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Varrier Jones Social Club

At their February meeting members were treated to a selection of music from Sean Moyses a local banjo player from March. He delighted everyone with his exceptional ability and the stories of his travels around the world - have banjo! will travel. The next meeting will be Friday 3rd March when Cara Bo will be singing her choice of songs. Club start time 1.00pm for 1.30pm.

SPARE THEATRE TICKETS

As a joint venture with Papworth W.I. we have booked tickets and a 49 seater coach to take us to Milton Keynes Theatre for the afternoon matinee performance of 'Strictly - the Musical' on Wednesday 5th April. This is a musical theatre production, not the T.V. contest, but Kevin Clifton from that show will star, which is under the direction of Craig Revel Horwood. The cost of the tickets and coach is £35.00 per person. The coach will leave Papworth Car Park at 11.30am and drop us in Milton Keynes in time for us to have some lunch before the show at 2.30pm. We still have a few seats to fill, so if anyone would like to join us they should contact Eddie Tomkinson 01480 839230 as soon as possible - first come first served!

GOOD NEWS!

I am very pleased to inform you that a special collection was made in St Peter's Church, Papworth Everard last Sunday, 19th February, in support of the DEC Appeal for the victims of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. A total of £387.60 was given to this by parishioners and last night the Parochial Church Council voted unanimously to match fund this. As a result, £775.20 has now been sent to the DEC Appeal.

The Revd Nigel di Castiglione

Team Rector, Papworth Team Ministry

UPDATE ON PAPWORTH PRINTWORKS

Following the long awaited completion of the Flagship homes development on Church Lane, the Printworks building will be formally handed over to Allia Ltd in mid-March 2023. We are delighted with the finished building and it is certainly in keeping with the heritage of the site. The building itself is currently a shell, and requires significant internal fit-out to complete the building ready for occupation.

We are continuing to appraise options relating to the ongoing use of the space and look forward to updating the community in due course. If you have any enquiries these can be directed to papworthprintworks@allia.org.uk.

Laura Rose - Head of Marketing and Communications

BIN COLLECTION DATES

Thu 9 Mar 2023	✓		
Thu 16 Mar 2023		✓	✓
Thu 23 Mar 2023	✓		
Thu 30 Mar 2023		✓	✓
Thu 6 Apr 2023	✓		
Sat 15 Apr 2023		✓	✓

Please Note: dates highlighted in red denote different collection day

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PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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Changes to household battery recycling collections

Adjustments to the bin lorries mean that residents can now receive a weekly battery collection by leaving batteries on their blue, green or black bins. To aid crews, residents are now asked to place batteries in a sealed or tied small plastic bag and place this loose on top of the bin lid, rather than tying it to the bin handle. This will help crews to collect them more efficiently. Batteries must never be put inside bins, where they can be damaged and catch fire.

For any queries, please email refuse@scambs.gov.uk

Trim Trail

You may have noticed that the Parish Council has started to dismantle the Trim Trail on the playing field. Unfortunately, the structures were reaching their end of life and parts were beginning to degrade and become unsafe. The continuous requirement for repairs and replacement parts was becoming expensive and not cost effective, so the decision was made to remove the pieces of equipment. The Parish Council will be looking at options to replace the trim trail in the future.

Cricket Update

Papworth Cricket Club is active and looking forward to playing in the league this season starting in May 2023. The club is planning to do practice from March and looking for more cricket enthusiasts to join the team.

If you wish to join the club please contact :

Paulson Xavier: 07729276366

Alan Carter: 07983617703

Dog Fouling

With the lighter evenings upon us soon and more children playing out on the on the fields and public areas in the village, please can we remind dog owners to pick up after your dog. Allowing your dog to foul and not clearing it up is unacceptable.

Dog mess left on pathways can end up on shoes, scooters, bike wheels and prams and spread all over the place – it really isn't nice. Dog fouling is particularly unpleasant when it is left on the playing field for people playing sports to tread in. The sports pitches are in regular use for football, but unfortunately, prior to each match, the football coaches have to scour the playing field removing piles of dog mess before they can start playing which wouldn't be necessary if dog owners took responsibility for clearing up after their dogs.

Dog fouling is not only unpleasant, it can also be dangerous – particularly for children. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness and seizures.

It is illegal not to clear up the mess left by your dog as soon as it has fouled and those that leave their mess behind could be liable to a fixed penalty notice. It is the responsibility of the dog owner or the person in charge of a dog to clear up any mess - being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

There are many dedicated dog waste bins throughout village so there is no excuse to leave dog mess on the paths and open spaces. If you can't find a dog bin, you can bag your pet's poo, seal it well and place it in any standard litter bin – or take it home for disposal in your black bin.



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Fiona McLean



Please note that as featured in News & Views last month, we are seeking both a Treasurer and a Secretary to join the Board of Trustees for the Day Centre.

Please call Jeff on 01480 880441 for more information. We would also welcome more volunteers to help at the Day Centre on Tuesdays. Please ring Jenny, number below.

On Tuesday 7th February we were very lucky to be entertained by Fiona McLean, Jukebox Legend, with a lovely voice singing hits from across past decades.

Other recent highlights have included very tasty Fish and Chips from Luke's here in Papworth; and Big Ron Tee, another popular singer, singing favourite hit songs. On the 14th of February we had a visit from Lay Preacher, David Potter who told us about the history of St Valentine. We sang some related Hymns accompanied by David's wife Anne on the piano. In the afternoon we had a demonstration of cake icing by Helen from Helen's novelty cakes, Alconbury.

In addition we have had exercises led by one of our members, Carol and plenty of delicious cakes made by Sylvia.

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 essential 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.

You might be interested to know that we are on Facebook: search 'Papworth and District Day Centre'.

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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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.

Our next session will take place on Saturday 25 March, 10am -12 noon at the Turnhill Room, Papworth Everard.

Please 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.

The Heritage Project continues....

You may remember, in the January edition of News and Views, Papworth Trust wrote about an exciting new Heritage Project, funded by the Heritage Fund, designed to work specifically with disabled people living in the village. We have been delighted to have the opportunity to talk to, and work with residents from the local community. The village library, the Turnhill Room and Bradbury Court have all been brilliant venues to hear about the barriers that disabled people can face when it comes to engaging with heritage. It has also been a privilege to hear the various memories and interests that contribute to our community.

The project will continue to work with disabled residents until the end of March. If you would like to get involved in the project please feel free to contact Kate Hulme who will be able to tell you more. Kate's contact details are 07810 637060 or kate@katehulme.co.uk.



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Papworth Library

We're pleased to say that here in the library our ceiling's having a rejuvenating lick of paint to go with the daffodils outside. Also flowering in spring is this year's Festival of Stories – we're marking this first with a bee-themed RhymeTime on Wednesday 8 March 10am – 10.30am, where bee songs and stories will join our old favourites for this session of rhymes and singing for 0-4s.

The spring is also bringing storyteller Tonka Uzu to Papworth on Saturday 18 March. She will deliver an interactive story on the theme All About Bees! from 10.30am – 11am in the library for children 0-2 years. Children are invited to come join our little bee as she ventures outside her hive, plays with other bees, and explores flowers and scents – to make some noise with shakers, and join in some dancing! The session will cost £1 at the point of booking; to book, please email BarHill.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or book in the library. There are 20 places maximum, with parent or carer.

To give you news too of our next Engage talks; our March Engage, Thursday 9 March 10am – 11.30am in the library, will feature a speaker from Healthy You, who will outline the invaluable, free services they provide the community. If you are eligible for a full health check, Healthy You has kindly said you will be able to make a booking if you wish. £1+ donations for refreshments will be gratefully received on the day.

In April our very own Area Library Manager Terri Lewis, who is a qualified Nordic Walking coach, will give a talk on 'The Power of Poles' on Thursday 13 April 10am – 11.30am. She will explain the endless list of benefits and fun to be gained by taking up this enjoyable, health promoting activity. Again, £1+ donations for refreshments will be gratefully received on the day.

The Library Presents is also gearing up for its next series of arts events in libraries, so is asking customers to help select performances for families and adults of all ages, to take place in libraries, outdoors and online. To make their choices customers can visit Papworth Library or others (please ask in the library for which these are), or choose online at www.library.live/the-library-presents

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.

And lastly, we'd be very grateful to hear via BarHill.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk from anyone who might like to volunteer to deliver RhymeTime at Papworth Library (currently Wednesday mornings in term-time 10.30am – 11am) due to a change in staff circumstances - training would be provided.

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



Papworth Library Engage Talk

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£1+Donations gratefully received.





Papworth Surgery

Patients Link

Changes to Making Appointments at Papworth GP Surgery

What is changing?

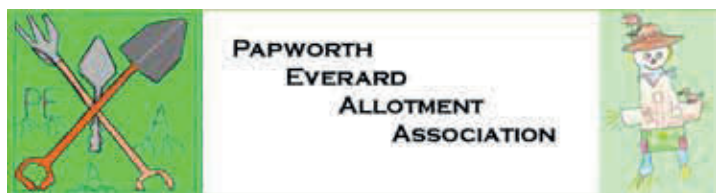
From 1st March we are introducing a new way of making appointments to see a Doctor.

We will be offering the same number of Doctors appointments, either face to face or on the phone. We will have the same number of clinicians working daily.

All appointments for nurses, blood tests etc can be made in the same way as they are currently i.e. by phoning the surgery.

Why is this changing?

We want to improve the patient experience by offering a more



The weather has started to get warmer, so up the allotments we are all starting to get back on our plots and plan what we are going to grow for 2023.

My wife and I have been adding an extra layer of wood chip to the paths on our plot over the winter, we have also been adding manure to our planting beds so that when it warms up we can plant into rich, warmed up soil and our seedlings can get off to a great start. This also gets us out and enjoying the fresh air in winter as well as a lot of exercise carrying and spreading the contents of the bags.

We will probably still get frosts before May so any seedlings delivered to our house we will grow on and harden off before we plant on the plot, but just planting them up at home can make you feel Spring is just round the corner.



On our plot we have some perennial planting such as fruit canes (black currants, gooseberries, raspberries etc), asparagus, strawberries and globe artichoke. We then add to that with annual plantings such as potatoes, sweetcorn, broccoli and beetroot. We also plant

leeks and onions, in fact we are usually self sufficient for the year with the onions we grow. I also grow large pumpkins, not to eat just for fun and to give to friends' children for carving at Halloween.

If you fancy joining us up the allotments we have a few spare plots at present (when they are gone you can be added to the waiting list). This is a great time to join as you can prepare your plot before planting time. We can offer fresh air, plenty of exercise and at the end of the process some gorgeous fresh food. We have a few plots that have been used so you will not be starting with an empty never before dug site.



For more info take a look at <https://www.peaa.uk/>

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modern and easy to use system that helps our team process appointment requests fairly and efficiently.

We know how frustrating it can be waiting on a phone line and by using this service you can now make an appointment request at your own convenient time without the need for sitting in a queue.

How will I make an appointment?

Visit our website and click on the Contact Us Online button. You can then choose to submit an admin query or help for a medical issue.

If you have a medical issue and would like to make an appointment please choose this option. Complete the form with as much detail as possible, including photos if appropriate.

What time can I use this service?

The service will be switched on every weekday morning at 7am and all requests will be viewed and triaged by the Duty Doctor on the same day.

What if I have an urgent need for an appointment?

You still need to submit the form online or call us if you cannot use the online form and our team will complete the form for you. Your online request will then be reviewed by the Duty Doctor and followed up appropriately. The reception team will not be able to make any GP appointments.

What if I cannot use the website?

You can still call the practice and our team will complete the form for you. Your request will be dealt with in the same way as requests made online

What happens when the service is not available?

If your need is not medically urgent please access the service from 7 am the following working day.

What is the link for this new service?

We will share this when the system goes live on 01/03/2023.

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Church Notices

St Peter's Church – March Services

Sunday 12th - 10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 19th - 10.30am – Mothering Sunday Family Service

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.

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



'For everything there is a season'

I am no horticulturalist but by my reckoning this year's crop of daffodils are late and my wife has noticed! It's another simple reminder there are many things we can't control.

Christians have a long tradition of reminding themselves we are creatures of our God. This tells us there will always be major areas

of mystery and much we don't fathom or understand. For some this engenders excitement, for others it's a reason to worry or become anxious.

An important question is, therefore, how to live well and not let the things we can't control or manipulate drag us down. I find this is where the teaching of Jesus remains so relevant and timely. The second half of Matthew chapter 6 is an excellent example.

First, he encourages us to have a utilitarian approach to money, possessions and wealth; rather than be driven to accumulate as much as we can – for the simple reason we have these things for this life and can't take them with us. This is not an argument against prudence or wise self-management but an encouragement to examine our underlying motivations. Then he addresses the reality of living with anxiety, but against the backdrop of having entrusted our hopes and ambitions to God. Look carefully and find a step-by-step approach to facing the things that worry us and finding a place of rest and composure in the eye of the storm.

We are now in the season of Lent. For some it is something to ignore, for others a time to give up a few luxuries in the hope of getting ourselves in better shape for the spring and summer whilst there are those who see it as a season to take on new challenges and disciplines – whether or not we are people of faith. Whatever you do or don't do, it can be helpful to take time to review or take stock of what is going on in and around us. One outcome can be to seize the moment for something that has been denied, ignored or simply not given enough time to address.

For the past 2 years I have begun the year making or updating a list of a few people I intend to make time and space to see – going beyond the annual exchange of cards at Christmas! Two weeks ago, I was brought up short by a phone call, telling me that one of those people had died before I got round to seeing again. Here was another plan I had pencilled into my thinking in good faith

but not made the space and time to fulfil. Now it is too late. I am annoyed with myself because it is a mistake, I have made more than once. Note to self: in future make good plans and action them without delay!

Nigel di Castiglione
Team Rector

Hilton Methodist Church



Services in March

March 5 th	10:00am	Mr. C. Webber
March 12 th	11:15am	United Service at the Methodist Church led by Rev. Sue Baker-Maher
March 19 th	10:00am	Mrs. L. Charlton
March 26 th	10:00am	Local Arrangement

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.



March 4th. 10:00am to 12 noon

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



Friends of Pendragon Primary School

We kicked off the spring term with our 'Spring Fling' disco at the end of February, and are looking forward to running our Mother's Day shop in school on 17th March. We're pleased to confirm that the Buddy Bench is now in place in school, offering a welcoming space for all the children to use.

In 2021, we took part in the 'Cows about Cambridge' art trail. This was an engaging and creative activity involving all the children painting our very own mini-moo which was part of the city-wide art trail, and they are very proud of our resident 'Ermine-trude' which is on permanent display in school.

Hot on the hooves for Spring 2024 is a new art trail 'gentle giants' featuring large colourful giraffe sculptures. The project was launched at the Museum of Zoology and we're very excited to announce that we are taking part and this time will get our own 'Mini G' to keep! We know the children (and parents) are going to love it (who doesn't love a giraffe?!). We are seeking sponsors to support us, if you run a local business and would like to be part of this inspiring art project, get in touch to secure your sponsorship now!

Time is flying by and Friends are meeting regularly to plan for the Summer Fiesta on the 7th July. This is our largest fundraising event of the year and takes a lot of volunteers to run, if you can spare some time to help on the day, please get in touch! If you are a local business and would like a stall in the market area, or are interested in supporting us with a raffle prize or sponsorship, please contact us, we would love to hear from you! Email friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk or get in touch via our Facebook page.

Our quiz night takes place on 10th June – save the date and keep your eye out for more information coming soon!

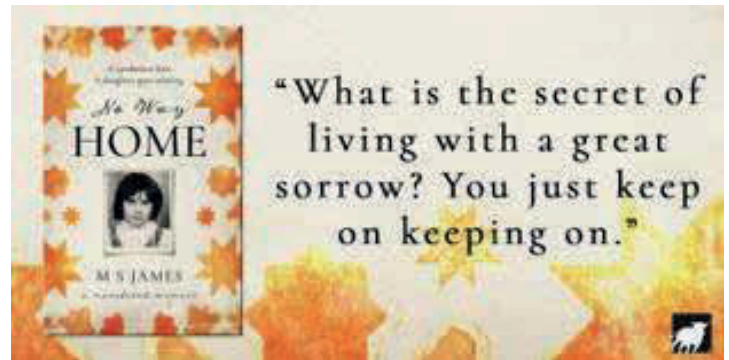
One easy way we can all support Friends is via the The Co-op Community Fund Cause. Simply become a Co-op member, choose Friends of Pendragon as your preferred cause, and scan your card every time you shop, at Co-op nationwide! Another great reason to visit Co-op Papworth and Upper Cambourne stores right now is for the chance to win a lovely Mother's Day hamper raffle prize. Tickets are just £1 a strip, with all proceeds going to the school.



theWI Papworth Everard INSPIRING WOMEN Womens Institute

February started with tea and cake at The Stove Café in Bourn to brighten up a very dreary February afternoon.

Our monthly meeting on 15th February saw many members and visitors come along to listen to a most interesting talk and presentation given by Maggie James about her experiences when living and working in Saudi Arabia back in the 1980s. Maggie quoted passages from her new novel 'No Way Home' and brought along signed copies for members to purchase.



Over 30 ladies enjoyed a great evening out to the Peterborough Key Theatre to see the wonderful ballet of 'Beauty and the Beast'. A thoroughly enjoyable experience with wonderful costumes and music.



COMING UP: NOT TO BE MISSED MARCH 15TH 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is the time to come along to support your WI to ensure it continues going forward in the Village and to offer to serve and to help to the Committee

7.15 for 7.30pm at The Studio, Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard

All ladies over the age of 18 welcome

Following the business a fun evening of Bingo will follow with fantastic prizes!!!

We look forward to seeing you there



Tree Warden Report

David Potter treewarden@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

There were some bright and sunny days in mid February, an opportunity to get out and about to enjoy the displays of snowdrops and aconites in places like Anglesey Abbey. Now we are in March and the sap is beginning to rise in trees and hedgerows. Buds are swelling and soon the dark woods will show a green

haze of fresh growth. The longer days and warmer temperatures are encouraging the birds to sing out and to build their nests. In other words, we are on the cusp of Spring.

For my tree warden alphabet, I have been focusing on 'J' for Jubilee. The commemorative tree marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee has been planted on Jubilee Green by the school children of Papworth, with representatives from the Parish Council and the Varrier Jones Foundation also in attendance. Planting the tree is a mark of celebration and appreciation for all those years of service to the nation by our late Queen. And, because the planting of any tree is an investment in the future, it is also a signal of confidence and hope for the future.

The Queen's 70 year rule is the longest of any British monarch. Her reign covered a period of accelerating social and technical change, during which the Queen stayed constant in her Christian belief and her commitment to service. The 'Queen's Green Canopy' is a nationwide initiative to create a living legacy with over a million trees planted in Her Majesty's name across the nation during the first planting season, October 2021 to March 2022. The tree we have planted on Jubilee Green is part of that legacy and a lasting tribute to Her Majesty's extraordinary service to her country and her people.

It will be Mothering Sunday on the 19th of March. A time for families to be together, for cards to be written and posies to be given. A time for sharing memories. So much can be said with a bunch of daffodils. I hope that, by then, in our gardens and the parks we might visit, we will find hosts of golden daffodils to delight our inward and outward eyes.





Pendragon Primary School



The children and staff at Pendragon have had an eventful start to 2023. Some of the highlights have been Reception's royal banquet – fit for a King or Queen, Year 4's residential to Burwell and Year 5's visit to the O2 in London where they sang their hearts out at the Young Voices choir.



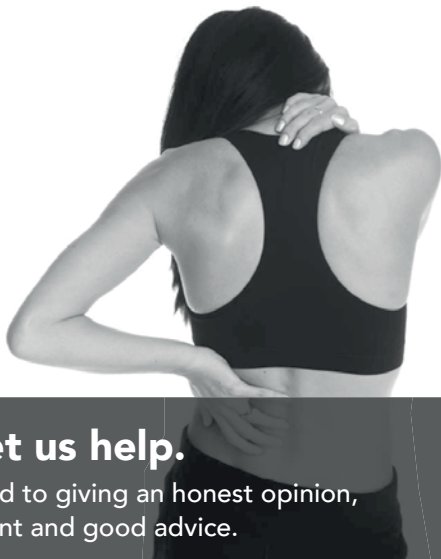
We had a fun time celebrating Chinese New Year with a specially designed lunch menu. Happy New Year of the Rabbit.





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The year is marching on and signs of spring are popping up everywhere. February has been a really good month at the Papworth Craft Group. We have new members and that is always so gratifying, whether it is someone who is new to the village or someone who has read this column and is finally free to come along. At the second session of the month a young mother joined us, and is looking forward to two free hours twice a month to spend with others and her knitting. The membership now has a wide spread of ages with the youngest at nine years old and the oldest at.....well, wise in years and experience. There is plenty of chatter, laughter and mutual support. Each one has their own individual contribution to make, with the opportunity of learning from one to another. There is always room for more to join us, so please do not be shy or worried that you may not be good enough at your chosen craft. Enthusiasm will have brought you to the group and that will more than suffice. Help is at hand with knitting, crochet and cross stitch most definitely. If you embroider or do patch work, you may be the ones to offer help, although there are a few members who have a rudimentary knowledge in them.

The Danish Advent Calendar being stitched by Michele Eidevik-Skinner is almost complete and it is beautiful. One irritation has cropped up though - there is insufficient white floss to finish it! Hopefully Permin, the Danish company responsible for the kit will send some more on request. Running out of floss is one of the hazards of buying a cross stitch kit. It is possible that there has been a miscalculation or an error in the assembly of the kit to account for insufficient floss, as in the case of the Advent Calendar. Not only was there a shortfall in the required amount of white floss but a surplus of the red. However, if you take out your work due to recurring mistakes, running out of floss is increasingly likely. Fortunately, manufacturers are more than happy to supply you with extra floss, usually without charge. Our delightful, youngest member, Nor, is progressing with her scarf and learning a few tips as she goes along. The prospective recipient of the scarf will surely be delighted with her gift.

A brief heads up for those who enjoy going to crafting events. From 23 - 26 March the Stitch Festival is taking place at the Business Design Centre in London. Tickets are £16.50 for adults, concession tickets, (age 60+, students, disabled visitors) are £15.00, children (5 -18 years) are £7.50 and children under 5 years old are free. Carers are also free. There are workshops to sign up to and a load of exhibitors with more than enough goodies to make your wallets a lot lighter! For more information go to

Stitchfestival.seetickets.com. The venue is in Islington, one stop from King's Cross/St Pancras to Angel. The Business Design Centre is a short walk from the underground station. Alternatively, there is a car park at the venue.

For those who are passionate about cross stitching, one of the most important events in the calendar is the Nashville Needlework Market 2023. Although this event is for retailers only, there are plenty of places to see the new designs that will be exhibited there on Instagram as well as on the websites or YouTube channels of the designers. Retailers in the USA preview new designs and at least one online retailer of cross stitch in the UK is doing the same, (see Peaksideneedleworks.co.uk). Although this is primarily an American event for American cross stitch designers, there are some European ones as well. There is plenty on which to feast your eyes and there are some spectacular designs on exhibit, from contemporary one to older traditional samplers that have been transferred from the original works into cross stitch charts.

Another update on the charity blankets and other knitted items. Everything has gone to the charity HOPE AND AID DIRECT, (hopeandaiddirect.org.uk). This charity is currently working to send blankets and warm clothing, as well as other urgently needed items to Ukraine, Turkey and Syria. They are truly grateful for our contribution to their efforts. This is most humbling. Every contribution adds to the overall effort and it is clear that aid will be needed for quite some time yet. It is still very cold in all three of these countries and even as the winter passes into spring, nights can still be very cold. If you would like to help with our charity blankets, you can do so in two ways, either by knitting or crocheting squares or assembling the squares into blankets. If you would like to make some squares, they should measure 20 cm x 20 cm or 8 inches x 8 inches. Please sew in all the ends. You can hand in squares to Nicola at Papworth Library, bring them to either of our meetings or contact Rosalind Parnell at parnellrh@aol.com. For anyone wishing to help assembling the squares into blankets or if you need yarn, the same contact applies. Thanking you in advance for the gift of your time.

Every visit to the library contributes to footfall. By attending the Papworth Craft Group you are making that contribution. This matters. The library cannot be taken for granted and it is vital that it is used as much as possible. It would be dreadful if our library joined the list of closed rural libraries. Come and borrow some books, read the newspapers there, come to the Craft Group or even do all three!

By the time the next edition of the News & Views appears, the clocks will have already gone forward and British Summertime heralds lighter evenings. Have a great March!

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The 22nd February was World Thinking Day which is celebrated by Girl Guides and Scouts every year. 1st Papworth Rainbows and 1st Papworth Brownies wore their Girl Guide uniforms to school as part of the celebrations, and they all looked



very smart, well done girls! Leaders Brown Owl and Snowy Owl both received an award at the Girlguiding Cambridgeshire West annual awards ceremony at the end of January. It was a lovely afternoon celebrating all the wonderful volunteers across our region.

Tickets are selling fast for our family Bingo night on Saturday 25th March at the village hall. Don't miss this fun family evening, book your tickets now by emailing papworthrainbows@gmail.com.



Committee Members Required

Over the last few years Papworth Blasters has expanded significantly. In August this year I expect to be registering around 150 players, compared with the 80 or so we had in 2019 when I became Secretary.

The Club Committee currently consists of our Coaches, me as Secretary and John Tolond our Chair. Coaches are also acting as Treasurer, Welfare Officer and Vice Chair.

This is a very small team for the size of the Club.

Going forward we would like to be able to run fundraising events, more events for the players, Refreshments at Home games and a bigger Presentation afternoon perhaps with a 5 a side tournament – but to do so we need more help! Could you join us on the Committee and help us make these events happen? Or do you know a friend or relative with some spare time who could help? All Committee members are DBS checked and complete an online Safeguarding course, but no other courses or qualifications are required.

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