberry Tea to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. 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 839230 (for either number if no answer please leave a message or name & number for a call back).



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Church Notices

St Peter's Church

Church services at St Peter's in March

- Sunday 8th May - 10.30am Holy Communion
- Sunday 15th May - 10.30am Family Worship
- Sunday 22nd May - 10.30am Holy Communion
- Sunday 29th May - 10am Team Service at Connington
- Sunday 5th June - 11am Jubilee Thanksgiving Service

'A BIG THANK YOU' to all who came to visit St Peter's for our 'Open Church' afternoon on Sunday 24th April. There was more than enough cake for all to enjoy and a chance to be shown round the church and learn something of the history of the building. It was great to meet new people.

We will repeat the event in a few weeks time so please look out for further notices.

The church will be open and decorated for the Jubilee weekend so do find time to come and visit at some time during the holiday.

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



'Better Together'

Today's news had a nice surprise: Harry and Megan have paid a visit to see the Queen.

Whatever one makes of the speculation and gossip in recent years surrounding the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, the pandemic has highlighted the challenges that spring from the freedom and choice to live in far-flung countries. For all the benefits of global travel possibilities, also how technology helps us meet virtually, most never imagined we would have to abandon so much for so long, relying on ZOOM calls and the like. A few months' anticipated separation has been drawn

out to years; for some, grandchildren are still to be seen whilst absences from bedside visits and funerals have created gaping holes that can never be filled. We have been forced to rediscover the preciousness of human contact.

The saying goes, 'You can choose your friends but not your family.' It's not the whole truth but it has important implications – bonds through birth can never be removed and others forged in marriage not easily dismantled. It's important we find ways to mend breaches of trust and goodwill, if and when they erupt. 'War' has become a metaphor when speaking of difficult and broken relationships. War has casualties, inflicts untimely death and leaves in its wake huge devastation. The clock can't be turned back but there have to be efforts to restore and rebuild.

The conflict between Ukraine and Russia has highlighted important aspects of what is involved: as members of the old Soviet bloc, some of us grew up seeing them as part of one family. That forced or arranged marriage was never going to last. However, reparation between neighbours requires more than saying "Sorry"; it involves a willingness to confess responsibility, to forgive and make appropriate practical steps to re-gain trust, supported by huge investment and often the input others.

Christians believe the Easter events - Jesus' death on Good Friday and him being raised on the third day – signalled God reaching out, offering forgiveness and making possible a reconnection for us with God as our heavenly and unfailingly good Father. Because the breach was on our side, the opportunity to be reconciled presented to us by God, we believe any outstanding distance in that possibility of relationship lies with us and need not remain. That's merely for starters. This tells me if God felt WE are significant enough for him to ask Jesus to make that re-connection possible, there is an urgency to replicate something similar in our relationships with family and friends.

I recall a lot of talk of what the 'new-normal' would feel and look like, when the pandemic is over. I long for a pervasive mindset encouraging us to be people for whom no stone of offence will be left in the path of pursuing reconciliation and the rebuilding of happy, wholesome relationships. Because it echoes what God secured by reaching out to us, my vision is for our new-normal to be a lot more sensitive to the needs of others, to help fill any void felt often by some without siblings and close family, whose private cry may have been 'If only I had someone to fall out with!' The desire of some to open their homes and hearts to refugees makes me think I may not be alone in praying and working for this!

Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector



May at

Hilton Methodist Church

May 1st. 10:00am Mrs P. Zahner

May 8th. 11:15am United Service at the Methodist Church led by Rev. D. Busk

May 15th. 10:00am Rev. D. Colley

May 22nd. 10:00am Mr. C. Webber

May 29th. 10:00am Rev. H. Walker

We are pleased to announce that tea and coffee will be served in the schoolroom after the services. We haven't restarted our monthly coffee mornings yet. Virtual coffee mornings will continue on Zoom for the time being.

JUBILEE

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

St Peter's Parish Church

11am on Sunday 5th June

Followed by refreshments

Come and celebrate the Queen's 70 years of service

Everyone welcome



Pendragon Primary School



We have had a great start to our summer term with great weather for lots of outside learning. Earlier in the term Year 4 visited Burwell House for a 3 day residential. Here are the accounts from 2 children.

Brilliant Burwell House

On the 12th of January 2022 I went on a trip to Burwell House with my class. I had a great time, I think my friends did too. We travelled by coach, we left at 9.30am and arrived at 10.15am. I was amazed when I saw the house because it was gigantic.

After that I put my luggage in the medieval room. I took part in a snail game to get to know the Burwell garden, it was a great game but there were many more to go. I felt excited, energetic, it was the best day ever. Soon after that we ate dinner, it was lovely.

Next we found out who's room we were in. The girls were making a racket downstairs and Mrs White was guarding them. We woke up then played pennywise, I was pennywise. Then we had breakfast, it was lovely, great.

Later that day we did a smugglers activity. My team found words to make a sentence that made sense. Then we made cocktails out of leaves and flowers and other things you find outside. Soon after that we went to Imagen's shed to design a bag. Then we had lunch, it was lovely to eat. Next we did lots of different activities to get eggs to make an aircraft. We went inside then spent our eggs then made our crafts with the inside of them.

The next day I got dressed and then played pennywise. We went down with our suitcase. Then we played Burwell fox. We got 8 points it was the score, but we had to go.

It was a great time at Burwell. I would advise you to go yourself, it was the best time I ever had.

Ben

BURWELL

On Wednesday 2nd, in the morning, I went to the activity space to play games, at 9.30 we got on the coach. Before going on the coach we put our cases at the bottom of the coach. After that we set off on the way. Everyone was laughing, chatting and having fun. We arrived at 10.40 so it was 40 minutes to get there. After we hopped off the coach. I had to grab my bag and walk through a green gate and went to the front of the house, it's huge.

Finding out the rooms:

After a really fun day we finally found out what room we were in at 4.30. I was really nervous because I didn't know what room I was in. But I found out I was with Lily-mae, Tallulah, Bronwen Sophie, Orla, Phoebe, Jelna and Pathira. If Amelia stayed she would have been in our room as well. Everyone in our room was so excited to be together because we thought we were not together. In our room we had bunk beds, two showers and two sinks and a bathroom.

Burwell Challenge:

Secondly, we had to go blindfolded in the Burwell challenge and there were lots of fun obstacles. When I was blindfold it felt strange but when I was leading Lily-mae, my partner, I had to direct her or she could trip and hurt herself. Just so we were safe there was a green rope on the right and if we didn't feel safe we could also hold our partners hand or link arms.

Batik Bag

On the second day before lunch, we made a batik bag. When we got in the batik place which is just outside the front of Burwell House, we met a girl called Toni, she helped with batik. Batik is when you make things out of cotton. I made a very colourful night fox. I did it with all the colours there were and so the background didn't look plain I made a moon and splodges around the night fox.

Egg crafting

Last but not least, we all split into teams of 6 or 7. I was in a six with Bronwen, Elliot, Orla, Lily-mae and Johanan. Before making the egg crafts we did challenges to earn points for crafts, so if we did teamwork we would get 1 or 2 more points, or if we didn't show teamwork we would get less. We all went running around finding yellow boxes. I got puffed out by running so much. I counted up our points, we got 27 points. Next we got all our materials and started crafting. Our team won.

LUCY B



Pendragon Preschool Register your Interest – 3yr olds

Pendragon Preschool has places available for September 2022. Is your child turning 3 before the 1st September 2022 please make sure you register for your place by the end of May 2022.

We are looking at the potential of opening our preschool to under 3's from September if you would be interested in utilising this please contact us to show interest.

To see if you qualify for free funding please see the link below otherwise our standard rate will be charged.

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News from Papworth Library

We were delighted to welcome a crowd of around 80 people to the Papworth Library 21st Birthday event on Saturday March 26. They shared coffee and cake, worked with Manga artist Irina Richards, talked to Scott Twin, employment advisor with the Papworth Trust, and took part in a Rhymetime (song and rhyme for 0-4s).

By the time we go to press we'll have held our first adult author event since the pandemic started to loosen its grip, entitled Murder in the Fens. This featured Christina James on how she draws on Fenland life for the DI Yates crime mystery novels - we're very grateful to Christina for starting this ball rolling. We're also starting regular Rhymetime sessions, every Wednesday morning from 10am to 10.30pm, so if you have little ones then do come join us.

Our next Engage talk will be given on Thursday 12 May from 10am - 11.30am, by Sarah Freed, therapist of over 20 years' experience. Her topic is Surviving to Thriving - How to Become Master of your own Wellbeing. Refreshments will be provided and donations gratefully received.

Would you like to join the library but never find time to visit? Sign up online and start downloading free eBooks, eMagazines and more straight away! We have recently introduced card-free membership – find out more by visiting www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library Of course, you are also still welcome to come into the library and join in the traditional way.

Papworth Trust

Jubilee Celebration – Papworth Everard residents are invited to a Jubilee Get Together at Papworth Village Hall on Saturday 4th June, 11am to 2pm. There will be games, craft activities, information stands, a tombola, refreshments, cake and more! Please come along to this free event and celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee whilst having fun and getting to know people in your local area.

Water Charges – Tariffs for customers on a low income or struggling to pay the charges

Cambridge Water offer the Assure tariff which can help customers who are on a low income or struggling to pay their water charges; it aims to reduce water poverty and make bills more affordable.

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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 have 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.



Or do you want to learn more about the history of where you live? May is Local & Community History Month – a great time to visit the library and explore our local studies resources.

You'll find an interesting selection of books, plus you can use library computers to access online reference sites Ancestry.com, Find My Past and the British Newspaper Archives for free. Papworth Library hosts a Family History Group which usually meets monthly from

2pm to around 3.30pm; the next meeting is on 7 June. If you would like to come along the group would be very pleased to welcome you.

And lastly, 16-22 May is Dementia Action Week. The library has books and information about dementia, to help everyone better understand the condition and find support if needed.

If you're visiting the library, 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



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Papworth Engage Talk

Thursday 12th May 10am– 11.30am

“Surviving to Thriving - How to Become Master of your own Wellbeing. “

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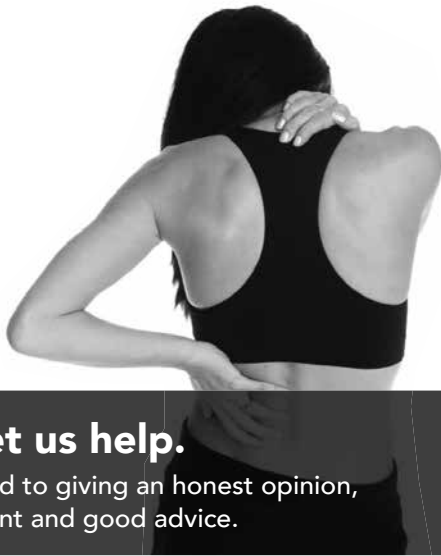
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Papworth Craft Group

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The Papworth Craft Group meetings are going along very nicely. It is quite like old times, the past two years seem like another life, now that restrictions no longer apply. Our librarian, Nicola, has warmly welcomed us, so a big thank you to her. Our new members have settled seamlessly into the group, which is great. If you think that two hours on a Saturday, knitting or doing whatever craft you are into, you might consider popping down to the library, to see what we are all about. There is no obligation to attend twice a month, or even for the full two hours. Stay for as long or as little as suits you. You do not need to 'brave' it alone. Bring a friend or relative with you. And, for avoidance of doubt, MEMBERSHIP IS ABSOLUTELY FREE!

Many readers will have bought something or another from the online store, Etsy. It is a good place to find craft supplies and all manner of items, handmade or vintage. People who sell on Etsy tend to be on social media, especially Instagram. This makes it easy to connect with Etsy sellers. This writer saw an unusual cross stitch designer on Instagram and followed the link to her Etsy shop, where a pattern was bought and downloaded. The designer lives in Ukraine. Her name is Kateryna. Fast forward a few months to the start of the war in Ukraine and it was astounding to see that Kateryna was posting on Instagram what was happening where she lives, in the city of Kherson, one of the first to be occupied by the Russians. She has her husband, cat and 95 year old grandmother to care for. Amazingly, she released a new cross stitch design last week, astounding herself that her urge to create is still with her, despite the noises of war and the privations that it has brought to Kherson. Look her up on Instagram, read her posts

and link via her profile to her Etsy shop. If you are a cross stitcher, buy one of her designs, message her, show that you support her. Find her on Instagram -@stitchy_princess_black. It is a slightly bizarre situation how being a cross stitcher buying a cross stitch pattern on Etsy from a designer in Ukraine, months later that connection affords a vivid picture of life in a city occupied by Russian troops. Reading her posts and looking at the pictures that she selects, show a woman adapting to the new way of living under foreign occupation. Finding food becomes a major problem. In one post she says that it is very difficult to carry heavy bags of potatoes, as she only weighs 47 kg and her husband 56 kg. Her cat needs special food and her grandmother needs medication. They had already moved because of the fighting in the Donbas in 2015. Now the fighting has followed them to Kherson. Cross stitchers, check out Kateryna's designs now!

Climate change and global warming have alerted us to the waste that we produce and there are all sorts of ways that we can cut down on waste as a contribution to reducing our carbon footprint. The world of yarn is no exception. Stylecraft ReCreate is made of entirely recycled fibres - 40% wool, 30% polyester and 30% acrylic. The yarn is very soft and comes in a choice of eight colours. At £3.99 for a 100g ball, it is reasonably priced. A Google search for recycled yarns will provide a reasonable selection to consider.

Our yarn stash is healthy at present. If you would like to knit or crochet hats and scarves for charity, do contact Rosalind Parnell, parnellrh@aol.com. If you would prefer to knit squares for charity blankets, the squares should be 20 cm x 20 cm, (8 inches x 8 inches). All the ends sewn in please. Squares can be left with the librarian at Papworth Library or brought to Craft Group meetings on the first or third Saturday in the month.

Spring means a return to garden work. However, time spent creating at Craft Group may revitalise you to greater effort in your garden. Do drop by, we would love to see you.

Stay well, stay safe. Happy month of May!

1st Papworth Scouts Scout Group

As we move into the summer term, we are able to get out and about more.



The Beavers spent a weekend over Easter on a Knight themed camp at the district camp site in St Ives. They took part in lots of challenges over the 2 days to train to be better Knights and then help rescue the princess from the dragon.

This theme leads us on to one of the annual occasions when we get together as a Group. On Sunday 24th April we all congregated in St Ives to march through the town to celebrate St Georges Day. At the end of the march, we all renewed our promises and then were able to take part in some scouting activities.

If anybody wants to find out more about what we do within the scout group or try out some of the fun activities, come along to our fund day detailed below.



Family Fun Day and AGM

The 1st Papworth Scout Group would like to invite you to our Family Fun Day on 25 June from 10am onwards. Bring the whole family and test out your skills. There will be the Papworth Challenge, a chance to navigate a course around the village completing fun scouting related tasks, both mental and physical.

It will finish on the school field where there will be chance to take part in other activities like archery and marshmallow toasting.

We invite you to bring a picnic and you're welcome to try our infamous Beaver Logs (hot dogs) from the BBQ, I promise they're not from our recent camp!

We will also be holding our annual AGM where you can hear about what we've been doing over the past year, as well as looking ahead to the future.

We could always do with more help from adults. The more parents or volunteers we have, the more opportunities we can provide for young people and teach them some skills for life.

If you'd like to come to our Family Fun Day or would like to know more details about the event, please register your interest via Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1st-papworth-scout-group-family-fun-day-and-agm-tickets-327581193167>

Additionally, Scouting is run by volunteers and there are lots of ways adults can help and get involved whatever skills or time you have to offer. If you are interested in helping or want to know more, please contact: info@papworthscouts.org.uk or via our website www.papworthscouts.org.uk



SPRINGTIME AT HOPE FARM

This year at the farm, it is great to see again the fields spring into life. Flowers are blooming, whitethroats back from their winter grounds and singing in the hedgerows. Other farmland birds are also in full swing getting ready for breeding season. Some trials and bits of winter management that have been bubbling away over winter are also starting to come to fruition. Although farming changes at a slow pace perhaps, with the changing seasons it also feels like the farm stops for no one! Finally, we are looking forward to opening the gates again on 12th June for a long missed and exciting event on farm.

Last year, we introduced our agroforestry trial at hope farm. Thanks to a load of very kind volunteers, including a few from Elsworth, trees are in the ground and thriving. We have over 1000 trees planted in rows among what will remain an arable cropped field. Monitoring is well underway to see how the crops, wildlife, and soils thrive over the next decade.

Hedgerows are also in full flower, with the hawthorn in full bloom after a fantastic show of blackthorn along the hedgerows. For those who walk the footpaths, you may have noticed one of our large blackthorn hedges had a sharp haircut. That is for good reason though... and with wildlife in mind long term. Hedges, particularly blackthorn, provide the best ground nesting habitat and flowering resources at their base if left with thick tussocky grasses to grow, hedgerow plant flowering specialists, and suckers to branch out and create a natural wobbly edge. However, this hedge had slowly grown out so far to the track that we'd lost that habitat with the need to keep the track clear for machinery. So, we've pushed the hedgerow back two meters in hope that over the next 5 years we can watch it regenerate back to the track with less disturbance and more opportunity to get a bit rugged! We look forward to seeing how this grows, and how the bird territory use changes along that hedge too. Already we have cow parsley and cowslips growing on that side that we had lost in recent years.

Next thing in full bloom are our turtle dove plots at the south end of the farm, providing feeding resources for this species that is in vast decline – by 95% in the last 20 years. Amazingly, we have heard a purring turtle dove in the last couple of years around Elsworth, so all fingers are crossed that he may return with all the resources needed to breed before heading back to their wintering grounds in sub-Saharan Africa.



The oilseed rape on farm is thankfully the best it has been in many years. Many farmers will understand the trials and tribulations of growing oilseed rape with increasing pest pressures, and dry establishment seasons. We have hope that we can continue to grow this crop sustainably in the future though... This years' success may be partly due to a kinder season for this crop, but we think also due to a trial we have, growing different crops with oilseed rape to protect it

from the cabbage stem flea beetle pest without using insecticides.

So, finally, and perhaps the most exciting thing to happen this summer, is the return of Open Farm Sunday since covid. We are thrilled to open doors, with the usual buzz of farm machinery displays, tractor and trailer rides, and fantastic food and stalls on nature-friendly farming. Additionally, we have bee, butterfly, and pond dipping tours which all aim to show what wildlife can thrive on farm



and demonstrate how important nature is as part of the farming system. Its important for us to look after nature from a moral point of view, but also because we cannot hope to farm without pollination, nutrient cycling, healthy soils and natural pest control – all provided by a healthy farm ecosystem.

So please do come along to hear about all that we do with nature and farming on 12th June 10am – 4pm. Free of charge on entry, although donations are welcomed, and food will also be sold too. I hope to see you all there, and until then enjoy the start of summer!

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PAPWORTH TENNIS CLUB NEWS

A great turnout for this year's Alicante Cup

Papworth Tennis Club held its annual Alicante Cup competition on Sunday 24th April. The tournament was open to club members of all abilities, with 20 players entering and playing four mini doubles matches each.



Thank you to Fiona Cummings and Clare Lindsay for helping to organise the day and to John Garland for refereeing the tournament.

The conditions on the day were quite breezy but the sun shone throughout and there was some fantastic tennis played with tremendous support from the sidelines. A raffle was also held which raised over £100 that will go towards supporting the situation in Ukraine.

Afterwards, players and spectators enjoyed a tasty lunch while the winners were announced. Congratulations to Clare Lindsay for winning the ladies' competition and to James Witherow who won the men's. The worthy champions were presented with their prize from immediate past Chairman Steve Welburn, who also received a leaving gift as a thank you for his dedicated service to the club.

Well done and thank you to everybody who took part or supported on the day.



Ladies' champion Clare Lindsay and Men's champion James Witherow with tournament referee John Garland (left) and immediate past Chairman Steve Welburn (right).

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