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## John William Mead

27th June 1940 - 20th June 2022

It is with great sadness that we have to report on the passing of one of the village long term residents John Mead on the 20th June 2022

He was Born William John Mead on the 27th June 1940 to proud parents Lillian and John and was their first born son. He became known as little Johnny and has been known by all as John his entire life. He had one younger brother Bob, and grew up in his family home in Papworth after his father was a patient at Papworth Hospital with TB.

He first met his wife Janet when she was 15. Janet took a strong dislike to him in those early years, however when they met up later, now in their late twenties and early thirties, they started

a brief courtship and tied the knot on 23rd March 1974 in Pottton Church.

They were blessed with their first daughter Emma in February 1975 and then Sarah April 1977. The family grew with the arrival of the Grandchildren, Emma's sons Simon, Jake and Harry all of whom he utterly adored. Sadly Janet passed away in August 2000 after spending 26 happy years with John.

John did love a good gossip with everyone he met and a quick trip to the local shop would take way longer than it should as he would strike up conversations with everyone he knew.

John will be missed by many and we are sure that there are a lot of funny, inappropriate and daft stories out there about him.

Emma, Sarah and family wish to Thank everyone who sent kind and comforting cards and messages on the passing of their Dad and Grandad.

Thank you also to those who attended the funeral service on the 20th July. It was lovely to see so many of Dad's old friends, workmates and people from the village. He would have hated all the fuss and would have grumbled no end, although we still think he would have enjoyed the music choice of The Shadows, which was played during the service.

Thank you also for the donations to the RNLI. We have raised £98 so far.

He is now reunited with our lovely Mum Janet and his parents John and Lilian.


## BIN COLLECTION DATES

Thu 11 Aug 2022	✓		
Thu 18 Aug 2022		✓	✓
Thu 25 Aug 2022	✓		
<b>Fri 2 Sep 2022</b>		✓	✓
Thu 8 Sep 2022	✓		

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# PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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## Paddling Pool & Play Area

We are well into the school summer holidays, and it's great to see lots of families making use of the paddling pool and play area in the village.

The paddling pool opened for the summer as planned on Friday 22nd July and is scheduled to be open until the weekend of 3/4th September. A big thank you to Mark Honeywood and Cllr Paul Phillips for all their hard work cleaning and preparing the pool ready for use.

As in previous years, temporary toilets have been sited at the play area for convenience, including a disabled access toilet with baby change facility. The toilets are emptied and serviced a minimum of twice a week and checked daily. Please do not leave soiled nappies in the toilets or waste bins around the play area.

The pool is maintained regularly throughout the day – but please help us to keep the pool as clean as possible for everyone to enjoy.

Do not allow children covered in mud and dirt to go in the pool – dirt and silt can easily block the filters. Please could we also request that children do not eat food whilst in the pool or in the area immediately round the poolside and that all food scraps are disposed of and not allowed to get into the water as food debris can easily block the filters too.

We would like to thank Will, Fraser, Rebecca and Karen, our Pool Attendants for this year, who are doing a sterling job in ensuring the paddling pool and surrounding area is kept clean, tidy and safe to use.

With the high numbers of people using the paddling pool a huge amount of rubbish is generated.

Please take your rubbish home with you whenever possible, including food scraps and soiled nappies – rubbish bins at the play areas should be used for general litter only.

The paddling pool attracts families from far and wide, many of whom travel by car, which can create parking problems on Ermine Street North, Chequers Lane and Varrier Jones Drive.

If you are visiting the paddling pool why not leave the car at home and walk?

We would request that people who do drive, park with consideration for other motorists, use the car parks where possible, do not cause an obstruction and park within the rules of the Highway Code.

## Public Seating

The Parish Council have recently had its benches and public seating refurbished and repaired where necessary to ensure they can be enjoyed by everyone.

Not all seating in the village is owned by the Parish Council, but if you find any benches that have been damaged or are in a bad state of repair, it can be reported to the Parish Clerk.

In addition, the Parish Council is also awaiting the delivery of a bench to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which will be installed by the Pavilion.

## Cricket Score Box Damage

Recent damage to the cricket score box on the playing field has been repaired. Damage included including roofing felt which had been ripped from the roof, the locked door being kicked in causing damage to both the door and frame and the boarding on the windows and score box numbers being smashed.

It was extremely disappointing to see that within a week of the repairs being made, the door had once again been kicked in and further repairs are now necessary.

## Village Hall

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

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, available for meetings or small groups.

Further information including the tariff of charges can be found on the Parish Council's website [www.papwortheverardpc.org.uk](http://www.papwortheverardpc.org.uk) (Amenities and Village Hall page) or to discuss your requirements or check availability, please email the Bookings Clerk, Clare Taylor [villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk)

## Parish Council Vacancies

There are still several vacancies on the Parish Council. 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, a can-do attitude and a willingness to work as a member of our team to make a difference to our village.

If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk to find out more about how you could get involved. [clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk) 01480 830360

## Parish Office – Summer Holiday Opening

Due to holiday commitments over the summer, there will be days when the Parish Office is closed. If you are planning to visit the office please call ahead to make sure someone is here before you come down ! Tel: 01480 830360



## What is a Beetle Drive?

On 12th July The Day Centre played a Beetle Drive. Players take turn to throw the dice. You must throw a six to start and draw the body. You must throw a five to draw the head, before you can draw eyes or antennae. Different numbers on the dice correspond to other parts of the Beetle: eyes,

antennae, legs and tail. The first person to complete the Beetle calls "Beetle" and has won the round and gets thirteen points, the other players get one point for each part completed. After a few rounds, the scores get added up to determine the overall winner.

If you are interested in joining the Day Centre or finding out more, either on your own behalf, or for someone you know, you can phone Jenny (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 there is no answer please leave a message or your name and number, and I will call back.



## Tree Warden Report

**David Potter** [treewarden@papwortheverardpc.org.uk](mailto:treewarden@papwortheverardpc.org.uk)

With all this exceptionally hot weather, I have been thinking about the shade provided by trees along residential streets, in town and city centres and in parks and countryside. There is nothing more delightful in such sunny weather than a well planned avenue of trees to prove shade and relief from the rays of the hot sun. Shady walks through pools

of cool shadows where any breeze there may be seems to be concentrated, enhanced by the movement of the leaves on the tree branches.

Of course, those trees with a good overhanging canopy provide the best shade from the mid-day sun. And trees with the largest leaves might be even more effective in shielding out the sun's rays.

It's good to see the thought given by developers and planners to the landscaping of housing estates and commercial developments. In the past these efforts have been focused on the amenity value of trees and other planting. Perhaps more attention now needs to be

given to climatic issues - the planning and planting of shaded walks and the positioning of amenity areas where suitable planting can provide shadow and protection for outdoor seating.

Thinking of the advantages of large leaves brings me to the next letter in my alphabet of trees. It's C for the Catalpa tree. The common name is Indian Bean Tree but it neither comes from India nor produces beans. The tree originates from the south east of the USA. The name 'Catalpa' is a misspelling of 'Catawba' by a European botanist. The Catawba were the local people living in the area where the tree was 'discovered' in the 1700s.

By late spring / early summer, we start to see beautiful orchid-like white flowers appearing. The thin, long pods that hang from the tree in the autumn are not edible beans but seed pods. Inside are winged seeds that remain on the tree until winter before splitting and dispersing.

We have a lovely example of a catalpa tree in our village, just by the bus stop outside the co-op store. Here is a photo of the tree in flower. There is another catalpa tree, planted more recently, on the Summersfield estate. I wonder if you can find it!

Newly planted trees need a lot of water to ensure that they thrive so we should avoid any such planting in the near drought conditions we experience during our summer months. The best time for tree planting is in October and November, before any hard frosts, and when we can be assured rainfall will help our efforts to water in the new plants.

August is a good month to start collecting the harvest of nuts and berries from our hedgerows and to search out that winning conker from the Horse Chestnut tree.



# theWI Papworth Everard INSPIRING WOMEN Womens Institute

Our speaker for July was **Angela Potter** a landscape gardener and designer from Hilton.

## 'Ratty Goes To Chelsea'

is the story of her award winning garden at Chelsea Flower Show, which was a water vole friendly garden.



Angela gave us an excellent talk and slideshow on the highs and lows of being accepted to build a garden at Chelsea Flower Show in 2008 whilst still a mature student studying at Capel Manor Horticultural College in Enfield, London.

Her story kept us on the edge of our seat wondering if she and her friend and business partner would ever make it following many hiccups along the way – plants and trees ordered the previous year grown specially that became infected with disease just weeks away from the show, together with struggling to find a sponsor to cover the costs which amounted to around £27,000! Just one week away from the show Angela had an accident resulting in her breaking her ankle badly. The garden, a garden for water voles, attracted many celebrities with the Queen, Princess Ann and Prince Philip also visiting the garden. The photographs were amazing and the garden, albeit very small, looked fantastic.

## Papworth Family Fun Day 23rd July 2022

Hopefully many of you will have come along to the above event which took place on Saturday 23rd July on the Recreation Field in Papworth. In true WI fashion, our ladies put on a 'Vintage Cream Tea'. Set up outside the Pavillion with delicate china cups and saucers, pretty table clothes, lovely flower arrangements on the table – the marquee looked the part in every way. We served the most delicious scones, jam and cream together with tea/coffee and cold drinks which went down very well with the customers. Thanks to all who supported us on the day. We also welcomed our Parish Councillor Mark Howells who introduced us to the newly elected Anthony Browne - MP for South Cambs.



## Coming Up:

Picnic in the Park – Saturday 13th August at 1pm on the recreation ground in Papworth.

We have no monthly meeting in August and our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st September at The Studio, Pendrill Court- 7.15 for 7.30. All ladies over the age of 18 welcome – watch this space for details of future events.

## Fabulous Fete . . . Jackie Phillips

Twas a hot and sunny day  
Our village was oh so quiet..  
But not for long...fete day was here  
Should we predict a riot?

At 8am the manoeuvres began  
Ready for the day ahead  
Long before the village woke And when we were all still in our bed....

At 12pm the scene was set

The field sprung into life  
Villagers flocked down in droves

To have fun and forget their daily strife...

They wandered round the field With big smiles upon their face  
So much to do, so much to see  
An amazing happy place...

Rides and bouncy castles For the kids...and adults too  
Food and drink of all varieties You couldn't be left feeling blue...

And at every twist and turn

Dogs strutted their stuff

Hoping to win first prize at the dog show

Not a day to be looking rough....

Zumba dancers and pink fairies Did their magic in the ring

And the DJ's hit their decks

Villagers danced and did their thing...

It was a fabulous fete to remember Thanks to all involved in the day

We all headed home happy

Smiling merrily on our way....



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# Church Notices

## St Peter's Church

Church services at St Peter's in March

7th August - Team ZOOM service

14th August - Holy Communion

21st August - Holy Communion

28th August - No Service at St Peter's

Rendezvous meets in the Village Hall on  
15th, 17th and 19th August

## Roman Catholic Mass

(Latin Rite)

Mass is celebrated at

**St Michael's, Huntingdon**

on Saturday at 6.00 pm and

on Sunday at 9.00 and 11.00

with a Polish Mass at 3.30 pm

For more information please go to

[www.stmichaelrc.org](http://www.stmichaelrc.org)

**Please note services in Papworth  
finished on the 18th June 2022**



## How are you feeling?

It's hot. It's even hotter in parts of mainland Europe; an excellent time to be in the business of making and selling ice creams! As some suffer others prosper. This is true in small matters as well as the big issues facing the world at large. The biggest lesson we can all share is we can't control everything that happens to us and around us. This highlights the importance of how we respond or react, not least because those around us are impacted by

whether are irritated and troubled or at ease and in good fettle.

The Christian tradition highlights what we can do with our feelings and responses. One option is to embrace a disposition of thankfulness. On one occasion the Bible says, 'Give thanks in all circumstances.' The important word here is IN; we are to be thankful IN all circumstances which is very different to being thankful FOR everything happening around us.

I suspect we underestimate its' importance, but its prominence or absence has a bearing on our relationships with others. Most of us prefer to be with people disposed to being thankful and try to steer a path away from others who never seem to stop whingeing!

*There's an old hymn some may recall or have even sung. The first verse and chorus is,*

*When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

*Refrain:*

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;  
Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.*

It may seem quaint and twee, but it carries a message that has shaped more contemporary versions, both sacred and secular. The end of an academic year and, for some, the opportunity for some form of holiday is a good opportunity, some breathing space and some moments for taking stock as well as outlining thoughts and ideas for a new year ahead.

Let me encourage you to use thankfulness as the backcloth; make the effort to see what God has done as the strategy for both review and planning. We may find the results surprising and leave us feeling hopeful rather than merely hot and bothered!

**Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector**



**August at**

## Hilton Methodist Church

August 7th 10:00am

Rev. N. Witham

(Holy Communion)

August 14th 10:00am

Ms. V. Almond

August 21st 10:00am

Rev. C. Owen

August 28th 10:00am

Local Arrangement

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

# News from Papworth Library

We're delighted to have had around 60 young readers sign up so far for this year's Summer Reading Challenge (SRC), which encourages children from 4-11 to challenge themselves to read for pleasure over the summer holidays, reinforcing reading skills at a time when they can dip. More sign-ups are very welcome! This year's theme, Gadgeteers, gives a window onto the science and technology in the world. We're asking children to collect stickers in return for reading they complete, with a Gadgeteers Medal and Certificate to claim in September when the SRC closes. Medals will be awarded in the library by our very own Cllr Mark Howell on Thursday 15 September at 3.45pm.

A Gadgeteers Lego session in the library on 27 July revealed impressive concentration skills and imaginative creations – up popped swimming pools, roof gardens and a riot of colour, with thanks to all involved.

We're aiming to offer another Summer Reading Challenge craft session in the library on Wednesday 17 August, 10.30am to 12pm – watch out for the posters for more detail on what this'll be.



To share again our QR code to the Cambridgeshire Libraries website info on the free library eBooks and eMagazines you can 'pack' on your phone or tablet to fulfil all your holiday reading needs. If you haven't joined the library yet, sign up online for card-free membership and start downloading right away. And do come in for a library book or audiobook

recommendation if you're taking a staycation.

Our Engage talks are taking a break in August, but we'll be in touch again in early autumn with details of our next Engage speaker.



Registered Charity No: 1044680

Update from the Maintenance Team with regards work being carried out to properties in the village:

- The rewiring of 28 properties is currently being carried out by the contractor Princebuild
- We have approved bathroom upgrades taking place to 10 properties and work is due to start around October 2022. The contractor for this is BSG
- We have kitchen upgrades to 9 properties which are currently out to tender. The designs have been completed and contractors will be visiting properties to quote for the work around July / August
- There will be gas boiler replacements to 35 properties being carried out by Aaron Services
- The specification for bathroom and kitchen extractor fans has changed and we will now be fitting Greenwood Unity continuously running fans with automatic Humidi Smart control to help prevent condensation. These will be fitted as replacement fans are required and to co-ordinate with the rewire programme
- Entrance canopies to 18 properties in Pendragon Hill and Ermine Street South have been approved to be replaced. The contractor for this work will be BSG and tenants will be contacted in due course



## PAPWORTH LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

**Closed - Monday and Friday**

**Open**

**Tuesday - 10.00 to 13.00  
14.00 to 17.00**

**Wednesday - 10.00 to 13.00**

**Thursday - 14.00 to 17.00**

**Saturday - 10.00 to 13.00**

**Telephone: 0345 045 5225**

**Web renewals:**

**[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries)**

The Library Presents will also start up again in the autumn, bringing accessible arts events to local residents. TLP has taken event choices made by Cambridgeshire residents to put together a selection of performances and workshops for all ages, ticket prices £3 - £8, which will run between October and December this year. Venues for this Autumn season are set to include Papworth; see <https://www.library.live/the-library-presents-events> for updates.

And lastly, a reminder that we're hosting Scott Twinn, Community Connections South Employment Advisor, on Tuesday 2 August and Tuesday 6 September, both days from 10am - 1pm. He's available to discuss help to improve employment skills, job search and support to find work.

If you're visiting the library, our opening hours are still: Tuesday 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm; Wednesday 10am – 1pm, Thurs 2pm – 5pm and Sat 10pm – 1pm. Contact details: web address: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library), tel 0345 045 5225, and email: [your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### Developments

Planning permission for the community room at Vinter Close has now been approved to be converted to a 2-bedroom bungalow. Work is anticipated to start in September however we are currently awaiting building regulation approval.

The Trust is pleased to announce the sale of the disused garage behind Brookfield Road. This should enable the area to be improved and brought back into use in the future and prevent the site being a magnet for anti-social behaviour.

### Cost of Living

As the cost of living continues to bite, we are here to help, if you are a Papworth Trust tenant and need any help or advice with paying your rent or if you are worried about your finances then please get in contact with us. You can do this by:

- Calling your Housing Officer on 0330 678 0008, Option 2
- Emailing - [housing@papworthtrust.org.uk](mailto:housing@papworthtrust.org.uk)

We can arrange to speak to you in a way and at a time that suits you. It is important that you contact us if you are experiencing any problems with paying your rent or other household bills. If you make contact we will be able to help you with support and advice.





# Pendragon Primary School

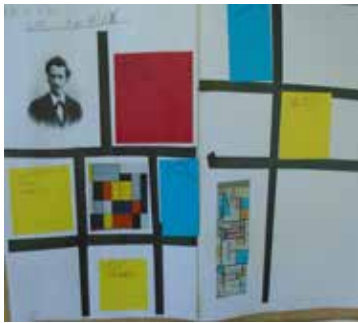


The summer term is always a busy one; school trips, sports days, Year 6's excellent Wonderland performances and this year we also had a 2 day visit from Ofsted.

Teachers have been busy writing and sharing school reports with parents and we have had another open afternoon for everyone to come into school, look at books and displays before meeting new teachers.

It was great to see so many of you at the Summer Fiesta- an amazing event organised to raise money for the children by the Friends of the School. There were stalls, food, dancing and every class in the school shared a performance. We finally finished tidying at 10pm but a great event I hope everyone enjoyed it - if you did the Friends of the school are always looking for new volunteers to help.

As the end of term approaches, I decided to showcase some of the art that I have seen around the school this half term. From printing, to learning about the work of European artists, painting animals seen at Woburn, recording growing plants and imitating art from another culture, the work is very varied.



## Pendragon Preschool



Preschool have been enjoying this lovely summer weather and making the most of being able to learn and play outside. The bikes have been hugely popular, role playing in the houses and making music with the pots and pans. We have been enjoying our topic 'under the sea' and creating our own treasure maps, telescopes and lots of sea creatures.

The children have been using the sea creatures and loose parts to create their own 'under the sea' small world play and we even made our own huge pirate ship which could fit so many of us in it at once to go sailing the waters! We celebrated the end of term by having a themed dress up day and party.

The preschool children have continued to enjoy their transitional visits to school, having lots of time to explore the new classrooms and get to know the class teachers. We all enjoyed a graduation and leaver's party with the preschool families - the children had a great time at Little City.

You can find more information about preschool and weekly newsletters on our website. Good news, Preschool have spaces available for September 2022! If you would like to find out more about enrolling your child with us for their preschool education, please contact Mrs Duff (preschool administrator) on: 01480 830267 Email:ppreschool@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk







## Friends of Pendragon Primary School

The Friends would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all who attended our Summer Fiesta at the start of July. It was a fantastic event and we couldn't have been happier to be able to bring the school and village together again to enjoy a wonderful afternoon.

We had so much going on, including performances from all of the year groups, face painting, games, bouncy castles, food stalls, craft stalls, raffle, disco, bar and so much more.



Year 1 Maypole Performance



We were lucky to have fantastic volunteers who helped out in the preparation for the day on at the event, so we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped, in all sorts of ways. The event would not have run without you!

A special thank you goes to our event sponsors:

**SF Mortgages, HPR, Ashcroft Vets and AG Motors.**

These fantastic Papworth based villages regularly provide us with event sponsorship and we are extremely grateful for your generosity.

It was a huge success and raised an incredible £6718 that will go directly back to the school. The money is used to benefit all of the Pendragon children, and we would like to say thank you again to everyone who came along.

### **Can you help us?**

We are currently a very small committee and are always on the look out for new members. At the moment we are in need of a Treasurer to take on the recently available role. If you would like more information about what is involved, please email us on [friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk)

You don't have to have prior experience in this type of role, and it is open to anyone! You don't have to have a child at the school in order to join us. If you find yourself with spare time on your hands, or even if you don't (all of us on the committee work and have kids and families to juggle, we know how hard it can be!!) then please get in touch. We would welcome anyone who is able to give a small amount of their time to help us and the school.

If you would like to join the committee or our list of regular helpers, please drop us an email or a message on our Facebook page.

## Miss Shaw's Retires



Miss Shaw's retirement donation fund totalled a fantastic £739 and we would like to thank everyone for their generosity. At Miss Shaw's request, the money is being used to refresh the school hall and commission a custom artwork piece depicting the schools REACH motto. This stands for Respect, Effort, Achieve and Challenge. This was a motto that the children came up with, and is used everyday in school to guide them through their time at Pendragon.

It will be great to see the improvements in the hall as it is used daily by all the children and is such an important space in the school.



# CAMBOURNE OSTEOPATHS

Back Pain  
Neck Pain  
Joint Pain  
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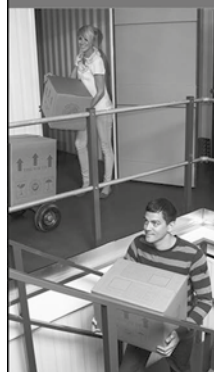
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## News from Papworth Surgery

### An update from Dr Routledge:

I would like to say a huge thank you for the warm welcomes and well wishes the residents of the Papworth and Villages area have been kind enough to give me. I can't believe my first 6 months at the surgery have already passed so quickly. Despite working as a doctor for nearly 10 years, any change can be difficult but the brilliant team here has helped me settle right in, though I suspect it will be quite some time yet until I am no longer "the new kid on the block". An extra special mention to the very kind couple who rescued me at the roadside by the old hospital site earlier in July when I got a flat tyre driving home after a long day; your handiness with a jack and locking wheel nuts will not be soon forgotten and I hope your dinner was not too badly burnt!

It would not be a 2022 newsletter without mentioning Covid-19. There has unfortunately been a spike in cases in our area as many of you will have noticed. We have therefore switched back to mandatory mask wearing in the surgery building to protect our vulnerable patients, this includes all patients and members of staff unless medically exempt. If you have any Covid-19 symptoms and are coming for an appointment, please let our receptionists know as soon as you arrive and we will arrange for you to wait somewhere safe and not in the main waiting room. The government has announced that there will be another round of Covid-19 vaccinations before winter and we have asked if we can hold vaccination clinics at the surgery again for our eligible patients as we understand that this is far more convenient than travelling to a vaccination hub. We will let you know when clinics are confirmed.

I am sorry to announce that we say goodbye to our registrar Dr Shah this month whom some of you have got to know. He moves on to continue with his training to become a fully qualified GP. We thank him for his hard work and dedication to our patients and we wish him the best of luck in his journey. We are pleased to announce however, that from August we should have two new registrars joining to train at the practice, Dr Mir and Dr Fayahun, whom we are looking forward to meeting. "

### *A message for Papworth surgery patients . . .*

## **Your Surgery needs you!**

Covid has taken a heavy toll on our health service - we hear so much about waiting lists and missed targets. When we have to wait too long for our call to the surgery to be answered, only to learn that there are no available appointments for the next fortnight it's all too easy to forget the immense pressures our surgery staff have been working under and are still working under. Frustration and anxiety can bring out the worst in people and our receptionists have been subjected on occasion to unacceptable rudeness.

The Patients' Link Committee are meant to be a bridge between staff and patients. We want to help the surgery find constructive ways of improving both the patient and staff experience. We need representatives to come forward and join the committee bringing with them ideas, energy and commitment.

Might that be you? Do you have a heart for improving our local healthcare services? Do you feel you could represent a certain group of patients? For more information please contact our new chairperson, Julie Herring via email [papworth.patientgroup@nhs.net](mailto:papworth.patientgroup@nhs.net)

## PAPWORTH CRAFT GROUP

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The longest day of the year is now behind us and little by little the days will become increasingly shorter. However, there plenty of long, light evenings to do some crafting. Members of the Papworth Craft Group are beaver away on a variety of projects. There are some members who knit at a fantastic rate and are likely to have completed a project in the space between meetings, so it is sometimes difficult to keep apace of their work! One of the newer members does lace making. That is not so common and we certainly have not had a lacemaker before. In time she may be persuaded to give a demonstration. Are there any more lacemakers in Papworth or nearby villages? Please come along and show us how you make lace. Our sessions have been as lively as usual. At one we were joined by a woman who had not known our group existed. Never receiving the News & Views, she happened to see a copy, read about the group and came along for a chat. Hopefully we shall see her at future meetings. Dropping in for a chat is a very good way of discovering whether you would find joining the group would suit. There is no commitment required, there is no membership fee, there is no age restriction and intermittent attendance may appeal more than coming to every meeting. We love meeting new members and it has been a pleasure to see members again, who have been unable to come for a while before the Covid-19 pandemic. If you know someone you think might be interested in a craft group but may not know that the Papworth Craft Group meets at the library twice a month, do alert them about the meetings.

Most people like to see their project grow. One likes to make progress. The trouble is that it is not always easy to impose self discipline and set goals - this far by x number of weeks, this far by y number of months. This is why knit alongs (KALs), crochet alongs, (CALs) and stitch alongs (SALs) are so popular. Information on these, both current and past, can be found online or in any of the craft magazines. Recently available are a KAL with Rowan yarns for making a blanket in two sizes, a CAL with Stylecraft yarns and a SAL with Cross Stitcher magazine. The frequency of new releases varies. With magazines, each stage is released monthly. However, weekly or fortnightly releases are more common with KALs and CALs. (The good news is that all the details can be found online after the KALs, CALs and SALs are over). This is a brilliant way to measure one's progress of a project, providing you are sufficiently disciplined to complete each phase as you go along. Good intentions are not enough. Facebook groups are set up quite frequently, although it can be dispiriting to find some people have finished the whole of the release in 24 hours - do not look, unless you are one of these exceptionally annoying people!

There is a great stash of donated yarn waiting to be turned into hats, scarves or jumpers. If you are interested contact Rosalind Parnell at [parnellrh@aol.com](mailto:parnellrh@aol.com).

A brief word about the library. Papworth library generously hosts the Papworth Craft Group twice monthly meetings. It is a community project. Footfall is so important for all libraries, especially rural ones. The village is most fortunate to have a library and if it closed, it would be a great loss to the community. Combine going to the craft group meetings with renewing or changing your library books. Introduce your children to the joy of libraries and perhaps bring them along to the craft group. Age no barrier to learning a craft or two.

By the time this edition of the News & Views appears, the school holidays will have begun! The year is racing by.

***Have a happy, safe and healthy August!***



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## Blasters Update

We are looking forward to next season and starting to make preparations for September. Registration forms have gone out, and across the club most of our squads are full. We have a few spaces left for U7 from September, if you are

interested please get in touch.

After over 10 years with Blasters our Development Coach Lee Keen is standing down. Lee has given many hours of his time to the club and we are grateful for all his support.

We are pleased to say two Volunteers have come forward and once we have completed the necessary safeguarding checks we will be able to restart the Development Squad for U6 & U5 in late September.

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