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PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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Annual Parish Meeting

Just a reminder that 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, plans for the coming year and for electors to have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of the parish.

The Parish Council still has a couple of vacancies to bring us up to the full complement of 13, so if you have a real interest in the village or are new to the village and want to get more involved why not come along to the meeting and stop to chat with one or more of our Councillors and see if it's for you?

We're looking for people who can rise to the challenge and make a commitment to improving the quality of life for everybody in our village, no matter what your age or experience.

Knowledge and previous experience aren't essential, training is available and existing members have a wealth of experience they are willing to share. The essential element is enthusiasm and a willingness to work as a member of our team to make a difference to our village.

We hold 11 Parish Council meetings per year and in addition we also have working groups covering Amenities, Playing Fields and the Village Hall plus looking at specific projects as required.

There is more information about what the council does and eligibility criteria for becoming a Councillor on the Parish Council website.

We hope to see you there !

Paddling Pool Attendants

Thank you for those of you who have enquired about the position of Pool Attendant to maintain the paddling pool and cleanliness of the play area over the summer holiday period. We are still looking for a few additional people to share the role.

The job is for approximately 5-6 hours spread out over the day from early morning until early evening, 7 days a week and is therefore ideal for job sharing (ideally aged 18+)

This is a paid position.

All necessary training will be provided.

If you are interested and willing to commit a few hours a day to help over the Summer period, please register your interest with the Parish Clerk on 01480 830360 or by email clerk@papwortheverardpc.org.uk

Multi – Use Games Area (MUGA)

Work is due to commence on the resurfacing and erection of new fencing at the MUGA at the end of the month, weather permitting. Please note that whilst the surface is allowed to cure, there will be no access to the courts.

Play Area Refurbishment

It is great to see the work at the play area coming along nicely. The pool and pump equipment will be upgraded next.

It was disappointing however to learn that the contractor's shipping container was broken into in mid-April and items stolen.

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.

Cricket Update



Papworth Cricket Club is active and looking forward to playing in the league again this season, which starts this month.

The club is running practice sessions and are looking for more cricket enthusiasts to join the team.

If you wish to join the club as a player or have time to help behind the scenes,

please contact :

Paulson Xavier: 07729276366

Alan Carter: 07983617703



Papworth Library

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.

May at the library is Local and Community History Month. Are you curious about the fascinating history of Papworth and our surrounding villages? The library service has extensive local history collections for you to explore. Drop in to find out what we



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Community Signposting – What's Going On Event

On Saturday 1 June, between 12noon and 2pm, there will be a free event taking place at Papworth Library where you can find out more about the hive of activities taking place in Papworth Everard. There are already a lot of groups that run activities within the village; this event aims to raise their profile, for you to find out more information and how you can join if you are interested.

Please drop in anytime between 12noon and 2pm. There will be refreshments available.

For more information about the event or if you would like to showcase your group, please contact Paul Sands, Volunteer Manager at Papworth Trust, by emailing Paul.Sands@papworthtrust.org.uk or by calling 07772 252526.

Time for Tenants

There will be a drop in Time for Tenants session taking place on Saturday 18 May, 10am to 12noon from Bradbury Court, Westfields, Papworth Everard. This session will be hosted by Sarah Harvey, Director of People and Culture.

You do not need to book for this session, come along anytime between 10am and 12noon.

You can also view future dates and venues for these sessions on our website by visiting 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

Email Scott.twinn@papworthtrust.org.uk

Telephone 07707 290969



have on the shelves at Papworth Library, or search online for 'Cambridgeshire Libraries Local Studies', for information about our major collections in bigger library branches. All Cambridgeshire libraries also have free access to the British Newspaper Archive, as well as Find My Past, Ancestry, and the Cambridgeshire Archives Catalogue, which can be used to explore both personal and local histories. 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. You can also find us on Facebook at 'Cambridgeshire Libraries' and 'Cambridgeshire Libraries Families', and on Instagram at @cambslib .

Here are some of our upcoming events:

Tues 7th May 15:30-16:45 – 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 9th May 10:00-11:30 – Engage: Electric Bikes

How do electric bikes work? How far can they travel? Come along to this month's Engage talk, given by Stuart Eckersley from Spoke and Motor Electric bikes, to find out the answers to these and other frequently asked questions. Talk followed by refreshments, free drop-in event, donations welcome.

Tues 28th May 10:00-12:00 – 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.

Every Tuesday 10:00-11:00 (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 10:00-10:30 (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.

theWI Papworth Everard INSPIRING WOMEN Womens Institute

Two months to cover in this report. We held our Annual General Meeting in March and welcomed 3 new members. After the formal matters of the meeting, W.I. husband Eddie Tomkinson joined us and organised a Bingo session, the prizes being pots of spring flowers.

At our April meeting, the theme again was Spring flowers, when Beverley Tack from Hilton visited to give us some lovely flower arrangements using Spring Flowers. All the arrangements were raffled at the end of the evening, much to the delight to those members who won.

Anyone wishing to join our monthly meetings as a member should contact Secretary Joan Tomkinson on 01480 839230, or just turn up at our next meeting at The Studio, Pendrill Court on 15th May at 7.30pm when Lestyn Edwards will be visiting giving a talk on how 'His Tutu went AWOL'. A very intriguing title that we are all waiting to hear about.



Friends of Pendragon Primary School

It's been a ram-packed month for Friends, and we're delighted to report that we have run two extremely successful events since our last update. We closed out the Spring term with an in-school Easter Egg Hunt, followed by an after-school Easter-themed bake sale. It was a long day's work, but both events were a huge success, with the Egg Hunt in particular being thoroughly enjoyed by the children. The kids did a great job finding all of the eggs (OK, most – some were never seen again) and everyone seemed pleased with their chocolatey treat at the end. Best of all, the Egg Hunt raised an impressive £374.27, with the bake sale after school raising a further £248.11, taking our total for the day up to an incredible £622.38.



At the start of the summer term, we hit the ground running with our Big Build event. The event was very well attended and it was great to see a few members of the wider community there, having fun and getting to know our lovely school. All of the children had an amazing time and it was so nice to see so many kids away from screens and doing what kids do best – playing, creating, making friends and having a blast. Plus, we managed to sell some cake and drinks at the café, raising £265.32 for the school.



Coming up next, we have our quiz night, which will be taking place on Saturday 18th of May with the wonderful Eleanor Ayres writing the questions. This event will be at the school and the doors will open at 7:00 for a 7:30 start. The cost of entry is £8.50 per person with a maximum team size of 8. If you don't have a team, don't worry. You can enter as an individual/small group and we can put people together into teams on the night. The price includes an entry for the raffle, and you will be able to buy more raffle tickets on the day. Just bring your own drinks and snacks and let us do the rest. The form for booking can be found on our Facebook page (just search for "Friends of Pendragon" on Facebook), or alternatively, drop us an email at Friends@pendragon.cambs.sck.uk and we can send you a link to the booking form.

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 18TH MAY

Tickets £8.50 per person. Teams of 8 maximum. Individual and small groups welcome. we can make up a team for you. Doors open at 7 for a 7.30 start.

Price includes an entry to the raffle. Please bring your own drinks and snacks

Please follow the link to book your team. Last booking date on the 15th May.

PENDRAGON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Planning is also well-underway for our fun run, which is now scheduled for Friday 14th of June (please note the change in date since our last update) and is being run in conjunction with Papworth Runners. The fun run will be taking place on the Papworth playing fields and will have a Papworth-to-Paris theme in honour of the Paris Olympics taking place this summer. The entry form hasn't been released yet, but if this sounds up your street, make sure you save the date and follow us on Facebook to get all of the latest updates.

Finally, in purchase news, we're delighted to announce that the long-awaited outdoor learning summerhouses have arrived and are now being constructed. These summerhouses will be a fabulous resource for the school, and have been the focus of Friend's fundraising efforts for the past few years, so we are so excited to see all of that hard work paying off.

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. 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.

Church Notices

St Peter's Church – May Services

Sunday 12th - 10.30am – Holy Communion
 Sunday 19th - 10.30am – Family Service
 Sunday 26th. - 10.30am - Holy Communion

The website papworthteamchurches.org has up to date service information for

St Peter's Church and other churches in the team.

It also has the Zoom link for Morning Prayer 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



'I have a dream ...'

One feature is common to all the awful conflicts and growing armed aggression in various parts of the world, a sense of entitlement that spills over into the assertion of rights. I am not suggesting there are injustices that should not be resisted and changes that are to be sought. However, at its worst entitlement shows itself in rampant greed, triggers the dishonouring of others and, in the

extreme, results in very horrible abuses of power and influence. It is something that can begin in very small ways and poison relationships in many areas. Nevertheless, there is mileage in examining our own mindsets, inner thoughts and deepest desires or ambitions; because, unless recognised and tempered, any sense of unrestrained entitlement soon becomes ugly and damages the ones we want to admire and love.

Allied to this strain of human frailty is, often, the dialling down or abandonment of a commitment to serve others. When that happens, often only realised further down the line, a paucity of interdependence comes about which leaves many people vulnerable and isolated at points in their lives when they can't do everything for themselves. As part of my regular duties I see, however, many fine examples of self-sacrifice and people engaging in acts of kindness that are often unrecognised and not properly celebrated. Thank you for what you are doing.

We are now entering a season of elections – local and national; some will also take a keen interest in following those happening in other parts of the world. I admire many who offer themselves as candidates to serve in the political sphere. It is a tough calling. Elected officials and politicians can easily fall victim to an array of temptations; or find the 'party-system' makes it very difficult to serve according to commonly agreed definitions of right and wrong or deeply held values. I believe it is very important to pray for our politicians as well as using my opportunities to vote.

Martin-Luther King was famous for, among many things, his 'I have a dream' speech. His vision and leadership probably took him to an early death. The things I dream of become some of the fuel and focus for things I pray about. Currently they include the dream we will enter an era where the nation gets good and better government led by those we need - people of clear principle, willing to stand for what they believe as servants of their constituents rather than for personal gain, rather than the ones we may deserve!

At the heart of such dreams coming about is (for me, the longstanding Christian conviction that prayer works and) the results we live with after going to the polls are the fruit of the choices we have made individually and through the exercise of our democratic freedom. The time to assess the degree of selfishness or the prevalence of service shaping our thinking is now. Later, if some of the outcomes are not wholly what we would prefer it is important to play our part with integrity and perseverance; also ensuring any disappointment does not turn into a sickness of spirit that generates a new cycle of entitlement!

Nigel di Castiglione
 Team Rector

Hilton Methodist Church



I listen to a fair bit of radio – usually Radio 4. Two items caught my attention recently. The first, so poignant, I parked up and stayed in the car, transfixed. Simon Boaz, speaking about having only a few months to live due to cancer.

He spoke of having lived his best life. He spoke of how at 46, having lived longer than most people in history, as well as in many parts of the world today, could ever expect. He spoke of the trillion to one chance of having a life at all – think... what if your parents had never met!

And whilst not being religious, he spoke of the equally unlikely notion that there cannot be some kind of design behind the creation of the universe. In view of this, he talked of hope – the possibility of something beyond. He spoke of being surrounded by love and the best we could do whilst here being to show as much love to others as we can.

All this was better than any sermon I could deliver and inspired me to review my priorities in recognition of the gift of life, the limits to this gift and the fragility of our being. Quite transformative.

The other piece was very different; on the imminent risk to our economy with China set to dominate the electric car market having, over the last 20 years, developed city sized car plants, bespoke shipping facilities and owning the rights to 80% of the world's sources of cobalt – the essential component for car batteries. Game over for our automobile industry was the inevitable conclusion!

Aside from bewailing our country's inability to plan long term for anything, it was the fear such developments bring about that struck me as they explained that any less-than-friendly country would be capable of bringing all



our cities to a complete halt.

So, on one hand the freedom inherent in recognising life as a real gift. On the other, fear likely to cause entrenchment and rigidity.

It's to this inherent human capacity to mess things up that God speaks hope. This month churches celebrate Pentecost – the outpouring of the Holy Spirit transforming the lives of thousands immediately after the death and resurrection of Christ 2000 years ago.

Millions and millions have since testified to something like what Simon Boaz was talking about, but more. Faith in Christ as God, God with us now through the Holy Spirit and the everlasting hope of empowering us to live freely that this brings. Not something that can easily be explained but certainly something that can be experienced.

You can contact Revd.Sue by email: sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk or by phone: 07483 153948

Services in May

5 May 10:00am Mr. C. Webber
 12 May 11:15am United Service at the Methodist Church with the Royal British Legion
 19 May 10:00am Dr. D. Ward
 26 May 10:00am Ms. N. Gordon



Tree Warden Report

David Potter

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May 2024

The bluebells in Papworth Wood were a delight to see during April. Such deep colours and so many plants. The best display I have seen. The only disappointment was the mud

and the puddles! I hope you enjoyed the spectacle and perhaps took some photos.

It is always a pleasure to venture into our woods, come rain or shine. In May, the canopy of leaves is thickening and the light that encouraged the bluebells to flourish will soon be dimmed, adding a little mystery to the woodland scene. Perhaps the paths will soon dry out and we can explore without coming home with muddy boots!

If, on your visit to the woods, you pause for a while and stand quite still, you will start to hear the sound of bird song all around you. It is quite thrilling as, slowly, your ears begin to pick out the different 'voices' from overhead and further away. Perhaps you will get to recognise and even name one or two of the bird calls. It will all help to add to the quality and enjoyment of your visit.

In April and May we notice the different timings by which trees



come into leaf and flower. The horse chestnut has its bright green fingers of leaf and spectacular candle flowers on display long before the leaf buds of oak and ash trees have ventured forth. By mid April, the leaves on the avenue of lime trees up to Papworth Hall are a refreshing green, true to their name. The Queen's beech tree is very slow to break forth in leaf but, in time, it will again grace the southeast corner of the Hall.

It is so sad to see that, once again, a number trees have been felled in the village. Old friends that have, apparently, succumbed to disease and needed to be removed for safety reasons. It is surprising and disappointing that so many trees have had to be removed.

In rural areas, the start of May is sometimes greeted by dancing round the maypole. If you would like to see a permanent village Maypole, where the custom of maypole dancing and choosing a May Queen still continues, you could travel to the Bedfordshire village of Ickwell. Here the custom dates back to 1563 as recorded in the Church Warden's accounts. A traditional feature of the Festival is the half-mile procession from the Church at Northill to Ickwell Green, which still continues today.

My Tree Warden alphabet has reached the letter 'w'. This month we will have 'w' for Women's Institute. I have been impressed by the hard work undertaken by some of these ladies to reinstate, plant and maintain the flowerbeds beside the library and in the courtyard, with the help of the brownies and their parents. Led by the redoubtable Jenny Wilson, a team from the WI has brought new life and colour into the heart of our village by the careful choice of plants and bulbs. Jenny has been particularly keen to select plants that will attract pollinators such as bees and butterflies.

The WI was also responsible for again planting daffodil bulbs at the entrances to Papworth and elsewhere in the village. Such efforts are to be applauded and encouraged. Well done WI.



Jenny Wilson, Jenny Grant, Jenny Feakes

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.



Saturday 4th May
Saturday 1st June

Hope you will be able to join us!



David and Anne Potter

We are very lucky indeed to have regular monthly visits from David and Anne Potter. David gives us bible readings and discussion together with topical prayers. We sing Hymns with Anne accompanying with the piano.



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.

Last month we had a board game bonanza. On two weeks we had two tables playing dominoes, a game of scrabble, and a chess game. We have other board games such as colour chess and quirkle, or maybe you might like to bring a board game of your own? As well some of the ladies enjoy knitting and crafts.

Other highlights of April included celebrating Winnie's birthday with sherry and cake. We also had a welcome visit from Stuart singing and playing his synthesiser. Carol danced enthusiastically again to the tune Popcorn, this time joined by Mandy.

At the time of writing we are planning to host Eric Halinski's talk 'Bats – Past and Present' which was originally presented at Papworth library on 14th March.

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.

Why not join us for a cup of tea or coffee and get a feel for the place? 11 am is a good time to visit. Ring Jenny first to let her know you will be popping by.

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

10:30 - 12:30 AT PAPWORTH LIBRARY

Please note that access to the library on Saturdays is at the back adjacent to the Studio

Clearly the rain gods decided that April should live up to its reputation for 'showers' and to emphasise the point gave us bucket loads of rain – and low temperatures for good measure. May represents the high point of spring and one can only hope for sunshine, warmth and gentle progress to summer. Members of the Papworth Craft Group have been busy creating, taking advantage of extra time freed up from gardening due to waterlogged gardens. Linda Jewsbury has crocheted a beautiful striped cushion that belies the straightforward nature of the pattern and stitches used. She has made it for her daughter and is in the process of making a companion one, in the interest of symmetry. Helen Rossin has completed a very smart sweater for her husband, beautifully knitted and a perfect fit. Carole Watt is still making perfectly crocheted hats for the charity Hope & Aid Direct in between times. She crocheted a cardigan with a puff stitch detail. We all wanted one because it can function as a jacket for cool days or evenings in spring and summer or be part of one's autumn/winter wardrobe too. To crochet a garment does not have to involve complicated shaping or more challenging stitches – double crochet, half trebles and trebles can add plenty of detail, depending on the way they are used in the pattern. Carole's cardigan came from Rowan – Crochet in Style, (2022). The yarns used in these patterns is from Rowan Yarns. These yarns tend to be expensive, but using the information of the ply of the yarn and the number of meters in a ball, it is easy to calculate the amount of yarn required, if choosing yarn of a different make and composition. You may have a suitable yarn in your stash, or prefer to choose a more budget friendly one. It goes without saying that your yarn of choice may be more up market, such as organic hand-dyed alpaca, mohair or cashmere! Andrea Rowland, who is a superb knitter has turned her hand to crochet. At the first meeting in April, Andrea began her crochet journey a little tentatively, as she had not crocheted for a very long time. However, by the second meeting, she had advanced to producing a nearly completed scarf. Now she is in the crochet zone, Andrea is sure to go from strength to strength, as she is so talented, when working with yarn. Rosalind Parnell finished a shawl for her sister in a beautiful shade of blue baby alpaca. The feel of baby alpaca is so deliciously soft, making it ideal to work with and to wear. Rowan Yarns used to produce a superb 100% baby alpaca yarn. Sadly, this is no longer available. However, if the idea of knitting or crocheting with baby alpaca appeals – and why would it not? – King Cole has a baby alpaca double knit in 16 shades, that retails at £5.99. There are more expensive brands also available, e.g. Wool & The Gang, Debbie Bliss and Valley Yarns. Another super soft yarn is mohair. The mohair yarns available today are soft, easy to work with and comfortable to wear. Mohair comes from the fleece of the Angora goat and is frequently blended with either wool or silk. It is not only lace weight these days and can be found in most weights, including chunky. Try knitting a luxurious shawl or cardigan in the amazing Kid Silk Haze. There is a choice of 81 colours! Each 25g ball is 210 meters and costs £9.99. Used double it is ideal for cardigans and jumpers, although gossamer light garments need only a single strand. A simple Google search will reveal other similar yarns, but with a lighter price tag.

Most crafters find working with their hands therapeutic. All of us at the Papworth Craft Group would admit that knitting, crochet, cross stitch, embroidery each has a soothing quality. However, it is also a way to express oneself, even if one is following a pattern. We each make any pattern our own, whether it is simply choosing the colour, changing the yarn, adding an embellishment – the list

goes on. There are those who create patterns for everyone else to enjoy and who, perhaps, make changes or little tweaks of their own.

Crafting as therapy is not a new concept. There is real value in creating something using your hands together with, let's say, a crochet hook and some yarn. In a recent interview, Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe said that crafting helped save her during her six-year ordeal in an Iranian prison. Nazanin and her fellow female inmates sewed, knitted and pursued other crafts to help pass the time. She collected scraps of wool from inmates who were about to be released and crocheted flowers for a pinafore she made for her daughter. In a cemetery in Brooklyn, New York, people are invited to gather and learn to knit and crochet, as a way of processing their grief. The sessions are called Grieving and Weaving - crafting as therapy in action.

Knitting and crochet can be effective therapy for neurodivergent people. They have a calming effect and for some, the repetitive actions of knitting or crochet can soothe and reduce anxiety, a common trait in autistic people as well as those with ADHD. It is not just the activity of the craft alone, it is the stimuli of texture and colour that can satisfy a sensory appeal. Being part of a crafting group can be beneficial for those on the autistic spectrum or with ADHD, as it brings people together with a shared interest and provides some common ground.

One of the strengths of a craft group is the learning from one another, not just about knitting or crochet, but all the incidentals that come up over the time spent together. Each session of the

Papworth Craft Group offers a two hour period, during which there are no domestic distractions or pressures. That time is for YOU, time to sit and knit or crochet away, engrossed in your project, if you like, taking time to chill and just listen to the conversations going on around you. On the other hand, you can knit away and be a participant at the same time. But, you should leave the session, pleased that you have spent two hours, without interruptions, with your knitting or crochet or something else and with others engaged in similar pursuits.

Reflecting on Linda's experience of a severe injury and her return to crochet begs the question: is there anyone who loves to craft, but has been unable to enjoy crafting, due to injury, loss of confidence in their ability or simply has not done anything by way of crafting for a long time and would like to restart with some help and support? Between the various members, knitting, crochet and cross stitch are all covered, so if you would like to try any of these again or anew, we would love to help you. Perhaps you have your own materials, but if not, please contact Rosalind Parnell at parnellrh@aol.com and all you need to get going will be waiting for you at the meeting.

Thank you so much

If you are interested in joining the Papworth Craft Group, just come along to the library on the first and/or third Saturday of the month. We shall be meeting on 4th and 18th of May. Gardens will need plenty of attention this month, but there is always time for crafting.

Have a great May!

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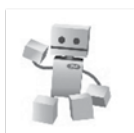
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Parking Enforcement

Responsibility for parking enforcement has now passed from the police to the County Council. As part of the transition, South Cambs District Council has funded two enforcement officers to work with the County team. During February and March, they made routine visits to Papworth, including checks on Ermine St N & S, Chequers Lane,

North Lodge Drive and Elm Way. Most Papworth residents park considerably but be aware if you park on yellow lines or cause an obstruction, you may receive a ticket. To request a visit from the parking enforcement team, go to: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/parking-services/south-cambridgeshire-civil-parking-enforcement>

Fly Tipping

South Cambs District Council has also hired two Communities officers to deal with fly tipping. In addition to removing the waste in their dedicated vehicle, they will also examine it for evidence of the source. If they can identify the person responsible, they may initiate a prosecution. If you pay a contractor to remove

your waste, check they are licensed and will take the material to a dedicated landfill site. Otherwise you remain responsible for the waste and may be prosecuted if it is disposed of illegally. To report fly tipping, go to: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/keeping-your-community-clean/fly-tipping>

Biodiversity Net Gain

As of 2 April, biodiversity net gain (BNG) of 10% became mandatory for all small developments. This means a development with fewer than 9 houses, on less than 1 hectare of land. Biodiversity net gain has applied to major developments since February. Greater Cambridge Shared Planning continues to encourage developers to exceed the statutory minimum with a preferred target of 20%.

Cambridge 2050

The government's plan to build a large number of new houses in Greater Cambridge has now been pushed back from 2040 to 2050. This change is mainly due to the lack of water supplies for new developments. (The Environment Agency is blocking all major developments in the area until additional supplies come on line.) The proposed number of new houses has been reduced from 250,000 to 150,000, and the assumption is most of those will be built south of Cambridge. Local council leaders are in discussion with the government's representatives about the need for better transport and infrastructure as part of the plan.

Peter Sandford

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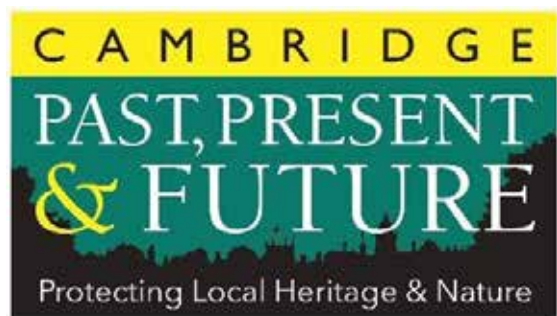
Our members all met as usual on the first Friday in April at The Studio, Pendrill Court. This month we had a Fish & Chip lunch, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Afterwards Eddie Tomkinson had devised a quiz of pictures and questions to test everyone's knowledge of birds and current affairs, and because it was coming up to Easter the winners won chocolate rabbits.

Our May meeting will take place on the 3rd of the month, when singer Cara Bo will visit once again to give us her rendition of popular show songs. Anyone wishing to join us for an afternoon of good company and plenty of tea and cake should contact Eddie on 01480 839230 or just come along to The Studio for 1.30pm on 3rd May to find out what we are all about and hopefully join in. There is an annual Enrolment Fee of £6 per member followed by a monthly entrance fee of £5 each visit.

Mr David Coles

"David Coles of Papworth Everard passed away peacefully in Hinchingsbrooke Hospital on 20th March 2024. His family would like to thank all of those who knew him and sent their sympathy. He will be much missed"

Many thanks, - Glyn



Cambridge's First Country Park is Celebrating 70 Years

Local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future is celebrating 70 years of Wandlebury Country Park. On 26 April 1954 it announced that it was buying the Wandlebury Estate to make it a public open space. It became Cambridge's first Country Park and has provided generations of people with a beautiful greenspace to enjoy. With the help of the charity's supporters, they have also been able to protect the nationally important iron-age archaeology, maintain historic buildings and provide a home for nature.

James Littlewood, the charity's Chief Executive, is helping to lead the celebrations, "we know how much pleasure Wandlebury has given to generations of people and we are proud of our work to increase nature and preserve history. One of the ways we are marking this special birthday is by launching an appeal to raise £70,000 so that Wandlebury continues to be an amazing place for the next 70 years. Details of the appeal have just been made available at www.cambridgeppf.org We are also asking people to help us reflect on Wandlebury's 70th by sharing their special memories with us on social media using the #Wandlebury70."

Bill Clark was the Warden at Wandlebury from 1973-1997 and still lives on the estate, one of his special memories is how he created the first meadow and gave it a name "Getting the charity to agree to turning the wheat field into a flower meadow, was not as easy as I expected. The majority believed keeping financially solvent was very important - and rightly so, for the charity was living hand to mouth, and did not want to forego the cash the crops brought in. I persevered, gaining some sympathy by announcing that 85% of England's chalk grassland had disappeared - years later, satellite technology proved it was more like 95%! Permission was finally given when the Countryside Commission agreed to grant-aid the meadow, although only on condition that we named it for a specific public use, so I named it the 'Picnic Field'."

Save the Gogs

The rolling chalk hills on the southern edge of Cambridge have held a special attraction to people for over 2300 years. On top of the Gog Magog Hills, or "the Gogs", lies the remains of a large and important circular Iron-Age fort, where the Iceni tribe lived. The Romans arrived and built a road over the Gogs that connected Cambridge to Colchester.

From 1865 the race horses of King Charles II and King James II were trained there. In the 1730s a country estate and stables were built there by the Duke of Leeds, where the famous Godolphin Arabian sired a generation of thoroughbred race horses. Although Wandlebury was a private estate it was a popular place when opportunity allowed: in 1933 18,000 people attended a fete at Wandlebury that was addressed by the Prime Minister.

As housing started to sprawl out of Cambridge in the 1920s the wonderful views from the Gogs made it an ideal place to build a house. By the early 1930s Cambridge Past, Present & Future became seriously concerned that without intervention the hills would be built over, destroying them forever. They launched a major 'Save the Gogs' appeal with the aim of raising a large sum of money to pay landowners to give up their development rights.

Although they raised the equivalent of £1.1m in today's money, it was not enough. As fate would have it, World War 2 intervened and afterwards more effective planning legislation was introduced which, with their campaigning, protected the Gogs from development.

Following the deaths of Sir Harold and Lady Gray, in 1953 their son Terance began seeking a purchaser for the Wandlebury Estate, which was in a seriously neglected condition. Frantic negotiations and discussions took place to secure Wandlebury for public benefit and the charity resolved to use the 'Save the Gogs' money for this purpose. Even with the offer of these funds, the County Council could not be persuaded to buy the estate and so it fell to Cambridge Past, Present & Future to step up. There is no doubt that without the generosity of Terance Gray this would not have been possible; he effectively gifted half of the estate.

70 years of hard work

1950s The estate was neglected and unsafe and had to be put it into a suitable condition so that it could be opened to the public as a park.

1960s The first Wandlebury Warden was employed and teas were served from what is now the charity's office.

1970s Storms and droughts resulted in a devastating loss of large trees. This was followed by mass tree planting activity, including The Avenue of beech trees. The first meadow was created.

1980s Dutch Elm Disease and the 'Great Storm' of 1987 resulted in another bought of tree loss and tree planting. A large meadow was created. The 15th century Tadlow Granary was rebuilt to its former glory.

1990s The historic orchard was restored.

2000s 10 acres of farmland was purchased to extend the park and it was planted with trees and sown as a meadow. A dilapidated stable was transformed into a new Outdoor Education Centre, since visited by over over 20,000 school children.

2010s A wildlife viewing hide was built, a pond was restored in the middle of the park and Highland Cattle arrived. Pop-up café's started serving visitors.

2020s 25 acres of land was purchased to extend the park and is being turned into high quality habitats. A dog exercise area has been opened.

Contact & Interviews

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Alicante Cup

Papworth Tennis Club hosted its annual Alicante Cup tournament on Sunday 14th April. The day brought bright sunshine and a gentle breeze for the 25 players taking part, with each player playing four mini doubles matches with different partners throughout the day. The competition was open to both adult and junior members, which provided a healthy mix of ages and abilities, with pairings and opponents weighted as evenly as possible to give everybody a fair chance of winning.

Well done to the joint winners in the ladies' category, Alison Bennett and Clare Lindsay, and to promising junior member Alistair Proudfoot for coming out on top in the men's.



Alistair Proudfoot



Clare Lindsay

Thank you to Clare Lindsay for putting on a fabulous lunch for the players to tuck into in between matches, and to John Garland for organising and refereeing another enjoyable tournament.

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