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SMALL ELECTRICALS - RECYCLING



Recycling small electricals like toasters, phones and hairdryers is now easier for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire residents, after local councils installed more drop-off points.

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service, a partnership between Cambridge City

Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, has placed eight new collection banks for small electrical items at recycling points around the two areas, with more locations planned. One of these locations is at the recycling point in the Car Park at Cambourne opposite Home Bargains.

Small old electrical items are one of the fastest growing waste streams in the UK. According to the Recycle Your Electricals campaign, the number of old cables alone that remain in UK households (140 million) is enough to circle the Earth more than five times. In the Greater Cambridge area, figures from the RECAP waste partnership show that an average of 450 tonnes of small electrical equipment is disposed of in black bins every year, ending up in landfill where it will never break down and harms the environment.

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste is joining the national Recycle Your Electricals Campaign to stop as many old small electrical items as possible from cluttering our homes or worse, going into kerbside bins where they end up in landfill.

The unwanted small appliances will be sorted for re-use and recycling by specialist company. Items that are undamaged, uncontaminated and repairable may be suitable for re-use within the UK. The refurbished small appliances can be comprehensively tested to ensure that they are safe and functional. Items that are unsuitable for re-use will get dismantled into component parts. Many of those components are also suitable for re-use. For example, screens from broken monitors or power units from laptops. Items that fail the re-use screening are sent to local and national specialist operators who will recycle those items into new substances or products.

What kind of small electrical items can I recycle?

Anything up to 29cm in its largest dimension, which has a plug, battery or cable. If batteries are removeable, take these out and recycle them separately.

Some examples of suitable items include:

- Kettles, toasters, sandwich toasters, stick blenders
- Games consoles, DVD players
- Hand-held vacuum cleaners
- Electric toothbrushes
- Mobile phones, tablets and smart devices
- Cables and headphones
- Printers and scanners
- Laptops, keyboards and IT accessories

Please note that smoke detectors, light bulbs, e-cigarettes, batteries, paints, chemicals or aerosols are not accepted in these banks.

Find out more about how to re-use, repair and recycle your electricals at www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk

Where are the new pink recycling banks for small electricals?

CAMBOURNE Morrisons car park

BAR HILL Tesco car park

CAMBRIDGE Gwydir Street car park, Lammas Land car park, Abbey Pool car park, Chesterton Road public toilets car park

MELBOURN Village car park, High Street

FULBOURN Tesco car park

COULD YOU BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR ?

This month we say goodbye to Jane Coutts who has stepped down from the Parish Council. We would like to thank Jane for her contribution to the Parish Council over the past year.

The Parish Council currently has several vacancies to be filled by co-option, to bring us up to the full complement of 13.

If you have a real interest in the village or are new to the village and want to get more involved why not call for a chat 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 or working groups (Amenities and Playing Fields, Village Hall, Planning) and will be able to get involved in 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 www.papwortheverardpc.org.uk

If you think you have what it takes to make a difference, have any questions or would like an informal discussion with the Clerk or an existing Councillor about what the role entails, we'd love to hear from you.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

In recent months there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour in the village.

In order for the police to be able to take any action or to increase patrols in the village, any instances of anti-social behaviour must be reported to them to enable them to build up a picture of the times/days of the week and locations that the incidents are occurring.

Antisocial behaviour is defined as 'behaviour by a person which causes, or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to persons not of the same household as the person'

Reports can be made by calling 101 (or 999 if urgent assistance is required or there is an immediate danger) to or online at www.cambs.police.uk



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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 advice.

Energy Saving Hints & Tips

The Energy Saving Trust have produced some helpful hints and tips to help reduce energy bills in your home.

Switch Off Standby

You can save around £55 a year just by remembering to switch your appliances off standby. You may want to think about getting standby saver or smart plug which allows you to turn all of your appliances off standby in one go.

PAPWORTH CRAFT GROUP

MEETINGS EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS
OF THE MONTH

10:30 - 12:30 AT PAPWORTH LIBRARY

Access to the library on Saturdays is by the rear door adjacent to the Studio

September was a very sad month. The Queen died at Balmoral on 8 September and on most of the television channels, right up until the funeral itself, were programmes about the Queen, documenting her long life and her seven decades as Queen. Her funeral on 19 September was watched by an estimated 4 billion worldwide! It still feels strange that we have a King! Comfort can be found in crafting, so without a doubt many people found gentle pursuits such as knitting, crochet and cross stitch softened the edges of a very difficult time.

September brought new members to the Papworth Craft Group - fabulous. One of the newcomers, who has been making lace for about thirty years, brought all her lace making materials with her to the second session in September. There were so many bobbins to keep track of, the emerging lace pinned at critical points, but the process is mesmerising! It is amazing that such fine thread, all on the numerous bobbins, begins to reveal itself as the bobbins are passed to and fro, either 'cross' or 'twist' to use the correct terms. Our new member had brought two lace angels to show as examples of what can be made. At the first meeting in October, our new lace making member is going to show a couple of us how to start off making lace and to give us the opportunity of having a go ourselves. Absolutely terrifying, as lace making is totally out of our comfort zones, but so exciting too! Perhaps we shall be so smitten that we shall wish to take it further?

Another new member has just moved to Papworth from Scotland. Her main interest is making stained glass making. Definitely a first in the group. Unfortunately, it is not possible to do that at the group sessions, but hopefully she will bring in some of the work she has done. During the Saturday sessions, our stained glass expert is crocheting for now.

September brought three little ladies to the group with their mum, because they want to learn to crochet. We were so thrilled by this, having tried to encourage anyone to come and learn one of the

Turn Off Lights

Turn your lights off when you're not using them or when you leave a room. This will save you around £20 a year on your annual energy bills. Switching lightbulbs from incandescent or halogen bulbs to LEDs can save you even more money.

Careful With Your Washing

By using a 30 degree cycle or reducing your washing by one load a week could save you around £28 a year from your energy bill.

Avoid The Tumble Dryer

Dry clothes outside where possible or on a clothes airer inside (make sure your rooms are well ventilated) to save up to £60 a year.

Be Savvy In The Kitchen

Kettles are one of the most used appliances in the kitchen. Avoid overfilling the kettle and save yourself £11 a year on your electricity bill. Always cover your pans when you are cooking, they heat up quicker and need less energy to continue to boil. Around 4% of your energy bill is spent on powering kitchen appliances including the hob, oven, kettle and microwave.

Washing machines, dishwashers and tumble dryers account for 14% of a typical energy bill. Fridges and freezers also account for around 13% of the average household's energy bill. By their very nature these appliances need to stay on all the time, so they continually draw power to maintain a constant temperature.

Consumer electrics, such as laptops, TV's and game consoles account for around 6% of your energy bill and lighting takes up around 5% of an average home's total energy bill.

For more energy saving advice go to Energy Saving Trust www.energysavingtrust.org.uk



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crafts that we do - mainly crochet, knitting and cross stitch.

The girls come for about half an hour and they are beginning to grasp the basics. For their second session there was only one of us trying to help them, plus their mum, who is learning to crochet as well. If you think you know someone, of any age, who might like to learn to crochet, knit or cross stitch, gently encourage them to pop in and have a go.

Many people are going to find the winter months challenging, especially those with little themselves, for example refugees and families, who will be finding it difficult to afford the basics. Our yarn stash is in a very healthy state, all donated, for us to make items that are needed. In the past, we have appealed for squares, that have then been joined together to make blankets. Hats and scarves are in demand for the winter months. If you would like to take a little time to make either or both and you need some yarn, contact Rosalind Parnell at parnellrh@aol.com.

A reminder: Papworth Library hosts the Papworth Craft Group twice a month. Rural libraries need our support, as they are constantly under threat of closure. It is a privilege to have a library in the middle of our community. Use it! Encourage your children to browse the books and choose some to borrow. There are newspapers at the library and various events take place there too. Go online to find out what is going on in our library, or pop in and see for yourselves. Footfall is everything. By coming to the Papworth Craft Group, you are contributing to the footfall. Combine popping in for a session with changing or choosing your library books. (If you do not have a library card, this is easily remedied by asking the librarian). All are welcome at the Papworth Craft Group!

Enjoy the autumn weather this October.

Stay well, stay safe.

theWI Papworth Everard INSPIRING WOMEN Womens Institute

'Our sincere condolences to the Royal Family on this unbelievably sad occasion.

Our Queen who worked relentlessly and served our nation to the very end - with constancy, dignity and strength - thank you from us all at Papworth Everard WI.

Rest In Peace your Majesty - you will remain in our thoughts always.'

SEPTEMBER 2022

Following our break in August, many ladies gathered to enjoy a super lunch at The Duchess in Fenstanton earlier this month.

At our September meeting, being held on 21st September, we have invited Graham Potter along to give a talk and presentation on the Waterfowl Sanctuary which we are sure will be a most interesting evening.

We will be holding a 'Platinum Vintage Tea' to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II for our members and members of surrounding WIs on Thursday, September 29th at The Studio from 2 – 4 pm.

All ladies, over the age of 18 are very welcome to come along to our meetings which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.15 for 7.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you.



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Church Notices

St Peter's Church - October Services

Sunday 2nd - 10.00am – Team Zoom Service

Sunday 9th - 10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 16th – 10.30am – Harvest Service
(Rescheduled from last month)

Sunday 23rd – 10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 30th – 10.00am – Team Service at Yelling Church

The website papworthteamchurches.org has up to date service information for St Peter's Church and other churches in the team. It also has the Zoom link for the monthly Team Service and Bible Study and Morning Prayer.

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



Help!

I like to have a clear idea of the route before setting out on a journey. I may get a sense of the anticipated journey time from my phone AND like to see if the route makes sense; so I look at the road map under the seat in the car also! Of course, neither the phone nor the map can anticipate traffic jams and accidents on the road. My son tells me to chill and has very little sense of geography when making a journey because he can trust the maps app on his phone! Annoyingly he is right usually, and my cautious instincts proved wrong!

There are many things we can't control. Far more than we often realise or remember. A year ago, none of us thought we would have a new Prime Minister, that war in Ukraine would have broken out, inflation rocketed and fuel bills soaring to eye-watering levels. The weather conditions accelerated the harvest; now (writing in early September) there is a desperate need for rain so that the next crops can be sown.

The COVID lockdowns could have taught us to be less reliant on our own plans, making us much more flexible and reactive to what the journey of life throws at us. The sense I get is 2020/2021 was for many a time of deep trauma and some are left looking for more certainty rather than feeling better equipped for uncertainty. Whether we are anxiety-ridden or rolling with the punches may be a matter of temperament, how we are wired, the environment we knew earlier in life; which – for some of us – seem yet more things we can't do much about!

Through the good efforts of those who have campaigned hard for a better care and appreciation of the environment, we have become more accustomed to using 'Bags for Life' rather than relying on single-use items that litter our streets and demand landfill sites. This may be a good time to ask ourselves if we have a "Faith for Life"?

I find the Bible speaks into these issues (and much more!). We can't expect to be isolated from challenges and dilemmas; bad things keep on happening to good people. It wouldn't be like that if I had my way! But there is good news: we can know the presence and peace of God in the tough times, to uphold us as we go through the many ups and downs. He remains the God of miracles.

Over the next few weeks there will be services and suppers in keeping with the season; to give thanks for God's provision and to celebrate in community for work done. Whether we are full of faith or quaking in our boots, these can be helpful meeting places; that reawaken our recognition of God and our dependency on him. Join us if you can. Look out also for opportunities to give something to help others in great need and who depend on our generosity as a feature of God's bounty to them.

Nigel di Castiglione
Team Rector



Hilton Methodist Church

October 2nd . 10:00am

Local Arrangements

October 9th. 11:15am

Harvest Festival led by
Rev. Sue Baker-Maher

October 16th 10:00am

Mr J. Green

October 23rd 10:00am

Rev P. Siddall
Holy Communion

October 30th 10:00am

Mr D. Moorman

All are Welcome

Tea and Coffee will be served in the schoolroom after the services

Minister: Rev. Sue Baker-Maher

Telephone 01480 473444

News from Papworth Library

Many congratulations to all our finishers of this year's Summer Reading Challenge. We marked their achievement with an event in the library on 15 September, with many thanks to Cllr Mark Howell who presented children with their certificates and medals on the day. Not to worry though if you weren't able to attend - just come along to the library, and we'll be able to give you your awards.

We still have Jessie the Book Bike visiting the library to mark the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II. As we commemorate her reign and begin that of King Charles III, there is still time for children to visit Jessie, to balance on the bike, try on robes and crowns and brandish the sceptre we've been lent.

Do come along to a free session we're offering on October 4 from 10.30am in the library if you would like to enhance your digital skills and make the most of the online world. Join one of our Digital Buddies who will be taking all-comers through a demonstration of LearnMyWay, free online courses to help you develop these skills and explore the worlds they can open up for you. This session is part of our celebration of Libraries Week over 3-9 October, which is on the theme of Lifelong Learning. You'd be very welcome to take part, and ask about the whole range of learning opportunities available to you through your library including how-to books, online courses, free-to-access research websites and in-person activities.

As the days start to shorten, maybe it would be time to snatch a few moments with a good book - perhaps a poetry book? National Poetry Day is on Thursday 6 October and while Papworth Library isn't bursting with poetry we do have some, for the very young and for the all-grown-up. Come along to have a look at our little selection and see if it whets your reading appetite. Sometimes a few lines of poetry can express feelings in a very satisfying way.

At the time of writing The Library Presents events are also about to start for the autumn; first up is 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.



Flowers at Sandringham - Linda Johnson



Cambridgeshire
County Council

PAPWORTH LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

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**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

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Web renewals:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries

To let you know too that we're on the look-out for any volunteers who might like to join Nicola in offering our Rhymetimes (singing and nursery rhyme sessions for 0-4s) here at Papworth. If you'd be interested then do enquire further in the library.

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




I'm Going
TRICK OR EAT
MEAL EXCHANGE
ing this year!

Tuesday 1st November

After an absence of a couple of years due to Covid, this year the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts of Papworth will once again be knocking on your door.

But we don't want your sweets, we are asking for donations of food items that we can re-distribute to those in need.

In the current climate, there are even more people who are reliant on the support of the foodbank

Please can you look in your cupboards and dig out those items you can perhaps do without ready for our visit.

We will be distributing leaflets with more details and times soon.

So as not to offend those who prefer to be left alone. If you want us to call please put the leaflet in your door / window so we know you are happy for us to knock.

If you don't want us to disturb you but would still like to support us, please leave any items in a bag or box on your doorstep.

To prevent confusion, this year we will collect the day after Halloween on Tuesday 1st November



Tree Warden Report

David Potter treewarden@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

We look back on the sad events of last month and reflect on the many years of service given by the late Queen. She would have planted so many trees during her reign and it is good to know that one of these, a fine beech tree, was planted by the Queen in the grounds of Papworth Hall. Planting a tree is a sign of hope, because it will grow and flourish

beyond our lifetime, and a sign of love, because it gives beauty and diversity to the environment around it. The late Queen brought hope and love to the many people she met in those long years of her reign and we mourn her passing.

In my tree alphabet, E is for evergreen. In botany, an evergreen is a plant which has foliage that remains green and functional through more than one growing season. This contrasts with deciduous plants, which completely lose their foliage during the winter or dry season.

There are many kinds of evergreen plants, including most types of conifer – Scots Pine, Cedar, Cypress, Spruce, Yew and other trees such as Juniper and Holly. They can be elegant and statuesque; a carefully planned feature in the landscape and graceful when seen alongside important buildings. Cedars of Lebanon, for example, became popular in the eighteenth century and became a feature in many of the landscapes designed by Capability Brown.

There are good examples of evergreen trees to be seen in the parkland setting of Papworth Hall. There is also a fine Yew tree in St Peter's churchyard.

Conifers play a special role in supporting wildlife in winter by

providing a much needed source of food. Needles, twigs, bark and seeds contained in the cones provide nourishment for birds and animals.

There was once a very large and ancient yew tree outside the church in Selborne, West Sussex, where the famous naturalist Revd. Gilbert White (1720-1793) held the living and who wrote an influential study about the natural history of his parish. In 1778 he described the yew tree:

'In the churchyard of this village is a yew tree whose aspect bespeaks it to be of great age: it seems to have seen several centuries, and is probably coeval with the church, and therefore may be deemed an antiquity: the body is squat, short and thick, and measures twenty-three feet in girth, supporting an head of suitable extent to its bulk.'

Sadly, the yew tree was brought crashing to the ground in the storms of January 1990. Despite many efforts, it was not possible to save the tree but cuttings taken from the base of the tree proved successful and a new sapling is now thriving close to the original position of the ancient tree.

So take the opportunity to enjoy the many different evergreen trees that grow in the village. Enjoy their different shapes and the many different shades of green. Look for the cones along their branches, some that perch along the top of the branch and some that hang down. Look for the seeds held in the closed cones. And remember, every part of the yew tree is poisonous!

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.



Lunch time at the Day Centre

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.



For a limited time we are offering a trial day for £5 (normal price is £13).

The general format of the Day Centre starts with a welcome cup of tea or coffee followed by knitting, crafts, dominoes, scrabble in the morning with lots of chatting. The highlight of the day is lunch time: always a treat. In the afternoon we enjoy a raffle, followed by quizzes, games, bingo, charades, and much more. We end the day with another cup of tea or coffee, and a brief sing song before home time.



Albert Churchouse representing the ambulance service in St Neots at the Kings proclamation



Pendragon Primary School



Firstly, I would like to thank all the children, staff and families who have welcomed me at Pendragon and have helped me settle into my new role in the first few weeks. Although as a school community we were saddened by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, the children were able to share memories, poems and drawings during a celebration assembly of her life. Our new starters in reception have made a great start to their primary education and now in for full days.

We have been delighted to be able to share our recent GOOD Ofsted report with our school community. The final document will be published on the Ofsted website by the end of September. Below is a message from our Chair of Governors, Babs Nichols.

1st Papworth Scout Group



The Scout Group is back after the summer holidays, although it wasn't a complete break.

At the beginning of the summer, we held our family fun day where over we had over adults & children taking part in challenges around the village before finishing at the school for a drink and hot dog.

The scouts also had a 4-day camp at the Screens Park camp site. After a few years gap because of Covid, it was nice to get back in tents. The scouts were able to try a high ropes course, bus cave and wheelchair obstacle course to name a few of the activities.



All sections are now back meeting and fully subscribed.

The Beavers started the term with an initial welcome meeting, and after a break for the funeral have cycling, den building and a litter picking session all in the plan for the next few weeks.

The Cubs have started with a money skills evening and a night hike, with a night of

science and paper engineering all planned.

Finally, the Scouts started the term with a game of quidditch and a session on emergency first aid in preparation for an incident hike later in the month.

As we now get back to normality after a few years of restrictions we are looking forward to getting out into the community as we

It gives me great pleasure to finally be able to share with you the outcome of the recent OFSTED inspection, which was thorough, challenging and a true representation of what we know to be true. The school continues to be GOOD, despite all the changes and challenges that have been thrust upon the staff and children since the last inspection, and with expectations higher than ever before.

The two-day inspection, conducted by 3 Inspectors, included observing lessons, talking to staff, pupils, parents and governors as well as looking at lesson plans, pupils' books, the parents survey and other documentation and reports prepared by the school. The inspectors then made judgments stating what the school is doing well and any areas the school should focus on to make Pendragon even better. Whilst the governors were confident that the school, under the leadership of Miss Shaw, was doing well in what has been a difficult few years, we were all delighted that the inspector's verbal feedback to leaders, governors and the members of the local authority was so positive.

Lots of good work has been achieved and OFSTED recognise this. I would like to thank all the staff at the school, no matter what role, for their 'can do' and willing attitude to educate our children with such passion and enthusiasm – they really do make a difference to the children's' lives. Also a thank you to all the unsung heroes that volunteer their time for the children – governors, volunteer readers, adult helpers and of course the Friends of the school. You all work tirelessly and selflessly for the extra opportunities for children that would otherwise be unaffordable or not even possible. The school is now on a very stable platform on which new and exciting plans are being developed.

The Governing Body worked hard to recruit the right person to take over leadership of Pendragon, and were fortunate to appoint Mrs Emily Samuels who commenced as Headteacher at the start of the new Term. Mrs Samuels was present at the OFSTED feed-back sessions and has, with the benefit of a comprehensive handover from Miss Shaw, already established the short, medium and long term priorities of the school. It is also fitting that Miss Shaw's career has ended on such a positive note after her commitment over many years to Pendragon.

The Governing Body is enormously proud of our school and its rich, well-designed curriculum and enrichment opportunities. We continue to be grateful to our dedicated and committed staff, our fantastic children and their supportive parents & carers who make up the fantastic Pendragon family.

Babs Nichols - Chair of Governors - Pendragon Primary School

have in the past. We will therefore be back out this Halloween with our Trick or Eat – This is where we will go around the village and instead of collecting sweets will be collecting food for donation to the local food bank. In the current climate it is probably even more vital that we help those in need.

Later in the term we will be marking the act of remembrance on Sunday the 13th November. We will lay wreaths at the church before marching to the village hall for a service of remembrance. More details will follow but everyone is welcome to attend.

Finally, the Scouts will be helping Santa again with his trip around the village to see everyone. There is still plenty of time to make sure you have been good!!

Again, we would like to thank all those that have given their time to help. We still have several children on our waiting list so are always looking for additional support. If you think you would like to offer your services, either on a regular basis or perhaps you have a skill or some knowledge that you could pass on to the group. Please contact us on info@papworthscouts.org.uk



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Four Day Working Week Trial

Between January and March, South Cambs District Council will trial a four day working week for office staff. The new arrangements are intended to improve staff recruitment and retention by making the council an employer of choice.

The strategy is 100-80-100, 100% of the services in 80% of the time for the same salary. Different departments will implement this differently, but customer-facing areas will remain open for the same, potentially longer, hours. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) will be monitored to identify if service standards are maintained or improved. After that, a decision will be made whether to continue with the shorter working week permanently.

No trial is yet planned for manual staff such as refuse operators until a way of implementing a 4 day week around their particular patterns is developed.

The trial has generated a great deal of interest as SCDC is the first U.K. council to consider the shorter working week. (There are many private businesses which have implemented a 4 day week, so the strategy is well proven.) Bridget Smith was interviewed on BBC Radio 4 and Radio Canada(!), and there is a lot of coverage in the national press.

Aircraft Noise Update

Complaints about additional noise from aircraft landing at Luton continue to trickle in. Councillors in affected wards were scheduled to meet with the airport and NATS in September but the meeting was cancelled as it fell within the mourning period following the death of HM The Queen. The next meeting is planned for October. 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 Access (Congestion Charge) Update

The Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP) proposals for a congestion charge for the city of Cambridge to fund a much improved bus service across the county has caused a great deal of comments, both positive and negative. One particular pain point seems to be the inclusion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (specifically Addenbrooke's, Royal Papworth and Rosie Maternity) within the charging zone. The GCP is developing a list of groups that would be exempt from the charge including patients and staff. This list will be published in due course.

A consultation on these proposals has been delayed by the royal mourning period but it should be opened sometime in October. When it becomes available, please take the time to enter your comments. The GCP is obliged to listen to comments submitted in response to the official consultation.

Separately, Stagecoach has announced it will be discontinuing 18, most rural, bus services at the end of October. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (the mayor's office) is responsible for bus routes and will put the affected routes out to tender, allowing other operators to potentially take them over.

Reservoirs

You may be aware that proposals have been published by Anglian Water to build two new reservoirs, one in Lincolnshire and the other somewhere on the Fens. (The exact site of the Fens is yet to be confirmed but is expected to be near the Cambridgeshire-Norfolk border.) These are long-term projects and will not be supplying water before the mid 2030s at the earliest. Cambridge Water is a partner in the Fens project and that reservoir will eventually supply drinking water to our area. In addition to providing water to our

region, the reservoirs will include recreational facilities, similar to those currently available at Grafham Water. Expect more information and a consultation from Anglian Water as planning progresses. More information here: <https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/news/anglian-water-drives-forward-plans-for-two-new-reservoirs-to-secure-future-water-demand/>

In addition, Anglian Water is working on a water drainage and water management plan, which will (amongst other issues) address the excessive quantities of sewage being discharged into our water courses.

Peter Sandford

21 September 2022

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The Queens Corgi's

We sat on the pavement Our guards with lead in hand
They said this day was for our Mum
Who'd served this green and pleasant land....

We waited patiently to see her
As troops passed slowly by
Then we heard a whisper it was her funeral
And we both began to cry....

She'd loved us both for many years
Even Paddington couldn't turn her head
We'd always been her favourites
And slept beside her in our bed.....

So this day was for our Queen
But to us she was our lovely Mum
Who'd take us for country walks
And picnics in the sun....

We were here to pay our respects
So we sat in silence and did not stir
Until her coffin passed us slowly
Then we sobbed quietly into our fur....

So now our Mum rests in peace
And for us...well life just carries on
But we'll always be 'The Queens Corgis'
Even though our Queen has gone....

And so King Charles will take the throne
And maybe one day we'll sit at his feet
And be his faithful companions
Our lives would again be complete....

Jackie Phillips 19.9.22



Papworth Tennis Club's annual Open Day took place on Sunday 4th September. The club would like to thank everybody who attended and we hope you and/or your children enjoyed the event and are considering joining the club. More than 50 people come along on the day and several new members have already joined.

There was a mix of younger players picking up a racquet for the first time and older players looking to return to the sport having not played for a while. The day was really all about having fun and it's very rewarding to see such community support and interest in tennis.

For non-members who prefer just an occasional game, the courts are available to book through the club's website for £10 per hour. There is a well-stocked store cupboard with racquets and balls available to borrow for any player who doesn't have their own equipment.

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Blasters Update

The new season has now started, and the playing field has been very busy with home matches. The club has grown again this year and we have 10 teams in total, from U7 to U13. Our Development Squad for Reception and Year 1 children is up and running on Saturday mornings from 9am to 10am, please contact me at Alison.rayner1@btinternet.com if your child would like to join. We have created two teams at U7 (Year 2) and there are still a few spaces left in the squads, please do contact me if your child is interested. Alison Rayner, Papworth Blasters Secretary.