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**Deadline for next edition is Wed 24th April**

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# Papworth Library

This April at the library, we've got something for everyone. Whether you're looking for fiction, biography, cookbooks, internet access, or events for all the family, we've got you covered. Libraries are community spaces, and you are always welcome to socialise within our walls, and to bring a snack or a coffee in with you to enjoy as you browse – long gone are the days of 'shh'ing! 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:

**Thurs 11th April 10-11:30** – Engage: Astronomy

Join us for an intriguing journey into the world of astronomy! In this presentation, Keith Tritton will provide a fascinating insight into the question 'life as an astronomer: what do astronomers do?', with a chance for questions and discussion. Talk followed by refreshments, free drop-in event, donations welcome.

**Thurs 11th April 14:15-15:30** – Hand Puppet Craft and Storytime  
Make yourself a colourful hand puppet, try it out in our pop-up theatre, then stay for a story too. Drop-in session, children must be supervised by an adult, donations welcome

**Sat 13th April 10-11** – Police Drop-In Session

Have a question you would like to ask a police-officer? 'Coffee With a Cop' comes to the library: chat with members of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary about issues that may be affecting you or your community. Free drop-in session.

**Tues 23rd April 10-12** – DISH Disability 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.

**Wed 24th April 14:00-15:30** – Meet Author Jim Kelly  
Popular author Jim Kelly shares his writing journey and introduces his latest historical thriller, *The White Lie*, inspired by Captain Scott's final Antarctic expedition. Booking essential, tickets £2, available at the library, via email [BarHill.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:BarHill.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk), or telephone 0345 045 5225.

**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 March!

Best wishes from Charlotte and the whole  
Cambridgeshire Libraries team.



## The results are in! Find out who the public said they would like to see perform in Cambridgeshire libraries this spring...

The Library Presents has unveiled its highly anticipated spring programme, created with the input of over 570 local residents. The spring line-up is set to be one of the most exciting in the programme's six year history and features music, puppetry, dance, circus, theatre, and storytelling events.

Loyal fans will recognise a few firm favourites on the programme with hugely popular events such as *The Opera Dudes*, *Samba Drumming* and *Fused Glass* workshops set to return. However, the local community also expressed an appetite to try something new, so this season welcomes some intriguing new acts, including *Conception Mary Shelley: The Making of a Monster*, when Mary has a brutal confrontation with her creation; while families are invited to come on a magical journey into the plant world in a theatrical piece, *The Greenhouse*. Other highlights include music performances spanning a range of genres, a selection of workshops, as well as theatre productions and puppetry performances.

Thanks to public funding from Arts Council England, tickets are affordably priced between £2 and £10, with concessions available.

With events hosted in 19 libraries across the county, guest can look forward to a unique and intimate experience, quite unlike anything offered by a traditional theatre or larger entertainment venue.

Take a look at the full programme schedule, pick up a brochure and purchase tickets in libraries and online [www.library.live/the-library-presents](http://www.library.live/the-library-presents).

*clothes, cake and coffee day*

**Saturday 20th April 2024 from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm**  
**at The Thatch Barn, Yelling, Cambs PE19 6SD (opposite the church)**  
**Admission £1.00 – why not bring a friend!**

Come and browse through our array of quality second hand clothes and home accessories

When you are all shopped out, relax with a coffee and delicious homemade cake

Cash or card payments (minimum spend)

Please contact us at [yellingccc@outlook.com](mailto:yellingccc@outlook.com) to arrange drop off before 5th April of any clean, quality, nearly new, donated items

All proceeds to Cancer Research UK and Yelling Church Flower Festival Fund

# PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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## PADDLING POOL ATTENDANTS REQUIRED – SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The Parish Council will be opening the paddling pool once again this summer following refurbishment of the pool and upgrade of the pumps and equipment which will be happening in April/May.

The paddling pool is a great asset to the village and well used each year by children from the village and from further afield.

We will need helpers to keep it running - without people to look after the pool, we would be unable to open it up for the summer. It takes a great deal of work to maintain the pool so it is safe and clean to use and keep the play area tidy.

We are hoping to employ 3 or 4 people to share cover of approximately 4-5 hours spread out over the day from early morning until early evening, 7 days a week, from mid-July until early September. The pool attendant is a paid position, and all necessary training will be provided.

If you are interested and willing to commit to helping over the summer period, please register your interest with the Parish Clerk by email [clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk)

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Parish Council will be holding its Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 29th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting is open to all residents of the village and is a chance to hear what the Parish Council has been up to over the last year and for electors to ask questions or have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of the parish.

We hope to see you there !

## OVERHANGING HEDGES & TREES

Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways Department have asked us to remind householders that hedges and trees should not be allowed to encroach onto the public highway.

As we move into spring, vegetation is growing rapidly and can very quickly cause problems for pedestrians when it starts to encroach the public footpaths. This is particularly an issue for wheelchair users and parents with children in prams and buggies, when twigs can be at face height and easily cause scratches.

The owner or occupier of a property has a legal responsibility (Highways Act 1980 s154) to ensure that the 'public highway' adjacent to a property is not obstructed by vegetation from their property. The public highway is defined by law as consisting of any verge, footway, bridleway or footpath that is maintained at public expense and over which the public has right of way.

Local Authorities have a legal duty to ensure that public highways are unobstructed, so usually inspect roads regularly and often receive complaints from members of the general public.

When Local Authorities become aware of such obstructions, they can issue a formal notice for the work to be undertaken, which, if ignored will result in the Local Authority undertaking the work and charging their costs back to the owner/occupier.

If your hedge is starting to get a bit unruly, with twigs and branches sticking out towards the pavement, now is the perfect time of year, before the birds are nesting, to get those shears and hedge trimmers out and get trimming to help keep our pathways clear and unobstructed !

Issues such as overhanging hedges, bushes and trees or any other highways matters such as potholes, street signs, damage to street furniture and obstructions or debris and mud on the road can be reported online via the Cambridgeshire County Council

Highways Department reporting tool <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>

## PLAY AREA & MUGA REFURBISHMENT

Work is due to start on the refurbishment of the play area and padding pool, and installation of new equipment from Tuesday 2 April.

You will have seen that the pool pump house has already been extended to accommodate the upgraded pump equipment.

The play area will be out of use once the contractors start to remove the old equipment and the access to the play area will be fenced off until the new equipment is ready to be used. Please do not access the play area during this time.

There are several other play areas in the village which can be used instead, including two on Summersfield, which have equipment for all ages.

Work on resurfacing and upgrading the Multi Use Games Area will happen towards the end of May - more details will be shared once confirmed.

## 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. 35 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, safety checks and risk assessments
  - Maintenance and repairs of Parish Council assets throughout the village
  - Grass cutting and grounds maintenance including the churchyard, cemetery and play area
  - 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 close surrounding area to be able to quickly attend for locking the hall,

dealing with emergencies, sorting out issues and out of hours alarms as necessary.

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 24th MAY 2024

## 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

## PARKING

If you are using the playing fields or MUGA to attend sporting matches or bootcamps, please could we request that you park with consideration to the residents in the area.

The Highway Code is the UK's official guide to safe and responsible driving. According to Rule 243 of the Highway Code, you must not park or stop your vehicle:

Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorized parking space.

In front of an entrance to a property.

These rules apply to all drivers, regardless of whether they are driving on public or private land. Spaces are available in the car park at the sports field or behind the shops.

## CORONATION BENCH

The Coronation Commemoration Bench has been installed at the edge of the playing field facing towards the playing field – an ideal spot for watching the cricket !



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## Update April 2024

### Tenant Consultations – Planned Works Programme

Over the last two months we have delivered a number of consultation events to enable our tenants to find out more about the major improvements that are scheduled to take place over the next three years to their homes.

The events were delivered face to face at a number of venues within Papworth Everard and by virtual meetings for those tenants that live outside of the village or were unable to attend the face to face events. Tenants that attended face to face or virtually were able to meet the contractors and ask them questions about what is going to happen when the work starts. Those that attended face to face were also able to see some of the products that were going to be used for example UPVC windows and doors.

If you were invited to attend one of these events but were unable to do so you will be sent a summary of the discussions, including any questions and answers posed to the contractors.

If you would like any further information please contact your Housing Officer in the first instance by email [housing@papworthtrust.org.uk](mailto:housing@papworthtrust.org.uk) or call 0330 678 0008 option 2.

### Time for Tenants

There will be a virtual Time for Tenants session taking place on Tuesday 30 April, 6pm to 7pm. This session will be hosted by Mark Blake, Director of Finance and IT.

If you would like to attend this you will need access to a smart phone, tablet, laptop or PC and have an email address.

To book your place and receive the Microsoft Teams link contact Tracey Croucher at [tenantengagement@papworthtrust.org.uk](mailto:tenantengagement@papworthtrust.org.uk) or telephone 0330 678 0008 option 2.

You can also view future dates and venues for these sessions on our website by visiting [www.papworthtrust.org.uk/tenant-involvement](http://www.papworthtrust.org.uk/tenant-involvement)

### 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

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## theWI Papworth Everard INSPIRING WOMEN Womens Institute



At our February meeting we had a visit from Naomi Wallen a dance teacher from Royston area, talking about the History of Ballet. It had been suggested that we should enter into the spirit of the evening and all wear a tu tu, which would not have been very glamorous but would have made a lovely photo!

Naomi's talk was extremely interesting, she said it had initially been just men who performed and danced in a comical way, but moving forward to the 1800's women became more involved and the dancing became more graceful as it is today. She also explained about the making of ballet shoes and the strengthening that has to be put in to support the ballerinas who dance on their toes.

Altogether a very interesting and well attended evening.



# Church Notices

## St Peter's Church – April Services

Sunday 14 th - 10.30am - Holy Communion

Sunday 21 st - 10.30am – Morning Service

Sunday 28 th - 10.30am – Holy Communion

The website [papworthteamchurches.org](http://papworthteamchurches.org) has up to date service information for St Peter's Church and other churches in the team.

It also has the Zoom link for Morning Prayer 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)



## In case you are thinking ...

In my world weddings baptisms and funerals come under the generic title of 'Life Events'. One of the privileges of the English parish system is your local church is to be on hand to meet and guide people through such significant decisions and times. The privilege is two sided – people who live in the parish have a right to ask for these special services and as a Christian minister, I have the responsibility to respond

and support these requests. Inevitably and sadly, these sort of 'Life Events' were put on hold when we were hit by COVID, largely because the need to keep people safe as well as the logistics being unusually challenging for families, individuals and the church. In the last few weeks, I have (happily) received an unexpected number of requests for christening or baptism. (The terms christening, or baptism, are, really interchangeable.) These have come from parents on behalf of their children and, in a couple of instances, from adults.

The patterns of what people expect and do has changed dramatically in the last half century. Whereas in the middle of the last century perhaps 4 out of 5 children would be presented for christening within a year or so of being born, these days the numbers are only about 1 in 10. Therefore, when requests come, they become extra special occasions for the local church; because people have made a conscious decision to buck the trend. I usually ask people why they have chosen christening for their children. The answers are fascinating, because what you are saying and thinking interests me! For some, it's what their family does; for others, it is a good way to gather close family and friends to celebrate the gift of a new life; and for some it is the heartfelt desire to set the upbringing of their children within a clearly Christian framework. For many there is no one answer - it can be some combination of all 3 put together!

When an adult asks to be baptised, I find it could be because they feel they missed out if they weren't christened as a child; or because something has happened to initiate a more conscious interest in spiritual matters. For some, there is also a feeling they want something they are actively aware of and choose rather than relying on what was done for them by their loving parents. Whilst the Christian tradition is, by-and-large, that christening or baptism is something done once, there are things we can do (including with water involved) that are profound and help overcome that

feeling some have – for example, "I am told I was there but I would like something to remember about why being a Christian matters to me." When an adult asks me for baptism, I usually ask them whether they want a simple sprinkling at the font or would prefer an occasion where there is a pool in which they can be fully immersed. Both are equally valid and part of our repertoire! Our contribution as the local church is to help people find a pathway that is right for them within our overall Christian understanding. Maybe this is the time for some to do 'catch-up' in 2024. If so, we would love to hear from you!

**Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector**  
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## Hilton Methodist Church



On the 2nd Friday of each month, at 5.30 pm in Hilton we have Friday Feast – beautiful craft activities prepared for children but anyone young at heart is welcome. Located in the Anglian Church, adults get to enjoy an end of week glass of wine. It's lovely. Last month was my turn to deliver a short children's address - I was asked to explain the meaning of the words of the Grace. 'Dear God!', I thought. Librarians have been written on this and you want a fun, two minute talk!!!!.... I reached for the wine!



Most of us remember the words.... or near enough: - 'May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now, and for evermore'. The apostle Paul (you remember him .... the one who used to keep busy by killing Christ's followers) goes on at great length about 'Grace' but basically says it's God freely accepting us because his son, Jesus, died for our sins. Hmm ... I remembered what I thought about this when I was small.

I didn't feel I had sinned really. Ok, I was no goody two shoes by a long way; but I didn't see whatever I had done wrong required Jesus to die on a cross on my behalf. Far be it for me to take issue with St Paul but ... really? Perhaps he should stick to speaking for himself. After all it was him doing all the persecuting, not me!

As an adult, having now managed some decent sinning, I see this slightly differently. But more because I realise how it's nigh impossible for anyone of us to live well without having a negative impact on someone else (think climate change, capitalism, wars etc).

Sin is ingrained in the human experience and it's impossible for any of us to totally avoid it – just think where your pension funds are invested for example....

But I also remembered what farmers do when they need to get an orphaned lamb adopted. They wipe the orphan with the scent of another lamb and its mother, and this results in her not noticing the extra mouth to feed, the extra body to look after, is not one of her own.

For me that's Grace – whether we see ourselves as culpable or not, humans, by definition, cannot match the perfection of God. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is what covers us so that God doesn't notice. God sees us as his. May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ cover you this month.

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 April

7 April 10:00am Mrs. P Zähler  
14 April 11:15am United Service at the Parish Church  
21 April 10:00am Dr. D. Ward  
25 April 10:00am Rev. H. Walker



## Tree Warden Report

David Potter

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### April 2024

Everywhere there is growth and renewal in our gardens, streets, countryside and woodland. Increased light levels, more

warmth and the gentle spring rain all help to 'waken up' the plants, shrubs and trees around the village. Look out for the enormous sticky buds on the chestnut trees and the fresh green 'flush' of new leaves on our hedgerows.

In April, look out for agile swallows returning from their South African winter holiday. Later in the month we will see bluebells and wild garlic in the woods and clumps of cow parsley on road verges and field edges, adding their frilly white beauty to the countryside scene.

*'Let us be grateful, Lord, for little things -  
The song of birds, the rapture of the rose;  
Cloud-dappled skies, the laugh of limpid springs,  
Drowned sunbeams and the perfume April blows.'  
(from A Little Prayer by Robert William Service)*



Photo taken by the Editors

I have been looking at the Tree Council website (treecouncil.org.uk). They have a number of campaigns through the year to encourage people to care for and enjoy trees. Their campaign for April is entitled 'Let's Celebrate Spring!'.

The website has an introduction to 'forest bathing'. It is described as taking a mindful stroll through nature to boost your health and wellbeing. They say forest bathing has been shown to reduce stress, improve mood and even boost our immune systems. Spending time in nature can help us feel more connected and appreciative of the world around us. There is an audio clip to explain this more fully.

My Tree Warden alphabet has arrived at the tricky letter 'v'. It is going to be v for 'vista'. A vista is a 'framed view' that accentuates the landscape's best qualities. By using plants and built structures to manage what you can see of the full view, you can make it appear much more appealing, hide any detracting bits, or make it seem further away.

The famous landscape gardener, Lancelot Capability Brown, was a master at creating sweeping vistas, using clusters of trees, strategically placed to open up panoramic scenes to showcase the beauty of the surrounding countryside. Brown was not only a talented landscape gardener but also a very successful entrepreneur with influential client landowners up and down the country. He owned property in Cambridgeshire and was buried in the churchyard of St. Peter and St. Paul, the parish church of Brown's small estate at Fenstanton Manor.

There are many examples of Capability landscapes to be visited and enjoyed, several of them in National Trust ownership. For example, Wimpole Hall, where Brown's North Park, created in the 1760s and 1770s provides an idyllic setting for the hall and features an extraordinary focus in the form of a picturesque Gothic folly. Other nearby Capability landscapers include the Ashridge Estate in Hertfordshire and the Woburn Estate in Bedfordshire.

In Papworth, we have the tree lined avenue up to Papworth Hall and the almost complete line of alder trees each side of School Walk. In your garden you might use arches or tree planting to create your own local vistas.

## 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.



6 April 10:00am to 12 noon

4 May 10:00am to 12 noon

Hope you will be able to join us!

## Varrier Jones Social Club



At our meeting on Friday 1st March we were entertained by Stuart Clements who bought his keyboard along and played a wonderful selection of songs that everyone was able to sing-a-long with and also dance! It was a very enjoyable afternoon and was the first time that Stuart had visited but he will certainly be invited back in the future. Our next meeting on Friday 5th April will be a Fish and Chip lunch followed by a quiz organised by Eddie Tomkinson. We meet in The Studio

at Pendrill Court on the first Friday of the month. Any potential new members who would like to come along should contact Eddie on 01480 839230 - this is essential because the meals have to be pre-ordered. Look forward to seeing you!





## Two Special Birthdays at the Day Centre

In March at the Day Centre we celebrated two special Birthdays: Audrey and Muriel, both being long time volunteer helpers. Audrey celebrating her 90th Birthday was one of the

steering group committee that helped to get the Day Centre started, 30 plus years ago, alongside Dr Cronk who was then our Chairperson for many years. Audrey then joined us as a volunteer helper in 2016. Muriel joined us in 2017 as a volunteer and celebrated her 84th Birthday.

The clients and volunteers celebrated both Birthdays together with a glass of Sherry and a slice of Birthday cake. You might



be interested to know that the Birthday cake was made by Jenny's daughter-in-law Helen. If you have a special occasion on the horizon and access to a computer you can find her business website by searching for 'Helen's novelty cakes Alconbury'.

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 always welcome.

Another highlight in March was our Easter Celebration on Tuesday 26th March. We had a visit from David and Anne Potter. David told us about the story of Easter with illustrations on his tablet computer, and we sung hymns accompanied by Anne playing the piano. We had a delicious lunch of Roast Chicken and in the afternoon played a game called memory chess. We finished the day with chocolate Easter eggs given to all the clients.

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 cake, and sometimes 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.

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 Craft Group

MEETINGS EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH

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Easter has passed and spring has finally sprung. The Papworth Craft Group seeks to bring likeminded crafters together, to spend two hours, twice a month, for an uninterrupted time relaxing with knitting, crochet, cross stitch or any other portable craft that is being worked on at any one time. It is an opportunity to see what other crafters are doing, to learn from one another and to show what has been progressed or finished since previous meetings. Membership is totally flexible: turn up as frequently as you like for as long as you like. Just come for a chat. We would love to meet you. If you would like to learn to knit, crochet or cross stitch, bring your materials with you and we can get you started. Want to learn but no materials to work with? Contact Rosalind Parnell at [parnellrh@aol.com](mailto:parnellrh@aol.com) in advance of a meeting and there will be all you need, ready and waiting for you to make a start.

The ongoing charity project of making blankets out of knitted and crocheted squares has been well supported. Bags of squares have been left at the library from knitters, who do not attend group meetings, but have been more than happy to knit squares. Lockdown was an especially productive time! Similarly, appeals for yarn to keep our stash going have received a generous response. It has been heartwarming. If you like to do a bit of knitting, but do not want a project on the go through the gardening months, producing squares would fit the bill. Squares should be 20 cm x 20 cm, (8 inches x 8 inches), with all the ends sewn in, please. The corner to corner method of making the squares is very efficient. If you would like some yarn, please contact Rosalind, (address above). Our stash is reasonably healthy at present. Thinking ahead and for the more ambitious, hats and scarves of all sizes are quick to make and will be much needed, once the colder weather arrives. Carole Watt can crochet hats in her sleep. She uses up stash yarn by making striped hats and they are very jolly. Tina Carter has knitted some darling hats for little people and Andrea Rowland has made some gorgeous, knitted accessories for adults.

It has been amazing to see the progress Linda Jewsbury has made with crocheting after her devastating fractures to her right arm. Her accident and subsequent surgery left her unable to do even basic tasks. The problem was made worse, because it was her dominant right hand that was affected. Some months ago, Linda made a start with a 10mm crochet hook and some chunky yarn, managing only a couple of stitches at a time. Those stitches became a blanket and she has added a cushion to her list of finished projects. She is awaiting more surgery, but is hopeful that she will regain even more dexterity. Linda has demonstrated what courage and determination can achieve. Once she has recovered from her surgery, she will no doubt set her sights on larger projects.

A note on seasonal yarn. Now that winter is well and truly behind us, crafters can confidently put aside chunky yarns and seek out more lightweight materials for their projects. The choice of yarns is so vast that it pays to have an idea for your requirements, in terms of the composition of the yarn as well as the weight. At the more cost effective end of the spectrum are the synthetic fibres. The ubiquitous one is acrylic. This hardwearing yarn comes in aran, double knit 4 ply and 3 ply. Sometimes it is mixed with polyester or nylon and it tolerates all manner of assaults on it through wear and tear and laundering. Being synthetic, acrylic is ideal for those who are allergic to wool and other natural fibres that can also irritate the skin, such as mohair and angora. When knitting or crocheting garments for babies and little people with delicate skin, using a soft, synthetic yarn is a wise choice,





## Friends of Pendragon Primary School

It has been a very successful month for Friends in terms of fundraising. We started the month with a break-the-rules non-uniform day, which gave all of the pupils an opportunity to break a few school rules whilst also raising £201 for the school. This was followed by the hugely popular Spring Fling disco. It was great to see all of the children having an amazing time, and even better – we were able to raise a further £379.79, taking our total for the month to just over £580. We're still discussing how exactly



especially when the item is for a gift. Look out for premium acrylic yarns, as they feel soft to the touch but are still as forgiving. Natural fibres, on the whole, are great to work with. Cotton yarn is a great choice for spring and summer projects and comes in a range of weights. Cotton works well for most garments, although a wool cotton yarn, (usually in a 50-50 mix), produces a beautiful drape and is soft to the touch. A silk-mohair mix such as Kid Silk Haze by Rowan is as light as a feather as great for shawls or garments. Natural fibres mostly attract a higher price tag, although there are bargains to be found, such as discontinued colours of more expensive brands or the range of yarns by Drops. Inspiration is everywhere and ideas for projects can be found online and in craft magazines. It has been noted here before that the library has a good range of craft books and it is well worth taking a look. If making a garment is too time consuming, there are plenty of other projects to consider for the spring and summer. Shawls can be very straightforward and once the pattern is fixed in your head, it is easy to complete in a reasonable period of time. The humble granny square can form the building blocks to many things. Bags made out of crocheted granny squares can be very effective as well as covers for tablets, laptops, books...let your imagination fly. The Papworth Library hosts a variety of activities throughout the year. The Papworth Craft Group is one of them. Library staff have generously permitted us to occupy the library on two Saturdays every month. At times there is a lot of chatter and laughing, but we have not been asked to leave yet!! If you think you would like to join, drop in on either the first or third Saturday of the month. Enjoy the longer days of April, as everything in nature welcomes the Spring!

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to spend the money raised, but we know that it will be put to good use. In addition, by the time this update is published, we will have finished the Spring term with our Easter events, including an Easter Egg Hunt for pupils and an Easter-themed cake sale, and we will be reporting on these events in the next issue.

Looking forwards, the details of the Pendragon Big Build scheduled for Friday 19th April are now being finalised. This event will take place in the main hall at Pendragon Primary School, from 3:15–5:00 pm, and we're delighted to say that the whole community is invited. This is a family event, where those attending will have the opportunity to do some junk modelling and play with a variety of construction themed toys (from marble runs to Lego). There will also be a café selling cake and hot drinks, making it the perfect opportunity to socialise for kids and grown-ups alike. Entry will be free (although donations are always welcome), so there's no excuse not to be there.

Even further ahead, plans are now taking shape for a quiz night at the school on Saturday 18th of May. The exact details are still to be determined, but if a quiz night is something that you might enjoy make sure you save the date and follow us on Facebook to get all of the latest updates. We also have a fun run in the pipeline, which is currently scheduled for Friday 7th of June, and a date of Friday 12th July has now been set for this year's summer event. Whilst our lack of man-power this year means that the summer event won't be on the scale of the last few years, we're still hoping to put on a great event, so all-in-all it is shaping up to be a busy few months!

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.

Friends of Pendragon

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# 1st Papworth Scout Group

## It has been a busy term for all sections

The Beavers have learnt about film making and made their own short films. They have also completed the communicator and digital maker badges. They learnt about a healthy lifestyle, completed some science experiments, and learnt about recycling which included a litter pick around the village. Finally, they ended the term learning about the Hindu Holi festival where they spent an evening immersed in colour. They even managed to spend a day at the Raptor foundation learning about the animals.

The Cubs have been busy, learning about German Carnival. They have also completed their gardeners' badge and had nights of games and activities. They are currently running their own evenings learning how to plan and prepare for a night of activities. They have also been out and about with a trip to clip & climb and a day at Duxford Air Museum.

Finally, the Scouts have been busy learning some new skills. They have spent a couple of weeks doing paper mâché, mosaic making or wood craft. They have made pancakes, spent an evening pretending to run crisis command and completed an Easter scavenger hunt. They have also been out and about, attending clip and climb and the years first Camp in January.

A small group also took part in a day incident hike where they had to walk over 12 miles in challenging conditions completing tasks as they went.

In the new term we have our Group camp booked where we will spend 4 days with over 60 children sleeping in tents and cooking on fire.



It takes a lot to organise all these activities and I would like to thank all the leaders and helpers for their on-going support. A special mention needs to go out to Nick Grant one of our scout leaders who was recognised by the Chief Scout for his service with a special commendation. In addition to being an active member of our Group, he is also a first aid trainer and mountain walking assessor for the county.

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](mailto:info@papworthscouts.org.uk)





## South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caxton and Papworth Ward District Councillor's Monthly Report – April 2024



### Local Elections

Local elections are scheduled to take place across the country on Thursday 2nd May. In South Cambridgeshire, there are no council elections, but there is a ballot for the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). For this reason, the council entered a pre-election period on Tuesday 26th March and this runs until the close of polls on 2nd May. For the most part, it will be "business as usual" at the council but there may

be a few activities deemed political that staff will not be able to address until May.

Polling cards and postal votes will be mailed out over the next few weeks. If you are planning to vote in person for the PCC election, you MUST present an acceptable form of picture ID. A list of acceptable ID documents is on the South Cambs web site here: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/elections/voter-id>

### A428 Upgrade

Most of you will have noticed the A428 upgrade between Black Cat Roundabout and Caxton Gibbet has started in earnest. National Highways is making progress on the new Roxton Road bridge and the free flowing link between the A421 eastbound carriageway and the A1 northbound carriageway. Early work to build the new 10-mile A421 dual carriageway as part of the improvements scheme will start in April, followed by work at Eltisley and Caxton Gibbet around May.

The famous Black Cat statue was removed from the roundabout and stored safely in a new temporary home (one of National Highways site offices). It will be replaced once all work is complete.

### White Ribbon

South Cambs DC has now signed up with the White Ribbon organisation. White Ribbon's mission is to end male violence against women once and for all. They work with men and boys to challenge those male cultures that lead to harassment. For more information about White Ribbon and their work, visit <https://www.whiteribbon.org.uk/>.

### Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme

The popular Zero Carbon Communities (ZCC) grant scheme enters its sixth year and reopens for applications on Tuesday 2nd April. Last year, the total grants given through the scheme since it began topped more than half a million pounds.

The scheme underscores the Council's commitment to being green to its core and encourages residents, community groups and parish councils to find ways to reduce carbon emissions and raise awareness to meet the climate challenge.

Applications are invited under two themes:

- Reducing carbon emissions or locking up carbon.
- Community engagement around climate change.

Grants of between £2,000 and £15,000 are available to community groups and parish councils in the District, with a total pot of £125,000 available. Previous funded projects have included community building retrofits, solar panel installation, food waste reduction, climate-friendly cooking education, and e-bike rental schemes.

Anyone interested in applying can attend an online workshop on Wednesday 24th April from 7 to 8:30pm.

Sign up via Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/zero-carbon-communities-grant-application-workshop-tickets-853545175597?aff=oddtcreator>

Applications can be made via the eform on the South Cambridgeshire District Council website: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/climate-emergency-and-nature/zero-carbon-communities/zero-carbon-communities-grant/>

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# Papworth Tennis Club

## Membership 2024/2025

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Advanced players have the opportunity to compete in the Cambridgeshire Tennis League against other local clubs, plus there are club tournaments and organised matches on offer throughout the year to suit all abilities.

Visitors are very welcome. An adult member may bring up to three guests on any one day, with each guest allowed a maximum of four visits per year. The guest fee per visit is £5 and should be left in the sealed box on the corner of the clubhouse.

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

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For general information please visit the club website at: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PapworthTennisClub>



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We want to start by saying thank you to everyone who has been supporting our current Easter campaigns. We have been blown away by the amount of knitted chicks (and other animals) we have had donated, as well as an abundance of Creme Eggs. Our Easter raffle is in full swing too, and thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for this so far. We couldn't do what we do without your support, so thank you all.

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