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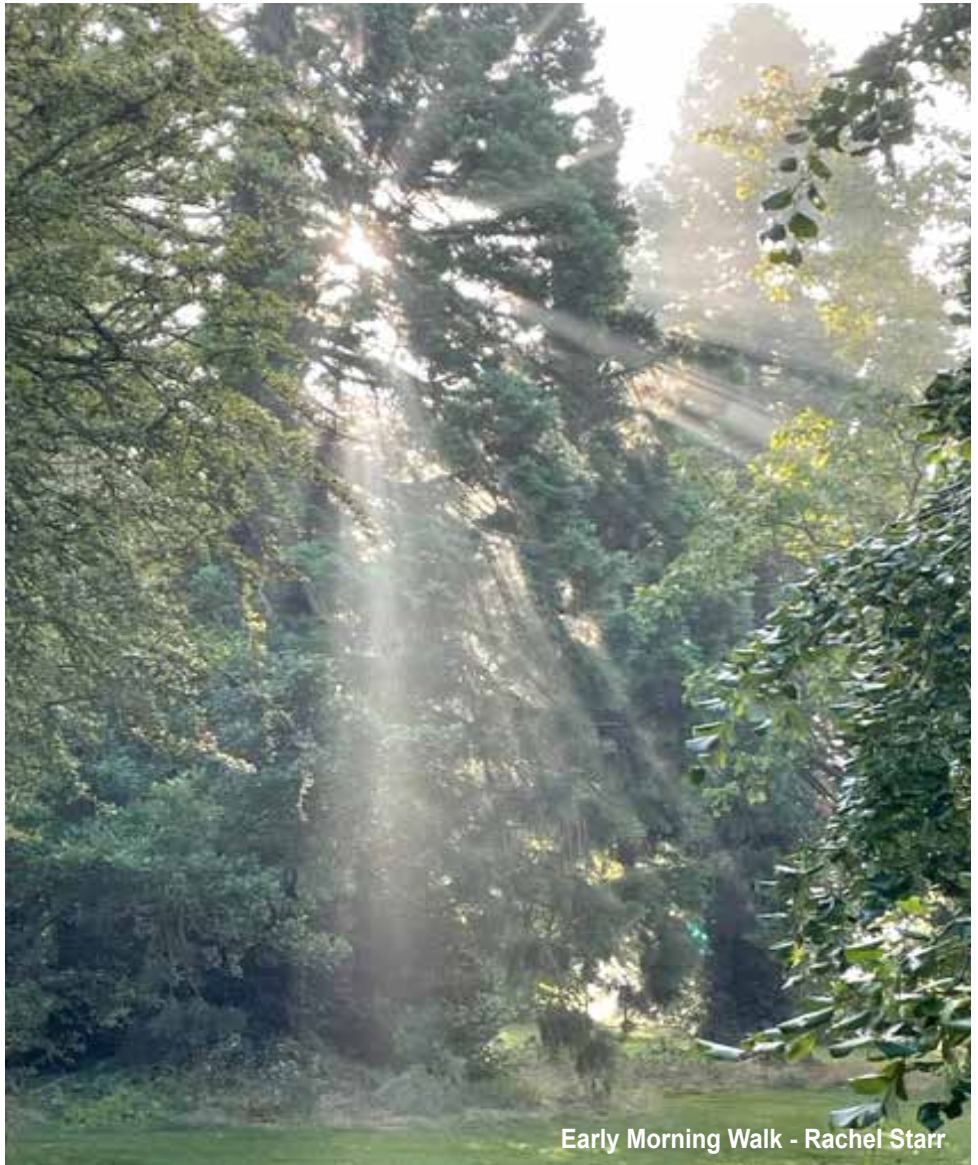
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Early Morning Walk - Rachel Starr

## BIN COLLECTION DATES

Fri 13 Oct 2023		✓	✓
Fri 20 Oct 2023	✓		
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Fri 10 Nov 2023		✓	✓
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# THE LIBRARY PRESENTS



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Sun 1 October	Macbeth (Theatre)	Papworth Library
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- Online through links on [www.library.live/the-library-presents](http://www.library.live/the-library-presents)
- By calling the Babylon ARTS Box Office 01353 616991
- In person from participating libraries (cash only)
- On the door at all activities (subject to availability / cash only)
- By exchanging Digital Time Credits

We hope you all have had a lovely summer, full of beach reads! We have loved hearing about everyone's new and old favourites, and a big congratulations to everyone who completed their Summer Reading Challenge and attended our ceremony. If you completed the Challenge but have yet to pick up your medal and certificate, please just pop into the library during normal opening hours to collect them.

As the weather gets colder, we've got a multitude of activities coming up in the library, including:

**Tuesday 3rd October 3-4pm – Pop-Up Reading Group (free)**

Pick up a copy of Kamila Shamsie's *Home Fire* from the library, or use an eBook version, have a read, then come and discuss your thoughts with fellow book-lovers on the above date.

Anyone and everyone can join for a book-related natter!

**Tuesday 3rd October 3:30-4:45pm – Lego Club: Plant Power!** (donations welcome)

Do you love LEGO? Got a passion for building? Then we have the club for you! For our Libraries Green Week, come and make some Lego plants with us. Ages 4+, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Wednesday 4th October 2-3pm – Alison Stockham Author Visit** (£2 including refreshments)

Author of *The Cuckoo Sister* and *The Silent Friend*, Alison Stockham is a celebrated local thriller writer. Do come along and discuss the genre, writing process, and Alison's way of developing engaging narratives. Booking recommended: either in person or via [barhill.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:barhill.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

**Thursday 5th October 3:45-4:45pm – Paper Bead Making (free)**

Make a fashion statement with these Eco-friendly beads. Come along to the library, learn how to make paper beads and then turn them into a bracelet. Why not make some for your friends too? Drop-in session.

**Thursday 12th October 10am-11:30am – Engage: Scam Awareness** (donations welcome)

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

**Thursday 19th October 2:30-4pm – Police Drop-In Session (free)**

Have a question you've always wanted to ask a cop? For Safer Business Week, come and have a chat with members of Cambridgeshire Constabulary, to discuss issues that may be

affecting you or your business, and help us to create a safer community.

**Tuesday 24th October 10:30am-12pm – Autumn Crafts** (50p suggested donation)

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

**Every Wednesday 10-10:30am** (term time only), beginning 1st November - Rhymetime (free)

Join us every week for half an hour of songs and rhymes for 0-4s in the library. Bring babies and toddlers to sing, chant and move! Parents & carers must stay with children.

**Every Tuesday 10am-11am** (term time only) - Stay and Play (free)

Bring your little ones along to our 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. Drop-in sessions.

**4th Tuesday of every month 10am-12pm – DISH Disability Benefit Advice Session** (free)

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 always on the lookout for new volunteers, from ages 13 and up. 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 cozy autumnal novels, or use our free Wi-Fi. You are always welcome at the library!

A reminder of our opening hours:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10am to 1pm 2pm to 5pm
Wednesday	10am to 1pm
Thursday	2pm to 5pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10am to 1pm

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.



# Update October 2023



## 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.

Information about the dates and venues can be found on our website here <https://www.papworthtrust.org.uk/tenant-involvement/> or you can contact us on 0330 678 0008 option 2 for more information.

## PapFest

We had a great time at PapFest on Saturday 23 September, thank you to everyone who popped by our stall, and came and spoke to us about volunteering with us. Head to our website for more details on our volunteering opportunities [www.papworthtrust.org.uk/jobs-and-volunteering/current-volunteer-opportunities/](http://www.papworthtrust.org.uk/jobs-and-volunteering/current-volunteer-opportunities/)



# Letters to the Editors

I have been a resident of Cheere Way, Papworth for a number of years and wish to inform you about certain things that urgently require attention as standards are slipping.

1. Behind the 'old' Papworth Hospital site there is a lake and locals do visit with small children to feed the few ducks and there is a rubbish bin at the far end of the lake, which urgently needs to be emptied.
2. At the end of Cheere Way where flats nos. 2 - 18 are situated, the communal Rubbish Bins on your right on entering the private road is really a state of concern: an old mattress has been deposited there months ago; masses of cardboard (not put into the blue bin) and childrens' toys are simply dumped there!
3. This is a private road going from the T-Junction, where nos. 48 and opposite, no: 34 on your right is situated, servicing both certain properties in Cheere Way, plus 4 houses (North Lodge Drive's garages) and the flats nos: 2- 18. There is also an urgent need for bushes, overhanging trees and rubbish and debris to be removed, before autumn sets in.
4. A sign at the entrance to Cheere Way where above-named nos. 48 and opposite, no: 34 are situated, needs to be erected, to indicate that this is a private road and should only be used for access, and the speed limit should not be above 10 mph, as children often play in this area after school and at weekends.
5. Since the pandemic (March 2020) there are many van/truck deliveries, rubbish collection (now on Fridays), and some complain about difficult access due to so many cars being parked along side no: 34. In the past few years, there seem to be more cars needing a space close to their homes.
6. Additionally, Dogs Barking between Mon's and Saturdays is increasing and can be disturbing. It would appear that there is one house where "Dog Manicuring" regularly takes place - is that permitted in a private, residential area?

Why can't people, taking advantage of this service, use the main car park behind the Co-op - just 50 metres away?

I would be grateful if you could assist in helping with modifying these inconveniences.

Yours sincerely,

***A concerned resident in a private house in Cheere Way***

I live on the Green next to the alley way. I have have several dog poo bags dumped in my garden. Can I kindly ask, if this could be mentioned in the news and views please.

That the person responsible not do this and be responsible and respectful of other's property.

I do not know if the pet, has worms or any other illnesses, but it's not ethically right to do this. They are doing it at night, so they cannot be seen. I do have a ring camera at the front of house, but this dog bag dumping is at the side of the house, onto the alleyway.

I am sorry to trouble you, but it is not the first time, this has happened. Not sure what to do, apart from bring awareness.

***Regards - Cat Lloyd***

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LUNCH

11.30 AM - 12.30 AM

In commemoration of Remembrance Sunday and to celebrate those who have served in the armed forces throughout our community





## Papworth Surgery

### Flu and Covid Vaccination Update

Our flu vaccination clinics have begun and we are happy to advise that we are also offering the Covid booster until the end of October as these can be administered at the same time.

We have two walk-in clinics on 16th and 23rd October starting at 6pm and finishing at 8pm. Please get here as early as possible during this period as we don't want to end up turning anyone away if there is still a queue at 8pm!

Depending on the success of the walk in clinics we will either add more walk in clinics or more clinics with appointment times.

### A reminder of the cohorts eligible for Flu and Covid vaccine

- All adults aged 65 years and over
- Persons aged 6 months to 64 years in a clinical risk group, as laid out in the Immunisation Green Book, COVID-19 Chapter (Green Book)
- Frontline health and social care workers
- Persons aged 12 to 64 years who are household contacts (as defined in the Green Book) of people with immunosuppression
- Persons aged 16 to 64 years who are carers (as defined in the Green Book) and staff working in care homes for older adults.

### In other news...

Pressure on our services remains at an all-time high. Our online Triage system is working well and helping with this. Patients who believe they need to be seen urgently should go onto our website [papworthsurgery.nhs.uk](http://papworthsurgery.nhs.uk) and complete the Triage request form. If you are unable to complete yourself please telephone reception first thing in the morning and they will complete the form for you. The Triage Dr then looks at all the requests and decides what action needs to be taken and how urgently patients need to be seen. Once we are at capacity the online Triage is switched off. It opens at 7am so it is best to get your request on as early in the morning as possible.

**If you want a routine appointment or a Nurse appt please phone reception on 01480 830888**

## theWI Papworth Everard INSPIRING WOMEN Womens Institute Bulb Planting Request



Papworth Everard Women's Institute are planning to plant spring bulbs in the village. Their members have donated the bulbs. Two dates have been selected for this purpose, Sunday 15th October and Saturday 21st October, 10.30.am on each day. Meet at The Studio, Peverall Court at 10.30.am. to be allocated a digging area. We would be delighted to have some 'strong male' help to dig in the hard ground. If more information is required ring Joan Tomkinson 01480 839230.

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# Church Notices

## St Peter's Church – October Services

Sunday 8 th - 10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 15 th - 10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 22 nd - 10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 29 th - 10.00am ~ TEAM service at Caxton Church

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.

Look out for the Quiz at the Village Hall ~ Friday 3rd November - 7pm

## 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)



### 'What are we working for?'

There is a creativity and measure of giftedness in all of us that remains hidden or unnoticed unless we are attentive and go looking for it. I saw this again recently when someone asked to share a piece of poetry in a funeral; subsequently, I discovered this person has written scores of poems and similar written pieces.

This experience set me thinking about a remark my wife made around the same time – to the effect a lot of the time we handle many relationships in a largely

transactional manner. It goes like this: you have something I want so I deal with you to the point where we agree on what basis you share this with me. It works for the most part but may prove to be very functional or utilitarian; moreover, it fails to see value or release so much that is good and often creative in all of us.

We see this at its worst in political matters all too often – where the goal of any new proposals appears more to do with what one side can get away with rather than a genuine investment in doing the right thing.

Christians are meant to be different because we should be motivated by love summed up by the exhortation 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Here we have an example of where our English translation is not clear enough: the word for LOVE is the one used elsewhere to describe God's living actions towards us – a sacrificial love, the sort that steps in to rescue a person in dire trouble irrespective of the cost and not for any return or gain that will follow. (To be a professional politician and a practicing Christian is surely one of the hardest vocations for someone to embrace!)

One of the things that makes me sad is when I meet people who had gone into service vocations such as education and medicine but who now feel ground down and fed up, to the point they are focussed on getting out or reaching retirement. For the most part this seems to be a systemic or cultural failure that has hurt and damaged great servant-hearted people.

Here is my question (in the early weeks of a new 'academic' year): what are we ambitious for and want to see happen in the next few months? There is nothing wrong, per se, with ambition, except it can easily become distorted or orientated solely to my benefit and at someone else's expense. At that point ambition can become destructive or unpleasant. As we listen to the political debates

coming from the main part conferences we could do worse than asking ourselves 'Do I want, am I working for and will vote for ..... because it will do this and that for me and my family; or is striving for these things about the common good, the betterment of society and the capacity of the country to serve well at home and in our dealings abroad, both now and for generations to come?'

I believe we need, in many sectors of society and around the world, the recovery of the sort of LOVE that is at the core of our heritage and Christian tradition.

*Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector*

## Hilton Methodist Church

Many of you will have heard of the Camino de Santiago (the way of St James). It's a series of pilgrim routes starting in different places all over Europe, all leading to the Cathedral at Santiago de Compostela, where the body of Jesus's disciple, James, the bearer of the Gospel through Europe to Spain, was purportedly returned after his death.

People have been travelling these routes since at least the 9th century. Most well-known today, due to the film 'The Way' and recent TV coverage, is the French route across northern Spain, a journey of nearly 500 miles.

I've just returned from doing the Portuguese route via Finisterre – a trip of just 230 miles or so. Walking in all sorts of conditions, getting up before dawn on some days to avoid the blistering heat, tramping through UK-like rain on others; sleeping in hostels along the way.

So, what's different about walking a pilgrim route compared to a long hike?

Well, it's something to do with being on the road with others; all ages, nationalities and walks of life, all heading in the same direction. It's something to do with being outside your comfort zone and dealing with it; staying open to what this reveals to you, about you. But most of all it's something about going with intention, even if you are not quite sure exactly what your intention is. Putting yourself in the way of encounter and letting whatever happens, happen.



"Which is more important," asked Big Panda, "the journey or the destination?"

"The company," said Tiny Dragon.

We all have a calling of one sort or another.

You don't have to walk hundreds of miles to find your purpose, your core, your centre! But you do need to be intentional, to deliberately give yourself space to discover your own path. Most often this happens through journeying alongside others and creating space just to be, letting Camino do its magic of delivering just what's needed.

So, if anyone wants to 'talk Camino', do get in touch. It would be a privilege to share part of your journey.

Revd. Sue Baker-Maher  
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### Services in October

1 October	10:00am	Mr. J. Bridge
8 October	11:15am	Rev. Sue Baker-Maher - United Service at the Methodist Church
15 October	10:00am	Dr. D. Ward
22 October	10:00am	Mr. C. Webber

## Varrier Jones Social Club

Following on from our News and View Report last month, the Varrier Jones Social Club held a very successful Harvest Lunch at their September meeting. The meal, styled on a 'Ploughman's' was catered for by the Committee and very well received by the members. Following the main meal everyone received a dish of strawberry mousse and tea and cake. Members really appreciate these occasional meals provided for them by the Club, especially if they live on their own.

After the meal, our Treasurer Eddie Tomkinson, had organised picture quizzes to identify by-gone television shows and film stars, also identifying brand names and finishing with some questions that indicated how much we 'didn't know' about Papworth Everard !!.

Orders have already been taken from our members for the October meeting, the ever popular Fish and Chips Lunch that will be collected from our Papworth Chippy. New members are still able to join us for this meeting at 1pm Friday 6th October, just ring Eddie the week before on 01480 839230 and give him your meal order. He will give you all the information you need to know and we shall all look forward to meeting in The Studio, Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard on the meeting date.

### Hilton Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings in aid of EACH  
(East Anglia's Children's Hospices)



are held in  
the Hilton  
Methodist  
Schoolroom



on the first Saturday of each month.



7 October 10:00am to 12 noon

4 November 10:00am to 12 noon

Hope you will be able to join us!



**October 2023 - April 2024**

**Sun 1 Oct | 2.30 - 5pm | Adults £3, Children £1**

Hinxton Watermill Open Day

Tour of the stunning 17th century working watermill on the River Cam, with 'Where's Ratty' contest for children.

**Fri 13 Oct & Sat 14 Oct | 8pm | £15**

Hamlet by In Situ:

Compelling solo performance of Shakespeare's masterpiece in the Leper Chapel. Bookings: [www.insitutheatre.co.uk](http://www.insitutheatre.co.uk)

**Sat 14 Oct | 10am - 4pm**

Dowsing at Wandlebury

£25 Non-Members & £20 Members of CPPF and BDS.

Archaeological dowsing at the Iron Age Hill fort with Steve Dawson of [www.britishdowsers.org](http://www.britishdowsers.org)

**Wed 18 Oct | 10am - 12pm | Free**

Orchard Autumn Amble at Wandlebury

A gentle tour round the orchard and garden of the historic Wandlebury estate. Meet in the car park.

**Fri 20 Oct & Sat 21 Oct | 8pm | £15**

Ghost Stories II by In Situ: at the Leper Chapel

Seriously creepy stories in the Leper Chapel - not for the faint-hearted! Bookings: [www.insitutheatre.co.uk](http://www.insitutheatre.co.uk)

**Every Thursday | Free**

Enjoy a friendly social walk at Wandlebury. On first visit, arrive 10 mins early to register. Meet at the Stable Rooms.

Longer Walk: 10.00am - 11.00am

Shorter Walk: 10.30am - 11.00am

Volunteer Work Parties

**Every Tuesday | 10.30am - 1.30pm | Free**

Help care for green spaces and their wildlife- get active, meet others and enjoy learning. Wear tough clothes and footwear, instructions, and tools provided. Meet in car park.

Coton Countryside Reserve

Oct 10, Oct 24, Nov 7, Nov 21, Dec 5, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 6, Feb 27, Mar 12, Mar 26, Apr 9

Wandlebury Country Park

Oct 3, Oct 17, Oct 31, Nov 14, Nov 28, Dec 12, Jan 9, Jan 23, Jan 30, Feb 13, Feb 20, Mar 5, Mar 19, Apr 2

Holiday Bushcraft at Wandlebury

Fun, outdoor activities at Wandlebury for children aged 5-12yrs with Wild Thyme & Embers. £42 per child per day. Full info and booking at: [www.wildthymeandembers.co.uk](http://www.wildthymeandembers.co.uk)

From 8.30am - 4pm

• Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct

• Mon 19 - Fri 23 Feb

• Tue 2 - Fri 5 Apr

• Mon 8 - Fri 12 Apr



## Tree Warden Report

David Potter

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October 2023

As Flanders and Swann once sang: 'Then October adds a gale, wind and slush and rain and hail.' Despite this weather prediction, I hope we can all find time to enjoy the autumn colours and to kick up the fallen leaves along the paths.

For my Tree Warden alphabet we have reached the letter 'Q' and this will be Q for Quest. I got to thinking about the plant hunters of previous centuries who went on a quest to search for trees, plants and flowers from all over the world.

Various plants have been introduced to Britain from Roman times onwards, but it's in the 17th century that plant hunting really started. The Victorian era saw a surge in activity as botanical adventurers explored the world to find exotic plants to bring home, often at considerable personal risk. These plants usually ended up in botanical gardens or the private gardens of wealthy collectors.

John Tradescant the elder, born in the 1570s, was a gardener, traveller and collector. He began as head gardener for Robert

Cecil, 1st Earl of Salisbury, at Hatfield House, who sent him to the Low Countries to find new plants to enhance his illustrious gardens. Among the specimens he brought back were roses, fritillaries and mulberries. John went on to serve other rich patrons, travelling widely in search of exotic plants for their gardens. In 1630 he became keeper of his Majesty's gardens, vines and silkworms at Oatlands Palace, Surrey. He is known particularly for introducing the European Larch tree.

His son, John Tradescant the younger (1608-1662), followed in his father's footsteps. Probably at the king's request, he made three voyages to North America. Amongst others he introduced magnolias, and the tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), yucca, swamp cypress and pitcher plants to English gardens as well as asters and phlox.

Moving to the 18th Century, Sir Joseph Banks (1743-1820) was an outstanding scholar and probably the most influential scientist of his time. He had a lifelong passion for botany and discovery. He was able to sail with Captain Cook on the Endeavour to South America, New Zealand and Australia. In Brazil he discovered Bougainvillia, and in the South Seas he curated the first major plant collection. Some of the plants he is credited with introducing are New Zealand flax (*Phormium tenax*), Crimson bottlebrush (*Callistemon citrinus*) Eucalyptus, Acacia, and Mimosa.

David Douglas (1799-1834), a Scottish plant hunter who travelled in Canada and Hawaii, endured many hardships and adventures in his quests. Douglas introduced more than 200 plants to this country, but it was the large conifers, including Sitka spruce



**PAPWORTH HALL**  
School



# PUMPKIN TRAIL

OCTOBER 31ST  
2.30PM-3.30PM

**Join us at Papworth Hall School  
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warm refreshments**










and Grand Fir that had the most dramatic effect on our garden and commercial forestry landscapes. Among his collections at Westonbirt Arboretum is the Monterey pine.

Marianne North (1830-1890) single-handedly documented 900 plant species with her beautiful and scientifically accurate paintings. She ventured far and wide in search of new species, effectively transversing the globe twice over.

Born in 1830 into a wealthy and influential family she did not take up plant hunting until the age of 40. In 1882, a gallery of North's work, which she funded herself, opened at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew.

At a time when photos were still in black and white, North's paintings provided the scientists at Kew and the general public an intriguing glimpse of the world beyond Europe. North's 832 paintings are still on show in the same tightly packed formation as when the gallery first opened. The Marianne North Gallery is also one of the most important collections of botanical art in the world.

Ernest Wilson (1876-1930) is one of the most well-known plant hunters. He became known as 'Chinese' Wilson after his very successful expeditions to China between 1899 and 1905. Much of his collecting was carried out while employed by the famous Veitch Nurseries. 'Chinese' Wilson is credited with the introduction of over 1,000 significant plant species. He is particularly well known for collecting the seed of the Handkerchief tree.

There is, unfortunately, a darker side to the history of plant hunting. The activities of western plant hunters were often sponsored by governments and other organisations for commercial reasons, to the detriment of indigenous economies. Local eco systems were often disrupted or even destroyed in the process of collecting species and some plant and animal species brought back have had unintended consequences in their new host country.

When you go on your own plant quest, enjoy the experience and please take only photographs or drawings.

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or groups, if so, I can help.

My name is Laura, live locally and have been working in care for 20 years, I now specialise in helping to give people with a disability a better quality of life, by giving advice, and guidance as well as personal support to enable you to make your own informed and independent decisions. and move forward with any aspirations and helping you find your true potential.

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## My Life Story by Carol

Carol is one of our clients at the Day Centre. Carol was diagnosed at birth with Aperts Syndrome which affects her face, hands and feet, and her parents were told when at a few months old she wouldn't walk or talk. The name Aperts is from a doctor in America that

discovered the syndrome. Carol has overcome many hurdles in her life with many operations to both hands and right foot. And in 1990 Carol came to live in Papworth to start a new stage in her life, to be independent and worked in the Travel Goods and the Printers, then worked in Morrisons until 13th October 2017.

Carol then had two hip operations from which she recovered very



well and is walking much better. Carol is an inspiration to us all at the Day Centre she has achieved so much in her life with many obstacles that Carol has had put in front of her. We as a group had never heard of Aperts Syndrome and were very interested, Carol asked if she could tell us about her life and talk about how much she had achieved in her life. Carol also brought in some photos of stages of her life which we all enjoyed looking at. Carol has fitted into the Day Centre well, and is our regular bingo caller and helps with the chair exercises.

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. Carol herself is only 52 years old.

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.

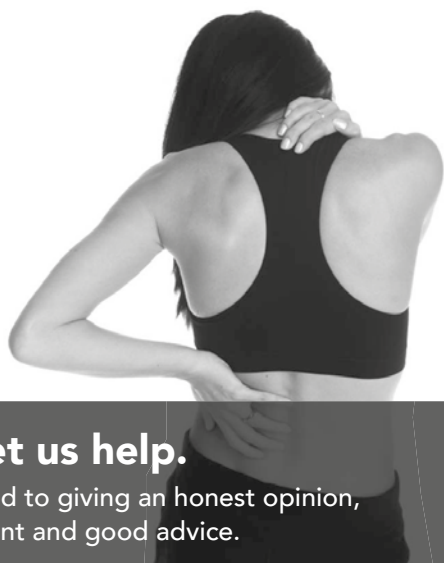
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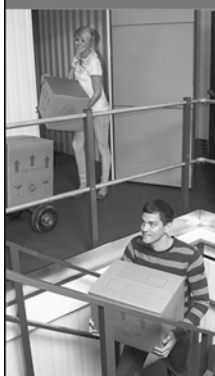
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Greetings from the Papworth Craft Group! Autumn is upon us and it is a wonderful time to settle down to crafting, especially as the days are getting shorter and the evenings longer. To ensure that you spend time on your crafts, come to the Craft Group that meets twice a month in Papworth library and work on your autumn, winter or Christmas projects. Take time out from the quotidian and spend two hours for yourself, knitting or crocheting or cross stitching, or something else. There is no requirement to attend both sessions or even a whole session. Pop in for a chat, stay, come back another time. You may be reading this, thinking this sounds repetitive, but every once in a while this information may be new to some, or may perhaps remind some that the group still meets. We would love to see new faces and those who have attended in the past, but have not for a while.



**'Stained Glass Window' Crochet Blanket by Helen Rossin**

It is a while since Helen Rossin's Stained Glass Window crochet blanket was mentioned in this column, but now it is finished - and very fine it is too. The photograph does not really do it justice, but it is beautiful and the product of true dedication to the project. It nearly did not get completed, as half way through working on it, the pattern disappeared, possibly into the blue recycling bin! The Internet came to the rescue in the shape of Ravelry, the pattern sharing website, a true treasure trove for knitting and crochet patterns from designers all over the world. Fortunately, Helen had remembered where the pattern had originally come from. The result - a stunning blanket and a very relieved, but happy Helen. For anyone passionate about knitting or crochet, or both, a visit to Ravelry.com is bound to please. At first it can be a little overwhelming, but create an account and start building a collection of patterns. In the first instance, choosing patterns that attract and interest you can be collected in your library, but you pay once you have decided on making any of your collection. Many designers direct you to Ravelry to access their patterns. It is a brilliant resource.

Michele Eidevik Skinner has designed a crochet cozy for her coffee mug that she takes with her to work. Her original idea of crocheting the cozy was to keep her drink warm with her to work. Then she decided that her cozy needed a lid that she embellished with a crocheted flower and fastened with a fabulous button that she had made herself! We were fascinated by the selection of self-made buttons that she brought to show us! And the colour of the mug cozy - bright red! Is there anyone reading this who makes buttons?

Our youngest member, Noor, is knitting a scarf for her friend, who taught her to knit but now lives in Scotland. She is using a fabulous, chunky, merino wool (in different colours) that is soft and

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

### Bin Collections

The new bin rotas are now in operation. From now until at least the end of the year, Papworth bins will be emptied on Fridays. I haven't heard of any problems with the new rotas yet, although a few residents seem to have missed the notifications and put their bins out a day early.

If your bin is missed at any time, you can report it online at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/report-a-missed-household-collection> or by calling 01954 713000. The Waste Service will then return within two working days to empty the missed bin. Each missed bin should be reported individually to ensure they have a complete list of properties to visit.

### Civil Parking Enforcement

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, responsibility for parking enforcement will move from the police to the district council later this year. The council will recruit several civil parking agents (formerly called "traffic wardens") to manage parking in our villages. In preparation for the transition, the yellow and white lines will be repainted throughout Papworth, while signs will be refurbished along Ermine Street and Varrier Jones Drive. Some of this work has already started, if in a rather random order!

luxurious. It will be a very special gift and one that is sure to be treasured by the recipient.

If there is anyone who would like to learn to knit or crochet but does not know how to get started, contact Rosalind Parnell at [parnellrh@aol.com](mailto:parnellrh@aol.com) saying when you would like to come to the group. Yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks will be available to start you off - with instructions, of course.

The second lot of charity blankets for Hope and Aid Direct have been despatched and should be helping some of those in need in Ukraine. With winter not too far away, hats, scarves and mittens will be urgently needed for both adults and children. Our yarn stash is reasonably healthy, thanks to the generosity of a lot of people and there are plenty of suitable yarns for these items of clothing. Please contact Rosalind Parnell if you would like some yarn to make these warm items. It has been wonderful to receive support for the charity blanket project that has been going for some years now - well before lockdown. Bags of squares have been left for us in the library, bags of yarn have appeared. An unexpected call just recently from a lady called Tina, who has made another blanket for the project and would like some yarn to make more. Sonja Allerton has made more than thirty blankets from donated squares, Carole Watt has also gone into production of blankets from squares as well as making single blankets. Andrea Rowland knitted beautiful hats and scarves. A huge thanks to all contributors to our small project. Any future contributions gratefully accepted.

The Papworth Craft Group is hosted by the Papworth Everard Library as a Community Project. There is no committee, no one is in charge. There has always been a solid group of regulars and over time there have been new members that become regulars, others that come now and then. The group has offered the opportunity to meet a mix of people, of a very large age range, many of whom would not have otherwise met one another. There are very experienced crafters, others who are exploring different crafts. We all learn different things from one another. It is great spending two hours crafting with other crafters. We would love to meet YOU! And an invitation to those who have not joined us for a while - everyone is welcome.

**Have a great October!**

**Stay well, stay safe - and be kind**

### Sustainable Travel Zone (STZ) Next Steps

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) published an updated version of their Making Connections STZ proposals. This update responded to some of the feedback received during the consultation on the previous draft. Following discussions within its constituent groups, the GCP Joint Assembly recommended the proposals be paused. The final decision on any further steps rests with the GCP Executive Board.

### Christmas Market in Cambourne

A date for your diary - this year's Cambourne Christmas fair will take place on Sunday 10th December at Cambourne Village College. Last year's event had around 70 stallholders and over 1000 attendees, so a good place to pick up those last minute gifts.

### Electrical Safety

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The day welcomed more than 50 visitors, with a real mix of ages and abilities, including families introducing their children to tennis for the first time, former players looking to pick up the sport again after a long absence, and experienced players looking for a club to join to play at a more competitive level.

Club Chair Paul Dowsett said afterwards: "We would like to thank everybody who came along and we hope you enjoyed the day. It is very rewarding to see such community support and interest in tennis. It was a great turnout and some guests have already become members."

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We will be distributing leaflets with more details and times soon.

So as not to disturb you, this year we will not be knocking on doors, if you would like to support us, please leave any items in a bag or box on your doorstep.

To prevent confusion, this year we will collect the day after Halloween on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

See you on the 31st