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## Things are looking up!

At last, there seems to be a general feeling that we are progressing. It's lovely to see events being held again in the village, people meeting up and friendships being rekindled. The last eighteen months have been trying for everyone and I can only thank all the volunteers in the village who stepped up after the District Council's plea so long ago for assistance for those in need. Ditto the shop volunteers who made sure that this community was never without its much-loved hub. Let's hope that we are all careful enough now to ensure that we are not put into lockdown again in the winter.

## Highway improvements in the village

There have been so many issues that have been dragging on and on with highway repairs needed in the village BUT recently we have seen bollards replaced, chevrons reinstated, drunken signage put upright and roads' centre and parking restriction lines renewed. Brockley Road and Church Lane are about to get a real spruce up, so perhaps motorists won't feel as though they are on a dodgem track any longer (unless you venture on the rollercoaster ride that is the Conington Road!). It will mean closure of both these roads for a time but should be worth it in the end.

## Good old sort out

August is a quieter time for the PC and I have spent the whole month having a huge turnout of parish council files. Armed with an official list of "preserve", "review until there is no longer an administrative requirement",

"review with a view to destroy" and (my favourite) "destroy", it took me a month of scan reading hundreds of documents to sift the essential from the dross. Two wheelie bin loads have gone for secure shredding. It was quite a bizarre experience looking back over the years and musing on how things have changed so dramatically for parish councils. When I took over being Clerk in 1990, the retiring Clerk sighed and presented me with wads of brown envelopes. The introduction of modern technology means most documents no longer need to be kept hard copy. In addition, there has been a huge tightening up of accountability that Parish Councils now need to adhere to, to ensure they have the powers to make their decisions and agree expenditure: quite rightly too as it is parishioners' money, not their own to spend as they may like to.

The characters who have come and gone from Elsworth Parish Council and contributed to the wellbeing of the village, the issues that exercised parishioners over time, all came to the forefront. Many issues remain the same today as were highlighted in, and even before 1990, - road maintenance, increase in traffic in the village, speeding vehicles, flooding, bus provision, upgrading the children's play area, fly tipping, to name a few. The Council put round a letter to all parishioners in 1996 asking what new play equipment they would like to see installed! Hopefully 2022 will see this achieved!!

## Thinking ahead

Next year, 2022, sees the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to be celebrated on June 5th. How is Elsworth going to celebrate this? Who is going to organise any celebrations? How is

funding for celebrations going to be raised?  
Where can we site the village beacon?  
Thinking caps on everyone!

2022 also sees the next elections for the Parish Council. We have seven councillors; we are allowed nine. Perhaps start thinking about whether this could be something you would like to become involved with?

## Planning

21/01343/FUL 61 Boxworth Road Elsworth CB23 4LJ Creation of a wildlife pond. Granted.

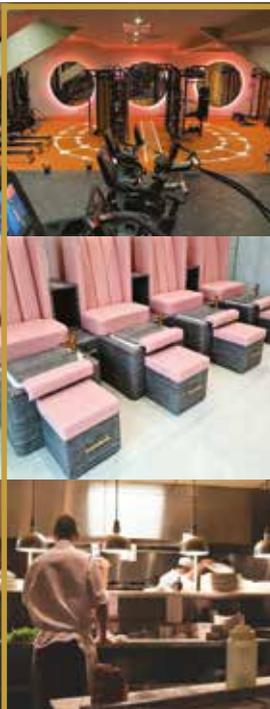
21/02470/LBC 20 Brook Street Elsworth CB23 4HX Partial demolition of ground floor for the removal of existing concrete floor and to replace it with a breathable limecrete floor, removal of the concrete apron and excavate to approx depth of 150mm and the trench to be lined with butyl membrane, excavate and install 100mm upvc drains. Granted.

21/00569/FUL14 Church Lane Elsworth CB23 4HU Demolition of garage, construction of a new dwelling and the addition of a rear extension, render cladding, new windows and new porch to existing bungalow Granted.

21/02318/HFUL31 Smith Street Elsworth CB23 4H Detached garden room with sanitary accommodation Granted.

21/02345/HFUL45 - 47 Boxworth Road Elsworth Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB23 4JQ Installation of 14 solar panels on south east roof. Granted. 21/02515/FUL Elm Lodge Meadow Drift Elsworth CB23 4HS Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of a 5 bedroom replacement dwelling together with garage, driveway and landscaping. Granted. 20/05351/NMA1 15 Cotterells Lane Elsworth CB23 4JR Non-material amendment on planning permission 20/05351/HFUL for

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## Cambridge Country Club

*welcomes guests to the newly opened 5\* luxury complex*

Following extensive multi-million pound renovations, Cambridge Country Club officially opened on 1st September 2021 and is now welcoming guests to the luxurious complex boasting extensive dining, health and wellness facilities.

The Gym boasts state-of-the-art equipment with designated areas for functional fitness, cardio and strength workouts. With two studios set up for spin and dedicated classes, two swimming pools and a multidisciplinary team it is the ultimate facility for all fitness needs.

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Find a fabulous array of dining options by Executive Chef Lee Scott. Choose from fine dining at the 5\* restaurant Thyme, drinks and traditional food at the 19th hole in the Spikes Bar, or why not try The Lounge for coffee, a light, nutrition-packed lunch or indulgent afternoon tea?

Function suites are also available to hire for weddings, celebrations and corporate events accommodating up to 300 guests.

The Cambridge Country Club is now accepting bookings for all dining and events, including weddings and Health & Wellness memberships are also now available. For more information visit: [www.cambridgecountryclub.com](http://www.cambridgecountryclub.com)



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changes to external materials on west elevation.

21/03041/HFUL Meadow Farm Broad End Elsworth CB23 4HS New greenhouse to replace the existing green house and proposed summer house to replace the existing sheds and bird aviary. Granted.

21/02510/HFU 35 Boxworth Road Elsworth CB23 4JQ Demolition of existing extension and construction of new extension Granted. FIO S/3882/19/CONDC Barn 2 Pitt Dene Farm Elsworth Cambridge Submission of details required by conditions 1 (Foul and surface water) and 2 (Contamination) of prior approval S/3882/19/

S/1955/19/CONDC Pittdene Farm Rogues Lane Elsworth Submission of details required by condition 9 (Land Contamination) of planning permission S/1955/19/PA

## Tree works

21/1101/TTPO55 Boxworth Road Elsworth CB23 4JQ T1 Oak ~ Raise crown to 3.0 metres all round, maintaining natural canopy line; reduce long laterals by up to 2.0 metres to rebalance crown and alleviate end weight. No objections

21/0863/TTCA34 Brook Street Elsworth CB23 4HX T1 - Yew Tree. To be reduced by 1m at the top and reshaped and rebalanced to suit. This is due to the size becoming less easy to manage for the owner and growing too large for the area it is in. No Objections

## Date of next Parish Council meeting.

November 17th 2021.

# Papworth Surgery Patients' Link News

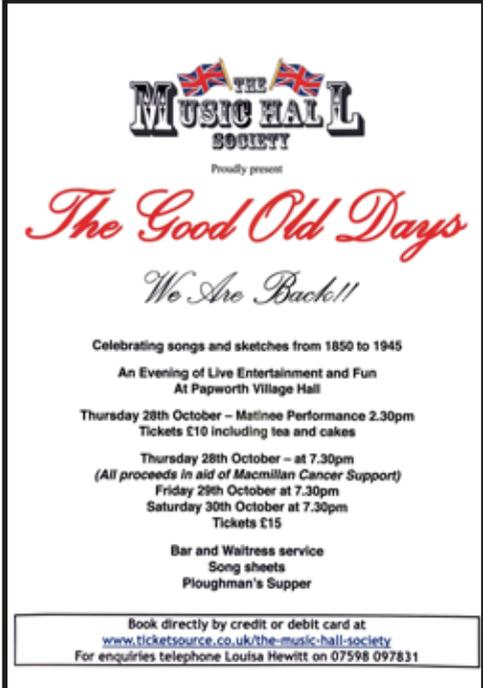
## Changes to Booking System

*Updated 24th August 2021*

Patients who have a medically urgent problem should telephone the surgery to request a same day appointment. We only have a small number of 'on the day' appointments available. These appointments are released at 8:30 AM and 1:30 PM so you may be asked to call back at one of these times. Please note this is a change from the previous time of 12 Noon.

If your problem is not medically urgent, you will be offered a pre-bookable appointment for as soon as possible.

Patients' Link is there to represent all surgery users and to help raise funds for additional surgery equipment. It is also your opportunity to meet and chat with doctors from the surgery.



The poster features the logo for 'THE MUSIC HALL SOCIETY' at the top, with two small Union Jack flags above the words 'THE' and 'SOCIETY'. Below the logo, it says 'Proudly present' in a small font. The main title 'The Good Old Days' is written in a large, elegant, red cursive font. Underneath that, 'We Are Back!!' is written in a smaller, black cursive font. The text below describes the event: 'Celebrating songs and sketches from 1850 to 1945', 'An Evening of Live Entertainment and Fun At Papworth Village Hall'. It lists the dates and times: 'Thursday 28th October - Matinee Performance 2.30pm', 'Thursday 28th October - at 7.30pm', 'Friday 29th October at 7.30pm', and 'Saturday 30th October at 7.30pm'. Ticket prices are listed as 'Tickets £10 including tea and cakes' for the matinee and 'Tickets £15' for the evening performances. It also mentions 'Bar and Waitress service', 'Song sheets', and 'Ploughman's Supper'. At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'Book directly by credit or debit card at www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-music-hall-society' and 'For enquiries telephone Louisa Hewitt on 07598 097831'.

## News from Papworth Library

As October approaches, Papworth Library is remembering community library assistant Sandra Manning; we were deeply saddened by her death after illness in October 2020. Sandra worked for the library since its inception, and our comments book and customer recollection are testament to her sustained and very much valued contribution to the library service and community. In commemoration of her memory a condolence book is available in the library for anyone who wishes to leave a tribute.

Nicola is now the community library assistant working at Papworth and hoping to follow Sandra's lead. She has a lot to learn, but looks forward to meeting more members of the community that Sandra was a key member of, and served so very well.

We're continuing to offer normal service hours within Cambridgeshire Libraries as a whole - Papworth Library is open Tues 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm; Wednesday 10am – 1pm; Thursday 2pm – 5pm; and Saturday 10am – 1pm, though we're keeping a wary eye on Covid numbers, and are carrying out ventilation assessments before deciding on any offering of group meetings. To check on opening times for other branches please visit our website [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library), call the contact centre on 0345 045 5225 or drop in when Papworth Library's open and ask for details.

Our congratulations to all who took part in The Summer Reading Challenge this year, where children up to age 11 had fun reading during the holidays, collecting stickers and rewards. Medals and certificates for finishers are ready to give out in the library. Visit Cambridgeshire Libraries Facebook for Families page @CamslibFamilies or our website for more on our family offering.

## The start of the school year at Elsworth CE Primary School

The term has started really well at Elsworth CE Primary School. It has been lovely to see all the children learning and playing together. Our Year 6 children have helped the new children in Sapphire class (Reception) settle into school by reading to them and showing them the day to day school routines.

It has been wonderful to invite Reverend Nigel back into school and we are very grateful to him for leading a weekly whole school Collective Worship. This term our theme is Friendship and we have listened to stories from the bible about friendship and how we care for one another.

We have also started going out on school trips again. Ruby, Aquamarine and Diamond class have all visited the Henry Moore Studio and Gardens in Hertfordshire. Each class had a guided tour around the grounds and the children were allowed to touch and feel each of the sculptures. The children were also able to see where Henry Moore worked. The children were astounded that the machettes were where his larger creations originated from. We would all recommend a visit to the Henry Moore Studio. Thank you to Mrs Thomas for organising such a fabulous trip.





## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH -ELSWORTH

### *Opening Up Again?*



**Nigel di Castiglione**  
Team Rector

Things seem to be opening-up again, but a lot of people are testing positive with the virus; many plans are prefaced as 'COVID-permitting'. Meanwhile there is a definite autumnal feel, daylight hours are noticeably

shorter, and there are obvious shortages on some supermarket shelves. Everyday life remains a challenge to many folk.

Maybe this is a feature of the 'new-norm'; it irks those who like to think they are in control of their lives and goes against the grain of our western cultural expectations.

On the other hand, maybe it is a wake-up call that will foster a new sort of resilience, a new thankfulness for the blessings of the present, and a new realisation we need to work together locally, nationally and globally, for the common good; in ways that are able to react according to the needs of others rather than to suit our own convenience.

This is one of the insights mobilising climate-change activists. Some may not like some of the inconveniences caused – such as motorways being blockaded – but surely it is time for more of us to listen and take all the actions we can. Little things do make a difference especially when they are built into daily and regular routines. It is inspiring to see how many younger people and children are 'on message' in this and something important to teach, even chastise, some of us who are older but not always wiser!

This is the season when we are giving thanks for the Harvest and being reminded of God's goodness; that we are stewards of this world and have a responsibility to play our part now for the benefit of generations to come. As a Team of local churches we are also extending this season and holding (in Caxton Church, October 31st at 10.30am) a special service to help us to centre our thoughts and responses to the crucial climate-change congress in Glasgow during November; do join us if you can.

One of the powerful messages Jesus gave his followers was that we can learn from nature about how we can best relate to God for the everyday things we need (and often take for granted). Therefore, when we want to grab what we can now, hoard unnecessarily, and live from fear these 'internal drives' may well be indicating a need to re-connect with God as Maker and Saviour.



## Hilton Methodist Church

Hilton Methodist Church has now re-opened for worship.

The arrangements for our services in October are:-

Oct 3rd	10:00am	Fr. R. Randall
Oct 10th	10:00am	Rev. D. Colley
Oct 17th	11:15am	Rev. N. Witham and Rev. D. Busk - United Service, Harvest Festival
Oct 24th	10:00am	Local Arrangements
Oct 31st	10:00am	Rev. S. Baker-Maher

***We regret that there will be no refreshments after the services nor regular coffee mornings for the time being***



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The Elsworth Times is the newsletter for everyone in Elsworth village. It is an independent publication. There are many organisations, groups and clubs that run in the village which many residents actually know little about and would possibly dearly love to participate in - the preschool, the W.I., the Elsworth Sports Club, the Jubilee Club, the Community Shop, the Elsworth Show Committee, the Fardell's Lane Reserve Volunteers, to name a few. Updates from as many as possible about their activities are welcome. Contributions from parishioners about interesting topics too are often fascinating and enlightening.

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The next issue of the Elsworth Times is December 2021 and the deadline for this issue is Wednesday 24th November

## IMPORTANT DATES

Post Office services from the pavilion:

Tues & Thurs 12-2pm

Mobile Library – The Poacher

2nd Thurs of the month 2.35pm - 2.55pm

"Due to Covid restrictions they will allow limited access initially and operate with an on-line select and collect service just like static libraries, so books are kept clean and returns can be quarantined. If casual users turn up the operator will assist as much as possible as we know not all can go on-line."

## BIN COLLECTION DATES

Bin Dates	Black Bin	Blue Bin	Green Bin
Thu 7 Oct 2021	✓		
Thu 14 Oct 2021		✓	✓
Thu 21 Oct 2021	✓		
Thu 28 Oct 2021		✓	✓
Thu 4 Nov 2021	✓		
Thu 11 Nov 2021		✓	✓
Thu 18 Nov 2021	✓		
Thu 25 Nov 2021		✓	✓
Thu 2 Dec 2021	✓		
Thu 9 Dec 2021		✓	✓

**Tissues and Kitchen Roll** - Due to Covid 19 the advice has changed on tissues and kitchen roll used for cleaning, these should be put in your **BLACK** bin at the moment please.

# Autumn Season of Arts Events

The Library Presents is delighted to announce the Autumn Season of exciting arts events which will run from October to December 2021.

Back for its eighth season with a burst of exciting artistic events and activities, The Library Presents is returning to local venues in a colourful flurry of music, theatre, workshops, comedy and family friendly shows.

We also have fascinating online arts activities, one with Integrated BSL and audio description for d/Deaf and visually impaired audiences and all with automated or typed subtitles.

## Venues

The venues the art events are being held are in Alconbury Weald, Arbury, Barnwell, Buckden, Cambourne, Clay Farm, Ely, Haddenham, Huntingdon, March, Sawston, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey and Wisbech.

Full details of the programme, along with booking information can be found at [www.library.live/the-library-presents](http://www.library.live/the-library-presents)

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## Blasters Update

The new season is now underway, and it's been fantastic to see the playing field full of matches. In fact, during

September we hosted 6 Home games one Saturday morning which required some careful planning and staggered kick off times!

Our U7 teams have played their first matches, and we've now started training an U8 squad.

Leanne Fletcher joined us as an U7 Coach this year and is really enjoying her new role. Leanne said

" I wasn't sure what to expect at first but the club and other Coaches are really supportive and welcoming. Training is provided by the FA which is straightforward. Seeing the players enjoy their first games and starting to learn new skills is really rewarding. My Saturday mornings are a bit busier but it's definitely worth it!"

We are still over subscribed for players in the younger age groups so if you've been unable to get your child a place please do consider volunteering. You can contact me for a chat at [Alison.rayner1@btinternet.com](mailto:Alison.rayner1@btinternet.com)



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