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## Varrier Jones Social Club

23 Members attend the Club meeting held in The Studio, Pendrill Court on 4th November and enjoyed the music and singing of Val Empson. Advance notice was given of the Christmas Lunch to be held at the Community Centre, in The Close, at 12.30pm on Friday 2nd December. For those members who would like to attend and were absent from the November meeting, the cost will be £15 for a 3 course meal, and a deposit of £10 is required to be paid in advance. Unfortunately, because outside caterers are involved, we will not be able to accept members who turn up on the day. Members were also given details of a forthcoming theatre trip to Milton Keynes in April 2023 to see Strictly Ballroom the Musical.

To book your place for Christmas Lunch and the Theatre, or for further information, please contact Audrey Reid on 01480 831053.

## Carols around the Christmas Tree

Hopefully the weather outside won't be frightful for this year's Carols around the Christmas Tree! We'll be singing again at Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard on Saturday 10th December at 4.30pm. Join us for some festive favourites supported by Sing Papworth. The Christmas tree should appear in its usual spot in early December - thanks to the Varrier Jones Foundation for funding it. Please feel free to contribute a weatherproof decoration to the lower branches of the tree if you wish and can do so safely.

## News from the Ermine Street Band

The Ermine Street Band invite you to an open rehearsal – that's like a concert, but not so formal – in the North Hall of the Village Hall in Papworth, on Wednesday 7th December at 8.00. We'll be running through some of our recent repertoire plus some seasonal favourites, and you can come and go as you please. The band is made up of ten musicians – all wind instruments – and we've been playing together for about seven years. We're working towards a concert in the summer, but thought that it would be lovely to share some of the music in an informal way. There will be mince pies ... maybe the first of the season. And it's free!



## BIN COLLECTION DATES

Thu 8 Dec 2022		✓	✓
Thu 15 Dec 2022	✓		
Thu 22 Dec 2022		✓	✓
Sat 31 Dec 2022	✓		
Sat 7 Jan 2023		✓	
Fri 13 Jan 2023	✓		

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# PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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## Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council currently has 10 Councillors but still has vacancies for 3 more to bring us up to the full complement of 13. Why not make it your New Year's Resolution to step up and get involved !

If you have a real interest in the village or are a newcomer and want to get more involved, why not call for a chat and see if it's for you?

We are 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 be an active 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 separate working groups looking at specific projects if you wish.

There is more information about what the council does and eligibility criteria for becoming a Councillor on the Parish Council website [www.papwortheverardpc.org.uk](http://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 !

## Bin Collections

The amended dates for bin collections over the Christmas and New Year period are shown on page 2.

## Parish Office Opening Hours and Christmas Cover

The Parish Office will be closed from 3.00pm on Wednesday 21st December and will reopen in the New Year at 9.00am on Wednesday 4th January 2023. Over the period between Christmas and New Year, calls and emails will be monitored and urgent queries responded to as necessary.

Hall booking enquiries can be made via the online enquiry form on the Parish Council website, by emailing the Bookings Clerk, Clare Taylor [villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk) or by leaving a message on 07841014414.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR !**

## Papworth Surgery

### Pressure

The NHS is under extreme pressure at the moment, and our surgery is no exception, with very high demand for appointments. We understand how frustrating it can be in trying to get an appointment and always try our best to help.

Pre-bookable appointments for non-urgent matters are usually available 2 -3 weeks ahead. We have a limited number of urgent 'on the day' appointments which are released at 8.30am for a morning appointment and 1.30pm for an afternoon appointment. All 'on the day' appointments are for medically urgent issues only. Our reception team is trained in what is medically urgent and what isn't. If they are in any doubt then they know to refer to the Duty Doctor. The number of requests for urgent 'on the day' appointments varies hugely from day to day so on busy days you may be asked to call back in the afternoon or the next day.

Whilst we do understand patients getting upset if they find it difficult to book an appointment we cannot tolerate the increased level of abuse from some of our patients that is aimed at our reception team. Abuse of our staff results in a warning letter from the surgery, advising that if there is a repeat of similar behaviour then the patient will be removed from our list and required to register elsewhere. This is not something we do lightly but we have to protect our staff.

Our practice staff are here to help you. Our aim is to be as polite and helpful as possible to all patients. If you consider that you have been treated unfairly or inappropriately please ask reception staff to contact the Practice Manager or Assistant Practice Manager who will be happy to address your concerns.

### Changes to late night surgeries

From Monday 31st October we will no longer be holding late night surgery at Papworth on a Monday or Wednesday evening.

Instead West Cambs Federation have been given the contract for extended hours provision by the ICB (Integrated Care Board), and they will be offering appointments with GPs, nurses and healthcare assistants every evening between 18:30 til 20:15 Monday to Friday and from 08:30 til 12:15 on a Saturday and Sunday. These appointments will be either at Roman Gate Surgery in Godmanchester or the Acorn surgery in Huntingdon.

These appointments can be booked via our reception team by calling the usual number for Papworth Surgery – 01480 830888.

We hope in the New Year to be able to offer West Cambs Federation appointments located at Papworth Surgery on at least a couple of days a month, but the details are yet to be confirmed.

### Flu & Covid Vaccination Clinics

We have had a great turnout for our Flu and Covid vaccination clinics over recent weeks. We have no plans for further Covid clinics, but we may put on another couple of flu clinics if we have sufficient demand. If you still need a Covid jab please call 119. We are happy to do flu vaccinations opportunistically, so if you already have an appointment and have not yet had your flu jab, please ask the clinician for a jab at the same time. Alternatively please call reception and see if you can be squeezed in anywhere for a flu jab and we will try and accommodate you.

### Nurse Muriel

Sadly Nurse Muriel will be leaving us at the end of November. Muriel has been with us for many years and is taking well-earned retirement.

We will miss her hugely as I'm sure will many patients. Nurse Kelly will be doing an extra day each week and we have a vacancy for another Practice Nurse for 16 hours a week which is proving difficult to fill. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please send them our way!



Registered Charity No: 1044680

## December 2022

### Housing & Maintenance Updates

#### Cost of Living

As the cost of living continues to bite, as a Papworth Trust tenant we are here to help and if you 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 us on 0330 678 0008 option 2 or by emailing [housing@papworthtrust.org.uk](mailto:housing@papworthtrust.org.uk)

It is important that you contact us if you are experiencing any problems with paying your rent or other household bills. We can arrange to speak to you in a way and at a time that suits you.

#### Positive Action Fund

The Positive Action Fund is a scheme available to support Papworth Trust tenants and customers facing genuine financial difficulties caused by the continuing rise in the cost of living.

There is a limited sum of money available to make discretionary payments in exceptional circumstances to provide small scale, short term support for tenants and customers. This might be to help with paying a utility bill or for food or paying for other essential items.

Any payments made to tenants and customers will not be required to be paid back. It is intended that this scheme is a temporary one, and may be withdrawn at any time, either due to a reduction in the cost of living or if the Trust is unable to continue to fund the scheme.

Tenants and customers are able to request up to £100. Only one request per household will be considered. The scheme is confidential, only the necessary people will see the applications submitted. For more information about the scheme go to our website here <https://www.papworthtrust.org.uk/positiveactionfund/> or speak to your Housing Officer.

#### Tenant Satisfaction Survey

We want to know what our housing tenants feel about us as a landlord. We are currently sending out the 2022 tenant satisfaction survey. You could receive the survey by post, via an email or when you are being visited by a member of the housing team.

If you visit our website you can complete the survey here <https://www.papworthtrust.org.uk/tenant-involvement/>

Please complete the survey when you receive it, your feedback is important to us and all completed surveys will go into a free prize draw for a £50 shopping voucher!

#### Christmas Message

During the Christmas period, Saturday 24 December to Monday 2 January, the Repairs and Maintenance Service will be attending to emergency repairs only, such as no heating or hot water, a flood or loss of electricity. If you have an urgent repair that cannot wait until 3 January please report this, however do note these will be attended to within 7 days.

The Housing Management Service will be available from Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December. Both services will be covered by staff during the working hours of 9am to 5pm from Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December. Outside of these times the telephone line will be answered by the out of hours contact centre.



**Merry Christmas  
and Happy New  
Year**

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## 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

December has come around so quickly this year, however, the meetings of the Papworth Craft Group, is a welcome before the hustle and bustle before Christmas. We now have three young ladies who have joined us for both of our November meetings, all three learning to crochet. It is great to welcome younger members to the group and we had more new members arriving at our group over November.

There were no further lace making sessions in November due to absences. A member who is an expert in stained glass work brought in a piece for everyone to see. There are many factors to take into consideration, when working with glass. Is there anyone reading this, who also makes stained glass items? If you do, please come along to one of our meetings with some of your work.

Advent calendars are in the shops and online, the paper variety that is, and chocolate ones are in the supermarkets. For the countdown to Christmas, it is always fun to have a candle with the numbers 1-24 on it. There are also Advent calendars that one can make oneself. Ones that are very attractive are sewn in cross stitch, although time might be a little tight for finishing it in time for 1 December this year. There are kits for cross stitch Advent calendars, try [Etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com) or the Historical Sampler Company, [historicalsamplercompany.co.uk](https://www.historicalsamplercompany.co.uk). A member of the group is stitching a very large Advent calendar by Permin of Copenhagen that promises to be awesome when finished. Try [lovecrafts.com](https://www.lovecrafts.com) for kits by Permin. Another Danish company to look up that does cross stitch Advent calendar kits is the Danish Handcraft Guild, ([Haandarbejdets Fremme](https://www.haandarbejdetsfremme.com), [Danish-handcraft-guild-uk.com](https://www.danish-handcraft-guild-uk.com)). Also on Etsy there are plenty of downloadable PDFs for Advent calendars by designers from across the world. There are cross stitch books on Amazon and cross stitch magazines for Christmas cross stitching. Particularly good are current and back issues of Cross Stitcher Magazine. Any Christmas, November or December issues are useful. Look on ebay or [willowfabrics.co.uk](https://www.willowfabrics.co.uk). If cross stitch is not for you, how about crocheting twenty four little drawstring bags, each with a number on? Take a look at Your Christmas Crochet 2022 from Simply Crochet magazine. Or you could knit or sew little bags for your Advent calendar. When your work is ready, pop a little treat into each bag. You can choose the type of treat that would best please your recipient, although chocolate is overwhelmingly appreciated!

Our yarn stash is very healthy at present. A huge thank you to Andrea Rowland for the gorgeous winter hats and to Carol Watt for her beautifully crocheted items. Sonja Allerton continues to amaze with her transformation of humble knitted squares into attractive blankets, all with crocheted borders that add a finishing touch that is very pleasing. Anyone who would like to knit squares for charity blankets, they should be 20 cm x 20 cm, (8 inches x 8 inches), with all the ends sewn in please. If you would like some yarn, please contact Rosalind Parnell at [parnellrh@aol.com](mailto:parnellrh@aol.com). Please bring squares to any of the meetings of the PaWpworth Craft Group.

The Papworth Library has kindly hosted the group's meetings throughout the year, for which many, many thanks. It is a privilege to have the library right in the middle of our village and it is a resource that should be well used. **Footfall counts, so borrow books, use the various resources available, check out events that are held in the library, or spend time there to quietly read or to do some work.**

All at the Papworth Craft Group would like to wish everyone a very, merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

**Enjoy December and Stay Well, Stay Safe**

# theWI Papworth Everard INSPIRING WOMEN Womens Institute

Christmas is looming and to get ahead with some Christmas Shopping many of us visited Waresley Garden Centre where there were plenty of gifts, glitz and glitter to choose from. We took a break for some lovely lunch then back to the shopping!!! A great afternoon out.



Our November meeting held on 16th was a great evening of song and entertainment when the fabulous SHANNON EXPRESS Male Barbershop Singers performed to us for over an hour. There was plenty of audience participation too which at times was hilarious

## Papworth Surgery Patient Link Update

**Christmas Opening hours:** The surgery will be open as usual 8.30am – 12.30pm and 3pm – 5.30pm in the week leading up to Christmas and then on the 28th, 29th, 30th December and then back open on Tuesday 3rd January 2023. On the day appointments for medically urgent problems are released at 8.30am and 1.30pm.

The surgery is still experiencing unprecedented demand for appointments so please do take the advice of the receptionist if they direct you to a different service from the one you were expecting. The practice is making full use of all staff and types of appointments to manage patient demand to try and get as many patients seen as possible.

From Monday 31st October the surgery stopped offering late night surgery appointments at Papworth. West Cambs Federation have taken over the contract for extended hours appointments, offering evening appointments between 18:30 and 20:15 every weekday and morning appointments from 08:30 to 12:15 on Saturday and Sunday. These appointments are at Roman Gate Surgery in Godmanchester or the Acorn Surgery in Huntingdon. The surgery hopes to offer extended hours appointments in 2023 but this is still being finalised. These appointments can be booked by Papworth Surgery reception staff on your behalf.

The NHS is under extreme pressure at the moment both with demand and financially, how can we do our bit to help I hear you ask?

Staff are leaving the service for a variety of reasons so please be kind to the staff you engage with. All staff, and in particular our reception staff at Papworth, are getting more verbal abuse from some patients, the surgery will not tolerate this and will take action if there is a repeat of behaviour.

Unused prescription medicines cost the NHS £300 million every year! – 40% of people admit to binning them potentially wasting up to an estimated 445 million prescriptions a year.

At a time when all our public services are under enormous financial strain and we as individuals can feel pretty helpless, this is an area where we could make a difference. Please only order what you need, when you need it to do your bit to help.

If you have any concerns/feedback you would like discussed with the surgery or would like to join the Patient Link Group please email [cpicb.papworth.patientslink@nhs.net](mailto:cpicb.papworth.patientslink@nhs.net)

when trying to keep in time with the jingle bells! Everybody had such a good time and they definitely got us into the Christmas spirit, albeit still November!

Our December meeting will be held on 21st and will be a members' evening and if friends and/or family have arrived early for the xmas period they are very welcome to come long to enjoy some Christmas Fayre, Carols and Chat with the ladies.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in The Studio, Pendrill Court, Papworth and all ladies over the age of 18



are most welcome to come along and join us. We are sure you will find a friendly and warm welcome so do come along and find out what we are all about.



1st Papworth Brownies and Rainbows took part in the village Remembrance Service on Sunday 13th November. The service began at St Peter's Church with the laying of the wreaths, followed by a parade down to the village hall, alongside the Papworth Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. The Brownies and Rainbows were delighted to also be joined by a Trefoil member who lives in the village, and all together they proudly represented Girlguiding in the village.

In October, the Brownies enjoyed an exciting trip away at an Encanto-themed sleepover at Yaxley Scout and Guide Centre. The girls spent two nights 'camping' in tents in the hall and enjoyed fun arts and crafts including constructing (and subsequently eating) a 'casa madrigal' from biscuits and icing, making butterfly badges by weaving wool, and decorating their own candle jar nightlight. They had fun kicking up the autumn leaves in the beautiful grounds and creating their own challenges to find different sizes and colours of leaves. One of the highlights of the trip was the wonderful campfire with lots of (very loud) singing and toasting smores.

The girls are looking forward to performing at the Christmas Carol service in the village hall and lots more fun activities in the new year!

Papworth Guides, Brownies and Rainbows meet weekly in the village, to find out more about your child joining please get in touch via the girlguiding website: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/find-your-nearest-unit/>

If you can spare some time and would like to volunteer and join in the fun, please contact [papworthrainbows@gmail.com](mailto:papworthrainbows@gmail.com).

# Church Notices

## St Peter's Church - December Services

Sunday 4th - 10.00am – Team Zoom Service

Saturday 10th - 4.30pm – Carols around the Tree Papworth Courtyard

Sunday 11th - 3.00pm – Christingle Service

Sunday 18th - 10.30am – Carols and Holy Communion

Thursday 22nd - 7.00pm - Village Carol Service at Papworth Village Hall

Saturday 24th - 3.00pm – Crib Service

Sunday 25th - 10.30am – Family Holy Communion

The website [papworthteamchurches.org](http://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](http://www.stmichaelrc.org)

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



## 'Blessed are the peacemakers...'

2022 has forced people all over the world to realise that peace is more than the absence of conflict. As a teenager I was part of a Youth Club where one other member made a habit of annoying and even taunting others; his presence brought unease into the group.

Neville Chamberlain's infamous 'Peace for our Time' declaration was an effort to

keep an uneasy peace for a few months and did nothing to settle the underlying issues. Such moves are often an essential element in the overall scheme of creating peace; yet inadequate if not a means of allowing the work of making and establishing lasting peace a reality. During the tumultuous months of 2022 a number of military and political analysts have been heard saying the relatively unopposed annexation by Russia of Crimea in 2014 made the attempt to overrun Ukraine this year an inevitable next step.

The whole thrust of the Bible for Christians explains how God's heart is to rescue people, refusing to settle for an uneasy truce or keeping our sinfulness under some degree of acceptable control. Jesus says peacemakers are God's children. He means making peace is a mark of those who carry the same DNA and are members of the same family. The question then becomes what does peace-making look like?

In the Old Testament, or Jewish Bible, we hear of a man called Nehemiah. He was a Jew in the 5th century BC, living in exile who, having gained relatively high office in his adopted country, hears of the devastation of Jerusalem and - given unusual favour - returns to rebuild the city walls. It turned out to be no small feat; achieved in the midst of such conflict that his workforce ended up being divided into 2 groups – one working with trowels and stone whilst the other stood guard – weapons ready and poised to protect their colleagues' work. When the rebuilding was completed, the text declares, in effect, 'the walls were shalom-ed'. They were at peace once more – the security and boundaries of the city and its people intact again. It is an evocative picture or metaphor for what peace-making involves; much more radical and lasting to settling for keeping an uneasy truce or peace.

Making peace as an expression of God at work; restoring safety as well as secure boundaries for the territory or relationships we can influence. This often has three elements or integrated steps:

- caring enough about the threats and disturbance to insist on bringing about change;
- getting our hands dirty and soiled with the messiness of how things have become to ensure the work of full restoration is brought about, also
- putting in place the essential brickwork, mortar and reinforcing ties to fill the gaps exposed or made by the forces of destruction and evil.

Peacemakers are needed more than ever – in some homes, many communities, between workers and employers, to help politicians unite round the common good as well as promoting goodwill, and mutual respect between cultures and nations.

**Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector**

## Hilton Methodist Church



## Services in December

December 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Mr. C. Webber
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	11:15am	United Service led by Dr. B. Spencer The offering will be for Action for Children. Gifts of games and clothing will be for teenagers at Woodland Lodge
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Rev Heather Walker
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Carol Service The offering will be for Godmanchester Food Bank
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	11:30pm	Christmas Eve Communion Service led by Rev Sue Baker-Maher

## All are Welcome

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



## Village Carol Service

at 7pm

Thursday 22nd December

Papworth Village Hall

Including - Sing Papworth

Papworth WI

Rainbows and Brownies

Papworth Handbells

  
Scouts

 **ROUND TAB**  
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRE



### Santa Is Coming

1<sup>st</sup> Papworth Scouts will be bringing Santa to Papworth on

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

With the support of Huntingdon Round Table, Santa will be travelling around the village to see everybody.

We are looking to start at around 6pm, the timings and locations will be available nearer the time.

On the night you will be able to track his progress by logging in to  
<https://huntingdonroundtable.co.uk/santa/>



Hilton Methodist Church



You are warmly invited to join us  
for our ecumenical

**Carol Service**

at 6:30 p.m.  
on Sunday, 18th December

Carols, readings and prayers.  
Following the service mince pies and hot drinks  
will be served in the hall.

Everyone welcome.

Offerings in aid of Godmanchester Food Bank

## Carols around the Christmas Tree



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 4.30pm

Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard

Join us to sing some festive favourites!

 Sing  
PAPWORTH



# Tree Warden Report

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

In December, we enter 'the bleak midwinter', the season of the holly and the ivy, carol singing, roasted chestnuts and Christmas trees. Our winters might not be as severe as they used to be but it is still an important period of dormancy for our deciduous trees and an ideal time for planting trees and moving shrubs.

The festivities and decorations of Christmas, perhaps unsurprisingly, owes a lot to trees and their foliage. Mistletoe hung up high, holly and ivy in Christmas wreaths, fir trees decorated with lights and baubles, painted cones from pine trees adorning the home. And, of course, the original nativity scene with its wooden crib or manger for the baby Jesus, whose earthly father was a carpenter.

Many trees are mentioned in the Bible. There is the Almond tree (Ecclesiastes); Apple tree (Song of Solomon); Chestnut and Fir (Ezekiel); Cedar and Myrtle (Isaiah); Sycamore (Luke); Mustard tree (Luke); and Fig (Matthew). The Wise Men brought to the infant Jesus, Frankincense, obtained by tapping *Boswellia* trees, and Myrrh, a gum resin extracted from the *Dindin* tree.

My tree warden alphabet has reached the letter G and we will have G for Garden. Trees can be a great benefit in your garden, providing colour, shade, spectacle and even food. But, you must, of course, be careful in choosing what tree might be suitable for planting in your garden, and also consider whether you have sufficient space, the right soil conditions, adequate drainage and suitable aspect for accommodating and growing the plant.

Most modern gardens are not large and the result of planting the wrong tree could, in a few years time, have an adverse impact on your own and your neighbour's amenity. A few year's ago, the child of a friend of mine planted a conker in the middle of their back

garden. It sprouted and it's height soon shot above that of the child. It became a very fine horse chestnut tree but it overshadowed the surrounding gardens and eventually had to be taken down before my friend was able to sell his house. Large trees like horse-chestnuts are not suitable for your normal domestic garden.

Reputable garden nurseries should be able to recommend what tree might be suitable for your situation and the Royal Horticultural Society also provides advice on their website: [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk). If you have the space and inclination, I always think it is good to have a fruit tree in your garden, with the beauty of springtime blossom and then the reward of later fruit. Of course you need a careful eye on the ripening fruit because nature, in whatever form, is always ready to get there first!

The top five trees for small gardens recommended by the RHS are:

Acer Griseum

Amelanchier x grandiflora 'ballerina'

Crataegus persimilis 'prunifolia'

Sorbus 'Joseph Rock'

Prunus 'Amanogawa'

Before the 'frosty winds make moan', take a walk round your garden and make sure everything is tidy and safe from any future wind damage. Check your fences and ensure that young trees are properly staked. Take the opportunity to remove any branches or hedges that might be overhanging boundary fences, especially where these could be causing obstructions to public paths, pavements or open spaces. Check that your bird feeders are regularly replenished. If you have a garden pond, place an inflatable ball or a plastic bottle with a few stones in it (to stop it blowing away) on the surface. This will stop the pond from freezing completely over and so protect the wildlife living there.

Even in the wet and cold of a grey December day there is beauty and interest to be found in your garden and in the wider countryside around us. I hope you will find time to appreciate and even explore that beauty this month and over the Christmas season ahead.



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## Peter Day

At the time of writing we are very much looking forward to a performance from Peter Day (pictured at the Varrier Jones Club), Duke Box Legend, singing songs from the 50s and 60s. His performance will have been on Tuesday 29th November.



We are also looking forward to having a carol service with David and Anne Potter on Tuesday 13th December and our Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 20th December, with entertainment from Billie G. A picture of our Dinner and a report will be in the next edition of *Elsworth Times*. Highlights of October include Carol falling over and banging her head and knees. No lasting damage: just a few bruises. Some more readings by Margaret

from a Pam Eyres poetry book. We are lucky to have Sylvia, one of our members, make cakes each week, making afternoon tea a treat.

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.

We offer a taster day for £5 (normal price is £13). Or you are very welcome to just come and see what we do and have a cup of tea. Please contact Jenny (number below.)

If you are interested in joining the Day Centre or finding out more please 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.

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.







# Pendragon Primary School



What a cracking first term I have had as Head teacher! Thank you to the whole community for welcoming me into the Pendragon family. The children have excelled themselves with their attitudes towards school and their enthusiasm for learning.

Our hard working staff have organised exciting trips to Flag Fen, Places of worship in Bedford, Papworth church, Duxford air museum, Peterborough Pantomime, village walks, multiple sports events and Hilltop activity centre. We have had after school movie nights, school discos and bake sales as well as hosting African drummers from Ghana and a Shakespeare workshop. By the end of term our year 6s will have sung Christmas carols for the elderly

and our Reception children will have performed a Nativity play to their proud parents.

We have raised money for Cancer research and Children in Need as well as making a huge contribution to the local foodbank during our Harvest festival.

This Christmas we have collected gifts through our giving tree for the Day Care centre in Papworth and have been a donation drop off point for the Salvation Army toy appeal.



## Friends of Pendragon Primary School

Stop press! Buy your Christmas tree from Friends of Pendragon on 4th December and support Pendragon Primary School – pre-orders have been taken but there will be a limited number of trees available on 4th December 9:30 – 11:30am so if you'd like to buy a real tree, head on down to the school and you may be in luck! – with all profits going to the school.

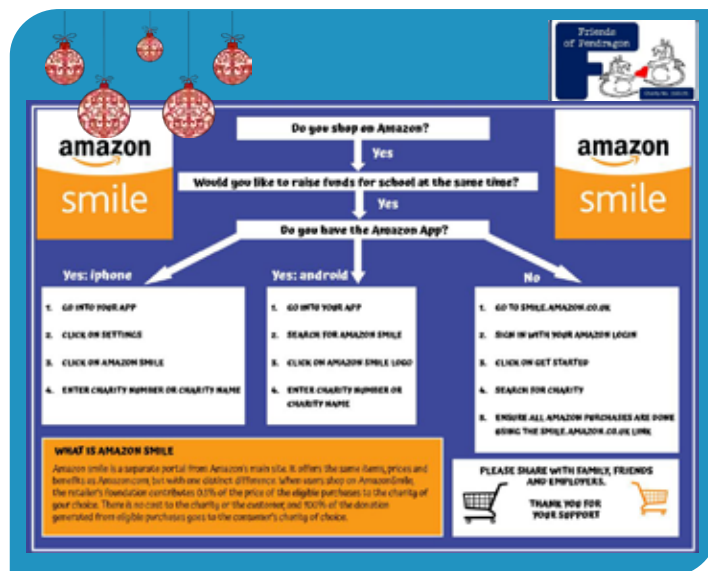
The Friends committee are researching options for an outdoor classroom and collating input from the school staff for this exciting space. There are a number of enhancements available such as a 'living roof', vegetable planting, sensory areas, to name but a few; ideas that will create a multi-purpose space that will benefit all pupils and perhaps the wider community. Friends are also looking at available grants to help towards this long-term fundraising goal.

Another significant project being supported with fundraising by Friends is a rejuvenation of the school library. The book collection is being updated to create a more inclusive library that champions diversity, with new books that are more representative and engaging to all children at the school.

A reminder that there are a couple of ways in which everyone in the village can help raise money for the school. Friends of Pendragon is the current Co-op Community Fund Cause, raising funds for the outdoor areas of Pendragon School. Simply become a Co-op member at <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>, choose Friends of Pendragon as your preferred cause, and scan your card every time you shop!

Did you know that Amazon will donate to your chosen charity when you shop through Amazon Smile? Do you have the Amazon App? Simply turn on Amazon Smile in the app settings and enter 'Friends of Pendragon Primary School' as your chosen charity. Don't use the app? No problem, simply go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) to set it up and make sure to shop through [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) each time - Amazon will donate 0.5% of the eligible purchase to your chosen charity. Using this simple idea, we can all make a huge difference to Friends' fundraising totals across the year, which all goes to enriching the facilities and experiences offered at the school.

If you're looking for something new to get involved with in the New Year, we would love to see you at our next meeting! Whether you've been inspired by Bake Off and want an excuse to make cakes for our events, or by Christmas Day you still haven't had enough of wrapping presents, we have a role or task for you – from as little as an hour every now and then, to as much as you'd like. Look out for dates for our meetings on our Facebook page or email [friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk) and come along, have a chat and find out what we do!



Please consider adding our school charity 'Friend of Pendragon' to your Amazon account via Amazon Smile. Every time you shop with Amazon, a percentage of the total is donated to the charity. During this time of cuts to Education budgets, we could really do with every penny!

Thank you to our fabulous children, dedicated staff and supportive parents, happy holiday!

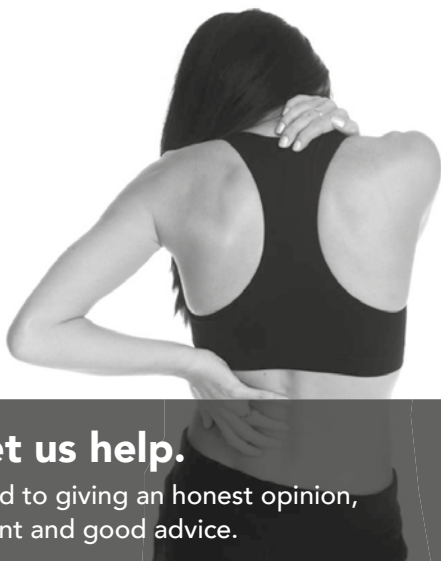


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## Papworth Library Talk

Thursday 8th December 10am-11.30am

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### District Councillor's Monthly Report – December 2022

#### Black Mould

We were all shocked by the recent death in Rochdale of two-year old Awaab Ishak from respiratory illness caused by black mould in the family home. As a matter of priority, South Cambs District Council (SCDC) is reviewing housing records to identify any residents who

have reported black mould that hasn't been eradicated. If you live in a council property and have concerns about black mould, contact the housing department or drop me an email.

#### East-West Rail

As you may have heard in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement, the government has now allocated funds to build East West Rail (EWR) through from Bedford to Cambridge. The next stage of the planning process will be for EWR to develop a business plan for the government's approval. No word yet in the location of the Cambourne station, or whether the Northern or Southern route into Cambridge will be chosen. South Cambs leader, Cllr Bridget Smith, will be writing to the new rail minister next week to explain concerns of residents about this project.

#### Boundary Commission Review

The Boundary Commission recently reported on the results of its consultation on proposals to (amongst other changes) create a new parliamentary constituency called St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire. As well as St Neots, the new constituency will include all of the Caxton and Papworth ward villages, in addition to 14 other South Cambs wards including Cambourne, Swavesey, and Bar Hill. If you want to comment on the latest proposals, go to the following link before 5th December: <https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>

#### Cost of Living Support Update

SCDC is implementing a wide range of support worth almost £400,000 for the most vulnerable, after hearing how the rising cost of energy and food bills is having a major impact on individuals, families, and businesses across the district. A total of £180,000 has been put towards support measures from the District Council and a further £211,000 will come from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System (ICS). The ICS are providing this funding to ensure support is co-ordinated effectively and directed at those in need locally.

£100,000 in top-up for Discretionary Housing Payments will be available to support an extra 100 eligible families with housing costs. £60,000 of Discretionary Council Tax discounts are available to anyone who can show they are in financial hardship and are not claiming from a scheme elsewhere. Localised Council Tax Support will provide up to 100% discount to some households and increase support for working claimants.

A charitable giving fund [www.gofundme.com/SCDCcostofliving](http://www.gofundme.com/SCDCcostofliving) has been created that residents can donate to; SCDC is pledged an initial £15,000. The money will go towards low-cost methods of staying warm and cooking such as slow cookers and electric blankets.

There will be an expansion of Warm Hubs which are free spaces where residents of all ages can visit to socialise, work, and catch up with friends. Food parcels will be available for people attending the Warm Hubs who are identified as being most in need, in parishes where there is no foodbank already in place.

An additional £15,000 has been set aside to expand the Warm Packs that are provided to Council tenants. They will now include an electric blanket, hot water bottle, thermos flask, blanket, thermal socks, gloves and hat. Environmental Health officers can distribute Warm Packs to residents living in very cold conditions.

#### 4 Day Week Trial

Some concerns have been expressed as to whether the 4-day working week trial planned for the first three months of next year will affect the council's service quality. While details are still being hammered out, councillors have been assured that there will be no reduction in opening hours. In fact, SCDC is looking to extend opening hours, whether via telephone, a soon-to-be-launched webchat service, or Teams or Zoom meetings.

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## News from Papworth Library

The second The Library Presents event at Papworth Library hosted artist Jude Devoil, who took a full house through three ways to observe light effects and make art; through prisms, through oil, colour and water, and more oil, colour & water in a petri dish blown about with a pipette and beamed onto a screen through a projector. Everyone fell quiet as they watched the effects, and then a whirr arose as they experimented with their own creations.

As we go to press we're awaiting our next The Library Presents (TLP) event, a production of Earwig, a play put on by Time & Again Theatre on Thursday 1 December from 7pm, again in Papworth library. We'll let you know how this play went - it's the one about Marigold, a deaf woman in 1927 whose unparalleled research into beetles is ignored. It brings our TLP events at Papworth to an end for this year, but to see what TLP has in the wings in other areas of Cambridgeshire before Christmas have a look at [www.library.live/the-library-presents](http://www.library.live/the-library-presents), or pick up a booklet in the library.

We're also very pleased to announce our next Engage talk, to be given in the library by Dave Horan on Thursday 8th December 10am – 11.30am. His talk's called 'Bringing Them All Home', and he will expand on what happened after the explorer Shackleton's ship, the Endurance, sank. It took ten months for Shackleton and his crew to reach dry land after an epic voyage and hiking across an unknown mountain range. Come join us to hear more; refreshments will be provided, with a £1 suggested donation.

Next, to flag our First Steps Library Club for 0-4s, which gives our youngest members a paw stamp on their Club card for each library visit. Six paw stamps gives them a certificate - and there are 10 certificates to collect. Our weekly Rhymetime (singing and nursery rhyme sessions for 0-4s held on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 10.30am, term-time only) would be a good time to ask after the Club; our last session for the year is on Wednesday 21 December,

and we'll start up again on Wednesday 4 January 2023. We'd still be very interested to hear if anyone would be interested in joining Nicola in offering Rhymetimes in the New Year.

Our Digital Buddy will continue to be in the library on a Tuesday morning, to help you make the most of the online world; if you'd like to make a booking to see the then do just ask at the library counter.

As the temperatures drop, you'll always find a warm and friendly welcome in your library. Drop in just to choose books, or stay to read, relax with one of our jigsaw puzzles or use our free WiFi or a library computer. If you are looking for advice on cost-of-living support, staff will be happy to signpost you to information.

Jessie the Book Bike is still with us, visiting the library to mark the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II. The crowns seem to fit everyone who's tried them, so do come along for your turn.

We're closed over the Christmas break from 1pm on Saturday 24 December, and will re-open again from 10am on Tuesday 3 January. Happy Christmas from all of us here at the library service, and all best for the New Year! Outside holidays our general 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)



## PAPWORTH TENNIS CLUB

Papworth Tennis Club held its AGM on Monday 21st November. Despite the heavy rain which meant we couldn't play any tennis beforehand there was still a very good turnout as guests gathered in the clubhouse to enjoy some food and drink while the committee gave a summary of the past year. Our membership total has reached more than 270 members, with the new court surface – laid earlier this year – proving to be very popular. Visiting teams have also been very impressed with the courts.

Caretaker Chair Theresa Truter handed out trophies to the winners of this year's Club Championships held in September, and Helen Kaminski was awarded Most Improved Player to add to the Mixed Doubles trophy she picked up with husband Kamil. Alex Kaminski completed the family's trophy haul with the Under 9 trophy.



Also present to collect their trophies were Theresa Truter and Diane Cobb (Ladies' Doubles), Alex Jouvray and Bob Magill (Men's Doubles), Nathan Paszyk (Men's Singles), Mateen Taghavi (under 8), Baxter Peacock (under 10), Caitlin Jouvray (under 14 girls) and Luke Jouvray (under 14 boys).

Papworth Tennis Club would like to thank its committee and its club members for helping to make it such a friendly and welcoming club in 2022 and we look forward to more enjoyable tennis in 2023.

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