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## Varrier Jones Social Club

At our recent AGM Audrey Reid retired as our long serving Chairman, but announced her intention to stay serving on the Committee. She was presented with a plant for her many years of service by new Chairman Jenny Howlett - with our thanks. Unfortunately due to holidays and illnesses the July meeting was not very well attended. However this did not detract from the fun and humour created by our guest entertainer, ventriloquist and magician David Tomkins who had travelled from Luton to be with us and involved members with his tricks and music during the afternoon.



Members should note that before our usual meeting on 4th August, the Ladybird Trust Boat has been booked from Hartford Marina to St.Ives on Wednesday 2nd August. Some members have already booked to go. Anyone wishing to add their name to the list should contact Eddie Tomkinson on 01480 839230 as soon as possible. We want to make sure that we fill the boat so any spaces will be offered to other local groups.

## BIN COLLECTION DATES

Thu 10 Aug 2023	✓		
Thu 17 Aug 2023		✓	✓
Thu 24 Aug 2023	✓		
<b>Fri 1 Sep 2023</b>		✓	✓
Thu 7 Sep 2023	✓		
Thu 14 Sep 2023		✓	✓
Thu 21 Sep 2023	✓		

Please Note: dates highlighted in red denote different collection day

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# PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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## Paddling Pool & Play Area

We are well into the school summer holidays, and it's great to see lots of families making use of the paddling pool and play area in the village again this year.

The paddling pool opened for the summer on Sunday 23rd July and is scheduled to be open until the weekend of 2nd/3rd September. A big thank you to Cllr Mark Honeywood for all his hard work cleaning and preparing the pool ready for use. +

As in previous years, temporary toilets have been sited at the play area for convenience, including a disabled access toilet with baby change facility. The toilets are emptied and serviced a minimum of twice a week and checked daily. Please do not leave soiled nappies in the toilets or waste bins around the play area.

The pool is maintained regularly throughout the day – but please help us to keep the pool as clean as possible for everyone to enjoy.

Do not allow children covered in mud and dirt to go in the pool – dirt 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 waste is disposed of and not allowed to get into the water as food debris can easily block the filters too.

We would like to thank Fraser, Rebecca, Amy and Ellis our Pool Attendants for this year, who are doing a sterling job in ensuring the paddling pool and surrounding area is kept clean, tidy and safe to use.

With the high numbers of people using the paddling pool a huge amount of rubbish is generated.

Please take your rubbish home with you whenever possible, including food scraps and soiled nappies – rubbish bins at the play areas should be used for general litter only.

The paddling pool attracts families from far and wide, many of whom travel by car, which can create parking problems on Ermine Street North, Chequers Lane and Varrier Jones Drive.

If you are visiting 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, use the car parks where possible, do not cause an obstruction and park within the rules of the Highway Code.

## Parish Council Vacancies

Would you like to help your local community by becoming a Parish Councillor? Do you have a few hours you could spare to attend meetings and help with the running of the Council?

If so, we would like to hear from you !

This is a voluntary role so you will not be paid, but there is a lot of satisfaction to be gained from helping run local services for local people. These include the Village Hall, Ermine St North Play Area and Paddling Pool, the Playing Field, Cemetery and Outdoor Gym, amongst other responsibilities.

Knowledge and previous experience aren't essential - training is available, and existing members have a wealth of experience they are willing to share.

The essential element is enthusiasm and a willingness to work as a member of our team to make a difference to our village.

We hold 11 Parish Council meetings per year and in addition

you will be required to become a member of one or more of our sub-committees or working groups and get involved in working on specific projects

More details about what we do can be found on our website [www.papwortheverardpc.org.uk](http://www.papwortheverardpc.org.uk)

If you would like to find out more and have an informal chat about what's involved, then please contact the Parish Clerk, Sarah Cruse [clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk)

## Parish Office – Summer Holiday Opening

Due to holiday and child-care commitments over the summer, there will be days when the Parish Office is closed or the Clerk is working from home.

If you are planning to visit the office please call ahead to make sure someone is here before you come down. Tel: 01480 830360

Village Hall Bookings can be made by emailing [villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk)





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# Update August 2023

## Time for Tenants

Thank you to all the tenants that have attended the Time for Tenants sessions recently hosted by our Executive Team; Directors Mark Blake, Helena Harris, Sarah Harvey and our Chief Executive Sarah Miller.

Across the sessions in Papworth Everard we met with tenants to discuss housing issues that are important to them including:

Feedback on how we inform tenants of large capital works resulting in us developing question and answer events for tenants to attend ahead of works taking place

Discussion around communal areas resulting in us reviewing the standard that tenants should expect communal areas to be maintained and updated

Time for Tenants sessions are your opportunity to speak to a member of Executive Team about absolutely anything. You can

also see further dates and venues on our website here <https://www.papworthtrust.org.uk/tenant-involvement/>

## Docwra Road Play Area

The play equipment at the Docwra Road play area is in need of a revamp. Papworth Trust is grateful to the 49 residents from the village who voted on the equipment they would like to see. The clear winner with 42 of the 49 votes was the Kiboko multi-play unit; an accessible piece of equipment comprising of a slide, bridge, scramble net, monkey pole slider, climbing wall, ramp and tower. Papworth Trust is now busy fundraising for the equipment and keeping fingers and toes crossed for success.



# The East West Rail Route Announcement

Report by Peter Deer - Chairman of Elsworth Parish Council

In its recent Route Announcement, East West Rail (EWR) confirmed its plans for the Bedford to Cambridge section of the proposed rail line linking Oxford and Cambridge. The rail line would run from Bedford to Tempsford and then, as expected, would go north of the A428 until it reaches a station for Cambourne just south of Knapwell before re-crossing the 428 and making its way via Highfields Caldecote to Cambridge South station.

EWR envisages that locating a station for Cambourne north of the 428 will provide 'transformational' development opportunities, including housing for as many as 53,000 people near the station, for which seemingly no account has been taken in the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan. In 2021 the Parish Council saw plans produced by a developer to build up to 10,000 houses in the same area. These plans have not seen the light of day, but the boundary of the proposed development would have come to within about one mile of Elsworth. Housing for 53,000 people would require somewhere in the region of 27,000 new homes and development on this scale would therefore clearly pose an existential threat to villages like Elsworth and Knapwell. However, it is understood from our MP, Anthony Brown, that the Environment Agency is objecting to large scale developments in South Cambridgeshire that do not yet have full planning permission going ahead because of the dire water supply situation.

Although it is said that other options are being explored, at present it still seems that trains on the line will be diesel powered in the first instance. In the first half of 2024 there will be a statutory



consultation on the preferred route and associated matters. In the meantime, as developments occur news of these is regularly posted on the Elsworth & District Facebook page where you can also make your own comments.

## Answers to Images on the Front Cover

- 1 Cinnabar Moth
- 2 Box Tree Moth
- 3 White-tailed Bumble Bee
- 4 Common Blue Butterfly



# Friends of Pendragon Primary School

It's been a busy summer term of Friends events

and activities! The Quiz Night on 10th June was a fantastic fun evening. A big thank you to our quiz master Eleanor for the excellent format. Congratulations to the winning team "The Year 1 mums"!

The Friends of Pendragon fete took place on 7th July and was a huge success! We were so lucky to have fantastic weather and it was a brilliant community event with music, marketplace stalls, fun games, performances from each year group, raffle and so much more. We raised over £5,000 for school and this will support the purchase of an outdoor classroom along with purchasing much needed outdoor resources to help enrich the lives of all children at Pendragon School.

A huge thank you to our wonderful local businesses who supported this event! Thank you to SF Mortgages for sponsorship.

Thank you to Barclays and DHL who supported the even through match funding, and thank you to everyone who supported with raffle prizes:



A Day of Calm, Adrenaline Martial Arts, Anthias Consulting, Cambridge Ice, Co-op, Coops Soccer School, The Courtyard, Fenstanton Playbarn, Francesca DB Photography, Gourmet Kebab, Harris Wealth Management, Herbies Diner, Jade's Bookstore, Leigh B Zumba, No. 77 Thai Restaurant & Bar, Papworth Commercial Cleaning Services, Pelican Out of School Club, Quinn & Co. Hair & Beauty, Shilpa, Ski Exchange, Wagamama, 400 Degrees Pizzeria, Xtreme360.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered on the day and came down to support the event.

We would love to have Friends of Pendragon continue next year, to continue putting on events throughout the year for the pupils and wider community to enjoy, and raising vital funds for the school. Please get in touch with Friends if you would be interested in joining the committee! friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk.

## Cancer support service receives 'much deserved' Carer Friendly Tick Award

Cancer support service receives 'much deserved' Carer Friendly Tick Award

Cambridge University Hospital Cancer Support Service has been awarded Caring Together's Carer Friendly Tick Award – Health.

The award is in recognition of their work to identify and support unpaid carers - people that look after a family member or friend.

Unpaid carers being recognised by the hospital has benefits to the carer, the person they look after, and enables the hospital staff to fulfil their roles more effectively.

The Cancer Support Service receiving the Carer Friendly Tick Award – Health, will help unpaid carers know what they can expect when they are attending the service and what support is available.

Sarah Jayne Rodwell, Senior Cancer Support Advisor at Cambridge University Hospital Cancer Support Service said, "The Cancer Support Service being awarded the Carer Friendly Tick Award – Health gives carers accessing our service assurance that we value the important role they play in our patients' pathway.

"We work extremely hard to support carers signposting them to services and peer support both locally and nationally, sharing news and information whilst promoting trust systems that are in place to support carers."

A panel of carers assessed the submission from the Trust on behalf of Caring Together. The panel were impressed by the range of work being carried out by the team, and the impact that this has on both carers and those they care for.

A panel member said they were impressed with the department's commitment to supporting carers of all ages, and added, "I love the tuck box idea, how often do carers go hungry or thirsty because they don't want to leave a loved one alone while they take a drink break."

The cancer support service's work includes:

- introduction of the Carers Passport – carer identification within a health setting
- promotion of the Carers Handbook
- staff trained in carer awareness, provided in-house and by Caring Together and Cambridge Cancer Help Centre
- carer information displayed on department information boards and on social media.

Jill Nooij, Awareness and Voice Delivery Lead at Caring Together said it has been a pleasure to work with Sarah and her colleagues and added, "They have shown a real commitment to supporting carers. It's clear that they have a good understanding of the challenges faced by carers and how they can provide support within their department and the wider hospital. Their enthusiasm has even spread to other hospitals."

"Congratulations on achieving the Carer Friendly Tick, it's very much deserved!"

The Carer Friendly Tick Award was originally developed for education by young carers from Caring Together's Norfolk Young Carers Forum (NYCF). The success of this meant the awards have been rolled out across Norfolk, Peterborough and Cambridgeshire and now includes community, health and employer organisations. The awards recognise the important role organisations have to play in ensuring carers of all ages are recognised and given the support they need.

## 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



# Church Notices

## St Peter's Church – August Services

**Sunday 6th - No Service at St Peter's but a Team Service Zoom Service at 10.00am**

**Sunday 13th - No Service at St Peter's but a joint service with Bourn Church to say Farewell to Revd Steve Day**

**Sunday 20th - 10.30am – Morning Prayer**

**Sunday 27th - 10.00am – Outdoor Team Service at Yelling to link in with the Flower Festival**

The website [papworthteamchurches.org](http://papworthteamchurches.org) has up to date service information for St Peter's Church and other churches in the team. It also has the Zoom link for 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](http://www.stmichaelrc.org)



### Finding Wisdom, when it's needed!

Summer has arrived. I've been to one Sports Day, an end of year school performance and begun to take stock of another year already beyond the half-way mark! Over the next few weeks, we are saying an unexpected thank you and farewell, after 14 years with the Papworth

Team Ministry, to our colleague, The Revd Stephen Day. He is moving to The Three Rivers Group – taking charge of 5 parishes close to Soham, Ely and Newmarket. Meanwhile, the world seems to be getting more uncertain and unnerving at the same time – more trouble in the Middle East between Arabs and Israelis, stories of armed attacks in normally safe environments to name but a couple from recent new bulletins I watched.

Remaining composed and yet alert to more possibilities than we can imagine seems to be an ever-present demand these days. During the summer term a school I visit regularly asked for contributions to Collective Worship (known as Assembly in times past) on the subject of wisdom, Offering insights young children can grasp from the Bible and the life of Jesus has reminded me much wisdom is seen in how we react to the things thrown at us or arising unexpectedly – making choices on the best information available and with a view to their different outcomes. It strikes me that if our children need to learn how to be wise it is a life-long quest for all of us, especially in changing or uncertain times.

For me, remaining composed and alert to the unexpected means knowing how to get good counsel and make the best decisions. Family and friends can be very helpful, seeking advice from trusted colleagues, acquaintances and experts is clearly important. As a Christian I know I can also go to God and examine what the Bible says. This is where Christian input in a church school fits in as part of the whole learning experience. One of the challenges is knowing how to read and digest what the Bible says in an appropriate way. As one wise person put it 'a text taken out of context can easily become a pretext'. That is, taken to mean something it was never meant or intended to do. As such the answer to any dilemma will rarely be 'Just read the Bible and you will know what to do...', Because it is an ancient encyclopaedia of sacred texts through which Christians believe God speaks to us, it requires study to know what they were trying to say and how that translates to our 21st century world.

Just recently, from the options offered, I chose to preach from Genesis 24. It is an extended narrative of how Abraham sent a trusted servant to find a suitable spouse for his son Isaac. It is a story that offends western sensibilities for many, because it is an

"arranged marriage". Nevertheless, it shows two people coming to love each other, establishing a home together and then being blessed by children. A point I made was about how the account began: it is not there to advocate arranged marriages but starts from a caring and concerned parent wanting to see his son and heir happily settled. This is a sentiment many will have and understand. The desired outcome is achieved when the trusted servant prays to God and finds his prayers answered. A primary lesson to me is remembering to call on God's help i.e. approaching him through prayer. We CAN find ways of navigating well through the inadequacies of the prevailing culture. We can find divine wisdom at such a time as this.

*Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector*

## Hilton Methodist Church



### Services in August

August 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Mrs. B. Spencer
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Ms.V. Almond
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Mr. J. Bridge
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Local Arrangements

### 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.



August 5<sup>th</sup>. 10:00am to 12 noon

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

## YOGHURT TART Recipe

Here is a great recipe I discovered pretty much by accident a few months ago. I have changed it a bit (it was presented as a cake without a base).

It is easy to make, low in fat and calories, and quite delicious.

- 1 pie shell (home made or purchased)
- Sugar to taste (maybe 3 Tablespoons)
- 375 grams of vanilla yoghurt (I use Greek style)
- Vanilla flavouring (1 teaspoon)
- 4 large eggs
- 5 Tablespoons of sifted corn flour

Preheat the oven to 175 C

Mix yoghurt, eggs (one at a time) and sugar and whisk together. Sift the cornflour into the batter and whisk until no lumps remain. Pour the batter into a large pie shell/ crust.

Bake for 1 hour until mixture puffs up. Cool—then place in the fridge for at least 2 hours.

Remove from the fridge 15 minutes before serving. Serve with berries of choice and cream of choice.

You can also use other flavours of yoghurt—I have used coconut to which I added desiccated coconut.

This is a great light dessert for summer but equally good any time of the year!



*Ruth Fleischer*



While this issue of the News and Views will hit your doormats in August, many of us are looking ahead to September already - including those of us at Sing Papworth! Our singing year begins in September, and we're on the lookout for new members to join us.

Sing Papworth is a friendly, non-audition community choir. We sing a wide range of music, and welcome anyone -whether you've sung in choirs before or if it's your first time. Notation reading/ musical experience aren't necessary - many of our members don't read notation - just the willingness to come along, have a go and get stuck in. Led by musical director Jenni Pinnock we meet on Monday evenings 8-9.30pm at Pendragon Community Primary School, with rehearsals starting on Monday 11th September.

Our choir members love a wide variety of music, so we make sure we sing lots of different styles including folk songs, musicals, classical works and popular songs. We haven't finished planning the music for the year ahead yet but it might include hits from the musical Hairspray, American folk songs, music from around the world, some spirituals and potentially some Beach Boys too..! There'll also be plenty of seasonal music as we hit the colder months. We'll be holding concerts in local venues in February and June and a summer picnic, as well as supporting other local events throughout the year. Come along and try out your first session for free. If you'd like more information send the choir an email at [hello@singpapworth.co.uk](mailto:hello@singpapworth.co.uk) !

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## Tree Warden Report

**David Potter**

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### August 2023

August is the month of harvest, the season of gathering in. The month when berries, fruits and nuts start to ripen in the hedgerow and on the bough. Apples (including wild crab apples) groan on branches. Blackberries are at their best, though by the end of the month they are over-ripe in many places.

The presence of seeds or nuts makes August a good month for identifying trees. Beech nut cases, for example, are visible, some falling to the ground,, though plenty still remain on the tree. Meanwhile, acorns finish growing to full size early in the month on oak trees, with increasing numbers to be found on the ground as the month goes on.

Hazelnuts can also be found on the ground from the start of the month, though they are soon snapped up by squirrels and dormice. The round nut cases of sweet chestnuts (spiked) and horse chestnuts (smooth) become increasingly prominent as the month goes on, and some of the latter start to fall to the ground at the end of the month. Early in the month the ground under sweet chestnuts is still littered with its fallen flower tassels.

The winged seeds of field maple and sycamore can also be found on the ground during August, usually due to squirrels feeding on them. The majority of the seeds stay on the tree, and most of these on sycamore and some on field maple turn brown as the month progresses (though it is the wing that turns brown on sycamore, not the seed itself, which remains green).

Squirrels are also the reason you find green hornbeam seeds under some trees, and again, some of the ones that remain on the tree may be yellowing a bit towards the end of the month. The ground under lime trees is littered with rejected winged seeds (the ones that did not fertilise?), though again plenty still remain on the trees.

Ash seeds (keys) continue to hang in large green bunches, while on birch trees there are fat seed cylinders (looking a bit like catkins) - mostly green, though more and more of them turn brown as the month goes on. This year's larch cones now look very similar to the ones from previous years, though the old ones have open scales while the new ones are still closed up.

London plane has green seed balls, and alder new green cones, though in both cases some brown ones from last year may still remain. If you look closely you will also see that alder, birch and hazel have tiny buds (which in fact appear in July) that will grow into next year's catkins.

My tree warden alphabet for August has reached the letter 'O' and this will stand for 'Oak'. It is said that Britain has more ancient oaks than all other European countries combined. It is a tree that has a special place in the British (or English) psyche. The oak, aka Quercus, is the national tree of England thanks to its extraordinary height, venerable age and legendary strength. It is the king of the forest.

In 1935, the National Trust, looking for a symbol to represent its work, adopted the now familiar sprig of oak leaves and acorn. It was designed by Joseph Armitage (1880-1945) whose other works include decorated carvings on St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle; the Bank of England; and, South Africa House. The oak sprig was a clever choice as it signals both tradition and new growth.

From the top of its spreading crown to the ends of its deep roots the oak tree provides shelter and food for hundreds of different organisms. Once established, the oak can live for up to 800 years,

continuing to act as host to this multitude of creatures. We are fortunate to have several mature oak trees in Papworth Everard, full of character and individual charm, mysterious and majestic.

There are also a number of younger oaks, some planted at the top end of School Walk, looking good and growing well. And, of course, the latest addition in our village is the commemorative oak planted earlier this year on Jubilee Green. It is now looking healthy after a community effort to keep it well watered during the prolonged dry and sunny period in early summer. Well done to everyone involved.

*'The monarch oak, the patriarch of the trees,  
Shoots rising up, and spreads by slow degrees.  
Three centuries he grows, and three he stays  
Supreme in state; and in three more decays.'*

**John Dryden**







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## Hey Val!

On Tuesday 18th of July Val Empson treated us to a medley of The Beatles songs, including Hey Jude, All you need is love, Eleanor Rigby, She loves you, I want to hold your hand, and Yesterday. Val played her electric piano with clients tapping their feet and some singing along.



The aim of the Day Centre is to provide a social event and a meal for elderly, isolated or lonely clients each week on Tuesdays. 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).

Our morning activities can include dominoes, scrabble, chess, a game called Qwirkle, knitting and crafts,

puzzle books and plenty of chatting. We have regular chair-based exercises led by one of our members, Carol.

In the afternoon, after a lovely lunch, we have a weekly raffle and our afternoon activities which can include bingo, quizzes, games and visiting entertainers such as Val, above.

Highlights of July have included Margaret's birthday celebrated with Sherry. Home made pizza made by Jane: with many clients having not just seconds, but third and fourth helpings. And very tasty fish and chips again from Luke's while Jane was away in Spain.

Another highlight was a visit from David and Anne Potter on the 27th June. David told us the fascinating account of Grace Darling who lived at Longstone Lighthouse with her father. In the early hours of 7 September 1838, Grace, looking from an upstairs window, spotted the wreck and survivors of the Forfarshire on Big Harcar, a nearby low, rocky island. The Forfarshire had foundered on the rocks and broken in half; one of the halves had sunk during the night. David went on to describe Grace and her father's brave rescue of the survivors, making her a national celebrity for her bravery.

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 tasty 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.

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.

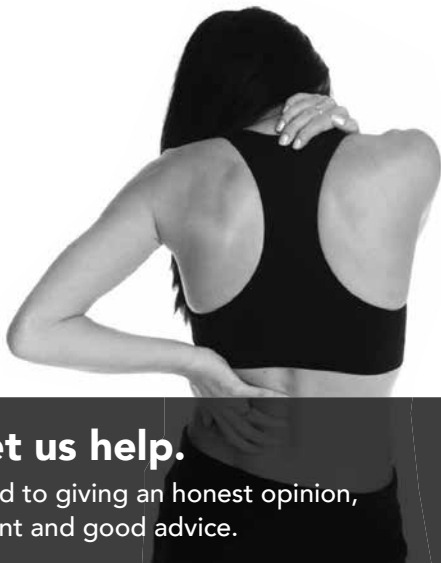






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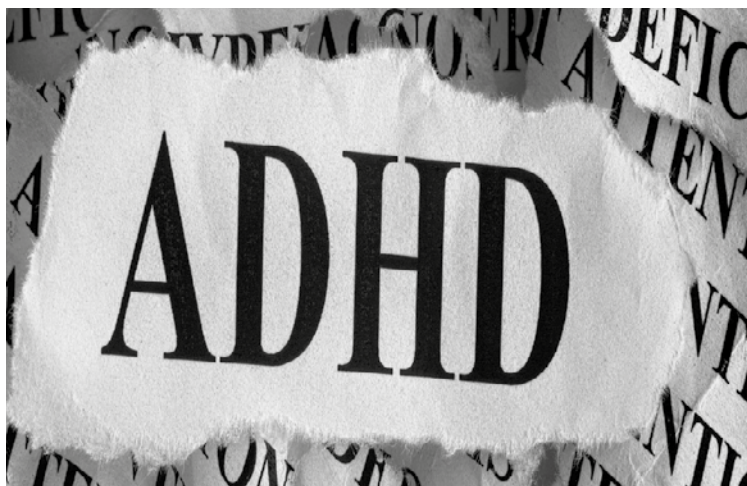
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## South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caxton and Papworth Ward District Councillor's Monthly Report – August 2023

### Contacting South Cambs District Council

South Cambs has now implemented a web chat facility on its web site ([scams.gov.uk](https://scams.gov.uk)) to provide an additional method of contacting the council. You can use this feature to ask questions and get information from advisors about all council services except for planning. (Planning is currently

excluded due to the complexities of the service and the individual nature of each query.) Initially web chat will be available from 10.00am to 3.00pm weekdays while the demand for the service is assessed.

You can still call the Customer Contact Centre on 01954 713000 to talk to an advisor. The line is staffed between 8.00am and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, with late opening to 6:30pm on Wednesday. Recent tests by a third-party organisation found that 81% of calls are answered within 4 minutes so please stay on the line.

### Bin Collection Changes - Update

Cambridge City Council has now approved a 4-day working week trial for the Shared Waste Service. South Cambs already approved the trial earlier in the year. It is anticipated that changes to collection arrangements will be rolled out in the autumn, probably in October. More details to follow once confirmed.

Note that this trial is completely separate from the 4-day working week trial for office based staff and will be measured by different criteria. The trial for office based staff is now 3 months into the second, 12 month, phase. Newspaper headlines suggesting that the government has "instructed" South Cambs to end this trial are incorrect and the council is still in discussion with the responsible ministers.

### CCTV in Taxis

As long ago as 2019, South Cambs decided that all taxis should be fitted with CCTV. The implementation date was delayed due to the pandemic, but all new and renewing licenses now require CCTV to be fitted in the vehicle. Private hire vehicles and limos are exempt from this requirement. Until all licenses are renewed, you may still find yourself offered a taxi without CCTV.

### GCP Reworking Sustainable Travel Zone Proposals

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Board has completed its review of the comments received from its consultation on initial proposals for a Sustainable Travel Zone (STZ) in Cambridge. It was determined the proposals were not acceptable to the majority of respondents. The board has instructed its technical team to come up with a range of alternative, costed solutions. Changes could be made to the days and hours of zone operation, the congestion charge amount (including exemptions), and the boundaries of the STZ (for example, excluding Addenbrookes). The team will report back in the autumn.

### Shared Planning Service ISO9001 Certified

The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service's Quality Management System (QMS) has been certified to the International Organisation for Standardisation ISO9001 standard. The ISO certification covers the Development Management and Compliance teams. The Development Management Team is responsible for ensuring development proposals are assessed and managed in accordance with relevant planning policies, regulations to promote sustainable development and the public interest. The Compliance Team checks that developments have any permissions they require to proceed with their build. If you are unsure if your project needs

planning permission, visit <https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/> or contact the Planning Service for advice if you do not find the information online. If necessary, you can schedule a short call with a Planning Officer at no cost to yourself.

Peter Sandford - 24 July 2023

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## The story of a man waiting for a bus

Most people would be forgiven for taking just one quick glance at an elderly man waiting for a bus.

But thanks to one passerby in Soham, who saw the same man again a few hours later, extra steps have now been taken to safeguard him.

The kind woman initially noticed the man walking towards Ely earlier that same day, and then near the station a few hours later – looking very confused and disorientated.

The woman spoke to him, and the man in his 80s showed her his bus pass and said he was going to see someone but couldn't remember who.

He had no bag and declined a lift home from the woman, who then called us just after 3pm last Thursday.

We spoke to the man's family and checks revealed he had dementia. We put further safeguarding measures in place, including the Herbert Protocol.

Do you know about the Herbert Protocol? It's a scheme we support that can help find people with dementia should they go missing from home.

It encourages family and friends to keep a document that will help officers in the event a loved one goes missing by collating key pieces of information such as a physical description, familiar places, health details and an up-to-date photo.

Carers, family or friends of a vulnerable person, or the person themselves, can fill in a Herbert Protocol form in advance, containing information to help the police if the person goes missing.

Keeping a completed form means you don't have to try to remember the information when you are under stress if someone goes missing. And it saves time, so we can start the search sooner.

For more information or to download a Herbert Protocol form, visit <https://www.cambs.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/missing-person/missing-persons/vulnerable-people-at-risk-of-going-missing/dementia-missing-risk-herbert-protocol/>.



## 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.

If you wish to join the club as a player or have time to help behind the scenes, please contact :

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