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September 2022 Report

Housing Update

Papworth Trust, as a Registered Housing Provider, has a key role in supporting Local Authorities with their duties to meet identified local housing needs. This means that Papworth Trust do not operate its own waiting lists for housing and properties are let to applicants through the Local Authority housing register and

Home-Link bidding system

Home-Link is a scheme which offers more choice to applicants for housing across South Cambridgeshire and six neighbouring authorities with a number of Registered Housing Providers. To apply for affordable housing in South Cambridgeshire you will need to create an application through Home-Link www.home-link.org.uk/choice

Once you have completed your application and supplied any relevant documents to support this, you will be placed on the housing register and be told what housing band you have been placed into. You will then be able to start bidding for properties applicable to your banding on the Home-Link system. If you meet the criteria for a property and are shortlisted by the Registered Housing Provider you will be invited to view the property. For more information contact South Cambs District Council Housing Department <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/apply-for-housing/>

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

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 WW advice.

Please find below some links to helpful websites for more support:

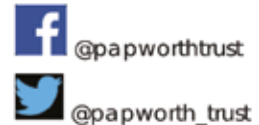
South Cambs District Council - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/>

Cost of living payments to low income households and disabled people

www.gov.uk/government/news/over-eight-million-households-to-get-new-cost-of-living-payment-from-14-july

Energy Bills Support Scheme

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/energy-bills-support-scheme-explainer#full-publication-update-history>



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Thu 8 Sep 2022	✓		
Thu 15 Sep 2022		✓	✓
Thu 22 Sep 2022	✓		
Thu 29 Sep 2022		✓	✓
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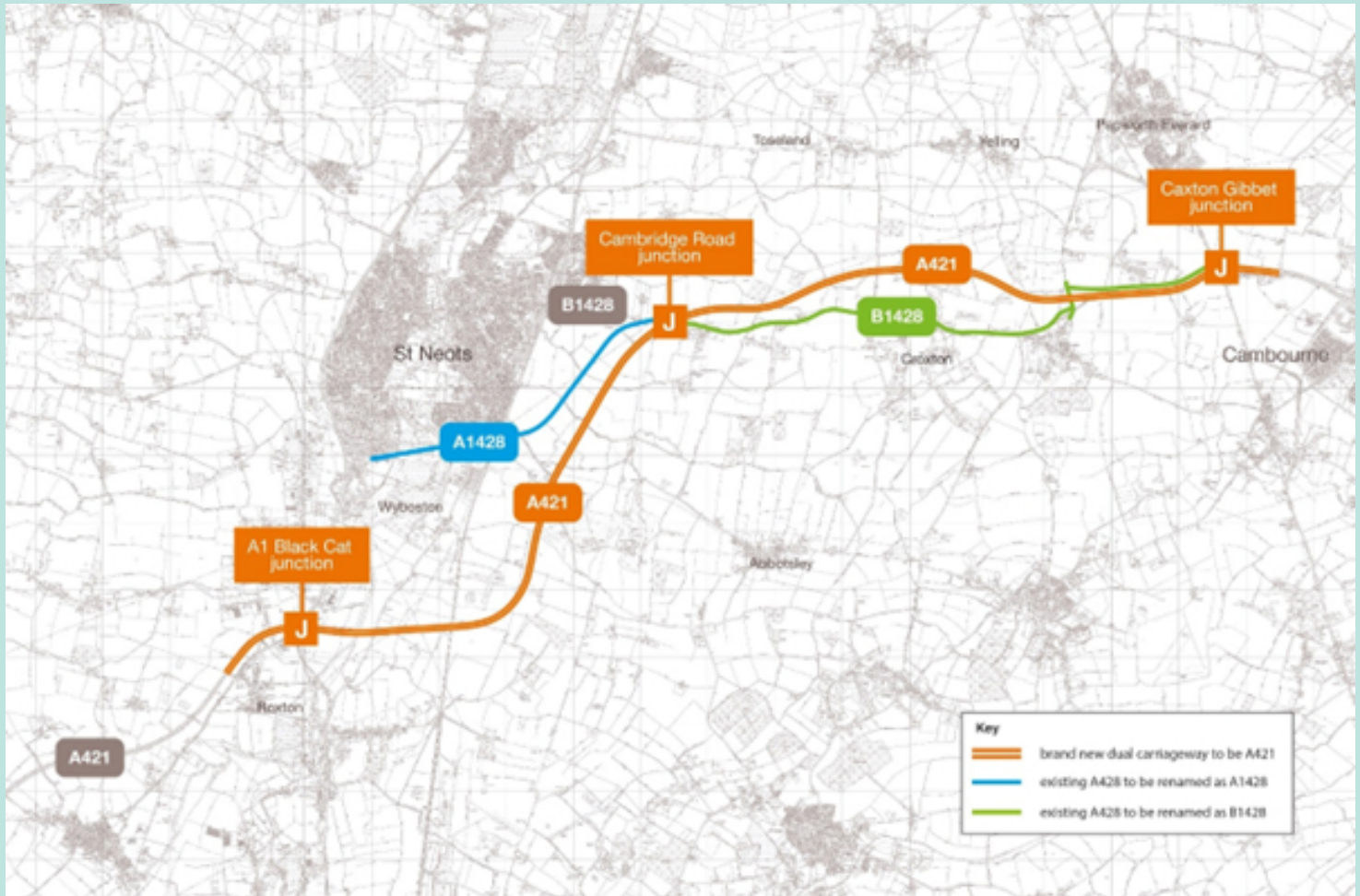
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PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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A428 BLACK CAT TO CAXTON UPGRADE

On 18 August 2022, the Secretary of State for Transport granted planning permission (a Development Consent Order) to transform the route between the A1 Black Cat junction and A428 Caxton Gibbet roundabout with a new 10-mile dual carriageway and numerous junction improvements.

This announcement is a major milestone, not only for National Highways, but also for the many local communities who have long campaigned for improvements, as well as stakeholders who National Highways have been working with for several years.

The Black Cat roundabout is a notoriously challenging junction for drivers, with many regularly experiencing congestion and delays, especially during rush hour.

The busy roundabout in Bedfordshire is an important link between the A1 and the A421, connecting the communities of Cambridge, Cambourne, St Neots, and Bedford. However, the new proposal, intends to transform the route.

The scheme is estimated to cost between £810 to £950 million and is aimed to improve journeys between Cambridge and Milton Keynes.

Both existing roundabouts will be upgraded to modern, free-flowing junctions with a new junction at Cambridge Road also improving access to St Neots town centre and train station.

The new road will fill in the missing link of dual carriageway on the strategic road network between Milton Keynes and Cambridge,

helping drivers save up to an hour-and-a-half on their journeys every week. Highways also say that the improvements will cut journey times by more than a third at peak times with around 25,300 vehicles traveling the section of road between Cambridge Road and Caxton Gibbet every day. Currently people who use the A428 regularly experience congestion and delays on this part of the route, especially in rush hour.

Construction is due to start at the end of this year, with the road opening in 2026.

If you travel the A428 you may have seen workers over the last few months conducting surveys and investigations to help prepare for construction. This work will continue until the end of the year before construction begins.

What's happening next?

There will be some online Q&A sessions and face-to-face public information events later this year. There will also be visits to venues around the local area and the mobile visitor centre will be out and about. These events will provide information about the improvements and allow any questions you may have to be answered. More details about the online and face-to-face events will be available soon.

To keep up to date with improvements and the work that National Highways are doing, you can check their website www.nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/a428-black-cat-to-caxton-gibbet or via social media: Facebook: www.facebook.com/A428BlackCat and Twitter @A428Cat.

Graffiti

In recent weeks there have been several instances of racist and derogatory graffiti reported at various locations in the village. The police are aware and will take any necessary action against anyone being found to have carried out the graffiti.

Graffiti of this type is classed as hate crime. If you see any instances of graffiti in the village they can be reported to the Police online www.report-it.org.uk or to the Parish Clerk.

constant challenges they have faced including food being left on the grass, toilet rolls being forced down into the portaloos causing blockages, piles of rubbish including glass bottles and cans being left behind, and dirty nappies left on the floors in the in toilet and on top of rubbish bins.

The paddling pool is a great asset to the village - if you have any ideas or suggestions to make it even better for next year, or of you'd be interested in being one of our Pool attendants, we'd love to hear from you !

Overhanging Hedges & Trees

I have once again been asked by Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways Department to remind householders that hedges and trees should not be allowed to encroach onto the public highway

After the hot summer we hopefully will have had some rain and bushes (in particular brambles) may be growing rapidly.

The owner or tenant/occupier of a property has a legal responsibility (Highways Act 1980 s154) to ensure that the 'public highway' adjacent to a property is not obstructed by vegetation from their property. The public highway is defined by law as consisting of any verge, footway, bridleway or footpath that is maintained at public expense and over which the public has right of way.

This can be a particular nuisance for wheelchair users and young children or those in pushchairs, when the branches can often be at head height.

Local Authorities have a legal duty to ensure that public highways are unobstructed, so will inspect roads periodically and often receive complaints from members of the general public regarding overhanging vegetation.

When Local Authorities become aware of such obstructions, they will usually advise the property owner or occupier of the problem. They may sometimes raise the issue with an owner/occupier even if the vegetation only overhangs the pavement/roadway by a small amount. Should the owner/occupier not take corrective action within a reasonable time (the Local Authority will normally specify a time limit for the work to be completed), the Local Authority can issue a formal notice for the work to be undertaken, and if that is ignored, they can do the work and charge the owner/occupier.

If your hedge is a bit unruly, and has branches overhanging the pavement, now is the perfect time of year to get those shears and hedge trimmers out and get trimming to help keep our pathways clear and unobstructed. If the growth forces people to move into the road to get around it, it definitely needs cutting back !

Village Hall Bookings

Are you thinking of holding a Christmas party, or have a celebration coming up ? Perhaps you're looking to start up a regular meeting or hobby group and need somewhere to hold it ?

The Village Hall is a great venue for all types of events from children's birthday parties, fitness classes and fashion shows to conferences, meetings and training courses.

There is also a Seminar Room on the first floor which is ideal for small committee style meetings, crafting groups or informal meetings.

If you are looking for a venue to hold your event, or perhaps your employer needs somewhere for an away-day or annual conference, training event, social gathering or regular off-site meetings, why not get in touch and see what we can offer?

Booking enquires can be made by completing the enquiry form on the Amenities and Village Hall page on the Parish Council website (<http://papwortheverardpc.org.uk/amenities/>) where you will also find the tariff of charges, or by emailing the Bookings Clerk, Clare Taylor (villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk).

A message can also be left by calling the Bookings Co-ordinator on 07841014414 or the Parish Office on 01480 830360.

Paddling Pool – Summer 2022

The paddling pool closes on Sunday 4th September after a very busy summer period.

We would like to thank Will Hoy, Fraser Botting, Rebecca Bownass and Karen Stephenson for all their work in keeping the pool clean and the water safe for everyone to enjoy. Thanks also go to Mark Honeywood for helping to prepare the pool and training the guys to use pumps and testing equipment and generally being on hand throughout the summer to help out when needed.

Maintaining the pool is not a small job, as the pool has to be vacuumed for around two hours a day and the water tested 4 times a day with both Ph and chlorine levels monitored and adjusted as necessary The pump filters have to be regularly flushed and cleaned and the play area kept tidy.

This year, the number of daily visits to check on the pool was increased to 5.

This has been necessary due to the dried grass and soil getting into the water and filters which can cause blockages and the pump to run dry and overheat if not cleared.

The pool attendants have done an excellent job ensuring the pool is safe and clean for our children to use. This is despite the

Papworth Everard Womens Institute



COMING UP:

Wednesday 21st September 2022

GRAHAM POTTER

speaking to our members on

'The Waterfowl Sanctuary'

We meet in the Studio at Pendrill Court (next to the library) 7.15 for 7.30pm. All ladies welcome over the age of 18.

Come along and enjoy an evening where you will be given a warm welcome by our very friendly members.

We look forward to seeing you.



Fancy a new challenge this autumn? Why not give your local choir a try? Sing Papworth starts rehearsals on Monday 12th September and would love to welcome some new faces.

We're a friendly community choir based in Papworth Everard, with members coming to us from Papworth and the surrounding villages. Led by musical director Jenni Pinnock we meet on Monday evenings 8-9.30pm (including a break - feel free to bring a flask of tea or coffee!) at Pendragon Community Primary School. All are welcome - whether you're a complete newcomer to singing or have sung in choirs before, you're welcome to come along and give us a whirl. Notation reading not necessary (many of our members don't read!) - just the willingness to come along and give it a go.

We sing a wide variety of repertoire, from classical to pop, folk songs to musicals. In this year's plan we have music including Phantom of the Opera and The Jungle Book, music from Bond movies and Rodgers and Hammerstein favourites alongside classical works by Eric Whitacre and Fauré. This year our aim is to hold two big concerts in January and June plus a summer picnic, alongside supporting other local events during the year such as Carols around the Christmas Tree.

Come along and try out your first session for free - after that subs are roughly £2.50 a week (payable termly). If you'd like more information send the choir an email at hello@singpapworth.co.uk !

PAPWORTH & ELSWORTH WI CHOIR

Below is the Papworth and Elsworth WI Choir who recently hosted a fund raising evening for the Ukraine. The evening was a great success along with audience participation, and raised the amazing sum of £700 which we have sent to 'Disasters Emergency Committee - Ukraine Appeal' We would like to thank everyone for their help and support for this wonderful achievement.

PAPWORTH WI - REPORT AUGUST 2022

Despite the heat we were determined to get our picnic in the park which had been cancelled twice due to bad weather conditions! So many ladies met in the park at 10am on Saturday morning under the shade of the trees in the park - the coolest many of us had been for days.

To make it extra special we all enjoyed delicious scones, jam and cream served by the Committee.



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Church Notices

St Peter's Church - September Services

Sunday 4th - 10.00 Team Zoom

Sunday 11th - 10.30 Holy Communion and Baptism

Sunday 18th - 10.30 Family Harvest Service

Sunday 25th - 10.30 Holy Communion

All Welcome to the Harvest Festival Service
10.30 on Sunday 17th September

All harvest gifts will be given to the local food bank.

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

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



LOYALTY - What do we mean?

It's a big issue in many quarters at the present time. Among politicians, loyalty seems often to require falling into line with the views of the party leader, however much it undermines personal convictions, experience and instinct.

For a long-suffering spouse who viewed marriage vows as serious and intended for life, loyalty can seem to mean putting up with whatever the other gets up to and paying a heavy price.

For many working in health and social care, education as well as other public and voluntary services, the demand for loyalty is made contractual in some instances – becoming hard to refuse because it touches on the goodwill and awareness of what they do means to their clients. When this happens the outcome may make some vulnerable to an array of unfair, even inappropriate, direct and indirect pressures whatever the cost to their own well-being.

If these were the only examples, so-called loyalty would deserve a bad press. There is good news!

For example, the vows exchanged in a Christian marriage service are built on the concept of loyalty; because they express promises to love, comfort, honour and protect, forsaking all others by entering a life-long covenant with each other. On this premise it seems natural for the exchange to be 'for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health ...' and at the same time for this to be a mutual and joint commitment. As such, the declaration of loyalty can't predict all the circumstances under which these shared vows and promises may be tested. Accordingly, it is best entered with resolution and eyes wide-open.

Where this helps is that it changes the questions we may ask ourselves and others in times of acute difficulty; becoming something like "is what I am asked to do, say or sign up to expressing the commitment made at the outset ...?" or "Does this threaten the underlying assumption for patience, forgiveness, perseverance involved in pursuing the vision and goals of what we set out to do?"

The Christian tradition has a strong track-record in commending proper and healthy loyalty; it is neither blind or in denial to what happens nor lacking in the commitment to find reconciliation and renewal to the original blue-print. Whether or not the church today – local, national or global - is always a good articulation of true loyalty should remind all the best expression is found in God and modelled by Jesus; whom all are invited to follow and emulate. Speaking personally, I believe we got it wrong when we locked the doors of church-buildings in March 2020, in subservience to the government and our bishops. The sense of shock suffered by many impaired our judgement and locked us into a form of loyalty that fell far short of what Jesus would have done. When many wanted to pray, the message we gave was 'Anywhere but not in church and certainly not in groups of 2 or 3 outside your home.' I apologise for our weak compliance. We need to do better next time.

Nigel di Castiglione
Team Rector



Hilton Methodist Church

September 4th 10:00am

Mr. D. Moorman

September 11th 11:15am

United Service at the Parish
Church, Harvest Festival, led
by Rev Sue Baker-Maher

September 18th 10:00am

Mrs. P. Zahner

September 25th 10:00am

Ms. V. Almond

**Tea and coffee will be served
in the schoolroom after the
services.**

News from Papworth Library

Our 99 sign-ups for this year's Summer Reading Challenge are surging along with their reading, helped by our much-valued volunteers Stewart and Ahana who are talking to them in the library about the books and materials they've read or listened to. Hoping that by the time you read this we'll have reached 100! Cllr Mark Howell will be awarding medals to our finishers in the library on Thursday 15 September at 3.45pm.

As well as the buzz of children discussing their reading finds the library hosted Summer Reading Challenge activities in August including a craft session where children created varied and decorative Rainbow Fish, and a Robotics with micro:bit session led by Drs Sujit and Shrobona Bhattacharya which had children whizzing tiny robot vehicles up and down the library desk.

We've also got Jessie the Book Bike visiting the library to mark this Platinum Jubilee year; children are very welcome to dress up in regal robes and crowns, wield a sceptre and command their realm from Jessie's saddle - perfect for a photo op. We have colouring and craft materials here too for visitors to make their own crowns to take away.

Our Engage talks start up again in September, with Jess Johnson, Cambridgeshire Local Heritage Lists Project Officer, speaking in the library on 'Your Local Heritage' on Thursday 8 September 10am – 11.30am. She will give an update on this key project, and share tips on how to identify and research historic buildings. Refreshments will be available and we're suggesting a donation of £1.

The Library Presents will also start up again in the autumn, bringing accessible arts events to local residents. We're proud to announce three events for Papworth – Dreamless Days with award-winning Celtic band The Meadows on Friday 7 October, 7.30pm (90 minutes + interval, all ages, tickets £4 - £8). In November we have an Art Workshop: Something for Everyone led by artist Jude Devoil, showing how to use different techniques to create art works on Saturday 12 November from 2.30pm (2 hours, suitable for families with children 8+, £3-£6). In December, we have Earwig, a play offered by Time & Again Theatre on deaf woman Marigold's research into beetles in 1927 against a backdrop of flappers, jazz & an overbearing husband. To book tickets and access the whole programme visit www.library.live/the-library-presents, or we can book places for people in the library.

Keith (Blondy) Easter



This is to let any one who knew and loved Kieth Easter that he passed away in the evening of Sunday the 28th of August may he rest in peace the funeral Arrangements will also be posted if any one would like to attend.



PAPWORTH LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

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www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries

And lastly, a reminder that we're hosting Scott Twinn, Community Connections South Employment Advisor, on 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, tel 0345 045 5225, and email: your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Papworth Library Engage Talk

Thursday 8th Sept 10am – 11.30am

Cambridgeshire Local Heritage

Jess Johnston, Cambridgeshire Local Heritage Lists project Officer, will talk about how buildings and architecture in Cambridgeshire have evolved through time and will share tips on how to identify and research historic buildings. She will also talk about the Cambridgeshire Local Heritage List project.

For a hard copy of this brochure please email library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Refreshments available Suggested Donation £1





Tree Warden Report

David Potter treewarden@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

When does Summer end and Autumn begin? What do the trees think? From the crunch of leaves under foot and the fiery foliage adorning the trees we might think autumn has come early. Experts say the heatwave and drought has pushed trees into survival mode, with leaves dropping off or changing colour

as a result of stress. Some trees might even end up dying as a result.

Established trees can withstand drought through their extensive network of roots, but younger specimens, such as those planted on poor soil and at the edge of roads could wither and die.

Whilst most trees will happily recover when the rains eventually return, for some there's a point when a tree can't replenish the water lost through the pores in its leaves and they will literally dry up.

In the conditions we have experienced this year, trees may react by producing more seeds, for example acorns, in an attempt to reproduce and so survive into the future.

One marker of the possible shift in the seasons is the earlier appearance and ripening of berries and nuts on plants and hedgerows. The Woodland Trust, which records seasonal changes, has received its earliest ever report of ripe blackberries – from 28 June. Such changes can have a disastrous impact on the wildlife that feed on them.

So my Tree Alphabet has moved on to 'D' and I have chosen 'Deciduous'. In horticulture and botany, deciduous means 'falling off in maturity' in reference to trees and shrubs that seasonally shed their leaves. Such trees include oaks, sycamores, maples and beech trees. Before the leaf fall in the autumn, their green colour of summer changes to various shades of yellow, orange and red as the leaf's chemical composition responds to shortening daylight and cooler temperatures.

The colour palette of autumn can be a glorious sight for us all to enjoy. And, of course, the dry leaves that fall on the forest floor or in the street can be enjoyed for the patterns we see, and the sound they make as we kick them in the air.

There are so many poems that take up the theme of 'autumn'. Here is a complete poem by T.E. Hulme (1883-1917) entitled

'Autumn'

'A touch of cold in the Autumn night –
I walked abroad,
And saw the ruddy moon lean over a hedge
Like a red-faced farmer.
I did not stop to speak, but nodded,
And round about were the wistful stars
With white faces like town children.'

By the way, the Woodland Trust have started selling their woodland and wildlife themed Christmas cards.

Have a look at their website – www.woodlandtrust.org.uk



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Anyone for Charades?

On the 9th August we had a great time acting out some charades from a few categories: actions, occupations, and films. We also had a welcome visit in the morning from lay preacher David Potter and his wife, Anne. David gave

some Bible readings and we sang some Hymns accompanied by Anne on the piano.

On the 16th of August we had a "word wheel" type game: make as many words as you can from the letters in "Summer Holiday". Lunch was a tasty Chicken Pasta Bake.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to another welcome visit from Val Empson who plays songs on the electric piano for the Day Centre to sing along to.

The aim of the Day Centre is to provide a social event and a meal for elderly, isolated clients; in addition a day off for their carer, if applicable. There are no minimum age or ability requirements.

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.

We have received support from the
 Cambridgeshire
Community
Foundation



Friends of Pendragon Primary School

And... We're back to school! For some that Summer went by too quick and others it might not have been quick enough.

Friends of Pendragon are excited to be starting a new school year, ready to hit the ground running with some exciting fundraising events.

We finished the last school year with our fantastic Summer Fete and we were amazed to receive such support from our wonderful village! Thank you!

But who are Friends of Pendragon? We are a PTFA that is a registered charity focused on raising essential funds for the school to help enrich the lives of the students at Pendragon Primary! Sometimes this means finding ice lollies for sports day, but it can also mean funding the Athletics subscription for the school.

We are comprised of a formal committee but also volunteers (our wonderful Helping Hands) who come along to support the running of our events. We also can forget the stupendous supporters that help make our fundraising possible- the parents and residents of this village!

We are always seeking new members, whether you want to join our formal committee or are just happy to help for an hour at a future event. Every little helps!

This year is especially exciting as we welcome Mrs Samuels to the school as the new Head Teacher! Friends of Pendragon likes to work closely with the leadership team and staff at the school, so we are looking forward to working with Mrs Samuels who already connected with us at the end of last year.

We hope we can continue to return to normal with our events - giving the pupils of Pendragon and residents in the village opportunities relax and enjoy. We know a lot of students have been asking about discos and even Christmas events! Please follow our Facebook page to stay updated throughout the year.

Our first meeting will be held in the week beginning 26th of September so please keep an eye out for confirmation .

If you have any fundraising ideas and would like volunteer with Friends of Pendragon then please contact us at friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk

Varrier Jones Social Club

At our meeting on 5th August we were to have been entertained by Banjo Player Sean Moyes, but just to remind us that Covid has not gone away, he had to cancel his visit when he had tested positive the day before. We hope to be able to rebook once he has recovered.

Luckily we were able to call on our great friend Peter Day, who very kindly stepped in at short notice and delighted us with more music from his extensive repertoire. This time music from the 50's and 60's in the main covered by Elvis Presley. Peter reminded everyone that it had been 45 years since Elvis had died on 16th August 1977. This is another one of those dates when everyone can remember what they were doing when they heard the news.

Our next meeting is to be a Harvest Lunch, to be held on Friday 2nd September in The Studio, Pendrill Court, Papworth. 12.30. for 1.00.p.m. and we will also be joined by vocalist Billy Green. New members welcome. After an initial £5 membership there is a monthly charge of £3 per member and £4 for visitors. Anyone wanting further information should contact Audrey Reid on 01480 831053 or Eddie Tomkinson on 01480 839230 and watch out for our posters around Posters.

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The Papworth Craft Group is a Community Project, hosted by the Papworth Library. Combine a visit to the library to choose and return books with time at the Papworth Craft Group. There is no obligation to attend the twice monthly meetings, or to stay for the full two hours. Pop by for a chat, bring a friend or your child - it is all entirely up to you! Looking forward to meeting you very soon. Have a healthy and happy September!

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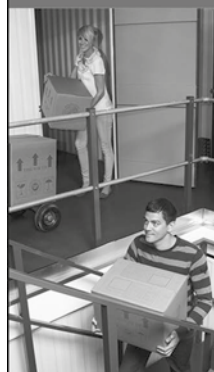
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District Councillor's Monthly Report – September 2022

Cost of Living Support

South Cambs District Council is not yet seeing significant impacts as a result of the increased cost of living. However, this is expected to change from September and October onward when gas and electricity prices rise again. In anticipation of this, a motion will be put to the next full council meeting, declaring a "Cost of Living Emergency" and announcing steps the council will be taking to help residents. If it becomes necessary, SCDC will work with partner agencies to provide hot food and warm spaces to those in need. SCDC has website content which signposts residents to support already available, such as with energy bills. Find this information here: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/warm-homes-and-energy-efficiency-advice/>.

The next edition of the free South Cambridgeshire magazine will include similar information.

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The Secretary of State for Transport has signed the Development Consent Order (DCO) to allow work on the new dual carriageway between the Black Cat and Caxton Gibbet roundabouts to begin before the end of this year. The Highways Agency will be holding a series of open days in the autumn to explain the plans in detail.

East West Rail

DLUHC (Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) has written to all councils, informing them that no major policy decisions will be made until the new Prime Minister is in post. This affects the decision whether to continue with the construction of the East West Rail (EWR) line. Although the current Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps, has gone on record as saying he thinks the project should be cancelled, he also says that the final decision rests with the new PM.

Before that, local council and business leaders wrote to the Transport Secretary and Chancellor, asking for clarity on the future of the project. Bridget Smith signed both letters on behalf of South Cambs District Council. Cllr Smith clarifies that it supports the principle of a rail link and station serving Cambourne, because it is only by providing really good quality public transport that we enable all people to travel easily to work. However, she is reserving judgment on the final route alignment and location of the station because we have grave concerns about the environmental impact of the whole scheme and especially the impact on villages close to a new station and along the route.

Aircraft Noise

Bridget Smith also met with the Head of Flight Operations for Luton Airport as a result of receiving lots of complaints from residents in the west of the region about aircraft noise. Bridget asked what had changed recently and was told nothing had changed since the modified stacking area and flight paths were implemented on 24th Feb 2022. The airport often sees an increase in complaints in the summer when flight numbers increase, and people are in their gardens more.

In February 2023, there will be a Post Implementation Review when Luton will submit all of the complaints it has received and other data to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). If they are not deemed to have stuck to the terms of the agreement, the CAA may tell them to make changes.

If the CAA think that the agreement was wrong in light of the data and the complaints, they can tell Luton to find an alternative and reconsult, or may even determine what the new agreement should be.

Luton will be publishing regular newsletters which you can register for or you will be sent if you have submitted a complaint. In the meantime, residents should continue to email concerns directly to noise.enquiries@LTN.aero or submit them online at <https://www.london-luton.co.uk/corporate/community/noise/making-a-noise-complaint>. If anyone has evidence of aircraft flying lower than 7000ft, that information should also be submitted to Luton.

Cambridge Congestion Charge

Towards the end of August, the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is planning to announce proposals for a congestion charge for the city of Cambridge, starting in 2025. (The Greater Cambridge Partnership is the local delivery body for the "City Deal" with central Government and has oversight of strategic planning. It includes representation of three councils – South Cambs, the City and the County – as well as Cambridge University.)

The assumption of the proposal is that the volume of traffic in the city will become unsustainable within a few years unless action is taken. A Citizen's Assembly was convened and identified charging as the best option. The revenue from the charge will be used to fund more frequent bus services across the area with heavily subsidised fares of £1 or £2 per trip. Initially the charge will only be levied during the morning rush hour, although it will be extended to the middle of the day in 2027. There is no proposal to levy charges in the evening or on weekends, or (at present) during the evening rush hour.

The intention is that Park and Ride sites (current and future) will be outside the charging zone. Exemptions for key workers and essential vehicles are also proposed. The boundaries of the zone will be published as part of the proposals.

Planning Compliance

As part of the wider review of the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service, the part of the service relating to ensuring compliance with planning controls has been reviewed. This review is particularly required because of the rise in the number of complaints received, and the need to respond efficiently and effectively whilst keeping informed those who are involved. SCDC's strategy is to promote a proactive approach in responding to breaches of planning regulations with appropriate interventions. In the last six months, work has been undertaken to examine existing processes, to streamline them, adopt new IT systems to aid reporting, and to improve the information available.

All the information on compliance with planning regulations has now been updated and consolidated onto one page within the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service website (<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/>), with links available from the Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils websites. There is written guidance on what is (and what is not) a breach of planning control, as experience is that many do not understand that some building works are able to take place without the need for planning permission. Where it appears that there is a breach of planning control, complaints can now be submitted using an e-form, with supporting documents and/or photographs to help the compliance team with their investigations.



PAPWORTH TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY

Sunday 4th September 2022



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The new courts, which were laid earlier this year, have proved very popular among club members with many players enjoying using them in our regular club sessions, league matches and tournaments, as well as non-members booking their own sessions through the booking facility on the new Clubspark website launched this year.

The annual Open Day takes place on Sunday 4th September (full story and photos will appear in the October issue) and we look forward to seeing some of our new members joining our floodlit club nights as we move into the autumn and winter.

For coaching enquiries please contact Diane Cobb (cobb955@btinternet.com) or John Garland (jj.garland@btinternet.com).

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