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# THE LIBRARY PRESENTS



ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

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The Library Presents is back for a jam-packed autumn season of arts activities in libraries across the county. As always, there are performances and workshops to suit all ages, with music, theatre, dance, magic, puppetry and even some film. The season starts on 1st October 2023 with a reduced version of Macbeth, 'the Scottish Play', and runs through to mid-December, with arts and crafts workshops and many more performances. There is a theme of horror, murder and chills, with Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde, murder mystery and sinister silent film; but the season also has a lighter side, with fairytales, magic and balloons. Altogether there is a glorious mix of uplifting, enchanting and playful treats for the autumn months ahead.

## Tickets available from early September

For ticket information please follow the online links at:

Library Live | The Library Presents

or

Telephone: 01353 616991

or

In person at Participating Libraries (cash only)

or

On the door at all activities (subject to availability/cash only)

or

By Exchanging Digital Time Credits

## BIN COLLECTION DATES

Thu 7 Sep 2023	✓		
Thu 14 Sep 2023		✓	✓
Fri 22 Sep 2023	✓		
Fri 29 Sep 2023		✓	✓
Fri 6 Oct 2023	✓		
Fri 13 Oct 2023		✓	✓
Fri 20 Oct 2023	✓		

Please Note: dates highlighted in red denote different collection day

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Front Page - Harvest Time on the Farm - (photo by the Editors)



# PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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## PADDLING POOL – SUMMER 2023

The paddling pool closes for the summer on Sunday 3rd September after 6 weeks of use over the school summer holidays.

We would like to thank Fraser Botting, Rebecca Bownass, Amy Bownass and Ellis Cruse for all their work in keeping the pool clean and the water safe for everyone to enjoy. Thanks also to Mark Honeywood for preparing the pool and training the guys to use pumps and testing equipment.

It's not a small job, as the pool has to be vacuumed to remove debris for around two hours a day and the water treated and tested 3-4 times a day and the pump filters flushed and cleaned – in addition to maintaining the general area. The guys have been out in all weathers ensuring the pool is safe and clean for our children to use - and have done a fantastic job !

The paddling pool is a great asset to the village - if you have any ideas or suggestions to make it even better for future years, we'd love to hear from you !

## BIN COLLECTIONS

Bin collections are going to change for approximately 80% of households in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire from mid-September.

New bin collection arrangements will be introduced from the week beginning Monday 18 September 2023.

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste, a partnership between Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils, is sending a letter in the post to every household affected which will confirm their new collection arrangements.

Bin collections will not change for any resident who does not receive a letter.

Residents can check their bin collection dates online via the South Cambridgeshire District Council website. There will also be reminders on the councils' social media channels and website.

The changes follow a review of bin rounds which are typically completed by all councils every few years. This takes into account new homes that have been built across the area and ensures bin collection rounds continue to be spread as evenly and efficiently as possible.

The councils are also moving to collect bins over four weekdays, instead of five. This means that, from the week beginning Monday 18 September, household bins will not be collected on a Monday. One benefit of this is that it avoids the disruption to collections that has previously happened after

bank holiday Mondays throughout the year as crews catch-up.

In addition, the routes have also been designed based on the capabilities of the Council's increasing fleet of electric vehicles.

With all this considered, bin rounds have been thoroughly reviewed to ensure that all existing collections – and those from newer homes – can be completed efficiently within a new timetable. As a result, there are changes to bin collection arrangements for many South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge residents – whether that is a new bin day, or an adjustment to the order in which their black or blue and green bins are emptied.

In Papworth, collections will be moving from a Thursday to a Friday.

The frequency of bin collections will remain fortnightly with bins

emptied on alternative weeks. Initially, some residents may find they have two consecutive weeks of the same colour bins being emptied as the new schedule is introduced. After that, all residents will continue to have their black bin emptied one week and their blue and green bins the other.

As is the case now, bins should always be put out ready to be emptied by 6am on the day of collection.

## CONTACTING THE POLICE

We have been asked to remind residents of the following:

How you can contact Cambridgeshire Police, and when it is most appropriate to use each method of contact.

Calling 999:

If you are involved or are witness to a situation where:

- you think things could get heated or violent very soon,
- someone is in serious danger or at risk of imminent harm,
- a disruption to the public is likely,
- you require police assistance right away,

please call 999 - this is what we would classify as an emergency.

If you accidentally dial 999, please stay on the line and tell the operator you're safe and that no crime has occurred. If you're in danger but you can't talk on the phone, you should still call 999.

Call 999 from a mobile : If you don't speak or answer questions, press 55 when prompted and your call will be transferred to the police. Pressing 55 only works on mobiles and doesn't allow the police to track your location. If you don't press 55 your call will be ended.

Call 999 from a landline: If you don't speak or answer questions and the operator can only hear background noise, they'll transfer your call to the police. If you replace the handset, the landline may remain connected for 45 seconds in case you pick it up again. Calling 999 from a landline automatically gives the police information about your location.

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, you can use the textphone service 18000 or text on 999 if you've pre-registered with the Emergency SMS service. If you're a British Sign Language (BSL) user, you can call 999BSL use a remote BSL interpreter.

Calling 101 the non-emergency phone number.

Please use 101 to:

- report minor and non-urgent crimes
- to report crimes that are not currently in progress (where a high-priority response is not required)
- or to offer evidence in an investigation.

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use the textphone service on 18001 101

When you call 101, call handlers will ask you for some information about the reason for your call so they can 'triage' the call and direct you to the relevant team.

During busy periods, you may have to wait for an operator to assist you. If you do have access to online services, these can be used to skip the queues on the 101 phone line.

There is also a live web chat service which can be accessed via the Cambridgeshire Police website (click the green speech

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# Update September 2023

## Papworth Trust partnership with Bell Group



On the 15th and 16th August, Papworth Trust hosted several events at the Studio for Papworth Everard residents to guide them through major improvement works due to homes in the next two years.

Ian Cunningham, Senior Business Manager commented:

*'These events are a great opportunity to showcase our plans for 2023 and 2024. We are looking forward to working with Bell Group to deliver our capital plan to improve our homes and to ensure that works are carried out as seamlessly as possible with minimal disruption to our tenants. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that attended'*

Bell Group also commented: *"Bell is delighted to be working with Papworth Trust delivering their capital plan to improve tenants' homes. We recently had the pleasure of holding a Meet the Contractor event for Papworth Everard residents; this was a chance to introduce the Bell team, put a face to the name and explain more about the works taking place. We look forward to getting started!"*

All tenants not able to attend the events will shortly receive a summary of the discussions from the meeting, including questions and answers posed to Bell Group.

For further information please contact the Trust at [housing@papworthtrust.org.uk](mailto:housing@papworthtrust.org.uk) or 0330 678 0008 option 2

## Time for Tenants

Time for Tenants sessions take place on a monthly basis from different venues in the village. These are held for Papworth Trust tenants to speak to a member of the Executive Team about anything that is important to them about their home or where they live.

The September session will take place on Saturday 16 September from the Turnhill Room at Southbrook Field. Helena Harris, Director of Operations will be hosting this drop-in session between 10am and 12noon.

Further dates and venues can be found on our website here <https://www.papworthtrust.org.uk/tenant-involvement/> or you can contact us on 0300 678 0008 option 2 for more information.

Papworth Trust – Loneliness and isolation - we need your help  
Papworth Trust have listened to their tenants in the village who have said that at times they can feel lonely and isolated. The Trust would like to know more, to see if this is something that they can help with. To ensure they have a clear understanding of what tenants in the village may want to help them overcome their

loneliness and isolation they are asking tenants to complete an online survey. Please use this link to let them know how they can help <https://forms.office.com/e/y7QszHMhQG>

If you do not have access to the internet please contact us and we will provide the survey in a different way so that you can complete it.



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bubble in the corner of the screen and you will be connected to an operator). Web chat can be used for advice, guidance or to report a non-urgent crime. Web chats are dealt with in the same way, and by the same people as 101 calls.

You can also report non-emergency crimes via the website at any time using the online report forms. Again, these are dealt with in the same way, and by the same people as 101 calls. You will receive an auto-response with your crime reference number, your crime will be recorded by our operators and they will be in touch if they need more information from you.

Please note that waste and litter, fly tipping, pests, noise complaints, discarded syringes or drug paraphernalia, dangerous buildings or structures and burst water mains are all council issues, and not police.

## Social media

You can also direct message on Facebook and Twitter to report non-urgent crime. Replies are not instant but the inboxes are monitored.

As always, 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.

## VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Are you thinking of holding a Christmas party, or have a celebration coming up ?

Perhaps you're looking to start up a regular meeting or hobby group and need somewhere to hold it ?

The Village Hall is a great venue for all types of events from children's birthday parties, fitness classes and fashion shows to conferences, meetings and training courses.

There is also a small seminar room on the first floor which is ideal for committee style meetings, crafting groups or informal meetings.

If you are looking for a venue to hold your event, why not get in touch and see what we can offer?

The diary is filling quickly, particularly in the run up to Christmas, so if you have a specific date in mind, please get in touch as quickly as possible to check availability.

Booking enquiries can be made by completing the enquiry form on the Village Hall and Amenities page on the Parish Council website (<http://papwortheverardpc.org.uk/amenities/>) where you will also find the tariff of charges, or by emailing the Bookings Clerk, Clare Taylor ([villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk)). A message can also be sent via the Village Hall's Facebook page.



## Library News September 2023

Congratulations to all the children who completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge! We hope you enjoyed reading and coming along to events. If you haven't finished yet, don't worry there's still time before the awards ceremony at the library on Thursday 28th September at 3:45pm.

Remember to keep visiting the library during the school term, too. We have lots of brilliant books to support your topics and projects, plus your library card gives you free access to Encyclopaedia Britannica Online.

Heading into autumn we have activities for people of all ages, including:

### Thursday 14th September 11am-12:30pm Engage: Milling Through the Ages

Would you like to hear about the fascinating history of Bourn Windmill? Enjoy a talk about milling through the ages, learn about the mill's recent restoration and find out who lives in the cottage next door. Talk by Graham Bruce and Kate Armstrong and followed by refreshments. Donations welcome.

### Thursday 12th October 10am-11:30am – Engage: Scam Awareness

Join Nigel Sutton from Cambridgeshire Constabulary for information on how to spot and avoid scams and fraudsters. Drop-in session followed by refreshments. Donations welcome.

### Tuesday 24th October 10:30am-12pm Autumn Crafts

Flying bats, spider web pebbles and Lego pumpkins - come and have a go at making them all. Drop-in session. 50p suggested donation towards materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

### Every Tuesday 10am-11am (term time only, recommencing 5th September)

#### Stay and Play

Bring your little ones along to our brand-new stay & play sessions at the library. A chance for them to play with others and for you to meet other parents in a safe, welcoming environment. Free drop-in sessions.

#### 4th Tuesday of every month 10am-12pm

#### DISH Disability Benefit Advice Session

DISH have been providing benefit advice and guidance to people with disabilities for over 30 years. If you need some advice about disability benefits or help to make a claim, come along to one of our Library Drop-in sessions for a chat. No appointment necessary.

We are also still on the lookout for a new Rhymetime volunteer, as this regular event is currently on hold until we can find a valued member of our community to join us. If you would like to help out, please pop in and talk to one of our library staff.

Stop by to find out what's new, browse the shelves for some seasonal reads or use our free Wi-Fi. You are always welcome at the library!

A reminder of our opening hours:

Monday	– Closed
Tuesday	– 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm
Wednesday	– 10am - 1pm
Thursday	– 2pm - 5pm
Friday	– Closed
Saturday	– 10am - 1pm

A reminder that signing up to our service and borrowing library books is free! To get in contact about any of our events, please come in and talk to us or call the Cambridgeshire Libraries service on 0345 045 5225.



## Papworth Surgery

### FLU NOTICE

We will be starting Flu Vaccinations from mid-September. Text messages will be sent when we have clinics available to book, or you can telephone the surgery from the beginning of September.

We will be doing some 'walk in' clinics too.

The below groups will be eligible for a free flu vaccine at the surgery..

- Those aged 65 years and over
- Those aged 6 months to 65 years in clinical at risk groups
- Pregnant women
- All children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 23
- Carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- Close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- Frontline workers in a social care setting without an employer led occupational health scheme

PLEASE NOTE THOSE AGED 50-64 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE FLU JAB THIS YEAR UNLESS YOU FIT INTO ONE OF THE CATEGORIES ABOVE

Please support us and have yours done at Papworth Surgery!

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# Church Notices

## St Peter's Church – September Services

**Sunday 3rd - 10.30am – Morning Prayer**

**Sunday 10th - 10.30am – Holy Communion**

**Sunday 17th - 10.30am – Family Service**

**Sunday 24th - 10.30am – Holy Communion**

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 Morning Prayer.

## Roman Catholic Mass

(Latin Rite)

Mass is celebrated at

**St Michael's, Huntingdon**

on Saturday at 6.00 pm and

on Sunday at 9.00 and 11.00

with a Polish Mass at 3.30 pm

For more information please go to

[www.stmichaelrc.org](http://www.stmichaelrc.org)



### 'Coming home'

This has been the great cry over the summer as the Lionesses progressed to the World Cup Final in Sydney. Sadly, it was not to be.

Home is about the people we are close to, the experiences we have with them and the memories we share; more than the place in which these things happen. That's why home is

so precious and important to many and (tragically) can be a chilling nightmare to others.

Just over 40 years ago I went to live in Scotland. Not only was the weather colder, the accents different but some of the turns of phrase took getting used to – for example someone would ask 'Where do you stay?' meaning 'where do you live?' The adjustment was that the place I 'stayed' was where our belongings were put down but where we 'lived' was about life with one another and others!

In the next few weeks some of the younger people in the village will be heading off to college or university and others starting secondary school. For parents this can be stressful as we wait to see how they settle down, whether they feel 'at home' because new friendships are made and enjoyed. Again, it is a lot about the people rather than the place.

I have the privilege of being invited into many homes – usually to talk about weddings, christenings, funerals and other similar matters. Occasionally I cross a threshold and feel immediately this is a cold place, an unhappy place and so on; not because of the surroundings but because of how relationships have been conducted there.

Jesus echoed the same idea of home being where the people we love and cherish have space and spend time in; when speaking about his Father's house, having many rooms with his promise to the disciples that 'where I am you may be also.' It is for this and other similar reasons people often think of a church as like a family and they leave Sunday by Sunday feeling better about the week to come because of the people they have spent time with, including God also!

The Lionesses are now home – with family and friends, just without the cup they so hoped to be carrying; because home is where we celebrate success, commiserate over losses, find comfort in failure, encourage one another to try again and bring out the best in one another.

Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector

## Harvest Festival Service

10.30 Sunday 17th September

St Peter's Church

Everyone Welcome

## Hilton Methodist Church



### Services in September

- September 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am Mr. John Green
- September 10<sup>th</sup> 11:15am Harvest Festival – United Service at the Parish Church
- September 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Rev. Sue Baker-Maher
- September 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Rev. Clifford Owen

### 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.



September 2<sup>nd</sup>. 10:00am to 12 noon

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



## David (Dave) Moss 1951-2023



Dave was born in Papworth in 1951 and some of you will remember him from working in the Coachbuilders or around the village as part of the gardening team many years ago. Dave enjoyed growing fruit and veg, watching American football and beer and wine making. He regularly supported three charities, The Royal British Legion, The NRL and WWF. Dave was diagnosed with terminal cancer in 2018 and was glad to have reached our 50th wedding anniversary in 2020, albeit a modest celebration of socially distanced fish and chips at home with our children Stephen, Wendy and Wendy's partner Gordon. Dave passed away peacefully at home, on the 11th August 2023, we will all miss him.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the kind words, cards and support at that time.

## Hilton Methodist Church



As any watchers of 'Escape to the Country' know, the presence of a local church and a pub are signature features of desirable village locations. Hilton has desirability in spades. Not only a place of outstanding beauty but with a community spirit like no other as witnessed with Feast Week, as the latest in a calendar of events on offer. I have rarely seen so many opportunities in one place for people to connect with each other and share all that Hilton has on offer.

In villages up and down the country churches are closing causing great sadness. Not just for the few attending but often the whole village turns out in protest – but usually way too late.

Pinpointing the significance of a church's presence is tricky. It's not just characterful buildings. A closed church, no matter how pretty, just doesn't cut the mustard. The traditional carol service or Remembrance Service cannot totally account for the outcry and sense of loss. Why does the presence of our churches matter despite most of us rarely attending?

Methodism has a long history in Hilton and our church community robustly maintain opportunities for exploring faith however we understand God to be. But as Joni Mitchell's song goes, sometimes you 'don't know what you've got 'til it's gone'. Whilst God changes not, expressions of faith can, do and need to continually evolve.

Are people really no longer interested?



Rev. Sue Baker-Maher

Does faith, however understood, have no relevance for people today?

Hardly, in my view although I am sure we need to better understand why church doesn't scratch where people itch. However idyllic our setting, human questions about our place in the world and the struggles all experience, continue. Faith has something to offer these kinds of questions and needs.

If the presence of our chapel here has any significance for you, it would be really helpful for us to understand a little more about this. How can our chapel continue to be a living, breathing reality and a place of enquiry for the people of Hilton? How can we best have a conversation? Before it's too late.

**If you would like to get in touch with Revd. Sue please phone 07483153948 or e-mail [sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk](mailto:sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk)**

### Services in September

3 September	10:00am	Mr. J. Green
10 September	11:15am	Harvest Festival – United Service at the Parish Church
17 September	10:00am	Rev. Sue Baker-Maher
24 September	10:00am	Rev. Clifford Owen

## Varrier Jones Social Club

At our meeting on 4th August, we were once again delighted to have with us our good friend and ex professional singer, Peter Day. Peter entertained us with a selection of popular songs from 50's, 60's and 70's with members joining in with sing-a-long sessions. We finished the afternoon with the usual tea and cakes, provided by the committee.

Have any of the readers thought about joining our Social Club? It is open to all who would enjoy an afternoon in the company of others, with a well-structured entertainment programme through-out the year for a very small enrolment/ entrance fee. We meet the first Friday in the month usually at 1.00 for 1.30pm, but some months we meet a little bit earlier dependent on the monthly programme. Apart from entertainers, we provide occasional special lunches and ALWAYS tea and cake!! For instance 1st September will be our Harvest Lunch and 6th October we will have Fish & Chips provided by our local Chippy, (but this will involve an extra charge). Anyone thinking of joining should make contact in advance via one of the telephone numbers below, because the food has to be pre-ordered.

At present, to join the Club, you would be required to pay an annual subscription of £5 per person, and an entry fee on the day of £4 per person. If you would like any further information, please contact our Chairperson, Jenny Howlett on 01480 492697, or the Secretary and Treasurer Joan and Eddie Tomkinson on 01480 839230.





## Tree Warden Report

David Potter

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### September 2023

In September, as the month progresses, we might feel we are on borrowed time. The landscape scene might be about to change, a cooler wind might be on the way, but not quite yet. The trees take in the last of the food from their leaves, produced by the summer sunshine (photosynthesis). Their seeds have ripened and provide a nutty harvest on the ground beneath the canopy and a feast for wildlife. Hedgerows are displaying the last of their fruit and berries. Nature is turning its attention to making ready for the approach of winter.

The footpaths through our woods are still dry, or at least not as wet and muddy as they will soon become. It's a good time to go exploring, to walk deep into the wood, find a tree trunk to sit on and



immerse yourself in the sounds and sights of the woodland around you. When you have settled, so will nature settle around you. Be patient and as still as possible and you will become part of the background, your senses will become more alert, your eyes more observant. Enjoy the moment.

The Canadian author, Lucy Maud Montgomery called September 'a ripe sheaf of many golden days'. September sunshine can be gentle and warm, providing every tree and hedge with a golden glow, even if the harvest will already have been safely gathered in by then. There are glorious sunsets to be enjoyed that give so many colours to the evening sky a blush of pink, yellow, orange and red.

September is a good month for collecting and storing seed and so increase the number of plants in your garden for free. Seeds can be collected from many trees, shrubs, perennials, aquatic plants, alpines, annuals, biennials, bulbous plants, ornamental grasses, vegetables and herbs. Choose healthy and vigorous plants from which to collect seed, and remember only ripe seed will germinate. Place a paper bag over exploding seed head or where the seed is easily scattered by the wind. Carefully place seeds in collecting envelopes, label and date. In this way you should be able to keep track of your seed archive. Store your seed packets in a cool dry place (the RHS recommends in a refrigerator at 5 degree centigrade). Finally, check on line or in a gardening book when is the correct time to sow your seeds – make a diary entry.

My Tree Warden alphabet has reached the letter 'P' and this month we will have P for Photography. A camera, or a smart phone, is the perfect companion for a visit to the woods. You can capture the changing seasons, photograph wildlife, record a favourite tree, learn new techniques and create memories that will last forever. Interesting shapes and shades, close-up and distance shots, take photos from different and unusual vantage points, careful use of focus and light. Don't be afraid to experiment.

Top tips

Ensure your camera/phone is fully charged and has plenty of free space on its memory.

Make sure your camera/phone is ready to snap that perfect shot straight away

When shooting images of people, go for informal shots, but make sure you have their permission first.

Try lots of different angles and compositions, you can always discard or edit later on.

Be ready to organise and archive photos when you get home.

Have fun and enjoy being in the outdoors.

I would be interest to see your favourite tree and landscape photos.

We are getting used to the new regime for maintaining some open spaces and roadside verges, epitomized by the phrase 'no mow May'. There is a proper regard for protecting nesting birds when it comes to hedge trimming and many of our road verges have been sown with wild flower seed which gives a beautiful margin during Spring and into Summer. It has been pointed out to me that a corner of the village playing field, along Barons Way, has been thoughtfully left un-mown. Since then it has been awash with colour. First we had dandelions, a mass of yellow, then daisies followed by buttercups, white and purple clover and many other wildflowers, a treasure for bees and butterflies and a feast for the eyes. Go and have a look. So, many thanks to the person concerned who has left this wildlife strip for the benefit of the village.





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## Perfect Pitch

We started August off on the 1st with entertainment by Stuart Clements who played the keyboard and sang, with the odd few jokes thrown in, always a good laugh. Stuart has been joining us on a Tuesday in the last few weeks tuning our piano and is making a good job of it, we look forward to hearing him play it when it's finished.



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.

In August our knitting corner has been very busy. Margaret has been busy knitting a cardigan for Winnie's Grandchild while Sylvia is loom knitting a scarf which is slowly progressing nicely. Carol has been playing draughts with Jenny and is getting an expert at it.. We have enjoyed our usual game of bingo and our usual quizzes in the afternoons. Val Empson joined us on the 22nd playing the keyboard while we all sang along.

On the 8th August, by popular request we had another round of Jane's home made Pizza which was very much enjoyed by us all.

We offer a taster day for £5 (normal price is £13). Or you are very welcome to just come and see what we do and have a cup of tea. Please contact Jenny (number below).

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

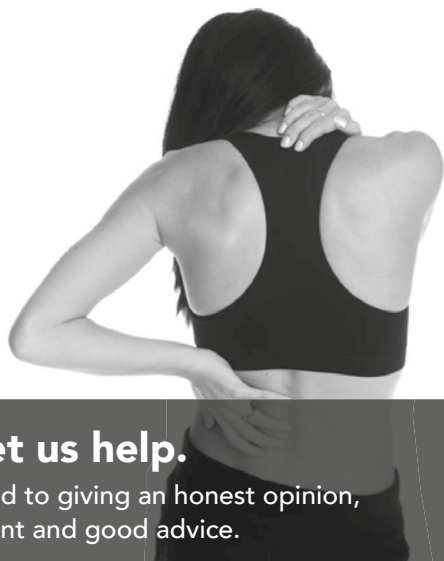
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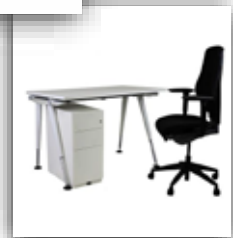


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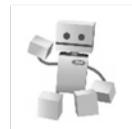
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## South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caxton and Papworth Ward District Councillor's Monthly Report – September 2023

### Bin Collection Changes – Another Update

Plans for a trial of a four day working week in the Shared Waste Service have changed (again) since I last wrote. For Papworth, the bins will be emptied on Fridays, commencing on Friday 22nd September, when the black bins will be emptied.

The last Thursday collection will be on Thursday 14th September, when blue and green bins will be emptied. Collections will continue to alternate between black bins one Friday, and blue and green bins the following Friday.

Letters will be sent to all households by Royal Mail at the end of August to confirm the new arrangements. To help with the transition, additional staff will be assigned to the call centre to handle issues including missed bins. For more information about the changes, go online at <http://www.scams.gov.uk/binchanges>.

### Fly Tipping Media Day

You may have seen television coverage of fly tipping from Caxton Gibbet recently. The location was chosen because it is convenient for the South Cambs offices as well as being a "hot spot" for fly tipping. If you notice any incidents of fly tipping,

please report them online at <https://forms.scams.gov.uk/REPORTENVIROCRIMEWASTEINYOURAREA/launch>

### Funding for New Council Homes

South Cambs has been awarded significant funding to provide 13 additional homes from phase 2 of the government's Local Authority Housing Fund for refugees. This is in addition to the funding for 40 homes that it received for in phase 1. In total, the council has been granted just over £2.4m. The latest award, together with Council borrowing, will be used to provide 10 homes for refugee families from Afghanistan, plus three additional properties which will be used for temporary housing to reduce the dependency on bed and breakfast type accommodation. Under the terms of the grant, when the properties are no longer needed for refugee or temporary housing, they will be treated as normal HRA housing and added to council stock. The long-term legacy from this project will be an increase in social housing within the District. The Council is looking to acquire a mix of new-build properties from developers, and open market properties through Estate Agents.

Peter Sandford - 22 August 2023

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## Whippet Bus Services

Dear Editor,

The Whippet X3 bus service that serves Papworth Everard has become unreliable and buses are frequently cancelled with little or no notice. Unfortunately it is difficult for people to rely on the bus to get to work or medical appointments at Addenbrookes. I have written to Anthony Browne MP to complain and ask if Whippet can be contacted through him (Whippet ignored me). He has asked an assistant to contact Whippet but no reply has been received to date.

As this is causing a problem for some in the village I was wondering if it could be mentioned in News and Views? Perhaps with an action for people to email and complain to Anthony Browne at [anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk) if they are unhappy with Whippet.

I'm not sure what else can be done to try to get the service improved.

Kay Maltby - Papworth Everard

### Update:

Since I wrote to you about the poor Whippet X3 bus service there has been a new development. An assistant to Anthony Browne MP contacted Whippet and received the response below which she forwarded to me today. If you haven't already gone to press it may be helpful to include this information. Hopefully it will give some comfort to people in the village who are struggling to get to work in Cambridge.

Kay

**Please find below the response that Anthony Browne's Assistant received from Ed Cameron, Commercial Manager of Whippet.**

*Like many other industries, the bus industry has faced challenges in recruiting and training bus drivers. The Covid pandemic had serious implications in this regard and delayed the ongoing training we were running. At the same time, there were major delays caused in the issue of new licences, and the booking of driving tests, and we are only now starting to see an improvement in this.*

*This means that there is a shortage of bus drivers, although in recent*

*months I'm pleased to say that the situation has continued to improve. At Whippet, we are working hard to improve things both in recruitment of drivers with existing bus licences, and in the training of new people into the industry.*

*We are also investing heavily in our fleet of buses, with nine brand-new electric buses due to enter service during the summer on our Universal route in Cambridge. This will allow us to upgrade our fleet of buses that run on our other routes.*

*These two factors mean that the number of cancelled journeys has been continuing to reduce for several months now, and we are working hard to further improve this.*

*We are also aware of how important communication with our customers is. To this end, we are engaging with the organisation who run the electronic departure boards in Cambridge with the view to ensuring this data is always accurate and used to its full potential. We are also launching a new website and mobile app later this year, which will allow customers to track where all our buses are in real time and be aware of any delays should they occur.*

*I hope that Mr Browne is starting to see the improvements we're working on, and trust that the situation will continue to get better in the coming months.*

Best wishes Ed Cameron



## Cricket Update

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