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On Your Door Step - Photos from Papworth Residents



Pictures taken by Philippa Parnell


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Papworth Scouts - "Just messing about on the river" - More on page 5

PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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Play Area / Paddling Pool

We are hoping to have the paddling pool ready for use for the start of the summer holidays.

As in previous years, temporary toilets will be sited at the play area for convenience.

With the high numbers of people using the paddling pool, a huge amount of rubbish will be generated. Please use the rubbish bins at the play area or ideally take your rubbish home with you - please do not leave nappies in the bins !

We ask that everyone does their bit to ensure the pool it is clean and safe for everyone to use and enjoy. Do not allow children covered in mud and dirt to go in the pool – debris and silt can easily block the filters. Please could we also request that children do not eat food whilst in the pool or in the area immediately round the poolside and that all food scraps are disposed of and not allowed to get into the water as food debris can easily get caught in the filtration system.

Please remember that young children should be supervised when in the paddling pool.

The paddling pool attracts families from far and wide, many of whom travel by car which can add to the parking problems on Ermine Street North and Varrier Jones Drive. If you are planning a visit the paddling pool why not leave the car at home and walk?

We would request that people who do drive park with consideration for other motorists, do not cause an obstruction and park within the rules of the Highway Code. The new car park area adjacent to the new Pavilion and Tennis Courts is also available to use.

We are still looking for people to undertake the job-share role of Pool Attendant for approximately 6 weeks over the summer. If you are over the age of 18 and would like to know more, please contact the Clerk via email clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

Overhanging Hedges & Trees

Just a reminder that hedges and trees should not be allowed to encroach onto the public highway.

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 and brambles 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, and often receive complaints from members of the general public, so try to inspect roads regularly.

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 a starting to get a bit unruly, with twigs and branches sticking out towards the pavement, now is the time to get those shears and hedge trimmers out and get trimming to help keep our pathways clear and unobstructed !

When undertaking work on garden hedges check that there are no birds nesting, as it is an offence under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 to damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built.

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>

Anti-Social Behaviour

Recently there have been several recent instances of anti-social behaviour in the village.

I have been requested by our local PCSO to remind people that any incident, no matter how small, should be reported to the Police by calling 101 or by using their webchat service.

Anti-social behaviour is a range of behaviours that can cause nuisance and annoyance, or harm and distress to a person. This activity includes threatening, harassing or unruly behaviour such as drunkenness and loitering in public spaces, intimidation, drug use – and the mess and disruption that can go with it, vandalism, graffiti, fly-tipping and littering, disruptive neighbours consistently playing loud music or letting their dog bark all night

Please report anything that concerns you as without it being reported, the police are unable to take any action. Any report made may not result in immediate action being taken but will help the police to build up a picture of what is happening and enable them to take appropriate action.

Speeding / SpeedWatch

The Parish Council have been offered the opportunity borrow SpeedWatch monitoring equipment from Cambourne Town Council and we are asking for volunteers to help run a Community SpeedWatch scheme to allow us to take advantage of their offer.

Volunteers from members of the community are encouraged to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhood. The volunteers are trained (and insured) by Cambridge Constabulary to use speed indicator devices which display vehicle speeds. The registered owner of any vehicle seen exceeding the speed limit is sent an advisory letter by the Constabulary, explaining that speeding is unacceptable to the local community and asking them to be more considerate.

Volunteers typically offer 1 to 2 hours a month helping to reduce the speed of vehicles driving through their neighbourhood. There is no expected time commitment, volunteers attend sessions when they like, and it's a great opportunity to meet new people, and enjoy the activity whilst benefiting your community.

If you would be interested in volunteering to participate in a SpeedWatch scheme please let us know. If we can get sufficient interest we will look into it further.



Registered Charity No: 1044680

July 2023

Time for Tenants

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 take place once a month at various venues in the Village. For more information regarding dates and venues please contact Tracey Croucher by:

Email: tenantengagement@papworthtrust.co.uk

Telephone: 0330 678 0008 option 2

The dates and venues can also be found on our website here: <https://www.papworthtrust.org.uk/tenant-involvement/>

Heritage Project Update

You will remember in past issues we have spoken about our Heritage Project that had been taking place in the village. The project has now finished but we wanted to share some of the findings.

We were able to engage with 10 disabled residents who worked alongside us to tell us about the barriers they face when it comes to engaging with heritage. Barriers included:

- limited activities taking place in the village, especially when thinking about what activities used to happen in the past
- finding it difficult to go further afield, outside of the village

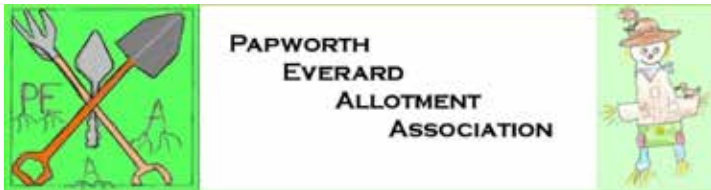
There is no village museum to share the heritage of the village

Museum's and heritage attractions and activities were simply not on the radar for them – not part of their routine or village life so just not considered

The residents helped us in co-designing 6 ideas that they felt would be good ways of leaving some kind of legacy for the village in the future. They were:

- comfortable seating areas with bespoke history books and magazines
- history displays
- learning traditional skills
- a social space
- volunteering opportunities
- guided history walks

The feedback and conversations told us that the next stage of the project, which we will be fundraising for in the second half of the year should ideally include history displays and digitalising the many heritage photographs owned by the Trust. It should also be a project that includes volunteer opportunities, activities that bring people together and activities with refreshments that increase the sense of community. Watch this space – we aim for round 2 of the Heritage Project to be funded by the end of the year.



Its been a very wet Spring followed by a very dry (and hot) Summer. This is far from an ideal situation for an allotmenteer because it was wet when we wanted to get on the plot to clear weeds, renew paths etc. Then as soon as we planted new crops, it meant we had to pop up and water frequently.

But we are doing OK, we are currently harvesting garlic (which was planted in Autumn last year) and we are hoping for some new potatoes soon (planted in Spring, but have not dug up any yet). Gooseberries (see picture) and black currants are nearly ready to be picked along with blackberries, raspberries, red currants strawberries etc. (these are long term crops that stay in the ground



Schezwan Pepper

all the time, and pretty much look after themselves). Another plant that has been in the plot for a few years now is the schezwan (Sichuan) pepper (see picture) which we hope to be picking peppers from soon, but as you can (hopefully) see it is covered in big thorns.

Plants we have planted recently include sweetcorn (which grows very well on the site), beetroot, purple sprouting broccoli, onions, leeks and giant (hopefully) pumpkins. These are now all in the ground and we just need to water, mulch and weed regularly. We are trying a new mulch this year on our plot which is sheep fleeces. This was given to us by a friend whose dog's food comes wrapped in it to keep it cold. We then re-use the rectangles of fleeces to surround the plants to keep the weeds down and the water from evaporating. Its also been used by the birds to line nests and will eventually rot down into the soil.

So now all the planting is done I can get on to other jobs on my plot such as my new compost bins, painting the shed etc.

There are always jobs to do on the allotment, although I have been letting the grass grow at the front of the site to encourage wildlife, more wild plants etc.

Mark & Paulette



Gooseberry

Scouts 1st Papworth Scout Group

It has been a busy year for the Group so far.

The Beavers have been very resourceful, from learning basic first aid, to making instruments out of rubbish. Along the way they have learnt about disability awareness and taken a hike along a flooded stream.

The Cubs has expanded so much that we now have to run with 2 sessions a night. They to have learnt first aid, done map reading and built shelters in the woods.

Finally, the Scouts have completed a night hike, cooked a meal on a budget and worked on their survival badge.

Over the May half term, we completed our first Group Camp with all sections getting a chance to sleep under canvas.

Over 55 children spent 4 days, doing, archery, axe throwing, climbing and rifle shooting. There was also plenty of time spent on the water building rafts, kayaking and paddle boarding.

We still have lots planned for the remainder of the term, with our usual summer send of at the Wyboston water park.

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



Church Notices

St Peter's Church – July Services

Sunday 9th - 10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 16th - 10.30am – Family Service

Sunday 23rd - 10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 30th - 10.00am - Team Service
(Please note the earlier start time)

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 Bible Study, Morning Prayer and 1st Sunday ZOOM 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



Integrity what's it all about?

A major talking point, currently and globally, centres on the degree we can trust what politicians say. We are in a season where it seems people feel strongly about their perspective of reliability of particular people, in terms of trusting or doubting what is said. A word that captures the issue is integrity. It is easy to forget or ignore the complexity involved.

For example, the call to be truthful may provoke fears of vulnerability or weakness whereas for others the apparent absence of truthfulness damages relationships irreparably. Then there are people who focus on mediating between parties of different opinion; to the point of acknowledging that truth appears secondary to the goal of getting the 2 sides to find an accommodation they can both live with. We all know people who, often with the passage of time, lose perspective on events or incidents from the past – not intending to mislead but genuinely recalling things differently to other participants or witnesses.

But does it really matter? I believe it does if to side-line integrity is an attempt to gain undue advantage in a situation. It goes to the root of how relationships that matter work or fall into disrepair.

The Bible paints a picture of how Adam and Eve, having consumed the forbidden fruit, hid from God and were quick to adopt blame as a defence rather than owning up to what had happened. We might say the accusations thrown by Adam and Eve were at least partial truths but an attempt to sidestep personal responsibility and to stand apart from both God and one another.

Integrity is a daily issue for most. It lies at the heart of the promises we rely on - in offering a £5 note to purchase a daily paper, if we sign documents that seal the sale and purchase of vehicles or homes ; for a few in the heat of tense negotiations towards treaties or pledges of international significance.

In the end it boils down to the little decisions most of us take often without much thought which build a pattern and culture. What matters is not always whether we make the right decision or the wrong one, but how we get to it, why it was the chosen outcome; and if that choice has caused damage, will we own the failure and put right the wrong done and, where possible, the damage caused?

Nigel di Castiglione
Team Rector

Hilton Methodist Church



Services in July

July 2 nd	10:00am Mr. D. Moorman
July 9 th	11:15am United Service at the Methodist Church led by Rev. H. Walker
July 16 th	10:00am Rev. P. Siddall
July 23 rd	10:00am Dr. R. Randall

All are Welcome

Tea and Coffee will be served after the services

Hilton Coffee Mornings



Coffee mornings are held in the Methodist Church Schoolroom on the first Saturday of each month.



July 1st. 10:00am to 12 noon

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

Varrier Jones Social Club

Although the weather at the beginning of June said otherwise - it definitely had a lovely summery feel in The Studio for our meeting on 2nd of June. It was our Strawberry Tea, and a very popular date on our activity programme. The afternoon started with the tables laid with sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, and a bowl of delicious strawberries and cream for everyone. We then held a very short AGM when the Treasurer and the Chairman gave their reports, and the committee were thanked for all their hard work during the year. We were sorry to learn that Audrey Reid would be retiring as Chairman. Audrey will be a hard act to follow, having done the job since 2017, and finding a new Chairman would be discussed at the next Committee meeting at the end of June.

Next month David Tomkins will visit the Club to present his Ventriloquist and Magic Show on 7th July, as usual at The Studio, Pendrill Court in Papworth Everard. In August a trip to St.Ives on the Ladybird Cruiser has been organised. All of which we are very much looking forward to. Why not come and join the Club - for details ring Eddie Tomkinson on 01480 839230.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST JOHN FISHER PARISH

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Mon -Wed 12.30, Thurs – Fri 6.30pm The Church Building on
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Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint John Fisher Parish

Dear Parishioners,

We hope you are enjoying the heatwave, a bit of sunshine makes us feel better.

Here at SJF we have had an amazing month in June. We have seen eight children make their first communion, Well done Aurik, Owen, Cian, Charlie, Salvador, Phoebe, Chloe, Cathy May Gods Blessings Surround you all.

We were all blessed with by the brilliant Bollywood night , over a hundred people enjoyed traditional Indian cuisine, a big thank you to Liz, Annie, Giju and Shanti and many more who organised this amazing event to raise money for our parish. We were joined by our local counsellor Shrobona Bhattacharya, Shrobona enlightened us all on how to wear a sari as you can see in the picture below the glamour and fun this opportunity gave us.

Finally SJF took part in the Flower Festival held here in the Cambourne Churches Together building. This events brings the wider community together and is enjoyed by many, well done to all contributors.



Papworth Library



Beatles Musical Special!

Thursday 13th July 10am—11.30am

We are delighted to welcome **Martin Gilman**, local musician and Beatles enthusiast for a musical mystery tour through the group's albums from "Please Please Me" to "Let It Be".

Whether you find yourself in times of trouble or not, don't miss this uplifting musical treat!

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Tree Warden Report

David Potter

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On those hot days in June we were each encouraged to drink plenty of water. Well, it's

the same advice for newly planted shrubs and trees – they need a lot of water, regularly applied. The long dry and hot spell of weather will have been a test for many plants.

As usual, June was a colourful month for roses and other flowers in our gardens, The hedgerows were also a pretty picture with the abundant Hawthorn blossom giving way to Elderflower and dog roses. I particularly like the appearance of cow parsley along the verges of country roads. In one small church we visited in Suffolk, bunches of cow parsley were used to decorate the area around the altar.

July is a good month for plants that climb or sprawl across hedgerows. Most notably you can see the white-yellow blooms of honeysuckle throughout the month. Other hedgerow climbers include hedge bindweed whose enormous white trumpet flowers can be found sprawling over hedges and verges, and Russian vine which produces cascades of white flowers on hedges and along fences.

The young fruit on apple, pear and plum trees are beginning to swell during July. The 'June drop' of immature fruit will have left room for the remaining fruit to develop. But beware, birds and wasps will soon begin to take an interest in this sweet new source of food!

My Tree Warden Alphabet has reached the letter 'N' and this month it will be N for (tree) Needles. The leaves of Pines, 'true' Cedars, Larches, Spruces, Firs and Common Juniper are long and thin and needle-like and are simply called 'needles'. Pine needles are bundled together, usually in clusters of 2, 3 or 5, Individual Spruce and Fir needles are arranged in ranks on either side of the shoot.



In some the needles are in flat ranks but in others they may stick out in all directions. Larch and 'true' Cedar needles are in clusters of 20 to 45 on short shoots called spurs, The leaves of the Common Juniper are needle-like and finely pointed. Because some of the needle clusters are similar, you may need to look at the cones on the tree to help with identification.

These evergreen needle-leaved trees add interest, colour and variety in the landscape. They synthesise sunlight through their needles and store essential oils in their needles and bark. Being evergreen, they are ready to start the process of synthesis as soon as Spring arrives, getting a start over their deciduous neighbours. But they do not keep their needles forever. They discard their oldest and any damaged needles during the year. As long as the trees are healthy, Firs always keep ten, spruce six, and Pines three year's worth of needles. This can be seen on the annual growth intervals on their branches.

There are several mature evergreen trees to be found around Papworth. A good place to look is in the parkland to the South and West of Papworth Hall. My particular favourite is a pine tree to the south of the Hall that has a tree trunk that looks like a crazy paving path and a carpet of dead pine needles under the branch canopy. In July, the cones are beginning to mature, growing in size and turning from green to dark brown in colour.

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

Summer has finally arrived, but meetings of the Papworth Craft Group will take place, as usual, on the first and third Saturdays of the month throughout July and August. No two meetings of the group are the same, sometimes every possible chair at two of the library tables are taken and then there are times when it is quieter. But that is fine and as it should be. People should come and go as they please - and they do - depending on other commitments or simply because they wish to take a break. Over the past twelve months we have had young people wanting to learn how to crochet or knit, lace makers who we would love to see again, for further demonstration and instruction and new members who have become regulars. Crafting spans all age ranges and is also not gender specific - quick note, we are still waiting for one or more males to join us - and the mix at the Papworth Craft Group reflects this. It is such a pleasure to receive new members and some new to the village have joined us in the past year. Over the years, there has been the opportunity to meet people from the village, who normally would not get to know one another. It is fascinating to hear what Papworth was like in the years immediately after the Second World War from fellow members of the group. The majority of villagers are relative 'newcomers', but there are still those who were living here long before any private housing was built. One can learn more than knitting or crochet at our meetings.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY is well known in the crafting world. There are still many who enjoy making handmade Christmas gifts for family and friends, as well as other items for the festive season, cross stitching Advent calendars for example. Some of us are more ambitious than others, planning and collecting the materials for these Christmas gifts. Needlework shops used to make a Christmas display with charts and kits in June or July. Now it is the turn of online retailers to remind us that Christmas in July makes good sense, getting an early start on seasonal projects. If you are intending to give handmade gifts this Christmas, (a good idea in the prevailing economic climate), start now! The gift of your time is very precious. If you need some ideas or advice, or if you have any good ideas for gifts, do come along to one of our summer meetings.

Sonja Allerton and Carole Watt have been busy joining squares and making simply beautiful blankets. These will be imminently on their way to Hope and Aid Direct. Our yarn stash is reasonably healthy, so if you would like to make squares for blankets or hats and scarves for the colder months, please contact Rosalind Parnell at

parnellrh@aol.com Squares should be 20 cm x 20 cm, (8 inches x 8 inches), with all the ends sewn in please. It makes an enormous difference, when the blankets are assembled. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported this project.

A couple of final observations: We are so grateful to Papworth Library, who have hosted the Papworth Craft Group for more than nine years. The tables and chairs are arranged for us and we are permitted to take up a large space in the library, and our chatter kindly tolerated. Finally, we are able to publish these words about our craft group because the editors of the News & Views, Janet and Peter Dobson, have valiantly produced it over many, many years. Without them, everything that is contained in our village publication, both the hard and digital editions, would disappear. A very big thank you from the Papworth Craft Group to the editors.

Have a very happy July in the sunshine.

Stay well, stay safe - and be kind



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Elvis Lives

You will be delighted to know that Elvis is alive and well and sang to us at The Day Centre on the 6th of June. He performed many of his famous hits such as Love Me Tender, Jail House Rock, Hound Dog, Heartbreak Hotel, You Were Always On My Mind, and many more. Winnie, a keen Elvis fan was delighted and everyone enjoyed the occasion with some dancing.



The aim of the Day Centre is to provide a social event and a meal for elderly, isolated or lonely clients. There are no minimum age or ability requirements. Our youngest member, Carol is just 52 years old.

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).

We have regular chair-based exercises led by one of our members, Carol; a weekly raffle; and lovely cakes baked by Sylvia. Sylvia's cakes in June have included Cheese Scones, Banana Bread and Shortbread, making afternoon tea a treat.

Other highlights in June included some very tasty Fish and Chips from Luke's here in Papworth, when our chef, Jane was on holiday.

If you are interested in joining the Day Centre or finding out more please phone Jenny (number below). Please note it is not 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, and other sources.

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.

Find us 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.

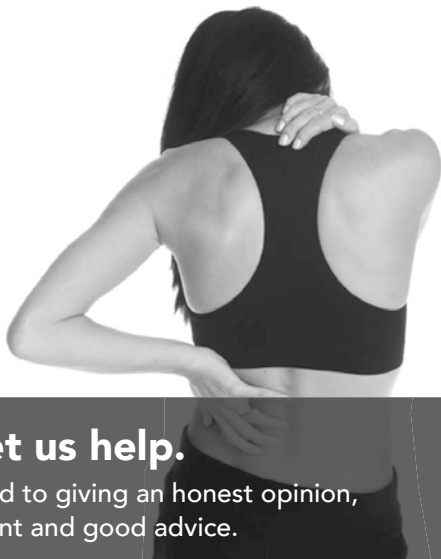
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Mobile Food Hub

A new Mobile Food Hub, funded by the District Council and run by not-for-profit organisation, Hope CIC, is being launched to support residents during the cost-of-living crisis. The Mobile Hub will offer fresh produce and essential items, some

of which will be free and others at below retail price. It will stop in the car park behind the Co-Op every Monday between 1:00PM and 2:00PM, starting on 3rd July. No vouchers or referrals are needed. Thanks to my fellow councillor Mark Howell for arranging for the Mobile Hub van to visit Papworth.

Hope CIC is also looking for donations and volunteers to help with their work. More information is here: <https://hopeagainst.org/hope-cic-mobile-food-hub>

Cambourne Repair Cafe

Cambourne's 4th Repair Cafe will be held on Saturday 8th July between 11am and 2pm at The Hub Community Centre, High Street, Cambourne, CB23 6GW. For a list of items you can take in for repair and a booking form, go online here: <https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events/cambourne-repair-cafe-4/> (bookings take priority over walk-in requests).

Council Tax Support

Depending on your circumstances, you may be entitled to a discount on your council tax even if you are working. To check your eligibility and apply, use the online calculator on the South Cambs web site: <https://hbcalc.scambs.gov.uk/HBCalculatorPaged/launch>

Even if you are not eligible but are struggling to pay your Council Tax, you may be able to get a reduction under the Council's discretionary council tax support scheme. Call 01954 713000 and speak to a Communities officer for advice.

Civil Parking Enforcement

Later this year, probably in November, the County Council will take over responsibility for parking enforcement from the police. As part of the transition, two Enforcement Agents (formerly called Traffic Wardens) will be recruited to cover South Cambs. Priority will be given to hot-spots for illegal parking such as near railway stations. Yellow lines have been repainted throughout the district to eliminate any doubt as to streets where parking is illegal. The cost of setting up this scheme is being covered by the GCP (Greater Cambridge Partnership).

Solar Panels

Residents in South Cambridgeshire are installing solar panels at a faster rate than anywhere else in the country. 15 percent of properties have them, which is the third highest proportion in the UK.

There are several reasons for this including the cost-of-living crisis, which has seen many households re-assessing their energy needs. The District's high property prices are prompting more families to upgrade the home they are in instead of moving. There's also the increased prevalence of climate concerns, and a strong network of community groups engaging the population on these issues.

In South Cambs, 400 households had solar PV installed through the Solar Together group-buying scheme, led by Cambridgeshire County Council. The next round of the scheme is currently pending but you can find more information and register your interest here: <https://solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire/home>.

East West Rail (EWR)

Most of you will have seen the announcement by EWR of its proposed route between Bedford and Cambridge. At this time, the route is a broad line on the map, passing between Cambourne and Papworth, before turning south past Caldecote. Their "red line" boundaries will not be published until the autumn – these lines show the areas within which the railway will be built. Construction will start in 2027 and trains will run from early 2030s, assuming the government signs off the business case. There doesn't yet seem to be agreement whether the motive power will be electric, diesel or hybrid. If you want to talk to EWR directly, they will be holding another open event at the Cambridge Belfry Hotel, Back Lane, Cambourne, CB23 6BW between 2.00 and 8:00pm on Tuesday 11th July.

Peter Sandford

21 June 2023

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Cricket Update

Papworth Cricket Club have made a great start to the season!

The club is running practice sessions and are looking for more cricket enthusiasts to join the team.

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Bank Holiday Tournament

With some excellent weather over the late May bank holiday weekend it was the perfect time for a mini social tournament. A mixture of singles and doubles matches saw Helen Kaminski emerge as the overall winner in the singles category with Aaron Paul finishing runner-up. Bruce Hanworth was the overall winner in the doubles category with Julian Sanders claiming the runner up spot.

A big well done to Maciej Ziarncki, competing in his first matches, and to junior member Alistair Proudfoot for displaying some great tennis. Thank you to everybody who took part and a massive thank you to John Garland for organising.

For membership enquiries please contact John Peal via email at membership@papworthtennis.co.uk.

For further information visit: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PapworthTennisClub>



Blasters Update

This year we were delighted to hold our end of season event at the playing fields making use of the Pavilion. Each age group received their trophies, and then we came together in the sunshine for our club wide awards. We made the most of the weather with football competitions

and refreshments raising funds for the club. The players enjoyed a bouncy castle kindly sponsored by Matt Pulley, Olison Medical Ltd.

As a club we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Trish Tatt who joined us for the event. Sadly, Trish lost her beloved husband Phil in January. Phil was an avid Peterborough supporter, but also spent many Saturdays watching Blasters play at home. Phil's wish was that Blasters receive donations in his name, and we are overwhelmed to have received over £500 for the club. To honour Phil's memory, we have renamed our Parent of the Year award the Phil Tatt award.

It has been a fantastic season, and we have two cup winning teams – U12 and U7! It was particularly exciting to receive the U12 Cup as that was previously won by Blasters for the 2011-2012 season.

The club continues to grow but we are reliant on our volunteers, so if you can spare a few hours a week please get in touch.

At our AGM Chair John Tolond stepped down after over 20 years in the role. John said "When I first became involved with Blasters



we were struggling to have enough players each year. Its fantastic to see how the club has grown, and that we are now able to run two teams at most age groups. The club is only as good as the volunteers, and the commitment of the Coaches and Committee is superb to see. Although I will still continue to support the club I felt it was time to pass the baton on, and I was delighted that Mike Osbourn was elected as our new Chair. Mike has been a Coach and a Committee member for the last few years and is a great appointment. Well done to all our Coaches for an excellent season."

Looking to next season we have spaces for players in the following age groups from September: U7, U8, a goalkeeper for U9, U11 and U14. We are unable at present to run a Development Squad from September as we do not have any volunteers to Coach, and there seems to be less children in those school years. All enquiries to alison.rayner1@btinternet.com.

Congratulations to all of this years award winners!

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	Coaches Player	Jack Bayliss
Under 9's	Parents Player	Frankie Stopps
	Coaches Player	Ieuan Williams
Under 10's	Parents Player	Oliver Strowgger
	Coaches Player	Jack Currell
Under 10's Blue	Parents Player	Harry Turner
	Coaches Player	Harry White
Under 11's	Players Player	Bertie Wright
	Coaches Player	Elliott Spalthoff
Under 12's	Players Player	Danny Canamares
	Coaches Player	William Scarboro
Under 13's	Players Player	Jacob Hammond
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Club Awards	Phil Tatt Award	Jono Coombs
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