



Carols around the Christmas Tree



Carols around the Christmas Tree will be happening on Sat 9th December at 4.30pm at Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard. Join us to sing some 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. There will be some physical carol sheets available on the day, or use the QR code to download a digital copy.

Thanks to the Varrier Jones Foundation for providing the Christmas tree for us all to sing around. Once the tree is up feel free to (carefully and safely) add any decorations of your own, but please ensure they're weatherproof and well fastened to the tree!

Saturday 9th December, 4.30pm

Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard

Join us to sing some festive favourites!



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Santa Is Coming

1st Papworth Scouts will be bringing Santa to Papworth on

Tuesday 12th December

With the support of Huntingdon Round Table, Santa will be travelling around the village to see everybody.

We are looking to start at around 6pm, the timings and locations will be available later in the week.

On the night you will be able to track his progress by logging in to <https://huntingdonroundtable.co.uk/santa/>

BIN COLLECTION DATES

Bin Dates	Black Bin	Blue Bin	Green Bin
Fri 8 Dec 2023		✓	✓
Fri 15 Dec 2023	✓		
Fri 22 Dec 2023		✓	✓
Sat 30 Dec 2023	✓		
Fri 5 Jan 2024		✓	
Fri 12 Jan 2024	✓		

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Events coming up this month:

Thursday 14th December 10:00-11:30am – Engage: Furoshiki – The Japanese Art of Wrapping (donations welcome)

Bring along a scarf/nice piece of fabric you have at home and join us as we try our hand at wrapping various shaped items using Furoshiki. (There will be a few cotton squares available, at a nominal fee, if you would like to join us but don't have anything suitable at home.) Drop-in session.

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.

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

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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.



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ALLIA TO DEVELOP PAPWORTH INTO SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Building to be fitted out as social enterprise workspace with café, microbrewery and pizzeria

Allia will develop the former Papworth Printworks building in Cambridgeshire village Papworth Everard to provide a much-needed base to support the growth of local social entrepreneurs and small businesses. The building will provide a café, microbrewery and pizzeria to create a vibrant social base for the local village as well as a business workspace for growing social enterprises from across the wider community of Cambridgeshire.

Grant funding of £600,000 from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's (CPCA) Market Towns programme was awarded to Allia by Social Enterprise East of England (SEEE), the CPCA's delivery partner. The funding is specifically designed to support the growth of social entrepreneurship and boost the social economy ecosystem across market towns and rural areas. Due to Allia's experience of developing and managing buildings to support local businesses and create positive impact, its bid for the grant to undertake the substantial capital works involved in fitting out the Printworks was successful, and works will start in spring 2024.

The original building, built in 1929 was used by Papworth Trust providing therapeutic employment to recovering TB patients, and remained a key part of the community until its closure in the mid-1990s. Villages such as Papworth Everard have seen amenities dwindle over the last few decades, and with large local employers relocating elsewhere, less opportunities have existed for employment as well as community cohesion.

Allia aims to breathe new life into the area by encouraging socially focused businesses from across the region to use the workspace as a hub to work and create local networks, as well as providing a social base for the village community to gather. The space will be flexible and subject to final



design, aims to include meeting rooms, a creative studio, a collaboration space, workspace pods, and a designated area for hotdesking, as well as providing a base to a number of community businesses.

Allia runs Future Business Centres in Cambridge and Peterborough, and has an active venture support team in London, all to support small businesses and ventures that have environmental or social purpose create greater impact, as well as local companies that want to grow, create jobs and benefit their local community. It is hoped that the Papworth hub will help to create

employment and training both through the café and microbrewery, as well as supporting social enterprises to thrive and achieve their impact goals.

David Broach, Director of Allia Future Business Centres said: "We are delighted to be able to announce this exciting project, creating a social space that will bring much needed facilities to the village of Papworth, as well as a workspace that will support entrepreneurship, the development of existing and new social enterprises and create employment and training opportunities. We look forward to working with local partners, SEEE, the CPCA and the wider community as we work toward bringing our vision for the space into reality in 2024."

Deb Lee, Managing Director of SEEE said: "SEEE believes social enterprise is a way of doing business that benefits



PAPWORTH PRINTWORKS ENTERPRISE HUB

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the whole community and is excited about the potential difference Allia's vision for the old Printworks can make for Papworth Everard; it's going to be a fantastic local resource."

Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, Dr Nik Johnson said: "Our Combined Authority's Market Towns programme is about getting grants to this kind of people-centred initiative - one that creates grassroots growth and builds resilience in the heart of our communities, fostering imaginative ventures that can help villages and towns to flourish, evolve, and attract more human-scale businesses that will encourage sustainable development and make lasting change."

Notes:

Allia Future Business Centres offers flexible workspace and a vibrant community for small businesses who are creating change. Allia Impact runs free business support programmes and innovative funded projects. Together, they are dedicated to supporting businesses to thrive, grow and create jobs, so that they can make a positive impact on their community, as well as addressing social and environmental global challenges.

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For all media enquiries, please contact Laura Rose, Head of Marketing & Communications, Allia Future

Business Centres & Impact: 01223 781322 laura.rose@allia.org.uk. Social Enterprise East of England (SEEE) supports social enterprises across the East to grow, communicate and demonstrate their social impact. SEEE offers joint membership with Social Enterprise UK and its members are from diverse sectors covering Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. SEEE offers networking, events and news updates to keep members informed and also runs the Cambridgeshire Social Enterprise Place network which encourages Cambridgeshire social ventures to come together to learn from each other, support each other and help make the local social economy stronger.

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CPCA Market Towns Programme (Phase 2) – Supporting Social Enterprises in Rural Areas

In July 2020, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) allocated £13.1m capital investment to mobilise eleven market town masterplans to support interventions in each of CPCA's main market towns and to act as a funding catalyst to securing additional investment.

This £2.5m fund is a continuation of that effort to tackle the long-standing challenges surrounding market towns over the next 2 years, with a particular focus on strengthening local communities and supporting the Social Enterprise ecosystem. The Programme looks to build on the first Market towns funding but with a particular focus on targeting this capital spending on people-based initiatives – including community owned businesses, social enterprises, and educational support.

CPCA contact: jane.spence@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk



Church Notices

St Peter's Church – December Services

Sunday 10th - 10.30am - Holy Communion

Sunday 17th - 3.00pm – Christingle

Thursday 21st - 7.00pm – Village Carol Service at Papworth Village Hall

Sunday 24th - 3.00pm – Crib Service

Christmas Day – 10.30am – Family 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 Carols around the Tree
Papworth Courtyard on 9th December at 4.30pm**

Roman Catholic Mass

(Latin Rite)

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St Michael's, Huntingdon

on Saturday at 6.00 pm and

on Sunday at 9.00 and 11.00

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Did you know?

There is always more to people in the public eye than we are aware of. The funeral of the late Sir Bobby Charlton is taking place as I write this piece. He is rightly and widely acclaimed for his achievements as perhaps the greatest footballer to have represented England and Manchester United. What is less well-known is the laudable charitable work and interests he gave himself to in later life; also, who, again in later years,

had fallen out with two members of his own family. We all have our Achilles' heel; a point of weakness that can leave us and others vulnerable, unless exceptional care is taken to guard against the impact of such frailties.

An inability or unwillingness to forgive and be reconciled can be an example of what I mean.

These same sentiments manifest themselves in the global conflicts seen in the wars between Palestinian HAMAS and Israel as well as between Ukraine and Russia. In matters we understand very little about – particularly over strained relationships between people we hardly know – reconciliation requires both parties to a dispute to come together. I am responsible for doing all I can to mend something broken I am associated with, but I can't answer for the other party. Forgiveness is something different, whether our 'issues' are small or significant.

Without forgiveness we can't be reconciled and restored in relationships that have fallen into disrepair. Forgiveness is the gift of someone who has been hurt or offended, towards the perpetrator of wrongful behaviour. It is not dependent on whether forgiveness is received and embraced. Part of the challenge can be in knowing I may forgive someone and still the breach between us is not healed – because the other person is unwilling to see the relationship restored. It may be even more daunting when both parties are perpetrators of wrongs, and the only difference may be in the degrees of forgiveness needed on either side!

Christians ought to be top notch forgivers of others. This is because we believe we are beneficiaries of God's unconditional and unmerited forgiveness to us, expressed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This casts a new light on Christmas and preparing for a new year.

Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus who came to secure our forgiveness by God and to model what forgiveness and

reconciliation looks like among us. Let's use this season to leave no stone unturned in choosing to forgive and making sure the other party knows they have been forgiven.

We may feel very gloomy right now about the prospects for peace in Ukraine and between Israel and HAMAS; also, whether our own 'issues' will ever be sorted. God sees them differently. He has not given up on us or on what can transpire in today's global conflicts. That's why He is described in the Bible as 'the God of hope', for whom nothing is impossible. The Prince of peace invites us to be peace-makers for our times and circumstances.

Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector

Hilton Methodist Church



Whether church holds any relevance for you, at this time of year, people from all faiths and none cannot fail to notice lit up scenes of cribs popping up, surrounded by sheep and donkeys and with serene shepherds and angels looking fondly on the figure of a young woman and her new baby.

Most will realise that this baby has something to do with the Christ of Christmas, whether believers or otherwise. And many a child will be singing 'Oh little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie!' – a carol painting a peaceful picture - 'above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by'.

In the very land of Jesus's birth, such scenes could not be further from today's reality. Few in the devastation in Gaza and Israel will be sleeping soundly. Instead of silent stars going by, think screaming rockets, chaos and unimaginable grief.

But the Bethlehem of Jesus's day was never the idyll portrayed in our nativity scenes; Christ was born into place of oppression, occupation, with the threat of massacre equally real. And that's the point really. God hidden in plain sight within the everyday minefield and mess of the human condition.



Born amongst us, pointing to a radically different reality.

In situations where few solutions can be envisaged or imagined, this is the radically different reality we need to reach for. Praying that you will reach for the real star this Christmas and New Year.

Revd. Sue Baker-Maher

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Services in December

3 December	10:00am	Mr. J. Green
10 December	11:15am	United Service at the Methodist Church (Gift Service) (Collection in aid of Action for Children)
17 December	10:00am	Local Arrangements
17 December	5:00pm	Carol Service (Collection in aid of MIND)
24 December	10:00am	Rev Sue Baker-Maher
24 December	11:45pm	Rev Sue Baker-Maher (Midnight Communion Service)
31 December	10:00am	Zoom Service – Phone 01480 494014 for the link.

Varrier Jones Social Club

At our November meeting, we were entertained by Pauline Brown. She sang a selection of songs from 50's, 60's and 70's which our members were all able to join in with, and proving once again that singing is good for the soul. We had a lovely afternoon and finished with tea and cake provided by the ladies of the Committee.

Members should note that the December meeting will be our Christmas Lunch to be held in The Community Hall in The Close at Papworth. Unfortunately this event has already been pre-booked for catering purposes and members should note the start time of 12.30. for 1.00.pm.

For anyone wishing to join, our Club usually meet on the first Friday of each month at The Studio at Pendrill Court in Papworth, 1.00 for 1.30.pm start. We do not meet in January because it is too close to Christmas. However, new members are welcome to join us at our meeting on 2nd February 2024. A varied selection of items and events are in the process of being booked throughout the New Year so why not make it your New Year's Resolution to join us. An ideal opportunity to get yourself out of the house during the long winter days and meet up with new friends. If you require any further information please ring Eddie Tomkinson 01480 839230, we may also be able to help with transport if this is a problem.

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.



2 December 10:00am to 12 noon

6 January 10:00am to 12 noon



Tree Warden Report David Potter

treewarden@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

December 2023

The winter planting season is upon us! Trees and hedgerows are some of the most powerful tools we have in the fight against climate change and in addressing the biodiversity crisis, and every tree helps us grow a greener future together.

The Tree Council has been celebrating National Tree Week (25th November to 3rd December) with tree parties, tree talks and a resource pack crammed with ideas and tree facts. More details can be found on the tree council website: www.treecouncil.org.uk.

This has been an especially colourful Autumn with many fine and bright days to be able to enjoy the trees and woods around Papworth. Even the storms we had in October and November were not sufficient to blow all the leaves off the trees.

Now, into December, we can see the unclothed skeleton of trees, the dramatic silhouette along the woodland edge, in the hedgerow and on the skyline. Our trees are dormant and resting. The interior of the wood becomes mysterious and, perhaps, a little forbidding. I think of Mole getting lost and afraid in the wild wood and stumbling over his own boot scraper when instinct finally draws him to his own home ('Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame).

My alphabet has reached the letter 'S' and it will be S for Sounds, sounds of the trees. Listening out to the sounds of trees when you are out in the natural environment brings a fascinating element to your walks. Different strength wind and different species of trees bring varied sounds which can transport you to other places in your mind and enhance your wellbeing. Then there are the sounds of birds, animals and even insects in and around the trees that have their own sounds and calls that will add to your enjoyment and study of the natural environment.

If you sit with your back against the trunk of a tree, feeling its rough bark press against you (take a plastic bag to sit on!), pause, close your eyes, and listen. You will probably hear the wind as it blows through the branches. Depending on the strength of the wind and the species of the tree, you will hear varied sounds, from a gentle caressing whisper, a swoosh, swish, rustle, whoosh, rumble, or a roar.

These evocative sounds created by the wind flowing through trees is called psithurism or, if you prefer, sough, both mean much the same, the sound of the wind in the trees.

Different types of trees and the shape of their leaves make different sounds as the wind blows through them. You can use your imagination to summon up a picture of falling rain, or cheering crowds, or distant seas. Whatever the sounds conjure up for you.

As your ears become more tuned in to your surroundings you will begin to notice the natural world that shares the life of trees. You will begin to hear the natural soundscape of the trees.

Edward Thomas wrote a poem called 'Aspens' that revolves around sound. The way aspen trees sway side to side, day and night, whatever the weather. Here is a verse from the poem:

'The whisper of the aspens is not drowned, and over lightless pane and footless road, empty as sky, with every other sound not ceasing, calls their ghosts from their abode.'

Sounds of Christmas will soon be with us. I hope to see you at the 3pm Christingle Service in St Peter's Church on Sunday 17th December and at the Village Carol Service in the Village Hall – 7pm on Thursday 21st December.



Sylvia's Cakes

We are very lucky to have Sylvia as one of our members. Each week Sylvia bakes and brings in cakes for the Day Centre to share for afternoon tea: including Victoria Sponge, Tea Bread, Banana Bread, Chocolate Brownies, Shortbread and Scones. Sylvia comes to the Day Centre from Elsworth on the minibus.

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.

Other highlights since the last article have included another visit from Elvis. Sadly his number one fan, Winnie was away that week, hopefully she will be present at his next performance at the Day Centre. On Tuesday 17th October we were very pleased to be visited by David and Ann Potter both in the morning for bible readings, prayers, and hymns, and in the afternoon David gave a talk about his work as Tree Warden in Papworth Everard. Tree Wardens are people who volunteer to gather information and encourage practical projects relating to trees in the community. David gave his talk with slides showing various trees in



Papworth Everard, and finished with a ten question quiz identifying the different shaped leaves and seeds of various trees.

On 31st October we celebrated halloween with halloween styled chocolates and a halloween themed wordsearch and quiz. On 7th November we had another visit from Stuart singing and playing his electronic keyboard, and the piano. On 14th November we were lucky to hear Carol give her talk again about her condition, Aperts Syndrome, for the benefit of those who had missed it. Our chef Jane was on holiday in Spain that day and our newest helper, Mandy stepped in to make a delicious sausage casserole and strawberry cheesecake.

At the time of writing we are very much looking forward to our Christmas lunch on Tuesday 19th December. A full report will be in the January edition of News & Views.

If you are interested in joining the Day Centre or finding out more please phone Jenny on 01480 492697 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, number 5, The Close, Papworth Everard. The Centre is fully wheelchair accessible. Transport is available in certain cases Find us on Facebook: search 'Papworth and District Day Centre'.

If you would like to find out more about the Day Centre, why not call the following? We would love to hear from you.

Contact: Jenny on (01480) 492697 for further details, if there is no answer please leave a message or your name and number, and I will call back.



Papworth Surgery

Important Announcement – Our Online Triage for urgent medical issues now opens on weekdays at 8am instead of 7am. As previously it will close when we are at capacity. Go to papworthsurgery.nhs.uk and press on 'submit a new request'.

Please be aware that we will not always be able to give you a same day appointment using the triage system. The Duty Dr will assess all the requests and then make a decision on which patients need to be seen on the same day and which patients may be able to wait for a couple of days or maybe longer. You might be directed to a different clinician, for example a physiotherapist or one of our nurses.

We are currently booking routine appointments 4 -5 weeks ahead. Demand for appointments has been exceptionally high. If you have a routine appointment booked and your problem worsens, you can then use the online Triage to see if you can get an earlier appointment. We are hoping the wait for routine appointments become shorter in the New Year.

We will be closed on the Bank Holidays over the Christmas and New Year period, but open on all the other days.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our patients a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



Papworth Everard Womens Institute

November has been a busy month for Papworth Women's Institute, some of our members took a sponsored walk around the village and raised £50 for Children in Need.



We have also planted daffodils at the entrances and departure areas of the village and a coach trip was arranged for some of the ladies to visit the Christmas Fayre at Ely Cathedral. Apart from these extra activities, our normal meeting on the third Wednesday of the month was attended by Beverley Tack from Hilton who gave us a lovely demonstration of Christmas Table Centres using flowers, foliage, candles and other Christmas trimmings. It was a lovely evening and several members were delighted to receive the arrangements which were raffled at the end of the evening.

For our December meeting we will be holding our Christmas Meal at The White Hart in Godmanchester, but will be back at The Studio, at Pendrill Court on the evening of the third Wednesday in January when David Duker will give a talk entitled 'One of our own'. starting at 7.30.pm. For further details about attending and/or joining please contact Secretary Joan Tomkinson on 01480 839230

PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Parish Clerk: Sarah Cruse
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Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council still has 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors.

Would you like to have an opportunity to make a real difference in our community - have you considered becoming a Parish Councillor ?

Why not make it your New Year's Resolution to step up and get involved ?

We are looking for people with drive and enthusiasm to become Parish Councillors.

If you have a few hours to spare each month and are happy to take on the occasional small task or project as well as attending a few meetings every month, please get in touch.

The Papworth Everard Parish Council is responsible for the provision or upkeep of many village facilities, including:

The playing fields and the main children's play area and paddling pool

The village hall

Lighting in some residential side roads and footpaths

Bus shelters

The churchyard and cemetery

Grit Bins, Dog bins and most litter bins

Public seating and Noticeboards

In addition to fulfilling its own responsibilities, the council also monitors items that are the responsibility of the county council, including roads, pavements, street lighting, verge cutting and public footpaths as well as being consulted on all planning applications made to the District and County councils, which affect the parish.

If you have a particular interest in any of the areas, why not become part of the Parish Council team ? We have various committees and working groups and small projects to get involved in. You don't need any specific experience to be a councillor – just experience of life and some common sense !

If you would like to find out more about becoming a member of the Papworth Everard Parish Council and learn how you might get involved in parish activities please contact the Parish Clerk, Sarah Cruse.

You can also visit the parish website at www.papwortheverardpc.org.uk for eligibility criteria and more information on the role of the Parish Council.

Parish Caretaker / Maintenance Person

A new position is available for a Parish Caretaker/Maintenance Person see page 14 for details.

Remembrance

The Parish Council purchased a pair of Unknown Tommy silhouettes from Royal British Legion Industries to remember the fallen and show support for our nation's armed forces. These were displayed in front of the Village Hall over the Remembrance weekend.



Many thanks to our own soldier, Stuart Rondeau for installing them.

The RBLI are committed to supporting veterans in the UK, with all of their products

made or fulfilled by veterans and those with disabilities, so by choosing these silhouettes, the Parish Council were not only able to pay homage to our heroes but also help to support the livelihoods of those who have served our nation.



Thank you also to Pendragon Pre-School for their lovely display of poppies in the main Hall.

Parish Office Opening Hours and Christmas Cover

The Parish Office will be closed from 3.00pm on Wednesday 20th December and will reopen in the New Year on Wednesday 3rd January 2024. Over the period between Christmas and New Year, calls and emails will be monitored, and urgent queries responded to, as necessary.

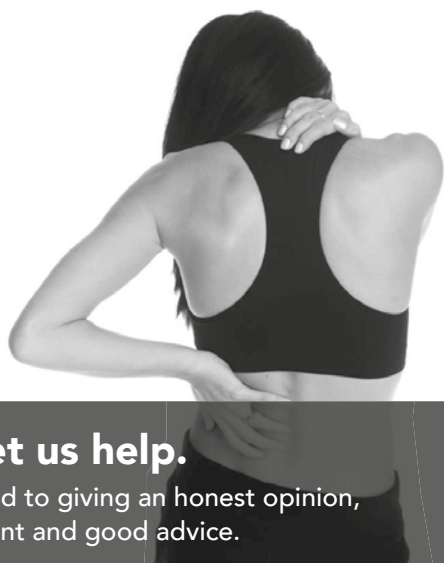
Hall booking enquiries can be made via the online enquiry form on the Parish Council website, by emailing the Bookings Clerk, Clare Taylor villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk or by leaving a message on 07841014414.

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HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR !**



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Your primary tasks will be :

- Village Hall - General maintenance & caretaking duties
- Cover for late locks/holidays for the Hall Caretaker
- Parish Council assets - General inspections and safety checks
- Maintenance and repairs of Parish Council assets throughout the village
- Grass cutting and grounds maintenance
- Responsibility for the village paddling pool during the summer

Experience of working in a grounds and building maintenance and/or a caretaking role would be ideal.

You must be physically fit with good DIY skills and the ability to perform your duties competently.

A full driving license is required.

Good communication skills are necessary as you will be dealing with members of the public.

The successful applicant will ideally live in the village or surrounding area.

If you feel that you have the knowledge, experience and attributes that we are looking for, we would like to hear from you. To discuss this position, please contact Sarah Cruse on 01480 830360 or email: clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk to obtain an application form and job description. The documents can also be downloaded from our website www.papwortheverardpc.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 5.00pm Friday 26th JANUARY 2024

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)

December has come around once again - are the months getting shorter? The Papworth Craft Group continues to meet twice a month. Linda Jewsbury had a very serious accident, while at her daughter's wedding in Italy. Her right arm and hand sustained multiple fractures, necessitating the insertion of metal in her forearm to her wrist. As she is right handed, daily life has been very challenging, but she has attended craft group to chat and catch up with everyone's projects. However, at the first meeting in November, Linda showed great courage and determination, attempting to do a bit of crochet. At the second November meeting Linda brought along the piece of crochet, and not only had it grown, but she had taken back what she had done first off 'because there was a mistake'! Crochet has become part of her hand therapy. Best of all, Linda has reconnected with crafting and has felt a sense of achievement. Rehabilitation after an accident takes many guises and there will be many that can relate to that.

Most of us like to work from patterns to help us create those things we would like to make. However, Michele Eidevik-Skinner has been working on her own designs, Realising that her hot drink was not staying hot for long enough in her portable mug, Michele decided to remedy the problem with her own crochet design for it. She started with the body of the mug first and adapted a pattern for a pen pot holder to do this, working in cotton. Having completed that, she then made a cover for the top, decorated with a flower. However, the photograph shows a 'cape' covering the mug section. What is this for, you may ask ? To keep Michele's hands cosy while she sips from the mug, especially useful in cold weather. The idea for the little cotton bag occurred to Michele, while on a cruise in October. It is always useful to have just a small accessory to carry the few things you need to have on you during the daytime on the ship. This became a project for her and it is really charming and all ready for her next cruise!

There is still time to get creative for Christmas. A handmade gift is always so special and it does not need to be too complicated or cost the earth either. Try making fingerless gloves in a soft yarn for that touch of luxury. They can be either crocheted or knitted. The online stores are always promoting different yarns, offering them at discounted prices. For a soft yarn, try Drops pure alpaca DK or alpaca mixes, many are under £4 for a 50g ball.

There is a wide choice of soft premium acrylic yarns available. The more adventurous could try making socks using self striping yarns. West Yorkshire Spinners have a good selection. If neither knitting or crochet appeals, embroidered or cross stitched cards make very personal gifts and you can write your Christmas greeting inside. Small framed stitched pictures do not need to be mammoth undertakings. A very respectable piece of stitching can be achieved in three to four hours. If you have some time to spare over the holiday period, perhaps you would like to knit or crochet hats or scarves or both for our ongoing charity project. The charity Hope and Aid Direct have been accepting the blankets and distributing them in Ukraine. Currently, donations are being made to refugees in this country, who are in need of warm clothing. Carole Watt has become a one woman production line crocheting beanies and bobble hats with flaps. They are so attractive - photograph in the next News & Views. If making hats and scarves does not appeal, knitting the odd square or two may be a more realistic objective. Squares should measure 20 cm x 20 cm, (8 inches x 8 inches), with all the ends sewn in please. Sonja Allerton has assembled and finished with crocheted borders more than thirty blankets. Our yarn stash is reasonably healthy, so if you would like to participate in this project, but do not have any yarn, contact Rosalind Parnell at parnellrh@aol.com. Please bring your contributions to any one of our twice monthly meetings, or leave them with Charlotte, our librarian in the library. Any contributions are always gratefully received.

As it is the end of the year it seems a good time to thank the library for hosting our community project. Similarly, it is worth emphasising - again - how fortunate we are to have our own library in the village. Please support it - footfall really does count. Use it! Borrow books, introduce your child - or a friend - to the pleasure of a library. Every visit matters. Attending the Papworth Craft Group also contributes to footfall. Pop in and check us out on one of the Saturdays we meet and borrow some books at the same time. Did you know that you can have twelve books on loan at a time, initially for three weeks, with the possibility of renewing books up to three times?

A big thank you to the editors of the News & Views, Peter and Janet Dobson, who work so very hard to produce an issue every month of the year. They do an amazing job! Likewise, to all the foot soldiers who deliver to homes - thank you!

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year from the Papworth Craft Group. Have a great December!

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



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Dated 20th November 2023**

Christmas Market

The Cambourne Christmas Market will be held at Cambourne Village College on Sunday 10th December, between 11.00am and 3.00pm. This event is supported by South Cambs District Council. Over 70 vendors have signed up for stalls, including gift and food vendors. All welcome.

Bus Services

The Combined Authority (the Mayor's Office) has reviewed passenger numbers on the bus routes that serve Papworth – the X2, X3 and 8. They are happy these services have sufficient riders to continue for at least next year. Separately, the CA has talked to Whippet about the large number of late and missing buses. Whippet cite a shortage of drivers and breakdowns, but have promised to improve.



PAPWORTH TENNIS CLUB

Papworth Tennis Club has added a new membership benefit - a Slinger ball machine! We have so far hosted two very well attended demo sessions and it is already proving to be a very popular addition to the club's membership package.

The Slinger machine is available for club members to book through the Booker app or website for £5 for half an hour. You MUST have attended a demo session before you use it. For further information please send us a message.

The Slinger machine fires tennis balls from one end of the court to the other allowing the user to practise a range of shots, and the speed and timing of the balls can be adjusted to the user's personal preference.

Some of the other benefits of being a member at Papworth Tennis Club include:

- Use of the 4 new Tiger Turf courts
- Friendly members and active committee
- App or web-based court booking
- Club Nights for adults and juniors, beginners and experienced
- Social events and opportunities to play matches or in tournaments
- Option to bring guests (max 4 visits per year per guest, £5 per visit)

Speedwatch scheme

You may have noticed the speed limit on Ermine Street South is routinely ignored by some drivers. The police have now authorised Speedwatch surveillance to be carried out along that road and we will be setting up checks with help from the Cambourne Speedwatch group. The police emphasize that Speedwatch is a community activity and I am putting out a call for residents to join the new Papworth group. If you would like to join or want more information, please contact me at the email address below.

Changes to absentee vote applications

From 31 October, new postal and proxy vote regulations come into effect. An online service for applying for an absentee vote has been launched. Electors wishing to vote by post will now be required to reapply for their postal vote every three years. Also, the number of voters a person can act as proxy for will be limited to four, of which no more than two can be 'domestic' electors (electors who are not overseas or service electors). A check of an applicant's National Insurance Number or other relevant data will now also be made for all absentee vote applications. A transitional period allows electors with an existing postal or proxy arrangement time to make the adjustment and reapply under the new rules. A new digital service was launched to allow electors to apply online via GOV.UK for a postal or proxy vote. Go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote> or <https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote> respectively.

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1st Papworth Scouts Scout Group

It has been a busy term for all sections.

The Beavers have learnt about money, made dens in the woods, made kites and created puppets and performed a puppet show. They have also learnt about why we have poppies at remembrance and taken part in the remembrance service with the other sections. Finally, they were lucky enough to visit the fire station in Cambridge and learn all about what firemen do.



The Cubs have had an evening on space and star gazing, did a night on water conservation, learnt about Diwali, and have worked on their local knowledge. Finally, they recently completed in the district water carnival and came in second.

Finally, the Scouts have been working on several of their skills badges. They have worked on the navigator badge, learning to map read and plan a route. They then did a night hike to Hilton to complete the badge. They have also worked on their knot skills to produce knot boards, then use their knowledge to guild a structure

to be able to climb on. They recently also had a visit from an expert on the Rubik cube who has built robots to solve them holding numerous world records.

As a group we completed our annual trick or eat collection for Godmanchester food bank. Thank you to all who donated we collected ¾ of a ton of food which was gratefully received.

Finally, we completed the act of Remembrance with the Rainbows, Brownies and Guide's. After the act of laying the wreaths in the church we marched down to the village hall for the service of remembrance. It was an amazing turnout with over 100 children present.

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



1st Papworth Rainbows and Brownies



On Sunday 12th November, Papworth Guides, Brownies and Rainbows joined with Papworth Scouts, Cubs and Beavers to commemorate Remembrance Day.

The groups met at St Peter's Church for a short service at the village war memorial where each of the groups layed a wreath. They then proceeded to parade down to the village hall led by members carrying the flags and standards, for a Service of Remembrance.