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Whippet X3 bus service . . . Received below is a response from Dr Nik Johnson, Mayor of Cambridge and Peterborough

Dear Mrs Maltby

Thank you for getting in touch and for your patience awaiting a proper response. I was very sorry to read of the impacts these service disruptions have had and thought you should know that I have received dozens of very similar accounts.

One of my main ambitions as Mayor is the substantial improvement of our public transport system. As a result, given the particular significance of bus services to our region, ensuring the success of the network is a major focus for the Combined Authority. Along with officers, I have been attempting to get to the bottom of what has caused Whippet's recent decline in service reliability and have met with their management to raise our concerns, make them aware of residents' complaints, and explore potential solutions.

It appears that the main issue is a shortage of drivers. Regrettably, this is all-too common across the country and by no means unique to Whippet or indeed Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Nevertheless, we are taking steps to assist the bus operators within our region by providing additional training opportunities. To be clear though, this is not a quick fix as it will take time to properly train and deploy newly qualified drivers. To bridge that gap, we're also launching a range of recruitment campaigns to urgently attract those with the necessary skills and experience. As for Whippet, I am seeking assurances that they're taking steps to make services such as the school run and commute far more resilient, for example, with staffing at those times given highest priority. Another issue that Whippet have been contending with is the age-related quality of their vehicle fleet. Happily, they've just taken delivery of nine brand new electric buses. This will make eight existing 2016-built units available for country routes, in turn meaning that eight of their older, and less reliable vehicles can be at last withdrawn from service. Encouragingly, we're told that in the first week of this change no mileage has been lost to disrepair or breakdown.

Whilst I hope the above offers some reassurance, I recognise that it does not provide the immediate guarantees you might have hoped for. That said, I will continue to press Whippet to fix the things that are within their control, and work with them and other operators to solve the problems affecting the sector nationwide. And as Mayor of the Combined Authority, I will also continue my pursuit of an entirely reformed bus network, ultimately aiming for the far greater public control that franchising, as recently implemented in Greater Manchester, affords.

Many thanks again for contacting me. I will keep you up to date on any progress here and would greatly appreciate any ongoing service quality feedback you're able and willing to share.

Best wishes - Mayor Dr Nik Johnson


BIN COLLECTION DATES

Fri 10 Nov 2023		✓	✓
Fri 17 Nov 2023	✓		
Fri 24 Nov 2023		✓	✓
Fri 1 Dec 2023	✓		
Fri 8 Dec 2023		✓	✓
Fri 15 Dec 2023	✓		
Fri 22 Dec 2023		✓	✓

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Front Page - Grey Squirrel - (photo by the Editors)

PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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Village Hall

With Christmas only a matter of weeks away, party season will soon be in full swing.

The Village Hall is a great location for a party or get together – and we still have some dates available in the run up to Christmas. Not only is there the main Hall area with the stage and well equipped kitchen, but also the smaller North Hall is available to hire.

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

A message can also be left by calling the Parish Office on 01480 830360.

Parish Council Meetings

At the Parish Council meeting in October, it was resolved to incorporate the Planning Committee into the main Parish Council Meeting going forward.

In addition, it was agreed that the Parish Council meeting will move from the second Wednesday of the month to the second Tuesday of the month from November.

Committee and all full Council Meetings are held in the Bob Baker Room at the Village Hall and are open to the public to attend. Working Groups are held remotely via Zoom and are discussion groups for the working group members, which feed into the main Parish Council Meeting putting forward suggestions and request for the Parish Council to consider. Decisions are only made by resolution at a full Parish Council meeting.

An updated meeting schedule has been posted on the Parish Council's website and is also available to view on the Parish Council noticeboard at Pendrill Court

Play Area – Ermine St North

The Parish Council have plans to refurbish the play area on Ermine Street North.

The current wooden equipment has been in situ for over 12 years and is coming to the end of its serviceable life, requiring regular maintenance and costly replacements parts and repairs

The plan is to replace a large number of pieces of equipment providing a range of new items for toddlers to teens, leaving a few of the existing pieces in place (including the horse, slide and zip wire).

The trim trail, which was removed earlier in the year, will also be replaced and the paddling pool, pumps and filtration system will receive an upgrade.

All equipment will have rubberised safety surfacing beneath it.

After looking at the plans and schemes submitted, the Parish Council have opted to move forward with one provider. Their proposed plan has been displayed at the Courtyard for people to take a look at and some good feedback and suggestions have been received.

More information will be available in due course once the project moves forward.

Dog Mess on the Playing Field

We are well into the football season and each week, the officials have to do a sweep of the field to ensure it is clear of dog mess before their matches.

Please could we remind you that dogs should be kept on a lead on the playing field and all dog mess must be cleared up.

There are dedicated dog waste bins around the village and there is no excuse to leave dog mess on the field or on the paths and open spaces. If you can't find a dog bin, bag your pet's mess, seal it well and it can be placed in any standard litter bin – or take it home for disposal. It is the responsibility of the dog owner or the person in charge of a dog to clear up any mess left by the dog as soon as it has fouled - being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse!

With the clocks having gone back and darker evenings upon us and many fallen leaves on the paths and footways, it is even more difficult to 'dodge the poo' so please be considerate and clear up after your dog.

Electric scooters



E-scooters: Christmas gift guidance

The more organised among us might have started doing, or planning, our Christmas shopping. With that in mind, one of the big gift requests this festive season is likely to be an electric scooter, or e-scooter.

We are aware that e-scooter use causes concern to residents across the District, and the South Cambs Community Safety Partnership wanted to provide you with some helpful information about e-scooter use.

We also need to highlight to you Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service's current Take Charge & Be Safe campaign: <https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/community-safety/take-charge-and-be-safe/>.

This features advice on how to charge, and buy replacements for e-scooter and e-bike batteries as safely as possible and is an important resource.

It's currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement. The only exception to this is in zones where trials are taking place, such as some areas within the city of Cambridge. In these areas, hired scooters can be used on the road and on cycle paths.

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E-scooters can never be used on the pavement, and e-scooters you may purchase can never be used:

On a public road without complying with several legal requirements, which users will find very difficult

In spaces that are set aside for use by pedestrians, cyclists, and horse-riders; this includes on the pavement and in cycle lanes

You can buy e-scooters from many popular retailers, and your children may report to you that all their friends already have one. However, the law is clear - the only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land. So, right now, you can buy one, but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement.

If you are stopped by police while using an e-scooter illegally, they will advise you of the current law about how to use one legally and ask you to take your e-scooter home. They may however still penalise you depending on the nature and gravity of the offence.

This is all because e-scooters are classed as a motor vehicle in the same way that motorbikes and cars are. This means they are subject to the same legal requirements, such as MOT, licensing, tax, and insurance. As e-scooters do not have numberplates, indicators, and do not always have visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads. Further details can be found on the following Government website at www.gov.uk/government/publications/powerful-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters

Cambridgeshire Police say: "We understand the public's support for environmentally friendly modes of transport. We want to work with the public to make sure the roads are safe for everyone. The UK Government is currently taking part in "Future Transport Zone" trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads. You can find details of the trails closest to you, at www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users"

If you have a question, contact Project Officer – Community Safety Partnership, Beth Watson, on Beth.Watson@scambs.gov.uk



Papworth Surgery
Flu and Covid Vaccination Update

We have had a very successful Flu and Covid vaccination season. Thank you for supporting your surgery. Our walk-in clinics proved much more popular than we had anticipated, so apologies to those who had a long wait.

We will have a thorough review of the whole flu season logistics when we have finished and decide how we can improve on our service next year.

The important thing is we got lots of patients protected nice and early in the season which we're very happy about.

We have a limited amount of Over 65 flu left, but still have quite a bit of Under 65 flu left so please check the website regularly for details on whether we will be holding any more flu clinics.

If you are eligible for a free flu jab and are in the surgery for an appointment, please ask the Dr or nurse if you can have one there and then. Depending on stock availability this may be possible.

From the end of October we will no longer be doing any Covid vaccinations.



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Update
November 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.

The final session for 2023 will take place on Monday 27 November between 2pm and 4pm at The Studio, Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard, with Mark Blake Director of Finance and IT hosting the session.

You do not need to book to attend, just come along anytime between 2pm and 4pm.

We look forward to seeing you.



Letter to the Editors

Can I respond to some of the comments made by an anonymous resident of Cheere Way in the October News and Views?

Maintenance of the development that includes Cheere Way and Jubilee Green (but not the green itself or North Lodge Drive) is technically the responsibility of the Octavian Park Management Company. However, all maintenance work is sub-contracted to Encore Estates in Cambridge. Any resident can request maintenance or repairs online at <https://www.encoreestates.co.uk/help/>

Dumping of bulk waste in the bin stores has been a problem as long as I have lived here. Encore Estates will arrange for bulk waste to be removed if reported as a maintenance issue. If they can identify the owner of the waste, they will invoice that person for the cost of removal, otherwise the cost of removal is charged to the estate fund.

Cheere Way and North Lodge Drive are not private roads, they have been adopted by the Highways department. You can report highways issues online here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults> Residential roads in Papworth are currently subject to a 30MPH limit but funding is being made available to villages to reduce this to 20MPH. A number of South Cambs villages have already implemented the lower speed limit but I am not aware of plans for Papworth yet.

I am puzzled by the comment about the lake on the old hospital site. Hasn't the site been fenced off and patrolled by guard dogs to keep intruders out?

I'm sure others can respond to the remaining comments better than I.

Best Regards,

Peter Sandford, Director (Unpaid) of Octavian Park and District Councillor

THE LIBRARY PRESENTS



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As the nights draw in and the weather cools, find a warm welcome at your library! Come in to browse the shelves, join in with activities below, and have a chat with our friendly staff throughout the winter months.

Did you know that you can download thousands of books, audiobooks, newspapers and magazines in digital form from the library, for free? You just need a library card (also free) – you can even sign up online. The library also offers free Wifi and computer use. To find out more, ask in the library or find details online. Search for Libraries - Cambridgeshire County Council. As well as this, we can also offer help with applying for bus passes, and we can even change the ferrules on your mobility aids!

Events coming up:

Thursday 9th November 10-11:30am – Engage: Ways to Wellbeing (donations welcome)

Join Charity Green from How Are You team at Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust to hear about wellbeing - what it is, why it matters and how you can find what you need to support your wellbeing locally.

First Tuesday of every month 3:30-4:45 (term time only) - Lego Club (donations welcome)

Do you love Lego? Got a passion for building? Then we have the club for you! Come along and build Lego creations with your friends after school. Drop-in session. 4+, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Every Wednesday 10-10:30am (term time only) - 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.

28th November/19th December 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.

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.

Carols Around the Christmas Tree

The nights are drawing in and bonfire night has come and gone. The countdown to Christmas has begun!

This year we'll be holding Carols around the Christmas Tree at Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard on the afternoon of Saturday 9th December. Precise timings to be confirmed, but it will be at around 4.30pm (keep an eye out on Facebook, village noticeboards and in the next News and Views for confirmation).

Come along and sing festive favourites around the tree with singing supported by community choir Sing Papworth. There'll be a mix of carols and Christmas favourites suitable for the whole family. Some physical copies of carol sheets will be available, but please bring along copies from previous years if you have them. There will also be digital carol sheets available to download as per last year which will be shared on social media, Sing Papworth's website and via QR codes on the day.

**Join us to sing in the start of
the festive season!**

Carols around the Christmas Tree



Saturday 9th December, around 4.30pm
(timing tbc)

Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard
Join us to sing some festive favourites!



Church Notices

St Peter's Church – November Services

Sunday 12 th - Remembrance Service ~ Uniformed Groups ~ 10.20am at St Peter's ~ Main Service at the Village Hall at 10.45.

Sunday 19 th - 10.30am – Family Service

Sunday 26 th -10.30am – Holy Communion

The website papworthteamchurches.org has up to date service information for St Peter's Church and other churches in the team.

It also has the Zoom link for Morning Prayer.

Don't forget 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



'As time goes by ...'

It is a wake-up call when your grandchildren are taking and passing their driving tests! It all seems more challenging and expensive than it used to be as well as the roads being so much busier.

It's amazing what you can get for your money these days. You probably know this, but it was news to me - I was introduced to someone who had just taken delivery of a new car; whilst out

on her first drive, making a simple error the driver uttered an expletive only for the car to speak back saying 'Please don't use bad language!'

This is the time of year when remembrance is rightly prominent. In the church's calendar we mark not only Remembrance Sunday (this year November 12th) but also All Saints Day (November 1st) followed immediately by All Souls Day where the focus is particularly on those who have died in the last year or so. We are reminded not only of their achievements, sacrifices, their virtues and perhaps a few shortcomings. We also take time to resolve not to repeat the mistakes of times past and to build these lessons into our plans for the future. This is important as much to honour those who served and gone before us and for the legacy we will deposit for future generations. One thing will never change: at some point we will all die and (we hope) others will remember us.

One of the sadness's we all meet is the growth in horror stories brought to our attention through the media; of lives cut short by violence, accidents, or tragedies erupting due to climate change and the like. We have so many clever gismos, we understand far more than many in previous generations, but these changes do not in themselves guarantee the happiness and safety so many long for.

As a Christian I am comforted as well as challenged by the worldview that declares God is neither fickle, fawn wanting nor subject to change; yet has given an independence to humankind that can be delightful or dangerous. One of the debates bubbling under the surface of many Christian communities is the degree we should be changing our message to fit more neatly with the changing values of society and its culture. One commentator (happy to be known as an atheist) observed recently churches which are growing (by which he means as denominations, streams as well as local churches where people gather Sunday by Sunday)

are those that offer 'full-fat Christianity'. He means believing in an interventionist God, a Jesus who works miracles today and a Spirit who delivers revelation. Which all sounds very much like what it was nearly 2000 years ago!

I am thankful to see how well my grandchildren are doing. (I realise I am blessed in not carrying the sorrow some have of not having children or grandchildren, or in some cases not being able to see them regularly and at close quarters.) I don't have the wherewithal to order the sort of car that speaks back to me and while I marvel at such innovations, I don't feel cheated or that I am missing out. But I am concerned if too many people only get to hear about or see an emasculated version of Christianity rather than the 'full-fat' variety.

Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector

Hilton Methodist Church



I write in the week of unseasonal good weather back in October. It was also the week when the world became significantly more unstable with the dramatic escalation of hostilities in Israel and the shocking extent of the attacks on innocent civilians by both sides. The implications will affect us all.

Although Remembrance Day, poppies spreading throughout the country in witness to lives lost, seems ever more poignant, remembering and knowing has not prevented or even reduced death and destruction through war and conflict.

In the same week our guest preacher at Hilton's Methodist Church was Dr Roland Randall, speaking of climatic change, the reason for our clement weather in early October. Highlighting the impact on those with the least in other parts of the world, Dr Randall also told us of increasing impact on the mental health of our young people as existence on our planet becomes ever more fragile. In the face of global powers, political and economic that feel increasingly impossible to have any influence over, I wonder how much unvoiced feelings of impotency play a part.

As I watched the destruction in Israel, I remembered the man born there 2000 years ago. Christ sacrificed his life due to living out a different set of values that challenged the status quo in his day.



Can I not reclaim my agency just a little and sacrifice something of the convenience of my life?

It won't help the conflict in Israel right now but if those of us who can make choices about how we live can't even use our power to, at the very least, demonstrate non-complicity with systems that damage and impede the life of others, how are we to support our young people to retain a sense of self determination and confidence in their power a make a difference to the world they will have to live in?

You can contact Revd.Sue by email:
sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk

Services in November

5 November	10:00am	Mrs. K. Salmon
12 November	10:45am	Remembrance Day Service Lych Gate and Parish Church
19 November	10:00am	Rev. Sue Baker-Maher
26 November	10:00am	Mr. J. Bridge



Tue 7 Nov | 11am - 12.30pm | Free

Walk & Support CPPF at Wandlebury

Join chief exec James Littlewood on an autumn stroll at Wandlebury and find out how you can become a patron to help us protect the beauty of Cambridge. Meet in car park.

Fri 10 - Sun 12 Nov | 7.30pm | £15.87

Ghost Stories at the Leper Chapel

Fri & Sun | 'Cathedrals' cambridgefears.eventbrite.co.uk

Sat | 'Casting the Runes' runescambridge.eventbrite.co.uk

An intimate performance in the atmospheric Leper Chapel.

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!

Wed 15 Nov | 10am-12pm | Free

Woodland & Wildlife Walk at Wandlebury

Join our wardens for a gentle guided walk to learn about the woods and their wildlife. Meet in car park.

Wed 22 Nov | 6.30pm-7pm | Free

CambridgePPF Annual Meeting

St Barnabas Church, Mill Road, Cambridge CB1 2BD

CambridgePPF trustees and chief executive will talk about the work of the charity over the past year with the opportunity to ask questions.

Wed 22 Nov | 7.20pm-8.20pm | £5

Merlin Sheldrake in Conversation

St Barnabas Church, Mill Road, Cambridge CB1 2BD

Talk and Q&A with the award-winning biologist and best-selling author, Merlin Sheldrake. Booking essential.

Sat 25 Nov | 10.30am - 3pm | Free

Fantastical Forest Exhibition 2023 at Wandlebury

Outdoor exhibition of artwork at Wandlebury created by Cambridgeshire communities to celebrate Tree Charter Day.

Fri 1 & Sat 2 Dec | 8pm | £15

Ghost Stories by In Situ: at the Leper Chapel

Deliciously scary stories in the atmospheric Leper Chapel.

Bookings: www.insitutheatre.co.uk

Wed 6 Dec | 10am - 12pm | Free

Winter Tree Walk at Wandlebury

Guided walk to learn how to identify various tree species in winter. Meet in car park.

Winter Wreath Making at Wandlebury | £35 per wreath

Fri 24 Nov | 1pm & 4pm

Sat 25 Nov | 10.30am, 1.30pm & 4.30pm

Sun 26 Nov | 10.30am, 1.30pm & 4.30pm

Fri 8 Dec | 1pm & 4pm

Sat 9 Dec | 10.30am, 1.30pm & 4.30pm

Sun 10 Dec | 10.30am, 1.30pm & 4.30pm

Make a beautiful wreath for your door from 100% natural materials. Earlier sessions are open to all, and the last session on all dates is for adults. Each session is 2 hours long.

Book online at www.wildthymeandembers.co.uk

Fri 8 Dec & Sat 9 Dec | 8pm | £15

Tales of The Uncanny Demon Lover by In Situ: at the Leper Chapel

Tales of the ghostly, the uncanny and the erotic performed in the Leper Chapel. Bookings: www.insitutheatre.co.uk

Sun 10 Dec | 4pm & 5pm | Free

Christmas Carol Singing at the Leper Chapel

Two Christmas carol services led by Christ the Redeemer Church with brass band and mulled wine. Book in advance: www.ctrbarnwell.org

Sun 24 Dec | 11.30pm - 12.30am | Free

Midnight Communion at the Leper Chapel

Simple Christmas service in the atmospheric Leper Chapel

Fri 12 Jan | 10am - 12pm | Free

Once Around Wandlebury

Gentle guided walk with our warden to explore the park in winter. Meet in the car park.

Wed 17 Jan | 10am - 12pm | Free

Winter Tree Walk at Wandlebury

Guided walk to learn how to identify various tree species in winter. Meet in car park.

Brownies

1st Papworth and Br



th Rainbows Brownies



We've had an action packed half term at 1st Papworth Rainbows and Brownies!

At our first meeting we went on a "Chippy hike" inspired by a fun badge that has been hugely popular nationwide, we walked down to Luke's fish & chips in beautiful weather and enjoyed a bag of chips followed by a hike around the village!

Rainbows have been learning all the essentials to include in a first aid kit, and have enjoyed learning karate and yoga. Brownies made the most of the great weather in September with a water run activity learning about working as a team and also enjoyed a yoga session. Brownies had a visit from Magpas and got to try out using a defibrillator and CPR skills, so that they would know what to do and could guide an adult in an emergency.

Both units are fundraising for a very exciting trip to Disneyland in 2025! In September, we took part in a 2-mile sponsored walk around the village, there were 10 stops to 'tick off' with a Disney themed activity to complete at each one, and we finished off with a cake sale.

Brownies returned to the Jarman Centre in Newmarket for their autumn sleepover, where they cooked hotdogs over the fire, explored the woodlands and enjoyed an evening campfire with songs.

We ended half term with each unit having a Halloween party where the girls dressed up, played games and made crafts. Brownies made some colour-changing potions using red cabbage in a mini science experiment.

We're delighted to announce that we've been chosen for the local Co-op Community Fund cause for the next 12 months. The funds raised will help us to purchase gardening equipment so we can help the WI to look after our communal gardens, and for litter picking equipment. It's so easy to support our village Girlguiding units, simply become a Co-op member, choose '1st Papworth Brownies and Rainbows' as your preferred cause, and scan your card every time you shop,

at Co-op nationwide! Huge thanks to one of our Rainbows parents, Bryony, for helping us to apply for this.

Don't miss our next big fundraising event – our family race night on Saturday 18th

November at the village hall. Tickets are £3 entry per person, bet on a horse for £1 on the night.

For more details and to book tickets email: papworthrainbows@gmail.com

1st Papworth Rainbows and Brownies

FAMILY RACE NIGHT

Saturday 18th November

Tickets £3 per person

Bet on a horse for £1 (on the night) - Cash only

Would you also like to own a horse on the night?

Buy a horse now for just £5!

Winning horses receive £20

**PAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM
FIRST RACE IS AT 7PM**

Bring along your own drinks and snacks

Raffle tickets and prize games on sale throughout the evening

Book tickets now by emailing papworthrainbows@gmail.com



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PAPWORTH CRAFT GROUP MEETINGS EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH

10:30 - 12:30 AT PAPWORTH LIBRARY

Library access on Saturdays is by the rear door)

One of the advantages of meeting in the library is that it is a wonderful opportunity to peruse the bookshelves. It may not be common knowledge that the library has quite a number of different craft books, more than a few newly published volumes. One of the Craft Group members, Carole Watt did just this. She borrowed a book on crochet, 'Crochet - The complete step-by-step guide'. Carole wanted to refresh her crocheting skill and soon found herself 'hooked' again. Together with explanations on technique and examples of different crochet stitches, this book also contains instructions for various projects, from the relatively easy to the more challenging. Starting with a roll to house her crochet hooks, - it is such an attractive piece of work - Carole made some hats for the charity project and then embarked on one of the more challenging patterns in the book. The result is in the photograph. So taken up with crochet, Carole completed the blanket in a very short time and the finished article is stunning. Surprisingly, this is not a project that cost an arm and a leg. The pattern uses twelve different colours, 100g of eleven of the colours and 400g of the contrast colour, in this case white. Carole used Stylecraft Special DK, that retails at £2.25, but you could simply use up any yarns from your stash and just buy the contrast yarn. Seeing a project from its small beginnings through to the finished item is very inspiring. Check out the library, you may find a book may rekindle your love of a long forgotten craft

Are you an aspiring knitter or would you like to learn to crochet or cross stitch? If so, but you do not have the materials to make a start, please contact Rosalind Parnell, parnellrh@aol.com and that will ensure that yarn and needles or hooks, or stitching necessities will be available on arrival at one of the bi-monthly sessions. New members are always welcome and it would be great to see those who may not have attended for a while. Bring a friend or a neighbour, your child or your teenager, or even a visiting relative! All welcome! Do pop down to the library and bring your current or completed projects. You may well inspire someone to try something new!

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT/CROCHET HATS AND SCARVES? The winter is fast approaching and warm hats and scarves are needed for those in Ukraine, who have lost everything during the war there. Squares that have been kindly knitted by more than a few people in the village have been made into many blankets, for the most part by Sonja Allerton. Over the years, they have been donated to refugees in Europe, a mission in Africa, and most recently to Ukraine, via the charity Hope & Aid Direct. Our yarn stash is still reasonably healthy, so if you would like to knit or crochet hats and scarves, but you have no yarn, please contact Rosalind Parnell, parnellrh@aol.com. Any garments that you make, please bring them to the library during one of the group's sessions or leave them with Charlotte, our librarian, if that is more convenient. Many thanks, in advance, for any contributions.

Papworth Library has very kindly hosted the Papworth Craft Group over the past nine years. It is always worth repeating that to have a library in Papworth is a precious resource. Rural libraries are vulnerable to cuts, when councils are strapped for cash, so it is vital that they are used. Footfall counts! Coming to the craft group contributes to that. Borrowing and returning books at the same time enhances that footfall. In these difficult times, libraries provide services beyond borrowing books. There are newspapers, talks and computers for personal use in the library, plus they are a quiet place to sit, read or study.

Halloween is now over and Bonfire Night imminent, leaving mere weeks to the beginning of December and the countdown to Christmas. Where does the time go?

Have a great November!





Tree Warden Report

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November 2023

The Woodland Trust has recently announced the result of a contest to choose the nation's favourite tree. This is a national competition held each year and this year involved choosing between 12 finalists selected by an expert panel plus one tree nominated by the public. The winner was a sweet chestnut tree in Wrexham's Action Park. The tree is thought to be 500 years old and is a symbol of resilience in the city. It is celebrated and loved by locals for its beauty and history, a suitable place for picnics and tree parties. The tree will now go on to represent the UK in the European Tree of the Year 2024 contest.

Well done to the WI who have been busy planting spring bulbs in and around Papworth, to help brighten up the verges and entrances to the village. This is a good time for everyone to be planting bulbs for the coming year. Make sure you plant them deep enough in the soil and, of course, the right way up!

The sycamore is a type of maple tree that was probably introduced to the UK by the Romans. For this reason, it seems appropriate that such a tree grew on Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland and became famous for its beauty, history and location. So very sad that the tree should have been recently felled by vandals. The felled trunk and branches have now been removed by the National Trust and it is hoped that the remaining stump will sprout into life next year.

The Christmas season is now approaching and thoughts of present buying are in the air. As my Tree Warden's alphabet has reached the letter R, it will be R for Reading. What books relating to trees might you be giving to friends and family? Here are a few suggestions.

Usually under £12

'The magic and mystery of trees' by RHS, published by DK. Learn about the amazing natural science of trees in this illustrated nature and science book for children aged 7-9.

'First book of trees' by Robert Niemann, published by RSPB. Learn all about identifying trees with this beautifully illustrated spotters guide. With 35 common trees to learn about, the RSPB First Book of Trees is perfect for budding wildlife explorers and naturalists.

'What's that tree?' Published by DK, part of the RSPB 'what's that' series of natural history books. Excellent for tree identification with very clear photographs and helpful layout.

'The glorious life of the Oak' by John Lewis-Stempel, published by Doubleday. The book explores our long relationship with this iconic tree; it considers the life-cycle of the oak, the flora and fauna that depend on the oak, the oak as medicine, food and drink, where Britain's mightiest oaks can be found, and it tells of oak stories from folklore, myth and legend.

'The hidden life of trees' by Peter Wohlleben, published by William Collins. The author makes the case that the forest is a social network. He draws on groundbreaking scientific discoveries to describe how trees are like human families: tree parents live together with their children, communicate with them, support them as they grow, share nutrients with those who are sick or struggling, and even warn each other of impending dangers. Wohlleben also shares his deep love of woods and forests, explaining the amazing processes of life, death and regeneration he has observed in his woodland.

'Poems about Trees' Everyman library series. Whether showing their subjects being planted or felled, cherished or lamented, towering in forests or flowering in backyards, the poems collected here pay lyrical tribute to these majestic beings with whom we share the earth.

Usually over £15

'How to read a tree' by Tristan Gooley, published by Hodder Press. Each tree we meet is filled with signs that reveal secrets about the life of that tree and the landscape we stand in. In How to Read a Tree, you'll discover the simple principles that explain the shapes and patterns you can see in trees and what they mean. And you'll learn rare skills that can be applied every time you pass a tree, whether you are in a town or in a wilder spot.

'Meetings with remarkable Trees' by Thomas Pakenham, published by Weidenfeld and Nicholson. This book captures the history and beauty of these entrancing living structures. Common to all these trees is their power to inspire awe and wonder. This is a lovingly researched book, beautifully illustrated with colour photographs, engravings and maps - a moving testimonial to the Earth's largest and oldest living structures.



Autumn Colours - Stu Proudfoot

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Dated 25th October 2023

Green Grants for Business

South Cambs has launched a scheme of green grants for small and medium size enterprises with a minimum of three employees. Businesses can apply for grants to reduce their carbon footprint, adopt more sustainable practices and reduce energy costs. For more information and a link to the

application form, go online to:

www.scams.gov.uk/green-grants-for-cambridgeshire-businesses/

Young People Engagement

One of South Cambs' goals is to have young people more involved with the work of the council. If you represent a local school or youth organisation and would like to visit South Cambs to observe a meeting, please drop me an email and I will submit your request. We can also send speakers to schools, youth clubs, Scouts, Guides and similar groups.

Community Chest Grant funding

Funding is still available for community projects through the Community Chest Grant. Up to £2000 may be available for approved projects. For detailed information, go online to <https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/grants/community-chest-grants>

As we approach winter, I would like to specifically highlight the available funding for cost-of-living related projects, of which over £17,000 remains. This funding can be used for start-up and capital

costs. If any community group would like assistance in completing an application, they can email community.chest@scams.gov.uk

More Community Hubs

South Cambs has reappointed Cambridgeshire ACRE to support Community Hubs (previously called Warm Hubs) across the district for a further two years, thanks to nearly £200,000 of funding from NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, part of our local Integrated Care System.

The funding will be used to support the development of existing hubs and to allow new Community Hubs to open their doors. Additionally, three new Village Agent roles are being introduced. These will be local people, embedded in their community, who will support the health and well-being of others.

The hubs offer residents somewhere to socialise, take part in new activities and to receive information on cost of living support such as how to reduce bills and access financial support, as well as how to stay healthy and well. More details to follow in due course.

Roadside Weeds

Cambridgeshire County Council Highways implemented a change to their roadside weed management policy for this year. The change was designed to reduce the use of potentially harmful chemicals in the environment to help support nature recovery and to reduce operational costs. However, many residents have commented on the proliferation of weeds, some of which may be considered hazardous. Highways are assessing the impacts of the policy change and are reviewing residents' feedback on this year's results. We can anticipate some changes before next year.

Pink Bins for Electrical Recycling

A reminder that pink bins were introduced last year for recycling small electrical items such as toasters, computers and phones. Since these bins have been provided, the Shared Waste Service has recycled 49 tonnes of appliances. The closest pink bin to Papworth is near Just for Pets in Cambourne, across the main car park from Morrisons.



Well done to all players who took part, congratulations to all of this year's champions and thank you to everybody who came along to cheer the players on. It was great to see the tennis courts full in another action-packed tournament. A final big thank you goes once again to tournament referee John Garland who ensured the whole event ran smoothly.

More photos from the tournament can be found on our Instagram account [@papworthtennisclub](https://www.instagram.com/papworthtennisclub) and our Facebook page.



PAPWORTH TENNIS CLUB

Annual Club Championships

Papworth Tennis Club held its annual Club Championships across two weekends in September. There was a lot of great tennis played, with a real mix of abilities and ages competing in multiple categories.

The first weekend saw the Ladies and Men's doubles tournament taking place, with Sue Fitchett and Claire Lindsay claiming the Ladies' title and Gareth Jones and Kamil Kaminski victorious in the Men's.

Sue Fitchett and Kamil Kaminski added to their tallies, winning the Ladies' and Men's singles titles respectively on the second weekend, while Oleksandr Lyashko won in the Men's 'B' category tournament. Oleksandr Lyashko also came out on top in the Senior Men's doubles with Bruce Hanworth, who was later crowned Mixed doubles champion with partner Diane Cobb.

In the Junior categories Will Norton won the U16 Boys' singles title, with Carys Jones taking the U12 Girls' singles. In the U8 tournament Henry Pettitt was the winner with Gabriel Cachano, in the U9 group Mircea Vasile took top spot and the U10 champion was Benji Ellis who also took the U12 Boys' title.