A Letter from Louise

A Letter from Louise is a free pen pal correspondence service that matches volunteer pen pal writers with clients for regular friendly conversations and sharing of stories.

In this technological age, there is nothing quite so pleasant and charming as receiving a hand-written letter, knowing that someone has put a lot of time and thought into it. Our clients and pen pals also send each other photographs and even little paintings!

This service is fully safeguarded and all correspondence is sent via our London House office. No personal addresses are shared.

Please note that there are no geographical restrictions in the project. Letters can be sent and received from anywhere in the UK, Channel Islands and Ireland.

https://www.omega.uk.net/a-letter-from-louise-p-214.htm

If you would like to write a Paxton Perspective please contact one of the Editorial Team

The deadline for articles, village events and adverts for the Summer 2020 edition of Village Views is 8th June 2020

Please contact the editorial team:-

M Creed and L Timms on 473294 creedalan@aol.com

Village Views is supported by Little Paxton Parish Council
Message from Little Paxton Parish Council

To our Parish of Little Paxton, in this worrying time Little Paxton Parish Council is doing all it can to continue with our usual tasks. Measures have been taken to limit risks and we are constantly monitoring advice and taking action as needed and helping in areas when we can.

It is an unprecedented time and we remain vigilant and hopeful that the measures taken by us all are successful in bringing a return to normal life.

Stay safe and well and continue to follow expert guidance.

Jean Matheson
Chairman Little Paxton Parish Council

Little Paxton Self-Isolation Support

Little Paxton Self-Isolation Support is a new Facebook Group set up by a village resident to help provide a network of residents who can provide support to others in the village who are self-isolating during the coronavirus.

Within six days of the social media page being set up, support leaflets were printed and distributed to every street in the village by volunteers. There is at least one volunteer for every street. With 398 members at the time of writing, the size of the Group means that support will always be on hand even if a volunteer for a street has to self-isolate. The Facebook Group is open to all residents of the village and can found and joined by searching for 'Little Paxton Self-Isolation Support' on Facebook.

The response from the community offering support and kindness has been incredible and demonstrates the community spirit within Little Paxton.

There are people who are/or will be self isolating but have family and friends who can provide support.

However, there are many residents who do not have family nearby and having someone along the street that they can call for support is a boost.

A simple act of kindness goes along way.

Parish Council - Coronavirus Precautions

The Parish Council will continue to provide a service for as long as is possible and is safe to do so for employees and Councillors and in line with Government advice.

Please see our website and Facebook page, www.littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

GOV.UK Coronavirus Information Service Whatsapp

The new free to use service aims to provide official, trustworthy and timely information and advice about coronavirus (COVID-19), and will further reduce the burden on NHS services.

This will help combat the spread of coronavirus misinformation in the UK, as well as helping ensure people stay home, protect the NHS and save lives.

The GOV.UK Coronavirus Information Service is an automated ‘chatbot’ service which will allow the British public to get answers to the most common questions about coronavirus direct from government.

The service will provide information on topics such as coronavirus prevention and symptoms, the latest number of cases in the UK, advice on staying at home, travel advice and myth busting.

The service will also allow the government to send messages to all opted-in users if required.

To use the free GOV.UK Coronavirus Information Service on WhatsApp, simply add 07860 064422 in your phone contacts and then message the word ‘hi’ in a WhatsApp message to get started.

A set of menu options is then presented which the user can choose from and then be sent relevant guidance from GOV.UK pages as well as links to GOV.UK for further information.

Prof Yvonne Doyle, Medical Director, Public Health England, said: This service will help us ensure the public has a trusted source for the right information about coronavirus, updated with the latest public health guidance and providing assurance that they are not misled by any of the false information circulating.

Little Paxton Women’s Institute

For more information about us and what is happening in 2020 contact Rosemary Young (01480 700808)
Mobile Post Van
There has been a change to the visits by the mobile post van. The mobile post van will now only visit Little Paxton Village Hall Car park on Thursday afternoons 2.00-4.00pm. On Tuesday afternoons it will visit Great Paxton.

Allotment News
The allotment water has been turned on for the season. Please remember to coil hoses when not in use.

If you are interested in an allotment, please contact the Allotment Representative Cllr Jean Matheson (01480 476298) or the Clerk (01480 470193) to arrange a site visit.

Best Kept Allotment Competition
The competition is back for 2020 with all allotments in for a chance to win a trophy for the best kept full size, half size, starter and raised bed. All plots will be judged in August with the winners announced at the Autumn Show on 12th September.

New Hobbies
The Autumn Show is in five months all going well - now is the time start planning your show entries. There is something for everyone in the 2020 Show. Why not enter every class? Practice making a model out of gingerbread, paint a picture grow herbs on a windowsill, make a miniature fairy garden, plant

New for 2020 - Tallest Sunflower Competition
The competition is open to all Little Paxton residents and Parish Allotment holders. Free to enter. Closing date for entries 25th August.

Entries forms available on the Council website. Judging will take place between 26th August and 9th September. The winner will be announced at the Autumn Show on 12th September.
Canon Annette Reed, Vicar of The Paxtons with Diddington and Southoe shares some thoughts with us during these very challenging times.

Greetings to you all. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this edition of Village Views. As I write it is the evening of March 23rd and Boris Johnson has just announced strict new curbs on life in the UK – in so many ways now locking down the country to try to stem the spread of the coronavirus outbreak.

Along with so many other organisations, our churches are closed for public worship and the many lovely activities and events that take place in St James Church have all ceased which means, not least, that the opportunities to offer older people good company and fun came to an end for a while at least.

I have been so impressed with the numbers of village people who have offered to help support those who might now be self-isolating and the general spirit of kindness and friendliness which has emerged, even greater than before in Little Paxton.

Very quickly, along with other clergy, I have switched tack and resorted to social media to continue to be what we hope is a hopeful and healing presence in the community.

Our benefice Facebook page is buzzing and with help from my son, I was able to record a YouTube Video for Mothering Sunday the link to which went out on our Facebook page and a big email list. We hope to produce a service very Sunday and post it likewise.

I appreciate that not everyone uses Facebook, so if you or anyone you know might like to receive our new weekly ‘Keeping in Touch’ leaflet with prayers and thoughts posted to you by email, please do let me know by ringing 01480 211048 or email at: canonannetereed@gmail.com.

If you are internet connected and like using Facebook, please do link up with us on: www.facebook.com/ThePaxtonsbenefice or our website: www.thepaxtonsbenefice.org.

Finally, we have decided not to publish an April version of the monthly magazine ‘Quartet’ due to delivery problems, but really hope to resume publishing as soon as possible.

I find it comforting that our parish churches have been present in villages up and down the country for 1,000 years. Worship may have changed a lot over the centuries and vicars have come and gone. The buildings have been used in different ways, but these places and their people have always been there; united in faith that each and every one of us matters to God and that each and every one of us is his precious child.

Whatever we are going through, I believe that God’s loving presence is always beside us to give comfort in our bewilderment and fearfulness. For so many people to be isolated for several weeks is going to bring a lot of sadness and loneliness. Please keep ringing those who are vulnerable and on their own – hearing your voice could be a lifeline for them.

Please do ring if you would like to chat. I will be, like all of you, based at home, but will need to walk my greyhound girl – if only once a day. If I see any of you, I will wave!

Let’s all have hope that these bewildering and frightening times will all pass and soon we shall enjoy all the freedoms of living we maybe have taken for granted.

With love and prayers

Annette

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**St James’ Church ‘100’ Club**

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**December Winners**
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- £250 No. 72  J Stimpson
- £125 No. 5  A Harrison
- £75 No. 87  L Lander
- £25 No. 63  R Rowe
- £25 No. 115 K Marsh

For more information or to join the ‘100’ Club contact – Helen Young (216255)
Help!

We are experiencing the crisis of our generation. It is hard to process the rapidly changing events.

Imagine a small boat on a peaceful lake which is caught in a sudden and unexpected storm. Those in the boat are experienced sailors but they've never before faced anything like this. Panic grips them. Fear overwhelms them. Does this sound familiar? We may have learned how to cope with normal life and follow our usual routines, but the last few weeks has ripped up 'normal' and something gnaws within us. The Bible tells of a boat caught in a sudden and terrible storm, and the fear of the men in that boat. Unexpected storms don't give us time to think straight, our reaction may reveal things deep in our hearts. Jesus was with those men in that boat, he was sleeping. They woke him with a cry of desperation: "Don't you care if we drown?" They weren't asking for help, they were shocked that he didn't share their terror and the impending doom. They certainly didn't expect him to do what he did. He got up and told the storm to stop. And it did. Then a new sort of fear gripped the men and they asked: Who is this? It was a deeply loaded question. The answer had the potential to transform their experience of that storm, and also the storms of our lives. When Jesus commanded the storm the wind and waves recognised the voice of their Maker. The men in the boat were barely beginning to realise who Jesus was. The presence of Jesus in the boat affirmed that he did in fact care, much more than those men were able to understand. The Bible's message is that Jesus is God himself made man because he cares for those who are caught in great storms. His care is not a mere sympathy but a care invested with power to make a difference. The extent of both that care and power combined when Jesus was killed… (and that is the end of a greater story).

But, in that boat caught in that storm the men missed who it was who had joined them. This presents us with a challenge. When we are shaken by the impact of the coronavirus and our minds race with deep uncertainties we could, like those men, simply panic and fret; or we could dare to seek help in the one who has power to still the greatest storm and has shown he cares enough to do so by the greatest sacrifice. I'd encourage you in these times not to miss who is in the boat with us and give some thought to who Jesus is.

Enforced isolation has meant that church services are more accessible than ever before through video links, why don't you find out a bit more?

Richard Fairbairn, pastor at Kingfisher Church, Little Paxton - Richard@kclp.uk
Year 1556  Joan WASTE a blind woman, was burnt as a heretic, on the stake along the Burton Road on August 1st, soon after Queen Mary came to the throne. Her offence was that of maintaining that the Sacrament was only a representation of the body of Christ and the elements were mere bread and wine. Holding her hand in comfort as she was led to the stake was her brother Roger WASTE.

Year 1797  Bond to indemnify Little Paxton Parish regarding Mary PAPWORTH’s illegitimate child. The father of the bastard child Thomas GOODGAMES junior, farmer, of Meagre Farm by Little Paxton Wood, to pay £2 expenses of the birth by midwife. He also to pay the sum of one shilling and nine pence weekly, each Monday morning whilst the child is chargeable to the said Little Paxton Parish.

Year 1814  A boy in the employ of Mr, Simon MAW of St Neots Hardwick was riding a mare belonging to his master from the fields where he had been at plough. The animal suddenly ran away and threw the unfortunate lad, who was pitched upon his head and received such serious injuries that he died within two hours.

Year 1818  Mr, Haylock CROSS a Little Paxton farmer appeared to be a magnet for thieves. In October, Isaac WARD of the village was convicted of stealing turnips from Haylock and fined 1 shilling for the value of the turnips and a further 10 shillings to be given to the poor of the parish.

In 1834  James HUCKLE, labourer, was sentenced to 7 years Transportation for stealing fowles from Haylock Cross.

In 1836  Haylock Cross was robbed of a purse containing some £40 in gold coins by a gang of men; one named WALKER was caught with the purse and later sentenced to 14 years Transportation. Haylock Cross made out his will on 14th March 1856.

Year 1843  A concert at the Dial Inn (now a listed building at 64 High St., Little Paxton) on the 25th November. Consisting of Comic Songs, Recitations, Vocal and Instrumental, Dancing in Character by professionals from London and Manchester saloons. Admission 6d.

Year 1844  General Game Certificate at a cost of £4 and 10 pence issued to Benjamin INWARDS, gamekeeper of Little Paxton, on 23rd August by Mr. SWEETING.
Who’s new on the Council

♦ Cllr Sarah Bell was co-opted as a member of the Council on 13th February.
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Councillor Surgeries

The Council is always striving to find ways to engage with residents of Little Paxton.
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Annual Parish Meeting - CANCELLED
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Parish Council Meeting Dates

Please check the Council website as meetings may be cancelled at short notice.

Agenda and Minutes can be viewed on the Parish website and also on the Parish Notice board on St. James Road. Please check the Parish website for the Meetings’ Agenda - http://www.littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Clerk’s contactable hours only between:
Monday - Friday 9.00am - 2.30pm.
Email: clerk@littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

The correspondence address for the Parish Council is not a public office and all meetings with the Clerk are to be arranged by appointment.

All telephone calls to the Parish Clerk are recorded for training and monitoring purposes.

For all Parish Council enquiries, please contact Clerk of the Council, Mrs J Gellatly, 11 Hayling Avenue, Little Paxton Tel 01480 470193. Clerk’s contactable hours 9.00am - 2.30pm Monday-Friday.

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Little Paxton Parish Council Awards 2020

Recognising remarkable and inspiring individuals and community groups within our Village.

The Awards Panel is especially keen to hear about unsung heroes who deserve acknowledgement for achieving something outstanding or who have given back to the local community in a significant way.

Nominations for people of all ages are welcomed.

NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM
The Parish Clerk: at clerk@littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk or www.littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Closing date 1st June 2020

Council Tax

The Parish Council has approved its budget for 2020/2021. The Precept requirement is £140,927.00 and the Band D Rate is £90.80. A copy of the budget is available on the Council website – www.littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/finance.

The Parish Council has a five year business plan and a five your financial forecast for Council projects and events for 2019-2024. The plan is available on the Council website. The plan is currently being reviewed for 2020-2025.

Local Police Surgeries

Little Paxton 2020

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Volunteering for Countryside Services

Volunteering is one of the most rewarding things you can do with your spare time and it makes a world of difference to the local community.

Last year volunteers worked over 3500 days on Huntingdonshire District Council’s Countryside sites which include Barford Road Pocket Park (St Neots), Hinchingbrooke Country Park (Huntingdon) and Holt Island Nature Reserve (St Ives), among others.

Paxton Pits Nature Reserve is also one of HDC’s sites and is supported the Friends of Paxton Pits. It is situated at the end of the High Street in Little Paxton and people come here to walk and spot wildlife. One of the other reasons people come here is the Visitor Centre. It is enjoyed by people who are going for a walk around the reserve or by those who want a place to meet up and have a natter. The Visitor Centre is run entirely by a wonderful group of volunteers who give up their free time to make sure all who visit Paxton Pits are welcomed and refreshed. In recent times, however, the centre has been closed on a regular basis, something we are incredibly worried about. In order to keep it open, we need more volunteers.

There are many different reasons why people choose to volunteer. It can range from loyalty to a particular cause, giving back to the community or simply as a way to fill spare time. Whatever their reason, people experience many benefits from volunteering: connecting with others and making friends; a sense of wellbeing and fulfillment; an improvement to their physical and mental health.

HDC’s amazing volunteers carry out a wide range of indoor and outdoor roles which include:

- Practical Conservation
- Events
- Outdoor Education
- Site Checks
- Hinchingbrooke Country Park Café
- Wildlife Surveys
- Paxton Pits Visitor Centre

We wouldn’t be able to achieve nearly as much without our volunteers and we really need more volunteers to help, not just at Paxton Pits Visitor Centre, but on all of our Countryside sites.

If becoming a volunteer for HDC’s Countryside Service is something you are interested in or if you have any questions about volunteering opportunities, please get in touch with Robyn Staddon, (Volunteer Co-ordinator) on 07704 019620 or by email at Robyn.Staddon@huntingdonshire.gov.uk.

Simply Saturday Celebrates the 4th of July

We are holding an American-themed lunch to celebrate America’s Independence Day with a ‘bring and share’ meal which will be held on Saturday the 4th of July, 12:30pm to 2:30pm at St James’ Church, Little Paxton. We would like people to bring along American-style food and, as there will be American-style music playing in the background, we would like them to also bring along any music CDs to help things go with a swing! The suggested donation for the event is £1.00 and there will be a raffle. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Helen Young on 01480 216255.

Huntingdonshire District Council bin collections for Little Paxton (dates are correct at time of issue)

- **Black (general household waste)**
  - 1st April
  - 15th April
  - 29th April
  - 13th May
  - 27th May
  - 10th June
  - 24th June

- **Green (garden waste)**
  - 6th April
  - 20th April
  - 4th May
  - 18th May
  - 1st June
  - 15th June
  - 29th June

- **Blue (recycling)**
  - 8th April
  - 22nd April
  - 6th May
  - 20th May
  - 3rd June
  - 17th June

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

**2019/2020**

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**VE Day 75**

The national commemorations which were planned for the 8th, 9th and 10th May have been **POSTPONED** until later in the year.

The Parish Council will erect large poppies on the lamp posts on Gordon Road as originally planned. We will remember them.

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**Community Led Plan – Website Enhancements**

www.littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you have a business in Little Paxton and wish your business contact and website details on the Parish Council website, please email the Clerk.

Groups can also have their own page or add a link to their organisation’s website on the Council website.

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**What is a Cold Calling Zone?**

Cold Calling zones were first set up in the UK by Cambridgeshire Trading Standards. They are designated areas (streets, cul-de-sacs etc) which aim to deter uninvited sales people and help give residents the confidence to say ‘no’ to doorstep callers.

Cold calling zones help stop potential rogue traders and distraction burglars in areas where these had previously been a problem. Each Cold Calling area requires a local coordinator.

There are now over 50 No Cold Calling Zones with a local coordinator in Cambridgeshire and this number is steadily rising. If you live in or near to a No Cold Calling Zone and would like more information about becoming the local coordinator then please contact the Community Protection Team on 0345 045 5206.

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**Neighbourhood Watch**

To set up a local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme or find your nearest scheme search www.ourwatch.org.uk

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**E-Cops**

Cambridgeshire Constabulary has an email messaging system call Ecops. By signing up to this free service, you will receive weekly crime updates and alerts for Little Paxton and the local area direct into your in box. Messages also include crime prevention advice and appeals for help.

The system also enables residents to feedback information to the St Neots Neighbourhood Police Team. To register go to www.ecops.org.uk

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**Support Little Paxton**

Use our local Co-op and their Community Fund will donate 1% of your spend to local causes, when using a Co-op membership card and purchasing Co-op branded products and services.

To support our community, please become a member by visiting: **www.coop.co.uk** and follow instructions to join. Current members visit **www.membership.coop.co.uk** to nominate your Co-op Community Fund.

**St James’ Church Community Space Project**

providing a Cinema and free events throughout the year for our Little Paxton community.

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I am in awe of flowers. Not because of their colours, but because even though they have dirt in their roots, they still grow. They bloom.

*Antoinette Fay*
Parish Council grants
Village groups and organisations can apply to the Parish Council for grant funding. Applications are available on the Council website or by contacting the Clerk on 01480 470193

Fixmystreet
This is a website where faults can be reported UK wide and they will be forwarded to the appropriate authority. https://www.fixmystreet.com

Be someone else's sunshine.
Be the reason someone smiles today.

There are lots of sites offering support for people staying at home; these are just a few.
The editorial team has no connection to any of these sites and does not endorse any advertisement or product identified.

- https://techboomers.com/
- https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga
- Zentangling an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns.
- https://www.standard.co.uk/life/29-kids-activities-during-lockdown-691585

Buckden & Little Paxton Surgery

Important changes to our services - Coronavirus Advice (COVID-19)

Please do not book an appointment or attend the practice if you have symptoms associated with coronavirus, including a new continuous cough or a high temperature.

You are advised to stay at home for 7 days.

If your symptoms are serious, or get worse, NHS 111 has an online coronavirus service that can tell you if you need further medical help and advise you what to do.

Only call 111 direct, if you cannot go online, or are advised to do so by the online service.

For the latest Covid-19 advice please visit www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

Appointments

From Monday 23 March 2020, all requests for an appointment with the Doctor, Nurse or Healthcare Assistant will be a telephone call first. We will assess your symptoms, provide guidance and support and advise if you need to be seen. If we need to see you, we will make the arrangements with you.

Please do not attend the practice unless you are asked to.

We are contacting ALL patients with pre-booked routine appointments to talk to them about the next steps so please wait for us to contact you.

Little Paxton – temporarily closed

From Monday 23 March 2020, our Little Paxton Surgery site will temporarily close. One weekly clinic will remain for patients who cannot get to Buckden but ALL other services will be provided from Buckden. We will collect post and prescription request slips on a daily basis.

Repeat Prescriptions

Please continue to order your repeat prescription online on by telephone between 10:00 and 12:30pm. Please place any paper requests in the POST BOX outside. Please DO NOT enter the practice to deliver your repeat slip. We will not be issuing prescriptions early or in extra quantities. Please DO NOT over-order to help maintain supplies for everybody.

Dispensing Patients

Please do not collect your medication from the dispensary if you have a cough and/or fever. Please ask somebody to collect on your behalf who does not have symptoms. The dispensary at Buckden will be open for collections between 08:00am and 10:00am and between 16:00pm and 17:30pm only (except Thursday afternoons and closing at 17:00pm on Fridays). The delivery service will be suspended except in exceptional circumstances.

Telephone Lines

Our telephone lines will be busier than usual. Please bear with us as we answer each call as quickly as we can.
Autumn Flower and Vegetable Show  
Saturday, 12th September  
2.00pm – 4.00pm Little Paxton Village Hall

If you enjoy growing fruit, vegetables, flowers and making home produce, then make a date in diary to take part in this Parish Council community event. This is a free event and you can enter as many classes as you wish (one entry per class). Refreshments available. Free admission.

The Parish Council has contacted many village groups and allotment holders for ideas for the show classes. We have taken on board all the suggestions and increased the number of show classes. A list of all the classes is available on the Council website – www.littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

The show classes include 34 fruit and vegetable classes, nine flower classes, nine children’s classes and 21 home produce classes.

Here are the classes:

1. Six blueberries - with stalks
2. Six raspberries - with stalks
3. Six blackberries - new class 2020
4. Mixed currants with stalks – new class 2020
5. Six plums
6. Six apples
7. Six pears – new class 2020
8. Six potatoes – new class 2020
9. Three carrots – long
10. Three carrots – stump
11. Three coloured carrots (not orange)
12. Ten shallots
13. Ten spring onions
14. Six radishes
15. Two lettuces
16. Two cauliflowers
17. Ten pods of peas
18. Four onions
19. Two cabbages
20. Six beetroot
21. Four courgettes
22. Two cucumbers
23. Four tomatoes
24. One marrow
25. One Butternut squash
26. One weird pumpkin – new class 2020
27. Two gourds -new class 2020
28. Six runner beans
29. A selection of three peppers
30. A selection of three chillies
31. The heaviest vegetable
32. The longest runner bean
33. A vegetable selection, a display of any of five from classes 1-23
34. A selection of 8 fresh herbs in a jam jar
35. Best wonky vegetable

Flowers
36. One pot plant flowering
37. One patio planter
38. One hanging basket
39. Five dahlias in a vase
40. A vase of cut garden flowers - mixed
41. A vase of cut garden flowers - one variety
42. One scented bloom
43. One rose
44. Floral arrangement ‘Something Different’ – maximum 24” (60cm) width
45. One miniature arrangement - maximum size 6” (15cm) height, width and depth

Children’s Classes
46. An animal made from vegetables and/or fruit
47. Best drawing/painting of a sunflower- new class 2020
48. A picture made using fruit/vegetable printing - new class 2020
49. Miniature fairy garden - new class 2020
50. Home grown cress - new class 2020
51. Four brownies
52. Four cookies
53. Four decorated cupcakes - new class 2020
54. Four decorated gingerbread people - new class 2020

Home Produce classes
55. Four small decorated cakes
56. Four muffins
57. Four Scones
58. Six biscuits
59. Four shortbread- new class 2020
60. One gingerbread creation - new class 2020
61. One Victoria Sandwich - new class 2020
62. One chocolate cake - new class 2020
63. A Showstopper cake - new class 2020
64. One fruit tart
65. One quiche - new class 2020
66. Home-made sweets
67. A jar of home made chutney
68. A jar of home-made jam
69. A jar of home-made marmalade
70. A jar of honey
71. Homemade flavoured gin - new class 2020
72. One bottle of beer - lager
73. One bottle of beer - non lager
74. One bottle of wine or cordial - alcoholic
75. One bottle of wine or cordial - non alcoholic

This year’s event aims to tackle loneliness and be dementia friendly.
Simply Saturday, Little Paxton Friendship Club and St Neots Coffee Pot Memory Café will be represented at the Autumn Show. This is a great event to get together for a chat and make new friends.

Registration forms are available on the Council website or by contacting the Clerk Tel 01480 470193 clerk@littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk
TimeBank is doing what it does best – helping people particularly those in need, but it will depend on the help needed (e.g. shopping, collecting prescriptions, Dog walking or phone friend) and the willingness of our members. But please ask. We are compiling a list of people that can help and another for those that need help (TimeBank member or not) so let us know if you’re happy to help or need help. We are also happy to chat on the phone, now’s the time for a phone-friend to alleviate the boredom of just being stuck at home on your own. Just....

email time.volunteers@outlook.com or phone 07590909057 The landline number of 01480 404184 will no longer be available. We will continue to send out our monthly Newsletters updating you with news and our activities

Techboomers™

https://techboomers.com/#
Free online tutorials to help you navigate online

Not everyone may be equally confident using technology to stay in touch with friends and family. Someone might be unfamiliar with using a tablet, for example, or social media. This website provides lots of free tutorials covering a range of different topics.

Techboomers.com is a free educational website that teaches older adults and other inexperienced Internet users with basic computer skills about websites that can help improve their quality of life.

Techboomers provides three main services:
1. Techboomers introduces users to trusted new websites and Internet-based applications through an easy-to-navigate directory and targeted emails based on their interests.
2. Techboomers provides free video and article tutorials in a language suited to those who may not be the most tech-savvy. These tutorials teach the easiest and most efficient ways to use the websites, as well as how these websites can improve one’s quality of life.

Techboomers keeps its users informed of important news and information about their favourite products via on-site alerts and periodic email newsletters.

Mick’s Shorts

1920 - not just flappers and prohibition

January: The inauguration of the League of Nations is held in Paris
February: 1st flight from London to South Africa departs (takes 1½ months)
March: The British parliament accepts Irish Home Rule law
April: British Mandate over Palestine goes into effect (lasts 28 years)
May: Joan of Arc (Jeanne D’arc) is canonised a saint
June: The League of Nations places the International Court of Justice in The Hague
July: Mexican rebel Pancho Villa surrenders
August: The Summer Olympic Games open in Belgium; it is the first time the Olympic Oath is voiced, doves are released to symbolise peace, and the Olympic Flag is flown
September: The ‘Wall Street Bombing’ occurs when a horse-drawn wagon explodes killing 38 and injuring 143
October: Dutch law provides for an 8 hour working day and African demonstrators are shot in Port Elizabeth, South Africa
November: The Cenotaph in Whitehall, designed by Edgar Lutyens, is unveiled and the burials of unknown soldiers take place simultaneously in Westminster Abbey at the Arc de Triomphe, Paris
December: The Government of Ireland Act / Home Rule Act is passed partitioning Ireland

Source: www.onthisday.com

Don’t forget!
Parish Council meetings: see the Parish Council website for meeting dates.
www.littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

♦ Tallest Sunflower competition closing date - 25th August
♦ Autumn Flower & Vegetable Show - 12th Sept
♦ Beer Festival - 12th September

Deadline for articles for Summer 2020
Village Views is 8th June 2020