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VARRIER JONES SOCIAL CLUB



At the March meeting of our Club, we were treated to an afternoon of popular songs, provided by a new visitor to Papworth. Cara Bo sang many show songs. that emphasised her lovely voice and our members really enjoyed listening and joining in with this lovely young lady who is new to the entertainment circuit. Our Entertainment Secretary was so impressed, he has already booked Cara for next year.

Our current membership is nominally thirty, men and women. Except in January, we usually meet at 1.p.m on the first Friday of the month at The Studio in Pendrill Court. We have a varied programme of events throughout these eleven months, comprising a mixture of Quizzes, Demonstrations, Bingo, Entertainment, and special meals such as Strawberry Tea, Harvest Lunch and the very popular Fish and Chips that are brought in locally. We believe our charges are very

reasonable, at the present time being a one off payment of £5 to join, and thereafter £3 each month you attend. This year we have added a trip to the theatre and a summer boat trip to our programme.

So why not come and join us, we would love to see you. It is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of new friends or meet up with old ones. Our next meeting will be on Good Friday 7th April. On that day we will be having a Fish and Chip lunch followed by a specially compiled Entertainment Quiz. As mentioned in the previous issue of News and Views, we have a coach trip organised on the 5th April to go to the theatre in Milton Keynes to see Strictly the Musical, There are still a couple of seats available, anyone interested in going and/or joining the Club should contact Eddie Tomkinson on 01480 839230.

BIN COLLECTION DATES

Bin Dates	Black Bin	Blue Bin	Green Bin
Thu 6 Apr 2023	✓		
Sat 15 Apr 2023		✓	✓
Fri 21 Apr 2023	✓		
Thu 27 Apr 2023		✓	✓
Fri 5 May 2023	✓		
Thu 11 May 2023		✓	✓

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News & Views - Papworth Everard

Deadline for next edition is Wed 26th April

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Changes To Making Appointments at Papworth GP Surgery

The new appointment booking system went live on 1st March. There have been some issues with the new system but the practice report on the whole changing to a new system has gone well. Below is a reminder of a few key points.

The surgery will be offering the same number of Doctors appointments, either face to face or on the phone with the same number of clinicians working daily as before the changes.

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

The system has been changed to improve the patient experience and reduce frustrating telephone waiting times.

To make an appointment

Visit the surgery website www.papworthsurgery.nhs.uk 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.

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 to ensure you are seen and treated appropriately for your need.

If you 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.

If you want to contact the surgery Patient Link committee the email address is: cpicb.papworth.patientslink@nhs.net and there is more information about the group on the surgery website.



March 2023 Snow in Papworth - Sujith Keapen

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April 2023

Coronation Tree Planting

We would like to invite Papworth Everard residents to join us in planting a tree in honour of His Majesty King Charles III's coronation. The tree will be planted to the front of Papworth Hall on Wednesday 26 April at 2pm.

We are grateful to the Varrier-Jones Foundation for their support on this and hope local residents will be able to join us for this wonderful occasion.

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. April's session will take place on the 22nd at Bradbury Court.

For more information regarding dates and venues please contact Tracey Croucher, Tenant Engagement Officer by email at tenantengagement@papworthtrust.co.uk by telephone on 0330 678 0008 option 2 and they can also be found on our website <https://www.papworthtrust.org.uk/tenant-involvement/>

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.

Papworth Library

As this issue of News & Views goes to press, we've just celebrated this year's Festival of Stories with our bee-themed RhymeTime in early March, and with storyteller Tonka Uzu who led an interactive story at the library later in the month on the same topic. Children followed the session's little bee in all her activities, joining in with music and dancing and enjoying some books gifted to them.

Shaping up for spring, we also heard from Healthy You in an Engage talk; they advised on their services, and took bookings for more sustained help. Do come join us for our next Engage talk in April, which will be given by our very own Area Library Manager Terri Lewis, a qualified Nordic Walking coach, 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. £1+ donations for refreshments will be gratefully received on the day.

Just a reminder that we're still offering paw-print stamps for 0-4s on their Booktrust cards in return for their library visits; for every six paw-prints they get a certificate! There are 10 certificates to collect.

The Library Presents has just finished consulting residents on their performance choices for the Summer 2023 and Autumn 2023 seasons, with thanks to everyone who contributed their suggestions; watch this space for more news.

The Family History Group continues to meet every second Tuesday in the month, 2pm - 3.30pm, and the Craft Group every first and third Saturday of the month, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Do just drop in to these sessions; we look forward to seeing you there.

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 still be very grateful to hear via BarHill.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk from anyone who might like to volunteer

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.

Heritage Project

Heritage Project continues

You may remember from previous editions that the Papworth Trust has been lucky to receive support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to create a project about the village's important history. We have really enjoyed hearing people's views about what is important to them at the informal sessions we held in January and February. During March we placed some display boards with some ideas for different projects in various locations across the village and asked for comments and votes. If you didn't see the boards and would like to vote or give us feedback you can contact Kate Hulme on 07810 637060 or kate@katehulme.co.uk We have until the end of April to put together final thoughts from the sessions we have held and put together a plan for the project that people liked the most.



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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/

With thanks - Terri



Papworth Library Engage Talk

Thursday 13th April 10am – 11.30am

"The Power Of Poles"

We are delighted to welcome Terri Lewis, qualified Nordic Walking coach, to explain the endless list of benefits and fun to be gained by taking up this enjoyable, health promoting activity.

£1+ donations for refreshments gratefully received.



PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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PADDLING POOL ATTENDANTS REQUIRED FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The Parish Council will be opening the paddling pool once again this summer.

The paddling pool is a great asset to the village and well used each year by children from the village and from further afield. But, we need helpers to keep it running - without people to look after the pool, we would be unable to open it up for the summer. It takes a great deal of work to maintain the pool so it is safe and clean to use.

We are hoping to employ 3 or 4 people (Age 18+) to share cover of approximately 5-6 hours spread out over the day from early morning until early evening, 7 days a week, from mid-July until early September. The pool attendant is a paid position, and all necessary training will be provided.

If you are interested and willing to commit to helping over the Summer period, please register your interest with the Parish Clerk by email clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Parish Council will be holding its Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 24th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting is open to all residents of the village and is a chance to hear what the Parish Council has been up to over the last year and for electors to ask questions or have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of the parish.

We hope to see you there !

OVERHANGING HEDGES & TREES

Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways Department have asked us to remind householders that hedges and trees should not be allowed to encroach onto the public highway.

As we move into spring, vegetation is growing rapidly and can very quickly cause problems for pedestrians when it starts to encroach the public footpaths. This is particularly an issue for wheelchair users and parents with children in prams and buggies, when twigs can be at face height and easily cause scratches.

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

Local Authorities have a legal duty to ensure that public highways are unobstructed, so usually inspect roads regularly and often receive complaints from members of the general public.

When Local Authorities become aware of such obstructions, they can issue a formal notice for the work to be undertaken, which, if ignored will result in the Local Authority undertaking the work and charging their costs back to the owner/occupier.

If your hedge is starting to get a bit unruly, with twigs and branches sticking out towards the pavement, now is the perfect time of year, before the birds are nesting, to get those shears and hedge trimmers out and get trimming to help keep our pathways clear and unobstructed !

Issues such as overhanging hedges, bushes and trees or any other highways matters such as potholes, street signs, damage to street furniture and obstructions or debris and mud on the road can be reported online via the Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Department reporting tool <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>

VOTER ID CHANGES

From 4 May this year, voters will be required to show photo ID in polling stations before being allowed to vote. There are no planned elections in South Cambridgeshire on 4 May, but the new requirements will be in place for any elections that follow this date.

Any resident without an accepted form of ID can apply now for their free Voter Authority Certificate. You can find out more about the changes, details of acceptable forms of ID and how to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate on the South Cambs District Council website www.scambs.gov.uk/voter-id or by contacting the Your Elections team elections@scambs.gov.uk

Church Notices

St Peter's Church – April Services

Good Friday 7th – 12 noon ~ Reflections at the cross
 Easter Sunday 9th - 10.30am – Holy Communion
 Sunday 16th - 10.30am – Morning Prayer
 Sunday 23rd – 10.30am – Family Service

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

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



Giving thanks for the service we receive

The deadline for writing this article seems to come over the horizon faster with each passing month! Thinking about it this time, I was reminded that, of course, I am one of a host of contributors to what is a source of information interest and even inspiration to many more. Commitments and projects that are worthwhile and serve a wider community than those active in its production are,

usually, the fruit of vision and cooperation.

We saw this powerfully in early March – with the row over 'Lineker-gate'; resulting in a favourite programme for many over a typical weekend being greatly curtailed. The voluntary or forced withdrawal of what one person could do impacted millions.

One big difference I have noticed living in a rural village is the realisation some important tasks or jobs need to be actioned by local people doing their bit voluntarily (rather than assuming the local authority will step in). It is very heartening to drive down a road and realise a team have been out the previous day litter-picking; although why the mindless behaviour that prompts a few to toss their takeaway meal containers out of the car window rather than putting them in a waste bin prevails is a mystery, (or a sign of widespread selfishness).

So, thank you, again, to volunteers – what you do makes a huge difference and matters.

With daffodils currently (as I write) in full bloom, I am reminded, also, that some of our small seemingly inconsequential actions last for years and just keep on blooming year after year. What was sown and buried at one time can have the potential to bring cheer, comfort and strength for many generations to come. This analogy offers an insight into how Christians celebrate Easter – where God's action in Jesus of Nazareth in the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday keep on repaying faith nearly 2,000 years later. This was the supreme act of voluntary service for which the right response is to offer thanks and live thankfully before God and one another.

Unlike others, I have little or no horticultural understanding. Neither do I get much of the science that has undoubtedly helped us come alive to the threats of environmental disaster lurking just around the corner and the need for us all to do our bit now. I am grateful for those who do and offer their wisdom so liberally; but I do value

the fruit of their study and labour. To do so is an expression of trust and wisdom which is returned as the experts in one field do something similar to enjoy the expertise of others in other matters. One again this is how spiritual faith works, not boiling down to what I can understand and explain but a realisation of what is true and transforms the world.

Whether you are a person of some faith, much faith or no faith in what Christians believe about Jesus please consider joining us to give thanks and worship on Easter Day.

Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector

Hilton Methodist Church



Services in April

April 2 nd	10:00am Mrs. K. Salmon
April 9 th	11:15am Easter Day - United Service at the Parish Church
April 16 th	10:00am Mr. J. Green
April 23 rd	10:00am Dr. B. Spencer
April 30 th	10:00am Dr. R. Randall

All are Welcome

Tea and Coffee will be served after the services

Hilton Coffee Mornings



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

April 1st. 10:00am to 12 noon

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

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Mon -Wed 12.30, Thurs – Fri 6.30pm in the Church Building
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Facebook: www.facebook.com/Cambourne.Sawston. YouTube:
Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint John Fisher Parish

Please use our Facebook page for more information on social
events. Please join us for a Bollywood Night Fundraiser later
this year, if you want more details, please contact Liz Christy
via the email address above. Everyone welcome!!

Please contact Fr John Minh on the email above to register
for First Communion and Confirmation Lessons here in
Cambourne.

Wishing Everyone a Blessed Easter, as spring is here, we
continue to prepare ten children for their first communion. The
families have shown a great commitment to supporting their
children on their faith journey. We enjoy learning about Jesus
by singing, acting, and of course praying.

For teenagers, please tune in to RMEY Faith Vibe 5pm Fridays
and 8pm Sundays, please see the webpage on how to listen in:
www.radiomariaengland.uk

Great news for those of you who are Classical Music fans,
Maryam Giraud former presenter on FaithVibe is producer/
presenter of Sacred Music Spotlight 15.15pm on Saturdays on
Radio Maria England (see website for alternative airtimes), it's
not to be missed !!!



Come Worship With Us!
This Easter @
Papworth Church

Palm Sunday, 2nd April, 10am ~ Team Service via Zoom
(Church open for collection of Palm Crosses)

Good Friday 7th April, 12 noon – Reflections

Easter Day, 9th April, 10.30am ~ Holy Communion



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Papworth Everard Womens Institute

MARCH 2023



A trip to Coton Garden Centre was the
order of the day early in the month. The
pots of spring daffodils and primroses
looked so cheerful as did many of the
lovely goods for sale in the shop. After
a good look around, we enjoyed a lovely
lunch with lots of chat as usual. (photo)

Our Annual General Meeting took place
on 15th February when members voted
for the new Committee going forward
for the coming year. A new President
and Treasurer were elected and our

outgoing President and Vice President were presented with lovely
gifts.



Following the meeting it was eyes down for Bingo with Eddie our
Bingo Caller.

Easter Chicks: Several ladies knitted and crocheted easter chicks
filled with cream eggs and these were donated to The Papworth
Brownies to raise funds for a forthcoming trip. (photo)

COMING UP: NOT TO BE MISSED

19TH APRIL



RUPERT PROCTER – ACTOR AND WRITER

The Legend of the Goose Girl' is another short story Rupert
Procter has written since 'Ego sum'. The story was inspired by
Rupert's daughter, Mia, who was appalled, aged 4, at her father
participating in a pheasant shoot. Mia strongly disapproved of her
father's actions, which made her father decide he would give up
the practice.

7.15 for 7.30pm at The Studio, Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard
All ladies over the age of 18 welcome



Tree Warden Report

David Potter treewarden@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

Proud April 'puts a sprint of youth in everything'. The promise of sunshine and showers to bless our gardens. The beauty, colour and allure of blossom around every corner of the village. From the lowest bough to the tallest tree, buds are swelling and leaves are beginning to unfold. There will soon be a fresh green

flush over our woods and the woodland floor will be carpeted with bluebells and primroses. Our garden birds are becoming bolder and the insect kingdom will be busy in every flower, nook and cranny.

I hope you have kept up to date with preparing your gardens for the growing season ahead. There is so much to do, but good advice is available in books and magazines, on TV and online, as well as from friends and family, to encourage productive and sustainable gardening. Gardening that is good for nature, good for your wellbeing and good for your plate!

With Spring, we move into the season of open gardens. As well as those large houses and parks open to the public, there are many private gardens opened up for charity, usually at weekends, so look out for the yellow booklet of the Open Gardens Scheme (also available online).

My tree warden alphabet has reached the letter 'K' and I want to take the opportunity to look at tree knots. Knots in wood are formed when branches are broken off or cut close to the trunk, and the exposed wood is left behind. As the tree continues to grow, the trunk expands and overtakes where the branches once grew, and knots form around these bases. Knots and blemishes can also be formed by injuries to the tree or by fungal infections.

Knots are known to affect the technical properties of wood. Knots are pretty hard to cut through themselves, but they also reduce the local strength of the wood that surrounds them. Knots are not always bad though; they are often exploited for visual effect. In some cases, knots add to the aesthetic appeal of the planks that are sawn from those trees.

Knots that can be seen on the trunks of living trees have their own visual appeal and there is a wide variety in their appearance. If you take a walk through the village and up to the woods around Papworth Hall, as I did recently, you will soon discover several trees with magnificent knots of different shapes and sizes. You will find them on oak trees, birch trees, ash trees and others; at eye level and above. They are imperfections or blemishes on the surface of the trunk or main branch. They have a beauty of their own and perhaps that is a general lesson for us all.

I came across some creative writing resources from Liverpool University, using the character of trees. It is suggested you: find a face in the bark of a tree: maybe where the knots in the wood, bark and moss create a face-like shape, and where the branches make the hair. Think about what kind of character it has. Could the texture of the bark, the shape of the branches, roots and leaves give you any clues about its personality? After you have decided on the character of your tree, try to write a poem that has this tree tell its story. This could be what the tree sees from where it stands, what it hears climbing amongst its branches, the animals that burrow under its roots or how it watches its leaves change with the seasons. You might write a descriptive poem or an acrostic poem, a pattern poem or a Haiku poem. There are other writing ideas on the Liverpool University, Alder Hay Trees Competition web site.

I would be interested to see any of your creative writing and artwork, inspired by looking at the trees, hedgerows and woods around Papworth.



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Peter Day

On 14th March we were very lucky to have Peter Day sing to us favourite hits from across decades gone by. We have had lots of singing entertainment in recent months.

We have regular chair-based exercises led by one of our members, Carol; a weekly raffle; and lovely cakes baked by Sylvia, including delicious Chocolate Brownies and Tea Bread. Other highlights

of March have included Margaret reading poems by Pam Eyres;



Muriel and Audrey's birthdays, celebrated with glasses of sherry.

The usual morning activities are Dominoes, Knitting (with plenty of chatting), Plastic Basket Making and Scrabble. We have puzzle books if you prefer, or you could bring your own activity, or just sit and enjoy the company.

In the afternoon we play games such as bingo, skittles or occasionally have guest entertainers. Please note it is not now essential to be referred by your G.P. just give us a call. We also still welcome referrals from G.P.s and other Health and Social Care Professionals.

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

There is plenty of activity at the meetings of the Papworth Craft Group and it is always interesting to see how projects are progressing. Our youngest member, who is knitting a scarf for a friend, has started a new colour and has a further two colours to add later. The yarn is a beautiful, chunky, merino one, also incredibly soft, ideal to help make it a warm and cosy garment. It has been mentioned in this column, no doubt on more than one occasion, that being a group of crafters of varying experience in several crafts - mostly in crochet, knitting and cross stitch - there is the opportunity to pick one another's brains and get help if difficulties arise. It was good to see this in action during our last meeting in March, when a problem arose with a crochet project. Could a different stitch provide a close 'fabric' that the project required? It did not and the discussion moved to the size of hook. Our next meeting will reveal the outcome. This is just a small example of the advantage of having several heads looking for a solution to a problem. It was a satisfying exchange and hopefully helped.

The big event of the year will be the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. For cross stitchers there is a large, very attractive sampler in the May 2023 edition of Cross Stitcher magazine. This is a lavish project with the coat of arms, guardsmen, the royal coach, the King and the emblems of all four countries of the United Kingdom. The sampler can be stitched as a whole, or individual motifs can be chosen to make a smaller commemorative design. In The World of Cross Stitching, a very different project is on offer - a profile of the King with the date of the coronation underneath

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 she will call back

Please note that as featured in March News & Views, 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

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.

So why not get away from the television with all the dreadful news and tedious adverts and have a break from it all on Tuesdays?

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.

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.



and a border of green foliage. There is less opportunity to extract motifs from this project and like the other project would involve a significant investment of one's time. For cross stitchers without access to the Internet, these are perfect projects. When buying DMC thread for your projects, take care where you buy. There is an astounding range of prices for DMC, ranging from 0.80 pence to £1.30! There is a great deal of choice of project online. To highlight a couple of examples, there is a crochet along offered by Sirdar (sirdar.com) to make a blanket that has the Crown, orb and sceptre and the rose of England at the corners of the blanket and is a very attractive design and a pleasing colour palette. On Etsy there are projects commemorating the coronation, a number of very attractive cross stitch charts, knitted crowns, crocheted figures of the King and Queen Consort - naturally, this is not an exhaustive list! If you have a mind to make something to mark this momentous event, there is surely something out there for you. There will be readers of the News & Views who do not have the Internet at home. Perhaps friends might like to share projects that they think might appeal to them.

At present, we still have a stock of squares for charity blankets. However, our yarn stash is depleting, so this is a CALL FOR YARN. If anyone has some yarn that is surplus to requirements, your donations would be gratefully accepted. Yarn can be left with the librarian or brought to any of our bi-monthly meetings at the library. If you would like to knit or crochet squares, they should measure 20 cm x 20 cm, (8 inches by 8 inches). Please sew in all the ends. If you find making squares 'square', a very efficient method is to knit them corner to corner. Start with one stitch and then increase by one stitch at the beginning of each row. When the sides measure 20 cm, decrease at the beginning of each row. You will get a very neat edge if you slip the first stitch of each row and knit into the back of the last stitch of every row also. Please bring any squares to the library. If you would like some yarn to make squares, please contact Rosalind Parnell at parnellrh@aol.com.

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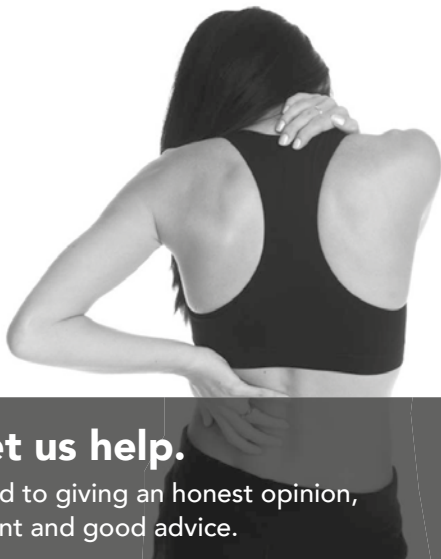
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Bins

The Shared Waste Service reviews bin lorry routes every few years and has now begun a review. This will ensure routes are accommodating new developments in the most efficient way. The results of the review will also allow the service to start to plan for its own four day week trial. The

results of the review will be published in May and adequate notice will be given to residents of any changes.

Separately, all households will be provided with a waste food caddy later this year, in addition to the three wheelie bins. This is a central government initiative to reduce food waste and has been piloted in a number of villages including Milton. Cambridgeshire's waste disposal sites and systems require adaptation before they can handle large quantities of food waste.

Composting

If you are thinking about home composting but don't know where to start, South Cambs has some pointers online here:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/reducing-waste/home-composting/>

The council's collaboration with www.getcomposting.com allows you to buy low-cost compost bins. A basic composter costs local residents about £32.50 from this site, compared with around double that for the same product on popular online shopping sites.

East West Rail

The government has now said the route alignment of East West Rail will be announced in May. The possible choices are south via Harston and the Shelfords or north via Northstowe. Both options include a new station at Cambourne. The government also says it will be providing up to £15 million in economic support for communities along the route.

Buses

The reliability of buses continues to be an issue across the district. I have submitted a question to Council, asking that the Combined Authority (the mayor's office, which manages subsidised bus services) ensures council tax payers are receiving value for money. We need more robust monitoring of service standards and easier ways to report issues with specific buses.

My Litter Pick

My litter pick started off with a meet up at The Poacher pub in Elsworth at 10am on a Sunday morning. The adult volunteers were driven up to the Cambourne round-a-bout and they were going to walk back towards Elsworth, picking up litter all the way.

On the other hand, I stayed in Elsworth on the park, around the shop, Fardell's Lane nature reserve and the school grounds as this was safe for children. I worked with Mrs. Bennett, our Headteacher and Mrs. Harrison, one of our Governors. We collected 3 bin bags of litter from these areas.

We really enjoyed our morning, even though it was really scary how much litter we found. Hopefully next time we won't find as much litter! Please keep our lovely village LITTER FREE

Jack, Eco-Council member, Elsworth Primary



Four Day Week Trial

The initial trial of a four day working week for office-based council staff is now drawing to a close. It has been successful – the KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) are largely unchanged, and staff health and well-being has improved. Subject to Cabinet approval, the trial will be extended for another year and long-term trends monitored.

A separate trial is being planned for Shared Waste Service employees. If approved, this will begin in July.

OxCam Partnership

The OxCam (Oxford-Cambridge) Partnership is a new body that brings together councils and other bodies between the two cities. It is responsible for strategy around economic development and the environment.

Unlike the ARC, which it replaces, it is not responsible for planning housing. For more information about the OxCam partnership, go online to

<https://www.oxford-cambridge-partnership.info/>

Use of South Cambs Hall for Business


The council's offices in Cambourne are being reconfigured to make better use of the available space. As part of this work, some of the office space will be made available at attractive rents to start-ups and small businesses. If you might be interested in occupying some of this space, please email businesskeyprojects@scambs.gov.uk for details.

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If you wish to join the club, or be involved in helping out.

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Adult: £105

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Family: £220

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The club's traditional curtain-raiser for the summer season, the Alicante Cup, will take place on Sunday 16th April. The competition is open to ALL members of any level. This year we are delighted to include junior members, and friends and spectators can book in for the buffet lunch too. For further details about the Alicante Cup please email papworthtennis@hotmail.co.uk

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