

Mick's Shorts

What Is the Summer Solstice?

The term solstice comes from the Latin words "sol" (sun) and "stitium" (still or stopped). It is used to describe the exact moment when the poles are tilted at their maximum toward or away from the sun.

The summer solstice occurs when the sun is directly above the Tropic of Cancer, which is the circle marking the latitude 23.5 degrees north, and which runs through Mexico, the Bahamas, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, India and southern China. For those living above the Tropic of Cancer, it is the longest day of the year.

For those who live in the Southern Hemisphere, this is the shortest day of the year and marks the arrival of winter. The longest day of the year for those south of the equator occurs between Dec. 20 and 22, when the sun is directly above the Tropic of Capricorn.

Ancient Romans celebrated the arrival of the summer with a religious festival in honour of Vesta, goddess of the hearth. Women would enter temples named for the goddess to leave offerings with the hopes of receiving good blessings for their families.

In Ancient Greece, the summer solstice sometimes marked the new year and became a time to hold a festival for Cronus, the god of agriculture. Even slaves were allowed to break social codes and participate in the festivities.

The alignment of Ancient archaeological structures such as the Great Pyramids of Kufu and Khafre on Egypt’s Giza plateau suggests Ancient Egypt observed the summer solstice as well. That’s because if you’re standing directly in front of the Sphinx, the sun sets precisely between the two pyramids on the summer solstice. Stonehenge, the 5,000-year-old ring of standing stones in southwest England, aligns with the direction of the sunrise on the summer solstice.

Source: www.nbcwashington.com

Don’t forget!

Parish Council meetings: 4th and 18th July, 1st August, 5th and 19th September

- PAXFEST - 13th JULY
- Little Paxton Celebrates - 21st, 23rd, 24th and 25th November
- Connections Bus - 25th July, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th August
- Autumn Flower and Vegetable Show - 14th September

The deadline for the Autumn 2019 issue of Village Views articles is 3rd September 2019
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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 Autumn 2019 edition of Village Views is 3rd September 2019.

Please contact one of the editorial team:-
M Creed (473294) (including photos and adverts), L Timms (394051), and R Russell (213647).
Or you can email information to creedalan@aol.com.

Is your dog experiencing any of these symptoms:
- Limping or lameness
- Stiffness
- Reluctance on walks
- Difficulty climbing stairs
- Mobility issues
- Twisting down their back
- Nervousness, anxiety or touch shy
- Crying or yelping in pain
- Performance issue i.e. knocking over jumps in Agility
Or are they:
- Recovering from an injury or surgery
- Suffering form Arthritis or other orthopaedic condition

Then Clinical Canine Massage could help. CCM is a powerful non-invasive therapy that can help reduce pain and support muscular rehabilitation. It can also support the management of conditions such as Arthritis, Elbow and Hip Dysplasia, Luxating Patella as well as help dogs suffering from anxiety and stress.

If your dog is showing any of the above then talk with Sarah to see how massage could improve their quality of life.

Sarah always works with veterinary consent

Tel: 01480 374 670
Email: sarah@yourdogsflife.co.uk

Your Dog’s Life is a division of Nature’s Assistance Ltd located in Little Paxton
Huntingdonshire District Council
bin collections for Little Paxton
(dates are correct at time of issue)

Black (general household waste)
10th July
24th July
7th Aug
21st Aug
4th Sept
18th Sept

Green (garden waste)
1st July
15th July
29th July
12th Aug
26th Aug
9th Sept
23rd Sept

Blue (recycling)
3rd July
17th July
31st July
14th Aug
28th Aug
11th Sept
25th Sept

Do you enjoy a game of BINGO?
If so, come along to Little Paxton’s Village Hall.
Cash Bingo every Thursday Night
Doors open 7.30pm
Eyes Down 8.00pm
Raffle and refreshments at interval
For more information telephone 07891 655475

Little Paxton Celebrates 125 years
Stories from the Parish Council - 1894-2019
Friday 21st, Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th and Monday 25th November
St James Church
More information about this four day celebration in September Village Views

Community Bunting Sewing Bee
As part of the 125 year celebrations, the Council would like the community to help design and create new bunting as decorations for the event.
We are looking for clean materials (cotton) that can be cut up and upcycled to make the bunting. If you have any unwanted materials such as duvets, pillow cases, dressing-making fabric, curtains, or other odd bits of clean material, please deliver to:
Cllr Kathy Bishop, 1, Park Crescent, Little Paxton;
Cllr Linda Smith, 21 Hayling Avenue, Little Paxton;
or at the collection box at Paxton Pits Nature Reserve.
If you are spring cleaning your sewing boxes, we are also looking for embroidery threads and unwanted reels of cotton threads as well.

CALLING ALL PAST AND PRESENT PLAYERS OF LITTLE PAXTON CRICKET CLUB
Have you ever played for or been associated with the Little Paxton Cricket Club since 2009?
This year marks the clubs 10th Anniversary and we would like to invite all players and members past and present to mark this event.
On the 14th July 2019, we are organising an event to celebrate the club’s continued success. If you are a player or member past or present or live in the village and would like to come along and help celebrate with us, please feel free to come along and join us from 10.00am.
Here at St James’ we try to be inclusive and welcoming to all. You may find the church door is locked, sadly a necessary precaution, but often it is just closed.

This is to keep the building warm and to keep the birds out. For many of us it can be difficult to go into a new environment, shyness isn’t a reserve of the teenager, it can affect us all.

Just try the door and come in, you could be pleasantly surprised. You will not be pounced on and preached to, but be welcomed as a friend. If the door is locked you may ‘phone a churchwarden to get access; have a look around or maybe just sit quietly. We are also quite good at listening.

Churchwardens:- Helen Young 01480 216255
    Nicci Jones 01480 877215

Simply Saturday!

Come and enjoy food, company and activities on the first Saturday of each month (not August) at St James’ Church, Little Paxton. Suggested donation of £1 towards heating etc.

Bring and share lunch at 12.30pm followed by activities from about 1.30pm. Activities include games, quizzes, music, talks.

Just come for the activities if you wish. In July we visit a local garden. In Sept we have a Jazz group and singer. In Oct we have carpet bowls.

For more information contact Helen Young 01480 216255 or email young_paxton@ntlworld.com

Drop-in tea ‘n a chat

All are welcome to join us on Wed mornings 10:50am – 12 noon and on Fri mornings 10:30am – 12 noon for tea/coffee and biscuits.

Details of our services can be seen on our notice boards or on our website:- www.thepaxtonsbenefice.org.

The Rev Con Annette Reed can be contacted on 01480 211048
St James’ Church ‘100 Club’

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For more information about any of the above contact Rosemary Young (01480 700808)

All proceeds from the ‘100’ Club go to St James’ Church

Council meetings

4th and 18th July, 1st August, 5th and 19th September. Full Council at 7.30pm.

All meetings are held in the back room of the Village Hall. Each meeting agenda has a 15 minute public forum for members of the public to raise issues with the Council relating to items of Council business which are for debate on the agenda.

Before the start of Full Council meetings, members of the public may raise issues with the Clerk as items for future meeting agendas.

Agenda and minutes can be viewed on the parish website and also on the parish noticeboard on St James Road. Please check the parish website for the meeting agendas - http://www.littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

Who’s new on the Council

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There are over 10,000 Parish/Town Councils in England and Wales, and Little Paxton Parish Council is the 43rd Council to be awarded Quality Gold Status.

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Year 1183  Pope Lucius III granted privileges to the St Neots Priory on condition they maintained a hospice for the poor; later probably becoming the Alms House by 1486.

Year 1496  Women were rarely Church Wardens before 1900. An early 20th Century example was Mary Hogg a leading suffragette of St Paul’s, Sussex in 1916. However the first woman appointed church warden appears to have been Lady Dame Isabell Newton at Yatton, Somerset, in year 1496.

Year 1629  By Letters Patient the River Ouse was made navigable to Arnold Spencer, from St Ives to St Neots. The prosperity of St Neots and the Paxtons was greatly increased by river-borne traffic. Spencer was granted the right in 1638 by Charles 1st the sole right of a Ferry in this part of the Ouse.

Year 1697  August entry in Winsham Parish Register. Baptism of Thomas and Sarah, son and daughter of Ann Phelps and “God knows who”.

Year 1754  Legal Settlement entry in Little Paxton, 24th September for James Cousins, a shepherd, his wife and daughter. Also in June 1736 there was a Settlement Paper for William Baxter and wife Martha, also of Little Paxton.

Year 1783  Berkswell Parish Register. Sarah Johnson buried 15th September, wife of Henry “Freed from the miseries of this loathsome world and a very large family”.

Year 1822  Hunts. Quarter Sessions. A letter from Mr Lawrence Reynolds of Paxton Hall, concerning indictment to a man Campbell for stealing a pair of boots value 10 pence from his house the property of Richard Pidgeon, yeoman, with information about the procedure for obtaining a conviction.

Year 1855  Huntingdon Sessions: William Pye, labourer aged 14 sentenced to one week’s hard labour for placing a piece of iron on the rails of the Gt Northern Railway at Paxton.

Year 1900  Arthur Wilson of London, driving a motor tricycle through Buckden in September, mounted the pavement, hit the wall of the Towers at more than the 12 miles per hour speed limit. He was fined £4 at St Neots and with the Chairman stating that the Bench could not allow the roads to be made a racing track. (compare speeds along Little Paxton Gt North Road today).

Year 1919  15th May. Sale for Mr Thomas Bowyer esq. A farm known as ‘Cock Audley’ or Hill Farm, Little Paxton, with house, farm buildings and land tenanted by Mr John Ingle.

Year 1999  Children’s’ Classes
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Year 2000  Home Produce classes
54. One bottle of beer - lager  55. One bottle of beer - non lager  56. One bottle of wine or cordial - alcoholic  57. One bottle of wine or cordial – non alcoholic

The Best in Show will receive the Perry Stentiford Trophy.
Autumn Flower & Vegetable Show

Saturday, 14th 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 new Parish Council community event. This is free event and residents can enter as many classes as they wish (one entry per class). Refreshments available. Free admission.

Registration forms are available on the Council website or by contacting the Clerk
01480 470193 clerk@littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

The show classes are:-

**Fruit & Vegetables**

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

**Flowers**

29. One pot plant flowering
30. One patio planter
31. One hanging basket
32. Five dahlias in a vase
33. A vase of cut garden flowers – mixed
34. A vase of cut garden flowers - one variety
35. One scented bloom
36. One rose
37. Floral arrangement theme - 125 year Celebration maximum 24” (60cm wide)
38. One miniature arrangement - maximum size 6” (15cm) height width and depth

Rangers Go Wild for 30 Days in June

The Rangers at Hinchingbrooke Country Park and Paxton Pits Nature Reserve are Going Wild with the local Wildlife Trust in support of a national event that is designed to get children and their parents to engage with the natural world.

Every day in June we will do something different that connects us with the countryside and we will share it with everyone through social media. We may learn to identify a new flower or insect, or go pond dipping, or we may share a birdsong that we have heard. On the other hand we might do something airy or crafty, or we might build a pond or an insect house.

Last year this event was so successful that people went on to do not 30 days but 300!

If you like the countryside or want some ideas on how to get your children to be more aware, and you want to have a bit of fun, join in by getting a pack from https://www.wildlifebcn.org/30DaysWild

You can follow the Rangers too. Just look for Paxton Pits Nature Reserve and Hinchingbrooke Country Park on Facebook

Jim Stevenson
www.jimstevenson2.blogspot.com

**Councillor Surgeries**

The Council is always striving to find ways to engage with residents of Little Paxton.

If you have an issue or concern that is Parish Council related, and you would like an appointment with a Parish Councillor, then please send a message to the Clerk via Facebook so that a suitable time can be arranged.

If you’re not a social media user, please contact the Clerk on 01480 470193 or email: clerk@littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

**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

**Parish Council Grants**

Each year the Council sets a budget for grants that can be made available to village groups and organisations. Applications are available on the new website or by contacting the Clerk.
Volunteers on the Nature Reserve

As part of our 30th Birthday Celebrations at Paxton Pits, we really have to remember that our success is almost all down to an outstanding group of volunteers who take part in every aspect of making the place so good for wildlife and people.

This is just a short list of the jobs, both indoors and out, that our volunteers do.

In managing the Reserve, outdoor work parties do practical maintenance work such as tree planting, hedge laying, fencing, scrub clearing, mowing, carpentry, path building, ditching, construction work, nest box building, painting, and some aspects of farming. They use a mixture of hand tools and power tools as well as vehicles, depending on their level of training. Site checkers usually work in pairs to carry out safety checks and pick litter. Our bird feeders constantly need filling, our garden needs weeding and our hides need a regular clean. These tasks are suitable for young people and those with Special Needs. Wildlife monitors take part in surveys including our breeding bird survey, winter waterfowl counts, butterfly transects, reptile and amphibian surveys, nest box survey, bird ringing, and a group that compiles species lists for different parts of the site.

Looking after our visitors takes just as much priority as looking after the Reserve. Volunteers run guided walks, attend local events taking a stand to represent our work and we have four volunteers a day in the Visitor Centre to give information and sell refreshments and second hand books.

The Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve now has over 2000 members. Volunteers take part in fund raising, wildlife management and monitoring, event planning, publications, social media, sales, recruitment, the website and a host of other aspects of running a charity. Trustees also get involved in liaison with neighbours and the quarry as well as regular meetings with the District Council.

The WildLife Trust’s Debbie Mckenzie has a team of dedicated volunteers who work with her at the Environmental Education Centre to provide top quality activities for children.

And we still need more! At busy times it helps to have a person who is not behind the counter to help give more detailed information to visitors and enhance their visit. We would like to extend this to outdoor volunteers who would show people wildlife on the trail or in the hides. Interpretation is important and a small group is looking at ways we can improve this. Volunteers are needed to keep the AV and standard displays up to date, including the daily sightings board and the online version.

If you would like to join our band of friendly volunteers, just pop into the visitor centre to meet us and pick up a leaflet.

Community Led Plan – Update

The Working party has been reviewing the various actions and some have already been completed.

There were comments in the Plan about improvements to the local bus timetable. Before contacting the bus operators, it would be helpful if residents can suggest what improvements would encourage more people to use the bus services. Please email your comments to the Clerk by 30th August.

Third Thursday of each month 10:30am-12:30pm
Guided Nature Walks

Explore Paxton Pits Nature Reserve with experienced local experts. The route taken will depend on the time of year and conditions underfoot, but will be designed to show you the best of what the Reserve has to offer. Walks start at the Visitor Centre at 10:30am and will last approximately two hours.

£5.00 per person per walk
No need to book, just pay on the day.

Don’t forget your binoculars!

DATES:
15th August
19th September
17th October
21st November

Please note:
These walks are gentle ambles and not route marches. They are designed for people with little or no experience of wildlife. These walks should also benefit those who are getting beyond that stage and wish to go a little further.

Social Media

Little Paxton Parish Council now has its own Facebook page. Keep up to date with what is happening in Little Paxton and like the Page www.facebook.com/LittlePaxtonParishCouncil

There is also a Facebook page for Paxfest & Fun Dog Show - www.littlepaxton.com/LittlePaxtonPaxfest.
Can you spare an hour?  
**Paxfest** wouldn’t be the success it is without the help of volunteers. There are lots of jobs to do – setting up the dog arena, decorating with bunting, popping up the pop up gazebos, putting out chairs etc.

If you have an hour or two spare and would like to help at **Paxfest** with setting up, dog show registration, donkey rides tickets, car park steward- please contact Cllr Kathy Bishop on 01480 214524 or the Clerk on 01480 470193 Email: clerk@littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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**Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO)**

The Parish Council has applied to the Cambridgeshire County Council for TTRO for a parking suspension on the following streets from 12 noon 12th July - 6.00pm 13th July for **Paxfest**.

- 31 High Street - 63 High Street
- 42 High Street - 54 High Street
- 30 High Street - 1 Lakefield Avenue
- High Street corner with 2 Lakefield Avenue
- 25 & 26 Wantage Gardens
- 1 & 3 Wantage Gardens
- Corner of Gordon Road/High Street near 31 High Street
- Gordon Road/High Street to past entrance to Footpath No 5 (near 26 Wantage Gardens)

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**Paxfest Car Parking - NEW**

Concerns have been raised regarding parking in the village hall car park on **Paxfest** day. Passes will now be issued for village hall car parking spaces with each pass having an allocated parking space - this will be mainly for entertainers and musicians for the event. 

Stallholders will be issued with a pass to park on the QEII Playing field. 

There will be **NO** public parking in the village hall car park. 

The **Paxfest** Committee would like to encourage residents to leave their cars at home and walk/cycle or scoot to the event. 

Access to the playing field for setting up will be reviewed to ensure speedy access for stall holders and to avoid cars queueing on Gordon Road & the High Street.

Stallholders must clearly display parking passes in their vehicles.

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**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

The CIL is paid by developers to Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) and the Parish Council then receives 15% of the CIL funds from HDC. This is known as the meaningful proportion.

The Parish Council received a CIL meaningful proportion payment from HDC on 23rd October 2018 for two developments - £36,135.60 from the Samuel Jones Crescent Development and a further £2410.98 for the Sycamores development on Gordon Road.

CIL payments of £10,432 included purchase of ride on mower, improvements to the village hall car park and the builder’s retention for the Council garage/workshop.

The remaining Parish Council CIL funds are earmarked for the proposed extension to the cemetery.

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**What’s on in Little Paxton – Village Diary**

As part of the Parish Council website - www.littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk - there is a community What’s On page where village groups can add dates for events and their regular meetings. This is free and easy to use.

The Council would like to encourage village organisations to use the ‘What’s on in Little Paxton Diary’. It will help encourage new members to village organisations and events.

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**Financial Summary 1st April 2018 - 31st March 2019**

The Precept income is £110,789 (this is collected by Huntingdonshire District Council and is included in the Council Tax payments).

The balance of £56,391 includes CIL receipts of £45,779, Bank interest, cemetery fees, allotment fees, Paxfest stall bookings, dog show registration fees and paying field maintenance charges.

The total expenditure for the year was £143,281. Staff costs equate 43.6%, admin including insurance 11.1%, street lighting 2.9%, cemetery 0.77%, allotments 0.89%, Maintenance 3.5%, Donations 1.74%, Capital projects 8.04%, Flood lights & pavilion electricity 0.34%, CCTV 0.5%, CIL 7.28%, Paxfest & Events 3.79% & Reserves 16.09%.
Street Lighting
The Parish Council has installed four solar powered street lights at Gatekeeper Walk, Little Paxton. Up to now, Gatekeeper Walk had no street lighting.
The Parish Council has installed a solar street light in Beeson Close which was to replace a damaged street light.

E-Cops
Cambridgeshire Constabulary has an email messaging system called Ecops. By signing up to this free service, you will receive weekly crime updates and alerts for Little Paxton & the local area direct into your inbox. 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

Local Police Surgeries
Friday, 9th August 6.00pm–8.00pm
Little Paxton Village Hall
The St Neots Community Policing Team will be holding a Police Surgery in the village. This is a great opportunity for residents to meet the local Police team and to raise any concerns they may have with officers.
The Surgery is organised by Little Paxton Parish Council.

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Council website www.littlepaxonparishcouncil.gov.uk
The website has an A-Z of services which can signpost users to the correct Council contact at Huntingdonshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and Little Paxton Parish Council.
Meeting agendas, minutes, policies, council documents are all available as well as information about Council events such as Paxfest.
There are links to the Council's Facebook and Twitter pages.
Village groups and organisations can add village events.

Do you have your own business in Little Paxton? Do you run a sports/fitness club that meets in the village on a regular basis?
As part of the Community Led Plan, the Council is enhancing its website and will create a page which lists businesses in the village.
If you wish your business mentioned on the littlepaxonparishcouncil.gov.uk the website, please email the Clerk with the business name, contact details and a link to the business website if there is one.
A short description about the nature of the business would also be helpful.
Mrs Jenny Gellatly, Parish Clerk
Email: clerk@littlepaxonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Calling all Businesses in Little Paxton

“Where Gardening and Friendships Blossom”

SATURDAY 13th JULY
STALL AT PAXFEST 2019
QE11 PLAYING FIELD, LITTLE PAXTON
Come and meet our friendly group at the club stall.
We will offer a selection of flower and vegetable plants together with some gardening ideas. We look forward to seeing you there!

Programme 2019
3rd July Garden Visit to Letchworth. Ticket only.
13th July Plant sale at PAXFEST
10th August Outing to D’arcy and Everest, Somersham Ticket only.
4th September Anecdotes of a Garden Centre Owner by David White

Contact: Jane Hill (Chair) 218805, Margaret Rowland (Secretary) 383989 or Christine Hagger (Treasurer) 477978
Email lpgardeningclub@hotmail.com

St Neots Museum
The Old Court
8 New Street
St Neots PE19 1AE
01480 214163
curators@stneotsmuseum.org.uk
www.stneotsmuseum.org.uk
Open Tuesday to Saturday, 11.00am to 4.00pm.
Free entry to the museum for local residents. Non-residents: Adults £3, seniors £2 and children £1.
Fees apply for some events.
Films ... Films ... Films ....

Tuesday, 25th June at 2.00pm
Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (PG)
starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford in this classic Western

Tuesday, 30th June at 2.00pm
Rodgers & Hammerstein’s The Sound of Music (U)
starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer

Sorry, no film in August, but in September we have

Tuesday, 24th September at 2.00pm
The Darkest Hour
and
Back to the Future at 7.00pm

FREE Admission
Hot drinks, popcorn, ice cream and assorted refreshments available
Bring along your favourite cushion!

Free Children’s Activity Sessions
QEII Playing Field, Little Paxton
Wednesday 31st July & Wednesday 21st August 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Children’s activities during the school summer holiday. Come along to the QEII Playing Field.
Lots of fun activities such as jenga, wide games & tennis.
The activity sessions are organised by Huntingdonshire District Council's Roadshow team.
This is a Little Paxton Parish Council event and is aimed at children 7-11 years. This is a free event – no need to book. Please bring a water bottle.

QEII Playing Field, Little Paxton - Diary
Tuesdays weekly 7.00-9.00pm informal netball on the multi-use games area. Free
Thursdays weekly petanque sessions 2.00pm – 4.00pm Free
Saturdays weekly Batch Body Fitness 8.30am – 9.15am, Little Paxton Colts FC fixtures, Little Paxton Cricket Club fixtures
Sundays weekly Little Paxton Colts FC fixtures, Little Paxton Cricket Club fixtures

St Neots Museum
The Parish Council provides an annual donation to St Neots Museum and this enables Little Paxton residents free admission. There are lots of activities for children at the Museum during the school Summer holidays.
See www.stneotsmuseum.org.uk for more information (see page 15)

Connection Bus
25th July, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th August
Thursday evenings 7.00pm-9.00pm Village Hall Car Park
The Connections Bus will be visiting the village on Thursday evenings during the school summer holidays. The bus is a free youth club and is aimed at school year 7 and above.
What’s on bus - internet access, games consoles, x box, craft activities, tuck shop and advice. The bus is supported by two youth volunteers.
Providing facilities for young people is important and the bus is brought to the village with the financial support of the Parish Council.

Litter
The Children’s’ play park, MUGA and playing field are great places to play during the school summer holidays.
Please ensure these areas are litter free and remind your children to use the litter bins provided for empty juice bottles, sweet wrappers etc.
The play areas are for everyone’s enjoyment. Have a good summer break!

Dogs on Leads
The QEII Playing Field has Public Space Protection Order and all dogs on the field must be on leads at all times while on the playing field.
PAXFEST & FUN DOG SHOW

Saturday, 13th July 2018
12.00noon – 4.45pm, QEII Playing Field
Theme is ‘Paxfest and Fun Dog Show and Other Animals’

Lots of stall and family fun - BBQ, beer tent, games. Connections Bus, Mr Marvel’s Magic Show (3 performances) and musical entertainment.

Wildlife Displays are providing a mini zoo with meerkats, scorpions, snakes, giant snails, hissing cockroaches, spiders, lizards and other furries

The Ark Farm, a mobile educational farm, will bring lambs, piglets, a cow, a goat, chickens and ducks. Children will be able to pet the farm animals

South East Donkeys will be bringing along two donkeys for petting and donkey rides - 50p per ride.

SHOW COMPETITIONS

The Cake competition is back - Bake a Victoria Sponge Cake
The Children’s Cake competition - bake and decorate six cupcakes (no theme)
Entry on the day £1 adults, 50p children

There is a new handicraft competition open to adults and children with an animal theme. Entry on the day £1 adults, 50p children.

The Children’s Decorate a Rock competition is for children to decorate a rock with an animal theme - FREE to enter.

Competition entries to be delivered to the village hall between 10.30am and 11.30am.

Fabulous prizes to be won
FREE Animal children’s treasure hunt around the stalls

If anyone would like to book a commercial stall please contact the Clerk on 01480 470193 or email clerk@littlepaxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Booking fees - £10 village commercial stall, £25 non village commercial stall,
Village groups/clubs/organisations free

Musical Entertainment
12.00pm Cambridgeshire Caledonian Pipe Band
12.30pm Little Paxton School Choir
1.00pm Porterhouse Jazz 6
1.45pm Royston Town Band
3.00pm Cambridgeshire Caledonian Pipe Band
3.30pm Royston Town Band
4.15pm Porterhouse Jazz 6
4.45pm Event finish

FUN DOG SHOW

The Fun Dog Show returns for its seventh year with ten new classes including Best Paw Shaker and Quickest Sausage Catcher. Registration for the dog show is on the day and is £1.50 per dog per class.

Dog Show Classes 2019

1. Puppies Under 1 year - Sponsor The Anchor
2. Best Handbag dog/bitch - Sponsor Brick Frog Ltd
3. Best Small dog/bitch - Ashford’s Pet Services
4. Best Medium Size dog/bitch - Sponsor Multisigns
5. Best Large dog/bitch - Sponsor Your Dog’s Life
6. Gorgeous Oldie (7 years+) - Sponsor Ibex Camping
7. Dog Agility - Sponsor Pampurred Paws
8. Dog/bitch with Waggiest Tail - Sponsor Elite Warm Roofs Ltd
9. Dog with a Disability - Sponsor Pampurred Paws
10. Best Paw Shaker - Sponsor Kingfisher Independent Funeral Services
11. Most Awesome Eyes - Sponsor Ibex Camping
12. Best ‘Smiley’ dog/bitch - Sponsor Osborne Appointments
13. Quickest Sausage Catcher - Sponsor Hire or Buy Group Ltd
14. Quickest Sit - Sponsor Pampurred Paws
15. Best Six Legs - Sponsor Ashford’s Pet Services
16. Best in Show (winners of each class) - Elite Warm Roofs Ltd

Paxfest 2019 Acknowledgements

Paxfest is organised by Little Paxton Parish Council and the Council wishes to thank all the following organisations who have provided donations and prizes to make the event successful:

❖ CHS Group - £184.25 donation for the face painter. All face painting in the village hall will be free.
❖ The Co-op, Little Paxton - £250 donation to support the mini zoo
❖ Arthur Ibbett Ltd - £50 gift voucher