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Varrier Jones Social Club

Varrier Jones Social Club have now re-started following the Christmas/New Year Break. We look forward to welcoming members back on the first Friday of each month, at The Studio in Pendrill Court, 1.pm for 1.30.pm start. We also look forward to meeting any new members who wish to join our very friendly group. The Annual Membership fee is only £5, plus a monthly admission charge of £3 for members and £4 for visitors. The annual programme of events includes visiting entertainers, topical speakers and specialised lunches. So why not come and join us? Make some new friends or catch up with some old ones for an afternoon of entertainment and chat. If you require further details please ring Chairman Audrey Reid on 01480 831053 or Vice Chairman Eddie Tomkinson on 01480 839230



Fancy trying something new this month? Sing Papworth is starting rehearsals for their next concert in June and would love to welcome some new members! We're a friendly community choir, with members coming from Papworth and the surrounding villages. We meet at Pendragon Community Primary School on Monday evenings 8-9.30pm. All are welcome - whether you're a complete newcomer to singing, a seasoned choral pro or if you just love singing in the shower. There's no need to be able to read musical notation (many of our members don't!), just come along and give it a go!

Led by musical director Jenni Pinnock we sing a variety of different music, from classical to pop, folk songs to musicals. In the coming months we'll be working on Fauré's Requiem and hits by Rodgers and Hammerstein for our June concert, plus some pop hits and folk songs for our Summer Sing in July. Come along and join your first rehearsal for free (normally £27.50 a term - £2.50 a week roughly) to see what you think. Feel free to just turn up, or send an email to hello@singpapworth.co.uk for more information.



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| Thu 16 Feb 2023 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Thu 23 Feb 2023 | ✓ | | |
| Thu 2 Mar 2023 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Thu 9 Mar 2023 | ✓ | | |

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PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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ONLINE REPORTING

Did you know that many day-to-day issues can be easily reported direct to the relevant Council Department online ?

Both Cambridge County Council and South Cambs District Council have an online reporting tool which enables issues to be reported direct to the Council:

County Council - Highways / Footpaths

You can report problems on roads or pavements on the County Council's Highway reporting tool: <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

This includes:

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| potholes / road surface issues | kerbs |
| verges | flooding |
| hedges and trees | public rights of way |
| road markings | road signs |
| traffic signals | empty grit bins |

Supporting photographs to illustrate the issues can also be uploaded to the site.

You can also use the highway reporting tool to track progress on a fault already reported. Enter the reference number for your fault or the area of the fault into the top right-hand box on the map to view updates.

District Council

www.scambs.gov.uk/report-it/

Issues which can be reported include:

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Lost or Missing Bins | Missed Bin Collections |
| Fly-tipping | Abandoned Cars |
| Graffiti | Dog Fouling |

Broken street nameplates

Street Lighting Issues (Most SCDC managed streetlights will have an identifying tag with a number and details of who faults should be reported to)

To report a street lights (not SCDC managed) that are not working or are permanently on, please use the Balfour Beatty reporting form:

www.lightingcambridgeshire.com/contact-us/report-fault or by calling 0800 7838247.

You will need to quote the lamp reference number which can be found on the lamp post.

You can also use the highway reporting tool to track progress on a fault already reported. Enter the reference number for your fault or the area of the fault into the top right-hand box on the map to view updates.

REPORTING CRIME

999 – the emergency line

As a general rule, 999 should be used:

when someone is in immediate danger, if the crime is still in progress, you need police help immediately, if property is in danger of being damaged or a serious disruption to the public is likely.

For crimes that aren't urgent, please avoid calling 999.

101 - the non-emergency line

Call handlers can be reached on 101 to:

report minor and non-emergency crimes that are not currently in progress (where immediate or high-priority response is not

required) or to offer evidence in an investigation or to seek guidance or advice from police about a situation you have witnessed or been involved in.

During busy periods, you may have to wait for an operator to assist you. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use the textphone service on 18001 101

Online

If you have access to online services, online reports or live web chat can be used to alleviate waiting times, and your issue will be dealt with in the exact same way if you were to call 101.

Live Web Chat

Accessed via the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website www.cambs.police.uk live chat can be used to report non-urgent crimes, seek advice, guidance or support, or to report something suspicious you've seen or heard.

Messages are handled in the same way as online reports or 101 calls but can be much faster. The only difference between calling 101 and using web chat is the technology used. The process operators follow after they receive the information is exactly the same.

Online reports provide you with a quick and easy way to report non-urgent crime. There are dedicated reports for reporting a crime, missing people, domestic abuse, road traffic incidents, antisocial behavior, lost or stolen vehicles, civil disputes, hate crime, fraud, bribery and corruption.

There are also dedicated forms so you can report if you have seen anything suspicious or that you think the Police should know about.

Social Media

If you need support, advice or guidance, you can send a direct message via any of the social media pages to save you waiting in line for an operator if you were to call 101.

Social media inboxes are always monitored.

You can contact @CambsCops on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram at any time and operators on the Digital Desk will see your message and respond in due course.

NEW COUNCILLOR

We would like to welcome Stuart Rondeau as our newest member of the Parish Council.

Stuart is a relative newcomer to the village but is keen to get involved.

With a Forces background, Stuart brings a wealth of life experience and knowledge and will be a valuable member of the Council.

COULD YOU BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR ?

The Parish Council still has a few vacancies to bring then up to the full complement of 13.

It doesn't matter if you're new to the village or have lived here your whole life - if you have a real interest in 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.

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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 also 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 would love to hear from you !

Please email the Clerk, Sarah Cruse for further information clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk



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February 2023

Maintenance Planned Programme of Works

We continue to be committed to improving our tenant's homes. During the last financial year (April 2022 to March 2023) we have undertaken an extensive programme of works to properties in Papworth Everard. These include:

- 33 boiler replacements
- 28 electrical rewires
- 12 new bathrooms
- 14 new kitchens
- 18 front door canopies

Shortly a programme of gutter cleaning will commence to 70 properties within the village.

The Trust carry out stock condition surveys to all their properties, these are completed every 5 years with a set percentage being completed annually. Completing these surveys enables the Trust to forecast budget requirements and produce effective capital and planned works programmes.

Time for Tenants

For 2023 the Trust would like to offer tenants the opportunity to speak to a member of the Executive Team face to face on a monthly basis. Time for Tenants sessions will take place once a month on a Saturday, between 10am and 12noon at Bradbury Court, Papworth Everard. The first session will be on 18 February 2023. You do not need to book to attend just drop in anytime during the advertised times.

For more information regarding the above (including to request the dates of the sessions) contact Tracey Croucher, Tenant Engagement Officer by email at tenantengagement@papworthtrust.co.uk or by telephone on 0330 678 0008 option 2

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

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.



Papworth Library

First, many thanks to all customers for bearing with us over the week we were shut to deal with unexpected maintenance issues, and to everyone who worked to get us back open again – it's been much appreciated.

Next, to let you know that if you need cost of living advice, staff will be happy to help you find information and direct you to organisations offering support. At the time of going to press we're gearing up for our free Cost of Living drop-in event on Wednesday 1 February 2023, from 10am to 1pm; you're welcome to call in for a hot drink and a chat to organisations which can provide advice and support to help you through this winter and beyond. RhymeTime will be running in the morning of 1 February as usual; do come along for both RhymeTime and our drop-in if you would like to! A similar drop-in will be running at Cottenham Library (Tuesday 7 February 12pm-3pm).

To let you know too that the first Engage talk of the year will be held in the library from 10am to 11.30am on Thursday 9th February. Volunteer Simon de Laat will speak on the East Anglian Air Ambulance Service, so come along to hear more about this life-saving organisation. Refreshments will be provided, and donations gratefully received.

The next season of The Library Presents (TLP) is to start up



Papworth Library Engage Talk 10am-11.30am Thursday 9th Feb The East Anglian Air Ambulance Service

A talk about the fantastic life saving work of
the East Anglian Air Ambulance Service by
Simon De Laat, Volunteer with the Charity
Refreshments provided
donations gratefully received.



Papworth Surgery New Appointment Booking System

We would like to wish everyone a happy new year! This month we have some big news to share with you about how the practice will be running and the way our patients can contact us moving forward. We know that any change can provoke anxiety but we have been listening to feedback from all of our patients and our staff, and we all agree the current system is not working well. We have set out to solve the main problems the current old-fashioned system has. In particular; the frustrating waits on hold for the phone to be answered, not seeing the same doctor every time, difficulties accessing appointments for people who cannot wait on the telephone and the worry of "how do I get help today when all the appointments have been booked?"

We have visited other practices who use other systems and we are pleased to inform you that from the 1st March we will be moving to a system called AccuRx. AccuRx will be available via a link on our website, and all of our patients will need to use this system if they wish to request an appointment with a doctor. You can use AccuRx to send a short summary of your symptoms and concerns to us. It should only take a few minutes to complete the form.

Every request will be triaged by a doctor on that day. The doctor could send you advice, call you, direct you to another

again in summer 2023; there's a call out to artists at the moment (see https://www.babylonarts.org.uk/news/view,the-library-presents-autumn-summer-2023-open-call_23063.htm) for artists across the UK to suggest material for the TLP menu for summer and autumn 2023.

Outside these events, the library is still offering a warm welcome to those who wish to drop in to choose books, stay to read, relax with one of our jigsaw puzzles or use our free WiFi or a library computer. Our Digital Buddy continues 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 them then do just ask at the library counter.

Also to say that February is LGBT+ History Month. Discover a rainbow of reading in our display of books by LGBT+ authors. Additionally, 6-12 February is Children's Mental Health Week. Reading all sorts of books for pleasure can give children a great sense of wellbeing, and we have lots they can choose from. We also have a special collection of books that support children with specific mental health problems, such as anxiety – ask at the library counter for more information.

Finally, in this Valentine's Day month, why not take a chance on a blind date with a book? Check out a mystery wrapped book from our display. Who knows, you might fall in love with it!

Library 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 to make an enquiry please visit https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Make_an_enquiry

service such as a physiotherapy, arrange some diagnostic tests, ask reception to book you an appointment today/tomorrow/fortnight depending on urgency or an appointment with a particular doctor who knows you.

Our patients who do not have access to the internet or are unable to complete the AccuRx online form themselves are still welcome to telephone us. Our receptionists will be trained to complete the form on your behalf, but they will not be able to book you an appointment until the request has been triaged by a doctor.

There may be times when we have to pause use of AccuRx, for example, if we have staff sickness or there is very high demand for appointments. In these cases, which we expect to be infrequent, patients can still call us if they have a medical emergency, but anything else we would ask to wait for the next working day at 7 a.m. when AccuRx switches back on again.

Our aim is to improve patient safety and quality of care. We want you to be able to see the right clinician, in the right time frame and avoid duplication of work! We also hope that by having a doctor triaging requests instead of the reception team, our patients will feel more confident that a doctor is aware of your symptoms and that we will make a plan with you. There is very positive feedback from other GP practices who use this system. Dr Cronk has recently been working at a local practice who use AccuRx, and reports that it works really well.

For now, while we are trialing the new system it is for doctors' appointments only and all other appointment requests (such as routine nursing appointments, physiotherapy, blood tests, reviews of long-term health conditions/medications etc.) can be requested using the old system via the telephone.

We will have more information on our website soon.

*Thank you for reading.
Drs Bailey/Greenwood/Routledge.*

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Church Notices

St Peter's Church – February Services

Sunday 12th - 10.30am – Holy Communion
 Sunday 19th - 10.30am – Morning Prayer
 Sunday 26th - 10.30am – Holy Communion

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 (Sunday 5th - 10.00am – Zoom church) and Bible Study and Morning Prayer.

Ash Wednesday (22nd February) Services

8.30am ~ Holy Communion at Conington
 12 noon ~ Holy Communion at Bourn
 7.00pm ~ Holy Communion at Caxton

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



'A Time for Reconciliation'

What I write here can apply, I believe, to seemingly small and apparently insignificant scenarios as much as national or global situations. Where the cap fits, wear it!

War in Ukraine continues. The standing of national politicians is probably at an all-time low. The numbers of 2-income households having to turn to foodbanks is rising rapidly.

The deep dysfunction within the Royal Family is a sorry reminder of how far and wide is the need for a period in which reconciliation is allowed to take place, flourish and be transformative.

I am not expert in the detail that underlies the issues in these and many similar situations; but I do know Christians have a distinctive understanding of what is required to bring reconciliation. One of the momentous achievements of Nelson Mandela, after he became President, was setting up the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 1996 to address the ills carried out in South Africa in the name of apartheid. Its' very title reminds us, any effective reconciliation is prefaced by the victims or aggrieved parties being able to be heard about the wrongs done. The influence of a Christian worldview was provided by the Chairmanship of Archbishop Desmond Tutu; his task was to allow truth to be told rather than the desire for vengeance to spiral or prevail.

There are a number of essential ingredients in any private or public process of reconciliation. Aggrieved parties need to be able to say how behaviour that has impacted negatively has felt and what it has done. Villains of the piece must own and acknowledge their wrongdoing. Forgiveness has to be extended by the aggrieved party to the other.

The wrongdoer has to change his or her attitude and behaviour to such an extent that what went wrong previously can't happen again. These steps indicate why such things take time; because of the complexity of the issues involved often and the depth of the intrusion wrongdoing has made on the composure and well-being of victims. Equally, all of the steps need to be coordinated or brought together.

The role of reconciler is rarely one that will attract recognition and plaudits; because it is about serving the needs of others and in such a way that pain and brokenness can be ameliorated and

transformed and those previously at odds (rather than those facilitating reconciliation) can be celebrated for laying down their divisions and hostility.

My prayer for the coming months is for gifts of reconciliation to prosper and the weeds of hostility to be overcome and wither.

Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector

Hilton Methodist Church



Services in February

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| February 5 th | 10:00am Mr. D. Moorman |
| February 12 th | 11:15am United Service at the Parish Church led by Rev. Sue Baker-Maher |
| February 19 th | 10:00am Mr. C. Webber |
| February 26 th | 10:00am Mr. J. Bridge |

All are Welcome

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

Hilton Coffee Mornings



Monthly coffee mornings in the Methodist Church Schoolroom have now restarted on the first Saturday of each month.



February 4th. 10:00am to 12 noon

Proceeds in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).

Student from Papworth plans to spend Summer 2023 volunteering

Daisy Francesca Stafford (Frankie) is planning to spend her summer volunteering in Uganda and Zambia. The first-year university student is busy raising sponsorship to facilitate the trips on behalf of Play Action International and Volunteer Zambia Sport.

Frankie will spend 2 weeks with Play Action International helping to transform an empty field at a school into new playgrounds to help children to learn and develop essential life skills and to nurture their physical, psychological and social development through play.



Following Uganda, Frankie will then head to Zambia as part of Loughborough University Volunteer Zambia Sport. In Zambia Frankie will spend six weeks working with Sport in Action as a sport development officer to help deliver sport development programmes across Lusaka, specifically as the Netball Development Officer. The focus of this project will be to support the development of effective pathways in key sports and in developing the skills of young Zambians in coaching, coach education, officiating, leadership and wider sports volunteering.



Having already volunteered over 200 hours in Cambridgeshire for England Netball's youth programme, Frankie is keen to take her experience further afield; in the future she plans to become a Sports Teacher and hopes she can encourage other students to take up the challenge of volunteering. Any donations from individuals or organisations are very gratefully received, it is only with fundraising overseas volunteering is possible.

To find out more or to donate please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/frankie-volunteeruganda> and

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/frankiesvolunteerzambia>



Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

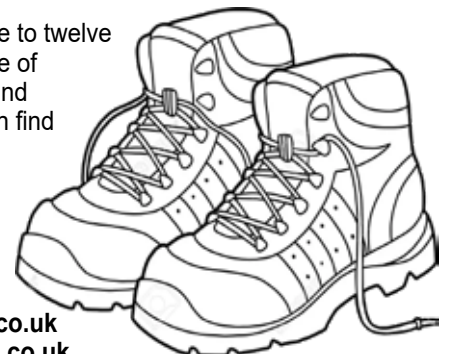
Walking in Cambridgeshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/cambridge> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Cambridgeshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris
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Tree Warden Report

David Potter treewarden@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

We are now in February, the shortest month of the year and one of the coldest months in the UK. In Finnish, the month is called helmikuu, meaning "month of the pearl"; when snow melts on tree branches, it forms droplets, and as these freeze again, they are like pearls of ice. In Macedonian the month is sechko, meaning month of cutting (wood). In

Slovene, February has been called sečan, meaning "the month of cutting down of trees".

Hopefully there will not be any cutting down of trees in Papworth, but this month is within the dormant winter period that is best for tree planting. I have been consulting with the Parish Council and the Varrier Jones Foundation to agree where and when we will plant a tree to commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. An oak tree, funded by the Parish Council, will be planted on Jubilee Green, with the assistance of the VJF tree surgeon. At the time of writing this report, the tree planting will occur at 1pm on Thursday 23rd February. Children from Pendragon School have been invited to participate in the event. I hope the weather is kind on the day!

An important date in February is, of course, the 14th, Valentine's Day. In 2019, the Forestry Commission reached its 100th birthday and, as part of the celebrations it invited people to write about what trees and forests mean to them on Valentine's Day. The renowned poet Carol Ann Duffy created a new work to celebrate the centenary, inspired by the nation's forests. Her poem, 'Forest' together with other submissions by members of the public, can be found on the Forestry Commission web site www.forestryengland.uk in their 'Tributes to Trees' section. Duffy's poem includes the line: 'The forest keeps different time; slow hours as long as your life ... These grave and patient saints who pray and pray and suffer your little embrace.'

For my Tree Warden Alphabet I have reached the letter 'i' for insects. The insect and other invertebrate life occur in a bewildering array of forms in deciduous woodlands. Every source of organic matter supports some kind of invertebrate, whether in the soil deep below the litter or on the topmost bud. Leaves are attacked from within and without – they are bitten and chewed by caterpillars and adult weevils, mined by moth, fly and weevil larvae, sucked by bugs and disfigured by gall-forming midges, mites and wasps.

Inside the trunk another community of insects is busy, especially at any vulnerable points of decay. The first invaders are often bark beetles whose 'softening up' process paves the way for wood lice, millipedes, centipedes, spiders, earwigs and flies. Later still, ants, bees and wasps may colonise the interior of the stricken timber.

Many of these invertebrates exist equally well in the leaf litter. Here earthworms, woodlice and mites abound, breaking down the waste products of everything they find, to the benefit of the fertility of the woodland.

So, walk lightly on the forest floor, look closely at the trees and undergrowth around you, enjoy the diversity of the insects, mammals and birds that inhabit the wild wood.



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Calling Potential Management Committee Members and Helpers

Our Treasurer of 17 years Jeff Tossell hopes to retire from the Day Centre this Summer. Jeff has also acted as Secretary to the Management Committee for the past 2 years so we will wish to recruit a new Treasurer and a new Secretary.

The Treasurer is responsible to the Management Committee for all aspects of financial management and accounting. The role is not onerous and only requires basic book keeping and accounting skills.

The Secretary is mainly responsible for taking and producing committee meeting and AGM minutes a total of 6-7 times a year. There would also be a small amount of secretarial work in support of the Committee. The workload would be light.

If you are interested in finding out more about the above roles please call Jeff on (01480) 880441

We would also like to welcome anybody interested in being a general helper at the Day Centre once a week on a Tuesday. Helper's activities can include travelling on the minibus to help clients onto and off the minibus; making cups of tea and handing



out biscuits; helping chat with and entertain the clients; laying the table and serving lunch; washing up and clearing up. Please contact Jenny if you are interested in being a helper at The Day Centre (number below).

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.

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.



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Happy New Year from all the ladies at
Papworth Everard WI

December 2022:

Many of us enjoyed a Members' Evening at our December meeting, starting with a rendition of Ding Dong Merrily on High sung by our choir, Lyrical Voices. Among other things, one of our members Lyn demonstrated how to tie and wear a scarf well, as you can see from the picture below. Mince Pies, Mulled Wine and a Fun quiz and Raffle all made the evening go with a swing. All members were presented with a box of Christmas Biscuits to enjoy over the festive period.

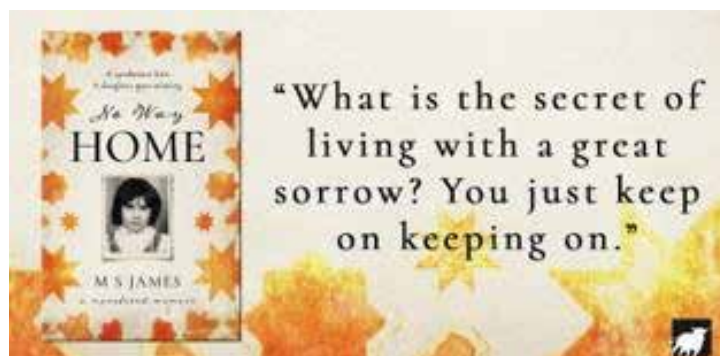


January 2023

Our first meeting of 2023 was well attended despite the very cold weather. Following the business we were given a very informative and delightful talk by Colin Bell on Bees and just how important they are in the production of food all over the world. Colin brought along many varied jars of delicious honey for us to taste and to purchase – it went down extremely well!



COMING UP: FEBRUARY 15TH 2023:



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Friends of Pendragon Primary School

We held our first meeting of the year on 11th January and are full steam ahead with event planning for the coming year.

Through our fundraising, we're very happy to have purchased a 'buddy bench' for school. This is a brightly coloured, welcoming bench where at play times if any child feels a little lonely and in need of a friend, they can sit on the bench and other children will know in that moment they are in need of a buddy, providing a place to help nurture friendships. We're sure everyone will agree this will be a great asset to the school.

We've also been successful in our grant application for outdoor learning resources from Learning through Landscapes. This grant will provide £500 of outdoor learning resources to enrich our growing forest school and includes some fantastic materials and teacher training.

It's disco time again! We're excited to be holding a Spring disco on Friday 24th February! We'll also run a Mother's Day shop in school on 17th March, and plans are being made for an Easter fun run which will be a great occasion for the whole family to take part in.

We're delighted to announce we will be holding a Quiz night on 10th June. This looks set to be a brilliant evening of fun, with food available on the night, it's never too early to get your team together! Look out for details of how to get your tickets coming soon.

Save the date for the school Summer Fiesta! Save the date - 7th July - and don't miss this wonderful celebratory evening, bringing the school and community together for fun, food and games this summer.

We are looking for company sponsors and donation of raffle prizes so if you are interested in supporting us at this event, please contact us, we would love to hear from you.

If you run a local business and would like to run a stall at the event, get in touch asap and secure your stall as these are sure to be booked up quickly following the success of last year's event.

Our long-term fundraising goal is an outdoor classroom. If you're interested in helping us reach our goal, please contact us at friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk we would love to hear from you.

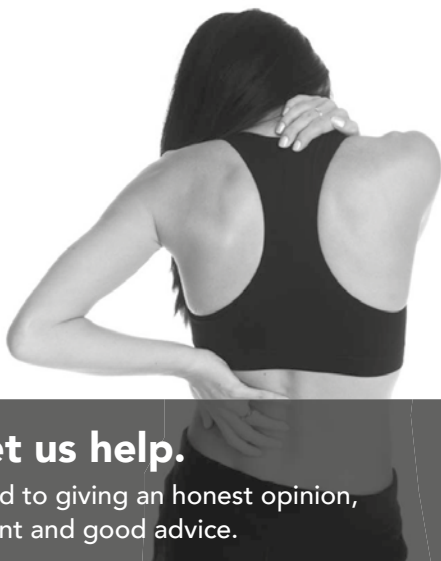
Follow the Friends of Pendragon Facebook page to keep up to date with all these events!

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PAPWORTH CRAFT GROUP

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Access to the library on Saturdays is by the rear door

The first meeting of the year had to be cancelled due to a flood in the library. Fortunately, this problem was resolved and the first meeting took place on 22 January. There was a terrific turnout, which was great. Our youngest ever recruit, aged 9, arrived with her dad, wanting to know how to cast on her knitting projects. Already able to knit basic stitches, she soon mastered casting on and also how to make a neat edge to her work - especially important for the scarf she is knitting for a gift. It is truly gratifying to have younger, aspiring crafters coming along to our meetings, wanting to learn how to knit or crochet. Time spent away from mobile phones and computers, engaged in working with their hands is certainly no bad thing. If you are a mum or dad with a young person, who has expressed an interest in learning to knit, crochet or cross stitch, but yourselves unable to satisfy this wish, please bring them to the library on either the first or third Saturday of the month. There are members ready and willing to introduce your young person to the 'mystery' of these crafts. If possible please bring your own materials to start with.

A stand out project of the first meeting was a crocheted square for a throw. What made it so special was the pattern itself - it looked exactly like a stained glass window. This pattern requires skill and patience to execute correctly. When all the squares are completed and assembled into the throw, the effect will be stunning and truly unique.

As our yarn stash is still reasonably healthy, it was possible to

donate some balls of yarn and knitting needles to the Warm Hub that has been set up in Northstowe by one member in the Craft Group. (She learned to crochet during the two hours of the meeting in January. Amazing work!) This serves as a reminder that there are people in 'fuel poverty' here in Cambridgeshire as well as other parts of the country. Warm hubs offer a place to stay for a few hours, have a warm drink and meet other people. Yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks provide an activity for those who want to make something, or even learn to knit or crochet.

An update on charity blankets. The charity HOPE AND AID DIRECT are sending knitted blankets to Ukraine. It is hoped that our blankets, assembled and finished by Sonja Allerton can be taken to a reasonably local collection point. If you would like to make squares for these blankets they should measure 20 cm x 20 cm (8 inches x 8 inches). Please sew in all the ends. Hope and Aid Direct have volunteers who assemble squares into blankets and are asking people to knit them to their own pattern, which they have found to be much easier to join together. If you would like to knit squares for these blankets, look for this pattern on their website, opeandaiddirect.org.uk or contact Rosalind Parnell at parnellrh@aol.com. If you would like some yarn to make squares, please contact Rosalind.

The Papworth Library generously hosts the Papworth Craft Group as a community project. It is always worth remembering that rural libraries are precious and the library is at the heart of this village. You can exchange your books and visit the Papworth Craft Group at the same visit. New members are most welcome. Pop by for a chat to see whether the group is for you. There is no requirement to spend the full two hours of the meeting. However, two hours of uninterrupted crafting may be just what is missing from your Saturdays!

Have a great February! Stay well and stay safe



South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caxton and Papworth Ward

District Councillor's Monthly Report – February 2023

Buses

The Combined Authority (the Mayor's office) will levy a special precept within next year's council tax bill, to continue subsidising the rural bus services it rescued at the end of last year. The additional amount is expected to be £12 for a

Band D property.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP) "Making Connections" consultation on improved bus services funded by a congestion charge received an over-whelming response. Over 23,000 responses were received from organisations and individuals, together with more than 100,000 written comments. Obviously, it's going to take some time for the GCP to analyse all that data and identify what changes are necessary to the original proposals. They still expect to have a final plan for the County Council (the body responsible for our roads) to vote on in the summer.

Development and the Local Plan

Several residents have asked me about misleading headlines suggesting 57,000 new houses are going to be built in the Greater Cambridge area. The number of residences needed was determined by a government algorithm which estimates the jobs and population growth of the area by 2041, and deduces the number of dwellings required for the additional residents. We have already reached the number of jobs previously expected to be created by 2031 by the end of last year! Consequently, the latest revision of the Local Plan estimates that 5,000 additional dwellings will be required, on top of the 46,000 previously planned. Of that second number, some have already been built, for example, in West Cambourne.

There are several caveats around these numbers.

The councils will not permit large scale developments until the water supply issue is resolved. A new reservoir is planned in Fenland as is a major new pipeline from Grafham Water. However, these sources are at least 5 years away from coming on stream.

Most of the new dwellings are planned for three strategic areas on the outskirts of Cambridge. Rural villages with no or poor public transport links are not considered good locations for large developments.

A new government may change the way housing needs are calculated.

Voter ID

You may have seen publicity about the need to present voter ID when you vote in person. As South Cambridgeshire does not have local elections this year, we will not be affected immediately. If you don't have another form of picture ID such as a passport or driving license, you can now apply to the District Council for a free voter ID certificate online here:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/elections/voter-id/>

Homes for Ukraine: Hosts still needed for guests already in South Cambs

Hosts are still desperately needed across South Cambs to support families who have already arrived from Ukraine, with hosts eligible to receive up to £500 a month as a thank you payment. Around 770 people from Ukraine have already arrived in South Cambs and, with the war continuing, there is an ongoing demand to provide them with a safe place to stay. Under the Homes for Ukraine scheme, hosts sign up to provide a home for guests for a minimum of six months. However, around 20% of current hosts are not able to continue past that initial six-month period. Guests who have been staying with them would benefit from alternative accommodation locally, so

they can continue to build on the relationships and community connections they have already been able to make.

Hosts receive comprehensive support from the District Council, along with a £350 monthly Government 'Thank you' payment. The District Council also offers an additional opt-in monthly payment to hosts of £150. This takes the total host payment to £500 per month. Anyone who can offer a spare room and warm welcome is being asked to text ROOM to 88802. The Council will support applicants through the process and match hosts to guests who have already started to settle in the local area.

Key Amnesty

South Cambs District Council is running a Key Amnesty campaign throughout February. People who are misusing council properties are being offered a one-off opportunity to #DoTheRightThing and return their keys without facing criminal proceedings. It gives tenants the opportunity to voluntarily hand in their keys, for a limited time, with no further action taken. Situations where tenants should hand in keys include where properties have been left empty or are illegally sub-let. For more information, email fraud@scambs.gov.uk or call the Housing department.

Batteries

You can now recycle batteries by putting them in a plastic bag and tying the bag to the handle of any bin. Previously you could only recycle batteries with the blue bin. Please do not throw old batteries into the grey bin, as this presents a fire hazard. Recently one of our bin lorries caught fire in Cambridge due to burning batteries and the lorry was only saved by the quick action of the driver who dumped his load into the street!

Peter Sandford - 24 January 2023

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Bisong Foundation

The Ubuntu Support Project

Bisong Foundation is organising a workshop to raise awareness around mental health problems, to reduce stigma and provide coping mechanism to those who face mental health challenges. The workshop will highlight the causes and preventative measures people can adopt if they face mental health crisis. This will help to reduce the incidences of dilapidating mental health crisis that is common in our community.

The project "Ubuntu Support Project" has been made possible thanks to a grant from The National Community Lottery Fund. Please join us at the Cricket Pavilion, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EQ on 24/02/23 from 5:30PM – 8:30PM.

Please contact us on: 07956 057504, 07585 112424, 07445 842529 to join the workshop.



COMMUNITY FUND



1st Papworth Rainbows and Brownies



We've had a great start to the new year, ten Rainbows have moved up to Brownies, we've had 7 new Rainbows starting, and 2 new Brownies.

Brownies and Rainbows are excitedly planning sleepover trips in the spring and summer. The Brownies are taking on a fundraiser challenge towards the cost of the accommodation and activities. The girls are planning their fundraising goals and have come up with some great ideas of things they can make and sell such as cakes and bracelets. Each girl taking part has been given £5 which they can use to hire or buy everything they need to get started and they can buy more supplies once they have sold an item. We are looking forward to seeing their progress.

In very exciting news, two of our leaders, Firefly and Snowy Owl have been nominated for an award at the Girlguiding Cambridgeshire West annual awards ceremony! The ceremony is taking place at the end of January, wishing all the wonderful volunteers across the county the best of luck.

We're pleased to announce our family Bingo night on Saturday 25th March! Our last bingo fundraiser was hugely successful and, due to popular demand, we are changing venues to the village hall. We will once again have some great prizes to be won and lots of fun for all the family. Book tickets now by emailing papworthrainbows@gmail.com.



PAPWORTH TENNIS CLUB

Papworth Tennis Club is delighted to announce two important additions to its Committee. Malwina Paszyk has taken on the

role of Club Secretary and Paul Dowsett has been appointed as Chairman.

Malwina has been a member for many years and knows the courts as well as anyone with the time she has spent coaching son Nathan in recent years.

Paul Dowsett is a more recent member but has become a Club Night regular – injuries permitting – and with his business career he is familiar with chairing meetings and taking leadership roles.

Welcome Malwina and Paul.

Next coaching programme

The next group coaching programme for minis, juniors and adults will start on February 20th, 2023. All players of all ages and abilities are catered for. The programme is open to members and non-members.

Our coaches Diane and John run the club group coaching programme and are also available for individual lessons. Diane and John each have more than 20 years of coaching experience.

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