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| Fri 16 Feb 2024 |   | ✓ | ✓ |
| Fri 23 Feb 2024 | ✓ |   |   |
| Fri 1 Mar 2024  |   | ✓ |   |
| Fri 8 Mar 2024  | ✓ |   |   |
| Fri 15 Mar 2024 |   | ✓ | ✓ |
| Fri 22 Mar 2024 | ✓ |   |   |

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Front Cover - Papworth in Winter - Photo taken by the Editors

# Papworth Library

As the days start getting slightly longer, finding time to curl up with a good book can be a really beneficial break from our busy lives. Papworth Library is full of books for every interest, and we are always happy to see you. Joining the library is simple and free, you can do it in person or online at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries). Borrow books from our shelves or download from our eLibrary, use our computers, printer, scanner, or explore our online tools for work or research – including free access to online magazines and genealogy websites. We can even help you with bus pass applications and ferrule replacement. To find out about any of our services, ask your local librarian, search 'Libraries - Cambridgeshire County Council' online, or call the Cambridgeshire Libraries service on 0345 045 5225.

Here are some of our upcoming events:

## Tues 6th Feb & Tues 5th Mar 3:30-4:45pm – Lego Club

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.

## Thurs 8th Feb 10-11:30am – Engage: Healthy You

Are you looking to make changes to your lifestyle? Join Ben Truett, as he discusses the benefits of activity and how 'Healthy You' can support you with their free healthy lifestyle programmes. Free drop-in session followed by refreshments, donations welcome.

## Tues 20th Feb 10:30-11:45am – Half-Term Sea Crafts

Come along to make some fabulous sea creatures from recycled materials for our library display. 50p suggested donation towards materials. 4+, children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Thurs 22nd Feb 2:30-4:45pm – Space Day

Calling all budding astronauts! Join us for an afternoon of space-themed stories, games and colouring this half term! Free drop-in session, children must be supervised by an adult, donations welcome.

## Tues 27th Feb 10:30-11:30am – Festival of Stories

Local author and illustrator Ellie Sandall will be hosting an interactive storytime followed by a craft activity around the theme of recycling, aimed at 3-5 year olds. Free session, booking essential either in Papworth Library or via [BarHill.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:BarHill.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

## Tues 27th Feb 10am-12:00pm – DISH Disability Benefit Advice Session

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

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

Parent-led play session with a selection of toys and games. A chance for your little ones to play with others and for you to meet other parents in a safe, welcoming environment. Free drop-in sessions, children must be supervised by an adult, donations welcome.

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

Half an hour of songs, rhymes, and movements for 0-4s! Free drop-in sessions, children must be supervised by an adult, donations welcome.

## A reminder of our opening hours:

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – 10am-1pm and 2pm – 5pm

Wednesday – 10am-1pm

Thursday – 2pm-5pm

Friday – Closed

Saturday – 10am-1pm

We can't wait to see you this February!

Best wishes from Charlotte and the whole Cambridgeshire Libraries team.

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# Update February 2024

## Maintenance Update

As part of 2023 to 2024 Planned Maintenance Programme we will shortly be starting work on bathroom and kitchen replacements and electrical rewires to a number of properties within the village. The kitchen and bathroom replacements will be carried out by the contractor Bell Group and the electrical rewires will be completed by the contractor Riggall & Hawksford.

If your property is scheduled to receive any of the above works you will be contacted by our Repairs and Maintenance Team to discuss the next steps. If you have any questions regarding the work to be carried out please contact us by telephone on 0330 678 0008 option 1 or by email at [repairsandmaintenance@papworthtrust.org.uk](mailto:repairsandmaintenance@papworthtrust.org.uk)

## Time for Tenants

For 2024 the Executive Team would like to offer a mixture of face to face and virtual opportunities for tenants to talk with them. The face to face sessions will take place from a variety of venues in Papworth Everard. The virtual sessions will take place using Microsoft Teams making these more accessible to those tenants that live outside of Papworth Everard.

Face to face sessions – tenants can attend anytime during the advertised time

- Saturday 27 January, 10am to 12noon – Turnhill Room, Southbrook Field, Papworth Everard
- Wednesday 27 March, 5pm to 7pm – Bradbury Court, Westfields, Papworth Everard
- Saturday 18 May, 10am to 12noon – Bradbury Court, Westfields, Papworth Everard
- Wednesday 24 July, 5pm to 7pm – The Studio, Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard
- Saturday 28 September, 10am to 12noon – Turnhill room, Southbrook Field, Papworth Everard
- Thursday 28 November, 5pm to 7pm – Bradbury Court, Westfields, Papworth Everard

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# CITY OF ANGELS

**A MUSICAL COMEDY**

a jazzy homage to film noir,  
Hollywood and pulp fiction detectives

Thursday 14th, Friday 15th  
Saturday 16th March 2024  
at 7.30pm

Performance Hall  
Comberton Village College

Tickets on sale at  
[www.bournplayers.org.uk](http://www.bournplayers.org.uk)

Virtual sessions, all 6pm to 7pm – tenants will need to book

- Tuesday 27 February
- Tuesday 30 April
- Tuesday 25 June
- Tuesday 27 August
- Tuesday 29 October

If you wish to attend one of the virtual sessions you will need access to a smart phone, tablet, laptop or PC and have an email address. If you would like to book onto a virtual session email Tracey Croucher at [tenantengagement@papworthtrust.org.uk](mailto:tenantengagement@papworthtrust.org.uk) or telephone 0330 678 0008 option 2, you will be sent a Microsoft Teams link by email to join on your selected date.

## Employment Support

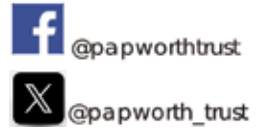
A new Work and Health Programme called Pioneer is now being delivered in Cambridgeshire by the Papworth Trust. This exciting new programme is designed to support economically inactive people into work using a method called place and train.

If you would like to discuss our support then please get in contact with:

Scott Twinn

Email [Scott.twinn@papworthtrust.org.uk](mailto:Scott.twinn@papworthtrust.org.uk)

Telephone 07707 290969



# Spring Makers Market

## 3rd March 2024

### 11am-3pm

### The Studio Papworth

lots of stalls including

- Scentsy
- Jewellery
- Body Shop
- Avon

Cushions & handmade sewn items  
Crochet items  
Printed items cups, coasters & more  
Dog treats & more  
Sweet treats  
and lots more

# PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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## Village Hall

The Village Hall is a great space to hold all types of events and can be booked 7 days a week.

Both the main Hall with its stage area and well-equipped kitchen and the adjoining smaller North Hall are available for medium to large sized events plus there's a smaller seminar room on the first floor which is available for meetings or small groups.

From Wedding receptions, children's birthday parties with bouncy castles and exercise classes to fashion shows, radio-controlled car racing, baby and toddler groups, ladies' nights, prayer sessions and church groups, conferences, fayres and concerts - we've had them all!

We're available to hire for corporate events too - maybe your employer is looking for a venue to hold a team meeting or conference, or a small room to hold an off-site meeting - the village hall is ideal.

Did you know that there is also a Badminton court marked out in the Hall along with a net and posts? Why not organise a recreational game of Badminton with family or friends - or set up a more competitive group?

Further information including the tariff of charges can be found on the Parish Council's website (Amenities and Village Hall page) or to discuss your requirements or check availability, please email the Bookings Clerk, Clare Taylor [villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@papwortheverardpc.org.uk), use the enquiry form on the Parish Council's website [www.papwortheverardpc.org.uk](http://www.papwortheverardpc.org.uk) or message the Bookings Clerk through our Facebook page.

## New Defibrillator

The Parish Council has secured part funding for the provision and installation of a community public access external defibrillator and are currently waiting for delivery.

Once received, the defibrillator will be installed outside the Village Hall.

## Papworth Cricket Club

Following a successful season for Papworth Cricket Club in 2023, we look forward to starting up again this year for hopefully another great summer season!

Practice sessions will start in March / April (normally on a Wednesday evening) after the clocks change and the evenings are lighter, with league matches commencing in May.

The club would welcome any new cricket enthusiast to join the team.



If you wish to join the club, or be involved in helping out, or want to know more information, please contact: Paulson Xavier 07729 276366 or Alan Carter 07983 617703

## Vacancy

The Parish Council has the following vacancy:  
PARISH CARETAKER / MAINTENANCE PERSON

£12.01 per hour + benefits incl 23 days Holiday plus Bank Holidays, Pension Scheme  
(NJC Spinal point 4)

Approx. 37 hours per week (although it is anticipated that you may work fewer hours during the winter months and more over the spring/summer period)

We are looking for a Parish Caretaker/Maintenance Person to help to ensure the council's assets and amenities are well maintained and presented.

This is a newly created, interesting and varied position and will require a large degree of flexibility as it is not your ordinary 9.00-5.00 Monday to Friday job - late evening and weekend work is inevitable!

Your primary tasks will be :

### VILLAGE HALL

- General maintenance, checks and repairs & 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 should be physically fit with good DIY skills and the ability to perform your duties competently.

A full driving license is necessary, along with access to a vehicle or suitable transport to be able to get to the village hall as and when required, sometimes at short notice.

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

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

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](mailto:clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk) to obtain an application form and job description.

Closing date for applications: 5.00pm  
Friday 23rd FEBRUARY 2024

# Church Notices

## St Peter's Church – February Services

Sunday 11th - 10.30am - Holy Communion

Sunday 18th - 10.30am - Song of Praise

Sunday 25th - 10.30am - Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday is 14th February and there will be services 8.30am at Conington and 12 noon at Bourn

Compline 8.30pm Fridays in Lent at Boxworth (starting 16th February)

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 and information about the telephone service on Mondays**

## 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)



## Knowing who we are!

The question of identity is prominent and under scrutiny in many arenas. For individuals and people groups, it can include questions such as "Who am I ..." and, "What factors should prevail in conclusions we arrive at?"

For example, it is close to the heart of whether Northern Ireland should be known as 'the north of Ireland' or 'Ulster'; it affects how children may be treated at home and in school; it is generating a lot

of (often heated) debate among sports participants.

In truth the complexity of some aspects and unacknowledged pain felt by some people caught up in these debates has often been ignored rather than faced up to. One of the spin-offs in the 21st century is discussing these things should encourage us all to be more careful in how we address one another; and, as a result, to think through some areas of behaviour that may have been unchecked for too long. If this produces a more caring and thoughtful culture, this has to be a good thing, in my view. If, on the other hand, it prevents us talking and exploring what questions or crises of identity simply for fear of causing offence, this will be a bad outcome. It's good to talk!

We may think Christianity has nothing helpful to inject into such conversations. I disagree!

I am not suggesting a quick reading or consultation with the Christian's Bible will give categorically clear answers to all questions and issues arising from discussions about identity in the 21st century. But I do think we need to make sure we are starting from the right place.

If we are ready and willing to open the Bible, we find ground zero for human identity starts with how we came into being. Christians believe God made us and, as a result of what is commonly known as The Fall, we were robbed of that capacity to relate well to God. The good news is this can change. Christians believe also that through Jesus and what his life and death achieved, we are offered the equivalent of a new passport and certification that alters our status: from creatures God made, to children God has joyfully embraced into his family.

My point is this: if and when we enter the fray on matters of identity and do not take account of our creator and his rescue plan for us, or refuse to give the topic the healthy air-time it deserves, we

risk going off (or shooting our mouths off!) in ways that lead us into cul-de-sacs of confusion, disappointment and where more unnecessary hurt is caused.

When we can say 'Yes God made me, has unlocked a way to rescue me and unleash my full potential as a human being...' we can begin to allow other powerful feelings and opinions to find their place and be reconciled rather than being forces that, unchecked, dominate perspective and some behaviours in ways that divide us or cause harm.

**Nigel di Castiglione**

**Team Rector**

## Hilton Methodist Church



It's often said that time goes faster the older we get. I recently got quite worried – Lent seemed remarkably early. Having only just recovered my waistline and survived dry January, and starting to think about my son's birthday (his middle name is Valentine, so you can guess...) I suddenly find everyone asking me about Lent! What!!? I rushed to my calendar and yes - there it is. Pancake day on the 13<sup>th</sup> with the 14<sup>th</sup> now hosting not only Kieran's birthday accompanied with roses and hearts but now to be preceded with arguments about maple syrup versus lemon and sugar and conjoined with 'Ashing' as the church marks the start of Lent!

Fearing that at this rate we might soon be doing Lent over New Year, my next stop was to check out how the dates for Easter are actually set (the 40 days of Lent ending with Easter Sunday). It's a long story – something to do lunar cycles, as well as Holy week being just that – a week, and much to do a myriad of complications involving term times and bank holidays should ever these dates become fixed. Like Lent, many aspects of faith can't be pinned down, easily understood or held on to too rigidly. That at least is good news.

Whilst God changes not, the way we do God can and does. Often. Across time, across space and across culture.

Lent is commonly understood as a time of denial. Most often cakes or chocolate (this year coming too soon again for alcohol I suspect!). It's seen as a test of will power and resolve. But Jesus, after his direct experience of the Holy Spirit, an experience of assurance of belonging to God and God's call on his life went into the wilderness for this period.



Wilderness is often misunderstood as barren and harsh. But in fact it can be a place of respite and refreshment – a time to contemplate who we are and what our priorities in life should be.

Lent does come early this year. In a year pivotal nationally and internationally with more people across the world electing leaders and representatives, perhaps an early reassessment of our personal priorities and how we reflect these in our day to day lives is not unhelpful. Perhaps having a time of withdrawal however brief each day or each week might resource and refresh us and help us all discovering we might live more wholly, holistically in line with what really matters in our lives. Understanding what's important and how to reflect that in how will live throughout the next year.

You can contact Revd. Sue by email: [sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk](mailto:sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk) or by phone: 07483 153948

### Services in February

4 February 10:00am Dr Roland Randall  
11 February 11:15am United Service at the Parish Church  
18 February 10:00am Dr. Barbara Spencer  
25 February 10:00am Ms. N. Gordon



## Tree Warden Report

David Potter

treewarden@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

### February 2024

At last, there is some colour appearing in our gardens and in the woods. Snowdrops have shown their delicate heads, white fairy bells, green and yellow veined, defiant to whatever the February weather might bring. Tread carefully.

Snowdrops have attracted many alternative names over the years: 'death's flower', 'dewdrops', 'drooping bell', 'Eve's tear' and 'white bells' amongst them. In Essex, we find 'Candlemas bells' and 'Mary's tapers' were also used.

The Cambridge University Botanic Gardens informs us that they have 48 different species, varieties, cultivars and hybrids of snowdrop (*Galanthus*) to see in their Garden. It might be that a similar number can be seen in the winter garden at the National Trust Anglesey Abbey. These many cultivars also have interesting names. Unfortunately, the cultivar *Galanthus* 'grumpy' is not currently in the Botanic Garden collection!

Also on show at this time of year are yellow winter aconites, sometimes called winter hellebore or winter wolf's bane. This is a woodland member of the buttercup family. It opens its yellow petals in late winter to attract any early pollinating insects and continues to carpet the woodland floor well into Spring when Bluebells arrive to give even more beauty to the woodland scene.

Ted Hughes wrote a short, complex poem entitled 'Snowdrop'. It has been set for study at GCSE.

Hughes poem is a nature poem about the brutal struggle against the pain of winter and death. He describes the snowdrop with 'her pale head heavy as metal'.

My tree warden alphabet has reached the letter 'T' and it will be t for texture. On a crisp February morning there is much of texture to admire in our trees and woodland. The lattice of bare branches, the bold grain of tree trunks and the intricate twigs and runners created by the shrub cover along the woodland floor. And there is colour and shade in all this texture. Be still and enjoy the winter vista. Listen to the chatter and excitement of the birds as they prepare to celebrate Valentine's Day. Look up and notice a red kite wheeling over the trees, beneath the scudding clouds.

Texture gives interest and variety on your walk. Reach out to touch the tree's rough bark or the Silver Birch's smooth edge. Look down at the sky reflected in puddles and listen to the wind blowing through the branches. Enjoy the feel of the soft, muddy earth beneath your shoes. There is an extra day in February this year so why not set it aside for a walk in the woods?

We seem to be having an increasing number of winter storms at the moment. I hope all your trees are well supported and your fences in good order. When it is too cold or wet to go outside you might use the time to plan for Spring and Summer in your garden - seed trays to fill and new plants to buy. Have fun.

## 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.



3 February 10:00am to 12 noon

2 March 10:00am to 12 noon

Hope you will be able to join us!





## Welcome Mandy

A few months ago we were very lucky to have Mandy join as a new volunteer helper. Mandy has lots of experience in catering, so we are pleased that she can take charge in the kitchen as Jane, our long-standing chef has retired to spend more time with her family and on holiday in Spain. Mandy has fitted in very well with everyone, with a wonderful sense of humour, chatting

with the other helpers and clients.

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. New clients and volunteers are welcome.

Highlights of January have included Sylvia's and Carol's birthdays celebrated with glasses of Sherry. Also Stuart with his synthesiser performing some older songs, but also some newer songs such as Popcorn, Oxygene by Jean-Michel Jarre, and even Patience by Take That.

At the time of writing we are very much looking forward to another performance from Elvis who is flying in again from the U.S.A. especially to sing to us.

If you are interested in joining the Day Centre or finding out more, either on your own behalf, or on behalf of a loved one, please phone Jenny on 01480 492697. You can refer yourself and 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 morning tea and coffee and a tasty two course meal, afternoon tea and occasionally outside entertainment. 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.

Follow 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

### Surgery News

Following on from recent text messages sent to patients we thought it best to clarify the situation with West Cambs Federation (WCF).

WCF who were employing our Clinical Pharmacist (Clinician who carries out medication reviews for patients), Social Prescriber, Health and Wellbeing Coach, Community Matron and some IT staff, has ceased to operate, and all staff made redundant. As a result services that these staff provided will be significantly impacted.

In the future we anticipate that we will be able to provide these services again.

Papworth Surgery itself is still fully operational and none of the surgery staff are affected by redundancies. It does however mean that the Drs are under even more pressure than usual, so please bear with us while we navigate this difficult situation.

Papworth Pharmacy is an independent company and is NOT affected by this and remains open as usual.

In other news, we have a new GP joining us from the middle of March. Dr Nicola Howard will be working on a Wednesday and a Friday. She is a very experienced Dr and we are sure she will be a big asset to the Surgery.

## theWI Papworth Everard INSPIRING WOMEN Womens Institute

25 members attended the first W.I. meeting of 2024, and following the recording of business, the Speaker for the evening was introduced by Lyn Janaway. Local man David Duker and his family have spent many hours researching the life of Victor Ekins, from a boy growing up in St. Neots, to joining the RAF in his early twenties. Followed by his training and eventual involvement in the Battle of Britain. The bravery of young men, just like Victor, resulted in the Germans never being able to occupy Britain during the Second World War. David Duker also gives talks to schools across the country telling this story of men like Victor and how much we owe to their bravery. A sincere vote of thanks was given by Sarah Toon and a number of members purchased the very interesting book.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday evening 21 February, starting at 7.30pm in The Studio, Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard. The Speaker at that time will be Naomi Wallen speaking on The History of Ballet. If you would like to join W.I. or come as a visitor please just turn up or contact Secretary Joan Tomkinson 01480 839230







## Friends of Pendragon Primary School

It may have been a while since our last article, but it certainly hasn't been a quiet time for Friends of Pendragon Primary school. The successful AGM in October saw VJ Chapman, Kim Heaver and Alana Thompson step down from their various roles on the committee, with Kirsty Hudson coming in as our new chair and Megan Pollard taking on the role of secretary. Meanwhile, Katie Taylor stayed on as vice-chair, with Dani Rayner and Bryony Tolley retaining their positions as Treasurer and Grants Officer, respectively. Huge thanks go to all of the outgoing committee members for their hard work.

Since the AGM, Friends has run a number of events that have been thoroughly enjoyed by the children at Pendragon School and the wider community, whilst also raising vital funds to support the children's learning. We had a spooky October with a pumpkin carving competition and Halloween-themed dress-down day, followed in November by a poppy-decorating competition to mark Armistice Day. December saw a number of festive events, including a Winter-Walk through the school, which raised an impressive £822.79, a festive wreath-making workshop and a Christmas pop-up shop.



In grants news, the school was awarded a £2500 grant that will go towards a swing/hanging bars in the playground as part of OPAL, and a £500 grant from the Little Aqua Academy to go towards improvements to the Year 1/2 outdoor area. In addition, after being Co-op community fund beneficiaries last year, we were recently granted £1433.36, which will support enriching our school environment, and the money acquired from our fundraising efforts last year will soon be used to purchase three new Outdoor Learning Summerhouses for the school, which will be a valuable resource for years to come.

Looking forward, we have a number of exciting events in the pipeline. These include a Spring Fling Disco for the pupils on 1st March, an Egg Hunt for pupils on 28th March, a community "Big Build" event in April and a Quiz night in May. Look out for our posters

for more details on these events. Alternatively, you can check out our Facebook page

for all the latest updates!

If you'd like to know more about Friends or have any questions for us, feel free to get in touch at [Friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:Friends@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk). We're always on the look out for new committee members and extra volunteers (you don't need to have a child at the school), so if you have any time to give and you'd like to help us support the school then let us know.

## VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED AT BOURN WINDMILL



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- Helping serve refreshments,
- Helping taking the money and giving out leaflets,
- Helping to guide groups of visitors around the mill.
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If you can only help on a few of the dates, we would still be very interested to hear from you.

Saturday 11th May 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 12th May 11am - 1p.m. and/or 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 23rd June 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 28th July 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 18th August 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 15th September 2-4.30 p.m.

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## Varrier Jones Social Club

Just a reminder to our members, that the Varrier Jones Social Club restarted their meetings for 2024 on Friday 2nd February.

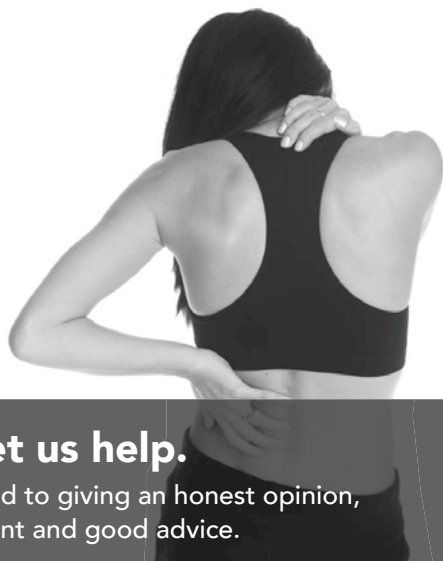
We hope that all our members enjoyed their Christmas break and are looking forward to meeting up again at our monthly meetings throughout the year. As usual, the February meeting will comprise in-house entertainment.

We are also happy to welcome new members, so don't spend the winter months by yourself - come and join us once a month, make new friends, and enjoy our programme of entertainment throughout the year.. This includes afternoon teas and occasional lunches. We meet on the first Friday of the month at The Studio in Pendrill Court, Papworth and joining details can be found by ringing Eddie Tomkinson (01480 839230)



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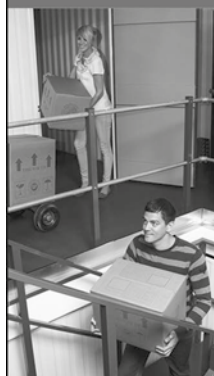
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## Papworth Craft Group

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adjacent to the Studio*

The first meeting of 2024 of the Papworth Craft Group was a New Year celebration, kindly arranged by Sonja Allerton with cake and a festive drink. There was quite a large group and a great deal of chatter and not as much crafting as usual!

It will be two years on 24 February since the Russian invasion of Ukraine. There have been huge efforts by various groups all over this country to contribute different kinds of support to the people of Ukraine. A few years ago in the News & Views the Papworth Craft Group invited anyone interested to knit squares for charity blankets. Over time many knitted squares, (20 cm x 20 cm with all the ends sewn in!) have been brought to the library, knitted by people in the village. Since the latter part of 2022 donations of the finished blankets have gone to support the aid effort to Ukraine and more recently to Ukrainian refugees who left their country with very little and in need of items to keep them warm. Subsequent to the call for knitted squares was a request for hats and scarves. The first lot went to Hope & Aid Direct before Christmas. The pile has grown again since Christmas and more hats and scarves have been donated – beanies and bobble hats with flaps, adorable mini beanies for tiny tots. Carole Watt is a one woman manufacturer of crocheted hats and Tina Carter knits them in quantities as well. Is anyone reading this now, who fancies making some hats and scarves? They do not need to be crocheted or knitted in complicated patterns using complicated stitches – functional is the name of the game. You are, of course, free to follow any fancy, as Andrea Rowland did a while back, donating the most beautiful hats and scarves that she had knitted. If you would like to knit or crochet hats and scarves, but you do not have any spare yarn, please contact Rosalind Parnell at [parnellrh@aol.com](mailto:parnellrh@aol.com). There is still yarn in our stash. Any contribution to this ongoing project would be most welcome.

Perhaps you would prefer to support Ukraine by stitching a project to keep for yourself or give to someone special to you? There are more than a few designers who are selling specific patterns and kits of which some of the proceeds from their sale are being donated in support of Ukraine. If you are a stitcher there are a couple of colourful kits – yellow and blue – that can be made into cushion covers, glasses cases or simply framed as pictures. Jolly Red have a kit called Brighter Days Daffodils that retail between £19-£39 and £10 from the sale of each kit goes to the Disasters Emergency Committee. To date they have donated £2,200. Stitch a jolly canvas and contribute to this worthy cause. Go online to view them at [jollyred.co.uk](http://jollyred.co.uk) or you can call to place an order on 01460 281111. They also have a making up service. Hannah Bass Needlepoint are donating all profits from their kit Peace for Ukraine Charity Needlepoint Kit to the Disasters Emergency Committee. Go on their website, [hannahbass.com](http://hannahbass.com) and read about the support they had from suppliers, meaning that more money can go to the charity. A Ukrainian cross stitch designer, Kateryna, was mentioned in this column some months ago. She is originally from Kherson but fled with her husband, grandmother and cat to Odessa. Her resilience and courage are humbling. Although they escaped to Odessa to be safer, they have endured Russian attacks there as well. Throughout all the many challenges she and her family have faced, she has continued producing cross stitch designs in her charming, unique and recognisable style. She sells her designs on Etsy and showcases them on Instagram under @stitchy\_princess\_black. Her designs have also appeared in Just Cross Stitch and World of Cross Stitching. If you are a cross stitcher, take a look at her designs, buy one or two and it is one small way of supporting Ukraine.

New members are always welcome at the Papworth Craft Group. Bring along your current project and spend two hours with like



## 2nd Papworth Guides

2nd Papworth Guides is a relaxed, welcoming girl only space where you can have fun, learn and be yourself with good friends from 10 to 14 years old.

The Girlguiding program is based around six key themes: Know Myself; Express Myself; Be Well; Have Adventures; Take Action and Skills For My Future. There are different skills builder stages to cover each section: Rainbows; Brownies; Guides and Rangers.

Papworth Guides activities during 2023

- Journey into Australia fun challenge badge included: games;
- making fairy bread and making a model Sydney Opera House.
- First Aid skills builder covered dealing with different scenarios and MAGPAS visited to do CPR.
- Coach trip to London to visit Girlguiding HQ and see Wicked the Musical
- Live Smart skills builder included tasty testing to see how different brands compare and making a basic sauce.
- Coronation Party - planned fun activities and invited older Brownies to join us for evening.
- Influence skills builder included looking at who decision makes are and what you can do to help make a positive change.
- Camp in May was with Guides from other local units and included camp fire; soap making; orienteering and different methods of
- outdoor cooking.
- We played various games and activities including glow stick people; cheer leading; pool noodle stacking; smores using tea lights; making a bionic hand; looking after a pet rock and seeing how chat bots work.
- We practiced a play and gave a show to Papworth Brownies.
- Something Wicked this way comes challenge with fun activity ideas based around Wicked the musical.
- Attended Santa Tinsel Elves and Magic Christmas themed STEM day for all Guides in Cambs West.

Well done to our Guides who worked hard to complete things and gained various badges during the year: Guide Silver award; Guide Bronze award; skills builder badges; interest badges; theme awards and challenge badges.

We were able to present our first Guide Gold award which is the highest award you can earn as a Guide and girls must have gained all six Theme awards in order to earn this

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minded people crafting. There is no restriction as to gender or age and it is entirely free. Come along on your own, bring a friend or another family member. The youngest member to date is 9 years old! If you are unsure about whether you would enjoy spending time crafting with strangers, rest assured that we are a friendly group. Stop by for a chat, pop in for a chat or just stay for a hour or less! If you would like to learn to knit or crochet but you need materials, do contact Rosalind Parnell at the email address above. Similarly, if you would like to learn how to cross stitch. If you are an expert in an unusual craft, please bring your work along and give a demonstration. We would love to meet you. As the Papworth Craft Group is a community project, by attending you are supporting Papworth library. Footfall counts if rural libraries are to survive. Easy targets for cuts, it is vital to use this precious resource and the village is most fortunate to have it.

Have a great February. Stay well, stay safe, be kind

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



### Civil Parking Enforcement

Civil Parking Enforcement has been live in South Cambs since late December, but from 1 February tickets, with fines attached, will begin to be issued by the Civil Parking Enforcement Officers. Officers can only enforce existing legal restrictions, such as parking on a single or double yellow lines. Other parking matters, such as causing an obstruction by parking on the pavement, remain Police matters.

As there are only two enforcement officers dedicated to South Cambs, their time will be prioritised according to need while minimising travel time across the large rural area they will cover.

To report parking violations, send an email to [parkingcontrol@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:parkingcontrol@cambridgeshire.gov.uk), including the following information: Restriction (what restriction is being contravened?), Time (what time does the contravention usually occur?), Day (what day does the contravention usually occur?) and Occurrence (how often is the contravention observed?).

For information on Civil Parking Enforcement, visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CPE](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CPE).

### Have Your Say on the Future of Local Housing

Residents are asked to help shape the future of housing across Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire by responding to a consultation on the Housing Strategy for Greater Cambridge. This strategy sets out a vision for the next five years which promotes healthy, safe, affordable and sustainable homes where people of all walks of life want to live. The consultation runs until 3 March 2024, and the Strategy will be finalised in the summer. It stands alongside the council's Local Plan, existing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategies, and a number of other local strategies and plans.

South Cambs DC is pledged to delivering at least 375 new council homes during the next five years. It will undertake a stock condition survey of all existing council homes to produce a 15-year plan for improved energy efficiency. It will continue to deliver a cost-of-living support programme, including increased money advice support.

To comment on the draft Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy, visit <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/Housing/The-Greater-Cambridge-Housing-Strategy-2024-2029>

### Cambridge 2040

Cambridge 2040 is the code name for the government's proposal to build a significant number of additional houses in the Greater Cambridge area. A few days before Christmas, DLHUC minister Michael Gove held a press conference in which

he indicated the number of additional houses is 150,000, rather than the 250,000 rumoured in the media. This figure includes the 50,000 additional homes included in our draft Local Plan. As there is insufficient space in Cambridge City for that many homes, we anticipate most will be in South Cambs and East Cambs.

The project will be managed by a "DevCo" (Development Corporation), staffed by civil servants and supported by a "flying squad" of planners. It is not yet clear what influence, if any, local councils will have on the project. Local leaders have met with the minister and his staff, and asked about the necessary water, infrastructure and amenities to support this development. When they receive answers, I will share them with residents.

### Ermine Street Housing

South Cambs DC is proposing to lending Ermine St Housing (a wholly owned subsidiary of the council) a further £20 million. Much of this money is to buy single occupancy homes on the open market for homeless people. The properties will be run by Shire Homes, which manages the council's social housing. This proposal is described as "investing to save" – currently those who become homeless at short notice are placed in expensive bed-and-breakfast accommodation. Having its own pool of properties will permit the council to reduce the spend on such accommodation. The council is aiming to acquire about 100 units across South Cambridgeshire.

### Four Day Week Data

When the government issued a Best Value Notice in response to South Cambs DC Four Day Working Week trial, it requested five years of historical data on nearly 200 data points, with weekly updates. This information is now available on the South Cambs public web site here: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/four-day-working-week-trial>

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The 26.2 mile run will be a massive stamina and endurance challenge, as this will be by far the longest and furthest run I have ever undertaken. But it will be worth it!

You might be asking why I have chosen to undertake this run. My drive for doing this is my Mum (Janet) and my Grandad.

Some of you may have known my Mum. She was an amazing person who loved being out in the village walking dogs as part of her business (PDWS). Mum was initially diagnosed with breast cancer back in 2016 and went into remission 10 months after. However, in 2018 Mum was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumour, which took Mum from us. I continue to miss Mum no matter how much time passes. It's incredibly hard to watch someone who means the

world to you, accept that it's their time, but Mum had so much love surrounding her, and she always will.

Last year my Grandad, another person I adore, was diagnosed with Myeloma. Myeloma is a type of bone cancer that doesn't currently have a cure. There are treatments which can help control the symptoms and improve the quality of life. It is hard learning this and even harder to accept, I would do anything I could to take this away from my Grandad. But he is handling this incredibly, he is such a strong person!

This is where I need all the support and any donations you can provide, no matter the amount. Every little bit we raise will go towards this amazing charity, to help fund research and hopefully one day cure this currently incurable cancer. Will you help me?

If you would like to support me, you can find my charity by scanning the QR code.

Or if you go to <https://www.justgiving.com/> and search for James Kemp.

**Thank you for your support!**  
**James**

**James Kemp's JustGiving Page**



## Winter/Spring Coaching Programme

The next group coaching programme for minis,

juniors and adults will start on Monday 5th February 2024. All players of all ages and abilities are catered for. The programme is open to members and non-members. Anyone new to the programme should book an assessment with John Garland to ensure they enter the programme at the right stage. Appropriate equipment is provided for all courses.

John runs the club group coaching programme and is also available for individual lessons. John has 25 years of coaching experience, both in the UK and abroad. He was Head Coach and Club Manager at Letchworth Tennis Club in Hertfordshire before spending several years in Taiwan and travelling the international junior circuit with his daughter, who reached the top 20 in the world as a junior. John is also a qualified tennis referee and an official adjudicator for Guinness World Records.

For full details about the coaching programme and club information please visit the website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PapworthTennisClub>

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For membership enquiries please contact John Peal, Membership Secretary, at [membership@papworthtennis.co.uk](mailto:membership@papworthtennis.co.uk)



**Frederic Smart is a local family company based on the business park in Papworth. We're the big silver building on the left at the end! Our managing director, Douglas Smart, is taking on the challenge of a lifetime and will be running a marathon in Sierra Leone, West Africa, in support of Street Child. Street Child is a London based charity that provides education to children and young people in some of the poorest countries in the world.**

**As part of our mission to support Street Child, we are looking to engage local residents and businesses in our fundraising efforts with events and raffle prize draws over the next few months. Keep an eye out on social media!**

**If you would like to support any events, or would like any further information, please contact [charlotte.davis@frederic-smart.co.uk](mailto:charlotte.davis@frederic-smart.co.uk)**

**You can also donate directly via the QR code below, or through our Facebook page.**

