



Madingley News

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Madingley Hall – the lake

(Photograph by Chris Baldwin)

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FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the Summer issue of *Madingley News* – and thanks to all our contributors. This issue carries, as usual, details of many recent and future activities in the Village.

The next issue of *Madingley News* will be published on 10th September 2018 and the copy deadline for receipt of articles, photographs (jpeg attachments 1MB or more in size please) and advertisements is 10th August. We look forward to receiving your news and illustrations.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

In the three months that have passed since I sat down to write my piece for the March issue of *Madingley News* we seem to have had a roller coaster ride with the weather. We have certainly experienced some real extremes, starting with the 'Beast from the East' at the end of February (and its mini reprise in the middle of March) and ending with record-breaking high temperatures for the Early Spring Bank Holiday at the beginning of May. Hopefully by the time you're reading this things will have settled down and we'll be set for a warm and comfortable Summer.

Elections

Quite a few other things have happened in the last three months. On 3rd May local elections were held for both the Parish Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council. The newly elected councils will serve for the next four years. The Parish Council election was uncontested, meaning there were fewer candidates (3) than places (5). As a result, Joan Stevenson-Hinde, David Ousby and myself were returned as Councillors. Mark Robinson and John Freegard chose not to stand this time around. I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Parish Council to say a big thank you to Mark and John for their much-appreciated contributions whilst serving on the Council. Now the election is over we are in a position to fill our remaining two places through co-opting. You may have seen, around the Village, posters advertising the vacancies. We've had a couple of expressions of interest and so are optimistic that the Council will soon be back up to full strength.

The District Council elections were interesting this time around on a couple of fronts. Firstly, following an Electoral Commission review, the number of District Councillors has been reduced to 45 (a reduction of 12) with an accompanying realignment of Ward boundaries. As a result, Madingley has moved into Girton Ward, which is

served by two Councillors. On 3rd May Douglas de Lacey (Independent) and Tom Bygott (Conservative) were elected to serve as our two District Councillors. Tom has attended a number of Parish Council meetings in the past and following his election Douglas has been in touch to introduce himself. We look forward to working with both over the coming years.

The other interesting aspect of the District vote is that, following a decision taken in 2015, this was an 'all out' election, meaning that all seats on the Council were contested at the same time (as opposed to just a third of the seats being replaced at each election). This election resulted in a change in the majority party from Conservative to Liberal Democrat. As a result, we can expect to see some new faces and policies emerging, with potentially interesting consequences for major on-going infrastructure initiatives such as the Cambourne to Cambridge Busway proposals.

Cambridge Busway and Park and Ride sites

On the subject of the Busway, February saw the Greater Cambridge Partnership publish the Cambourne to Cambridge Better Bus Journeys 2017/18 Consultation Findings. This was the consultation we were all invited to take part in between November 2017 and January 2018. It sought our views on proposed on-road and off-road busway routes and potential Park and Ride locations at the Madingley Mulch Waterworks site or Scotland Farm. If you fancy some light bedtime reading, the report extends to 126 pages. It's accompanied by a second 119-page report that captures the results of the separate focus groups consultation carried out at the same time by Systra, a specialist transport consultancy. The focus groups involved small, demographically-balanced groups of individuals who were invited to attend workshops in order to capture their views over a period of a couple of hours. There was also a focus group for Local Liaison Forum members, which I attended on behalf of the Parish Council.

The findings are interesting. From the responses analysed in the Consultation Findings report, only 17.3% of people preferred a Park and Ride at the Waterworks Site, 54% preferred Scotland Farm, 20.3% didn't want a new Park and Ride at all and 8.4% had no preference. For the proposed busway routes, 57.6% preferred an on-road route ('A' or 'B'), 32.5% preferred the off-road route ('C'), 5.9% didn't want either and 4% had no preference. The findings for the Park and Ride sites were similar in the Systra Focus Groups report, with little support for the Waterworks Site (and they couldn't find a single person in the Local Liaison

Forum who wanted this site!). There was a greater degree of support for the off-road busway route, but this seemed to be influenced significantly by the views of Cambourne residents.

The reports do a pretty good job of summarising a huge number and variety of responses and capturing them into key themes. It was gratifying that the Parish Council's feedback had been received and noted and was explicitly referenced nine times in the report. One other interesting statistic is that there were only 28 responses to the Consultation from Madingley residents; from a Parish Council perspective there's a challenge in trying to gauge how much of an issue people in the Village feel the Busway and Park and Ride proposals to be.

Continuing the transport theme, we've now had the results of the Automated Traffic Counters survey that we carried out in February on all the roads in the Village. The analysis and comparison against the previous survey make interesting reading – see later in this edition for details.

A sleepless night

One thing many of us couldn't fail to notice was the planned overnight closure of the A14 on 27th and 28th April for the installation of a Bailey Bridge. Highways England had publicised that there would be a clearly-signed diversion in place and that police would be on hand to try to prevent 'rat running' through local villages. Clearly something went badly wrong with this plan on the Friday evening into Saturday morning as we were subjected to what felt like the entire contents of the A14 rumbling through the Village. We have written formally to Highways England to ask for an explanation of what went wrong and assurances that it won't be repeated.

One of the main reasons the Parish Council has been investigating the potential permanent closure of The Avenue and pushing back on aspects of the Cambourne to Cambridge Busway proposals is a real concern over the potential for greatly increased traffic volumes through the Village. The greatest fear is that traffic such as we experienced on Friday 27th April will start to become the norm rather than the exception.

Finally, I just have space to say that we're about to launch a new Parish Council website. More about that next time, but we hope it will make it much easier for everyone to keep up with what's going on with the Council and more generally in the Village.

Stuart Hawkins

Chairman, Madingley Parish Council

STOP PRESS

As we go to press, we can record that Fiona Naughton has been co-opted as a Parish Councillor – Eds.

MADINGLEY VILLAGE HALL

Great fun was had on 17th March with ten teams of six competing for glory. It was an extremely close contest but after six rounds the 'Riddys' team came top with the competition's youngest competitor, Isaac Walding, collecting the trophy. Huge thanks to Jilly and Bill for writing the questions, hosting the event and preparing the interval refreshments. A profit of £540 was added to Village Hall funds.



Full concentration at the Village Quiz on 17th March

Villagers also enjoyed the Community Breakfast event on 22nd April when John and Fiona Naughton prepared bacon rolls, tea, coffee and other delicious things for everyone to enjoy. We are grateful to them for all they did to make this possible and to those who made contributions totalling £115 to Village Hall funds as they left.

The Hall has been very busy this year with lots of bookings for family events, business get-togethers, children's parties and, of course, Village meetings. All the income from these hires is ploughed back into the maintenance of the Hall which the Trustees are determined will be available as a community resource well into the future and we are very pleased that our own Stephen Perse School is now using the Hall on a weekly basis for PE lessons.

If you are interested in hiring the Hall for your own celebration or meeting please do get in touch with me.

Chris Baldwin

Chairman, Madingley Village Hall Trust

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 10th June

Madingley Hall
National Gardens Scheme
Open Garden Afternoon

Thursday 21st June, 7.30pm

Madingley Village Hall
Madingley History Group:
Talk by Tony Walsh on A14 Archaeology

Saturday 7th July, 1.00-4.00pm

Arthur Rank Hospice, Shelford Bottom
Summer Fete

Saturday 7th July

Madingley Hall
Cambridge Creative Writing Festival

Thursday 12th July, 7.30pm

Madingley Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting

Sunday 15th July, 7.30pm

Madingley Hall
Film: *Four Weddings and a Funeral*

Saturday 18th August, 6.30pm

Madingley Hall
Summer Ball

Monday 27th August, 3.00pm

Madingley Hall
Chapterhouse Theatre Company:
Alice in Wonderland

Thursday 6th September, 7.30pm

Madingley Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting

Friday 14th & Saturday 15th September

Madingley Hall
'Open Cambridge'

Thursday 18th October, 7.30pm

Madingley Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 12th November, 10.45am

American Cemetery
Veterans Day

ROYAL MAIL COLLECTION TIMES

(AS THEY ARE ADVERTISED)

From the small box near No. 31, High Street
Monday to Friday: 4.15pm
Saturday: 11.45am

From the pillar box near Madingley Hall gates
Monday to Friday: 9.00am
Saturday: 7.00am

From Monday to Friday, a later collection
(7.00pm) is made from Cambridge Mail Centre,
Clifton Road, Cambridge CB1 7AJ

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MADINGLEY HISTORY GROUP

This year's events began with an inspirational lecture given by Dr Seppe Cassettari about a project in Balsham with which he has been involved. Starting with a map illustrating the village in 1617, Map Group members used digital mapping techniques to compare and contrast this with others and used the information they discovered to tell the story of Balsham over 400 years. Do look at their website (<https://www.balshammap.net>) for more information, and details of events being held in connection with the project.

By the time you read this Newsletter, we shall have learnt much about Tudor Cambridge from Dr Rosemary Horrox on Thursday 17th May.

Thursday 21st June at 7.30pm, Village Hall:
*'A Landscape Through Time:
The Archaeology of the A14 Cambridge to
Huntingdon Improvement Scheme'*

Tony Walsh, one of four Project Managers from MOLA Headland Infrastructure currently working on the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme, discusses the archaeological findings from one of the UK's largest infrastructure projects, which brings together the skills and knowledge of over 250 archaeologists. The talk explores the evidence uncovered so far, including prehistoric henge monuments, industrial Roman kilns and Saxon settlements and with a focus on the eastern end in the local area. Also discover how you could get involved yourself in the future through community archaeology activities.

'Join us on our journey:

- @A14C2H #A14Archaeology
- www.facebook.com/A14C2H/#A14Archaeology
- follow news and events on A14C2H archaeology on <https://molaheadland.com/events/a14c2h/>
- find out more about the A14C2H improvement scheme on www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H

The archaeological programme for the Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme is being carried out by the A14 Integrated Delivery Team on behalf of Highways England.'

As always, this meeting is open to both members and visitors so do bring along your friends and neighbours to find out about the extraordinary history of our local area that is unfolding through this major road project.

Annual membership of the Madingley History Group costs £10. Visitors are welcome to attend individual meetings but are asked to contribute £3.50 to History Group funds. For more information please contact Sue Baldwin (01954 210766; suebaldwin1000@gmail.com).

MADINGLEY CRICKET CLUB

Madingley Cricket Club has two teams entered in the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association (CCA) league, which runs from early May to early September. The first team, captained by Martin Teversham, plays in CCA Junior 1 South and is based at King's and Selwyn College ground, while the second team, (captain Kevin Middleton) is in CCA Junior 3 West and plays home games at Downing College ground.

This year we have 32 fixtures scheduled between 12th May and 8th September. Details are to be found on our website:
<http://madingley.play-cricket.com>



Left to right: Nigel Butcher, Omar Khan, Peter Pennington, Andrew Butcher, Mick Naylor and Azhar Khan (front) after victory over Cottenham last season

We welcome players of all levels and experience to join; our primary aim is to enjoy our cricket. If you want to get in touch then please email us at madingleycc@gmail.com. We are on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/madingleycc/> and Twitter: <https://mobile.twitter.com/madingleycc> We are always happy to see supporters at our games.

Philip Done, Madingley Cricket Club



John and Fiona Naughton, chefs at the Community Breakfast on 22nd April (see page 3)

CHURCH NEWS

Immediately after the excitement and joy of celebrating Easter, churches have to address what for some is a less enthralling day in the year, when like any other organization we have to hold our Annual Meeting, or 'Annual Parochial Church Meeting' as it is termed in our case. In fact it consists of two meetings which run consecutively on the same day. First there is the Annual Meeting of Parishioners which anyone may attend. Then comes the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which is limited to those who are on the electoral roll, and who therefore are able to vote.

Churchwardens

The first meeting, besides reading the minutes of the previous one, contains the significant business of electing the churchwardens. These people are of immense importance to the smooth running of the parish, because they are the Bishop's representatives. Amongst other things, it means that should there be a problem with the clergy who serve here, it is the churchwardens who will deal with this, and if necessary, take it up with the Bishop himself. So every parish is protected from any members of the clergy who might wander from the straight and narrow path, or even worse, become autocratic wielders of power in their own small fiefdom. In Elizabeth Seale and Jo Wallace-Hadrill we have both competent and sensitive churchwardens who not only take their duties seriously, but also present a warm and welcoming presence to all who come to the church.

Church life

The second and longer meeting hears the reports of all the different aspects of life in the church. Having received and accepted the minutes of the previous meeting, the Rev'd Mandy Maxwell gave her report, which included the required policies on Health and Safety, Safeguarding, and the new Data Protection law. The Rev'd Christine Barrow then covered the ministry of the church during the past year, and the churchwardens gave their report, expressing gratitude to the numerous volunteers in all fields who contribute to the smooth running and life of the church.

Finances

They made particular mention of Jane Elliott, whose professional and tireless work as our treasurer has meant that our finances are clearly tracked and recorded, and she even continued to return for meetings through the Autumn after her move to the West Midlands. We are tremendously grateful to David Fisher who has stepped into her shoes with willingness and enthusiasm. The churchwardens also recorded our gratitude to all who have given freely and generously to our West End Development Project, which is reaching the climax of its fund-raising stage now.

Building

Michael Fuller reported on the state of the fabric of the church, which is a major and on-going responsibility in a building 900 years old and has to be protected from those who would do it damage.



14th April: the Churchyard Working Party pauses for a well-earned cup of tea

Our Licensed Lay Minister, Susan Rawlings explained the workings of the Deanery Synod, (the local grouping of churches), and the subjects which had come up for discussion.

Electoral Roll

It was then the turn of our new treasurer to present the financial reports for the year, which had been approved by our auditor, Dr Alan Wallace. Finally, Sue Baldwin as our parish secretary (and much more besides), reported on the activities of the PCC, which is the church's elected committee. She also as the Electoral Roll Officer announced that this consists of 64 names; these are the people who are actively involved, or have a lively interest in, the life of the church. The highly unusual aspect of this is that of those 64 people, 42 *are not resident in Madingley*. What it means is that this church is kept going on a regular basis, week by week, and has been, for many years, by a congregation the majority of whom come not from the parish itself, as is the usual case, but from beyond the parish boundary. Next Spring churches will be revising their electoral rolls, which they have to do periodically, so this would be a good opportunity for anyone who is interested in the church to express that by joining our own Electoral Roll. This does not commit you to anything, but a healthy number of names on the list does signify to church authorities that we have a lively viable church, even though the Village is small.

Working party

There was a wonderful example of the voluntary work of all members of the parish and beyond, when 18 people met together on Saturday morning 14th April, to form a churchyard working party. This annual event ensures that the churchyard is kept tidy and cared for, which is immensely important to all who come to the church and its environs, whether to worship, to visit, or to tend the graves. Their hard work is very much appreciated.

New lives

We celebrated the addition of not one, but two extra members of the church family in May as the twin grand-children of David and Elizabeth Arnold were baptized. These services are always a joy and encouragement as we see new lives set out on their journey through life.

National Gardens event

Finally, the church members will be working together again on Sunday 10th June as we serve what has been described as 'the best teas in Cambridge', in support of the National Gardens Scheme event at Madingley Hall.

Rev'd Christine Barrow

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Surveys by our Community Speedwatch team continue to monitor vehicle speeds in the village. Our team members are Police-trained volunteers. Recently we've had additional support here with a representative of Cambridgeshire Constabulary in attendance in recognition of our efforts to encourage safe speeds.

If you're willing to volunteer a small amount of time (approximately an hour or two per month, plus initial training) to support the team and help with surveys, please contact the Editors who will pass on your enquiry. You'll need to be aged 18 or over.

In the interest of promoting road safety, the following information is shared, based on advice available online at www.think.direct.gov.uk:

- The difference of a few miles per hour can mean the difference between life and death. The faster someone is driving, the less time they have to stop if something unexpected happens.
- FACT: The risk of death is approximately four times higher when a pedestrian is hit at 40mph than at 30mph.
- Driving too fast for the conditions is bad driving. Driving too close to the car in front, undertaking, and failing to signal are examples of bad driving.
- FACT: Speed is one of the main factors in fatal road accidents.

Madingley Speedwatch Secretariat

ARTHUR RANK HOSPICE CHARITY SUMMER FETE

The Arthur Rank Hospice Charity is holding its first Summer Fete on Saturday 7th July 2018, from 1pm-4pm at the Hospice in Cherry Hinton Road, Shelford Bottom, Cambridge, CB22 3FB (for Sat Navs please use CB22 3AB).

There will be market stalls in the Bistro, a BBQ and traditional fete games in the garden, live music in the Day Therapy lounge, creative workshops in the Education and Conference Centre, and a children's entertainment area in the Bradbury Wellness Centre.

Entry to the Summer Fete is free and there is parking available next to the Hospice at Babraham Park and Ride (the footpath to the Hospice is signposted on the left as you drive into the entrance).

Please help the Charity to see how many attendees they may have on the day by registering your interest online at www.arhc.org.uk/summer-fete

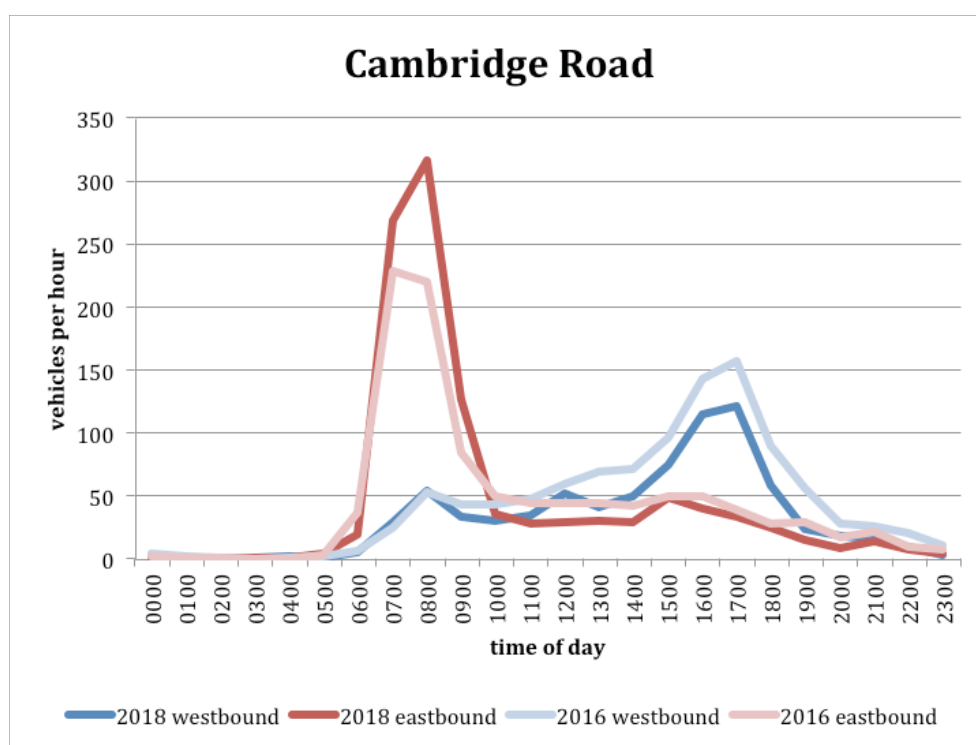
MADINGLEY TRAFFIC SURVEY 2018: RESULTS

Last September Madingley Parish Council agreed to fund a traffic survey in response to the proposal to close The Avenue permanently to through traffic.

Highways England had undertaken a similar survey in April 2016, before the start of the A14 upgrade works. This was in response to Cambridgeshire County Council's concern that the proposed new local access road and the connection to The Avenue could significantly increase traffic volumes through the Village, and its belief that an accurate survey was necessary to provide a benchmark for future comparisons. These surveys were undertaken using Automatic Traffic Counters on Dry Drayton Road, The Avenue, the High Street and Cambridge Road. Church Lane was not included in the 2016 survey.

The 2018 survey took place during a 'normal' period – outside school holidays and excluding December and January – from Monday 5th to Sunday 11th February. Its main findings were as follows:

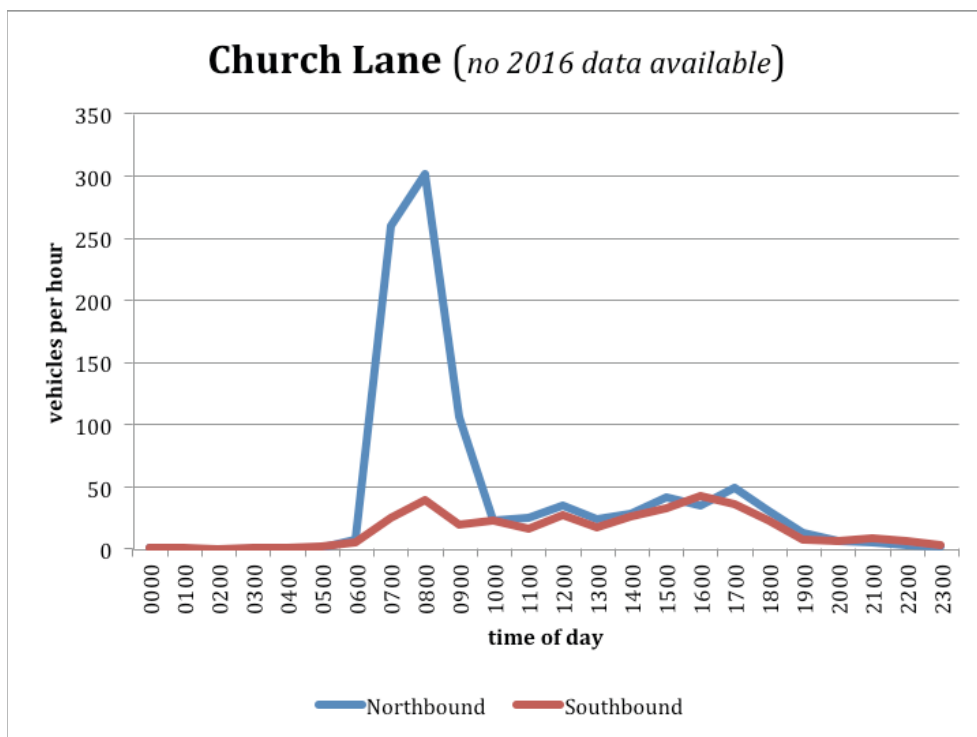
1. There has been an increase in the morning peak on Cambridge Road, possibly due to traffic diverting towards the A1303 to avoid the A14 roadworks (and the congestion that results on the A428). There has been a decrease in the afternoon peak, possibly as a result of The Avenue no longer being an alternative rat-run to avoid the afternoon congestion on the A14 westbound from the Girton Interchange to Bar Hill.



2018 - 2016 comparison		Daily volume (Mon-Fri)	
AM Eastbound flow increase	102%	2018	
reason: increase in traffic using A428/A1303 due to A14 roadworks		Westbound	Eastbound
		774	1,077
PM westbound flow decrease	73%	2016	
reason: lack of access to A14 via The Avenue making rat run less attractive		Westbound	Eastbound
		1,058	1,060

(Note: an increase in traffic volume is a number above 100% [in green], and a decrease below 100% [in red].)

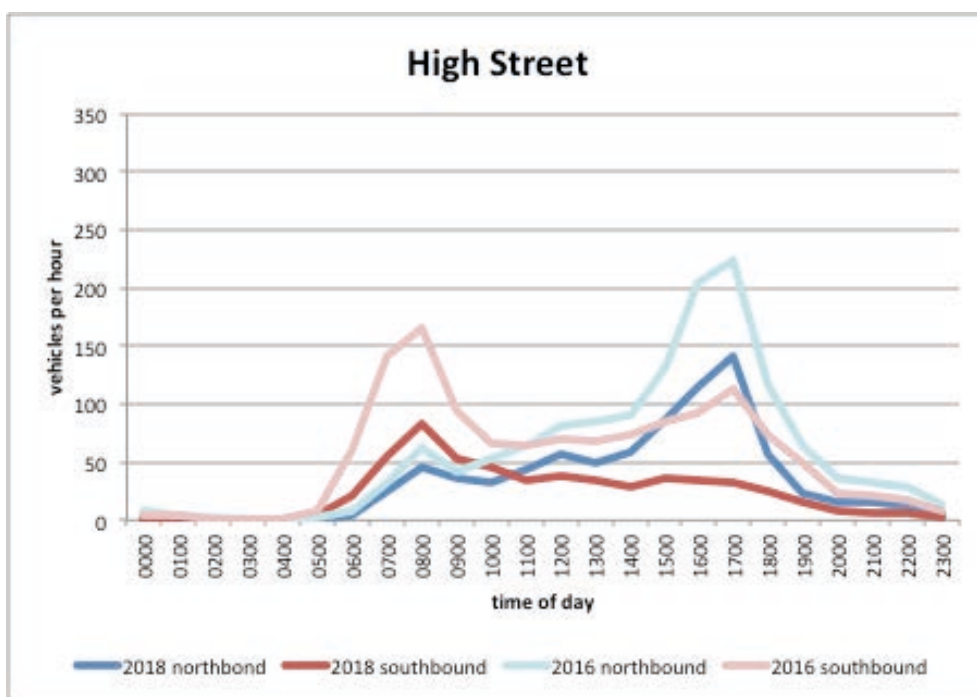
2. This morning peak is closely matched by the morning peak on Church Lane, which was not surveyed in 2016.



(Daily volume (Mon-Fri) 1,015 northbound, 366 southbound)

3. Traffic has increased on Dry Drayton Road by around 10% between 2016 and 2018; however there has been no increase in peak hour traffic. *(Graph submitted but not included for lack of space. Eds.)*

4. On the High Street, both the morning and the afternoon peaks show a marked reduction, demonstrating the impact that the closure of The Avenue, and to a lesser extent the reduced afternoon peak flow from Cambridge Road to Dry Drayton, have had.



2018 - 2016 comparison

southbound flow decrease 43%

reason: lack of access from The Avenue

northbound flow decrease 60%

reason: lack of access to A14 via The Avenue
making rat run via Cambridge Road less attractive

Daily volume (Mon-Fri)

2018

Northbound Southbound

829 563

2016

Northbound Southbound

1,389 1,311

In summary, since the closure of The Avenue, peak hour traffic travelling from Cambridge through Madingley to Dry Drayton has reduced. There has been an increase in the morning peak on Church Lane and Cambridge Road but this is not due to closure of The Avenue. Volumes on Dry Drayton Road have increased slightly by up to a dozen extra vehicles per hour but the morning peak flow is unchanged and the afternoon peak flow reduced.

David Ousby, Parish Councillor

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN CEMETERY

Retired Maj. Gen. William M. Matz, Jr., was sworn in as the new Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) – the US Federal Government agency of which Cambridge American Cemetery is a part – in January. A Presidential appointee of Donald J. Trump, he is a decorated Vietnam combat infantry veteran. Secretary Matz has made it his self-appointed mission to visit each of the 26 cemeteries within the first year of his tenure. Early May was the time of his visit to the UK, and in particular to Cambridge. He presented long service awards to David Dodds and Peter Bonfield, both Groundskeepers for 35 years, who keep the cemetery grounds looking immaculate: and to Neil Webdale, Stonemason.



The presentation to David Dodds, Groundskeeper for 35 years

National Association for Interpretation

April saw me joining colleagues from many of our cemeteries around the world at the National Interpreters Conference in Reims, France. It is good to spend time with co-workers and other academics and heritage professionals. What we learn at such events means that we can bring home new methods which will enhance our presentations and tours.

Memorial Day

For those of you who joined us for Memorial Day this year, the theme was families and the script highlighted the sacrifices that they made during the Second World War. Her Majesty's Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Sir Keith Pearson spoke, as did USAFE/A3 Maj Gen Thomas, giving his speech on behalf of the US Armed Forces. So often the stories that we tell of those buried or commemorated here are of mothers losing their precious sons or daughters, wives widowed in their early twenties, of infants growing up, never knowing their fathers. Next-of-Kin still visit us, nowadays more likely in search of grandfathers and great-uncles. Whenever they arrive they are our most important visitors – they are why we are here, in order to honour the service and achievements of those young Americans, who laid down their lives, so far from home. In this year of the centenary of the end of the First World War, we take a look at the story of one of the aces of aerial combat.

Major John Seerley – C-3-13



John Joseph Seerley Jr., the son of a Congressman, was born in Burlington, Iowa, in November 1897. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps and after training at Foggia, the then Lieutenant Seerley was assigned to the 13th Aero Squadron in July 1918. He became an American pursuit pilot and a flying ace of the First World War, when between August and September 1918 he was credited with five air combat victories; he was recommended for, but did not receive, the

Distinguished Service Medal. In November 1918 he briefly served as the 13th Aero Squadron's commanding officer. His own commanding officer, Charles Biddle, recommended him for promotion to Captain. Unfortunately, this recommendation failed to reach the desk of the commanding general until 25th November, 14 days after the Armistice and after all ranks had been frozen. After the war he returned home and went on to graduate with two advanced degrees from the University of Chicago, a law degree, with a Certified Public Accountant designation. He entered the business world and, by the time the United States entered World War II, had established his own investment company in Chicago. John accepted a Captain's commission in air intelligence during the Second World War and was soon promoted to the rank of Major. He served as Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff, 8th Fighter Command, and was awarded the Air Medal and Silver Star for conscientious service and gallantry in establishing the maximum fighter protection for American heavy bombers during air raids over Germany.

Major Seerley was killed in a vehicle accident on 21st August 1943 in Tetsworth, Oxfordshire. He was temporarily interred at the Brookwood American Cemetery, before finally being laid to rest at Cambridge American Cemetery.

Veterans Day – a date for your diary

We hope that you can join us for this year's Veterans Day on 12th November 2018 at 10:45am.

Suzi Harrison, Interpretative Guide
American Cemetery, Maddingley

NEWS FROM MADINGLEY HALL

Dr James Gazzard, Director of the Institute of Continuing Education, writes:

2018 is the 70th anniversary of the University of Cambridge's purchase of Maddingley Hall in 1948 for the princely sum of £50,000 (which included the surrounding woodland and farmland). Throughout this time the University has continued to invest in improving the Hall for use by students, delegates and hotel guests. In May 2018 we completed significant improvements to the reception area progressing from a 'hole in the wall' to a purpose-designed superb 'porters-lodge' style reception area where all site visitors can be warmly welcomed to the Hall.

As part of the Grade One listed envelope of the building this was a complex project: maintaining the key structural aspects whilst ensuring the area is fully accessible and can provide a range of visitor services. Concurrently, we are also

updating the bar area, which was originally constructed in the early 1990s as part of the wider Tower Wing project, so that it becomes a social-learning space with soft furnishing, laptop/tablet stations and an upgraded full service bar area. The design scheme highlights the Institute's relationship with the Collegiate University, featuring college shields, notable alumni and a Cambridge blue colour scheme. The bar area will be complete by early June.



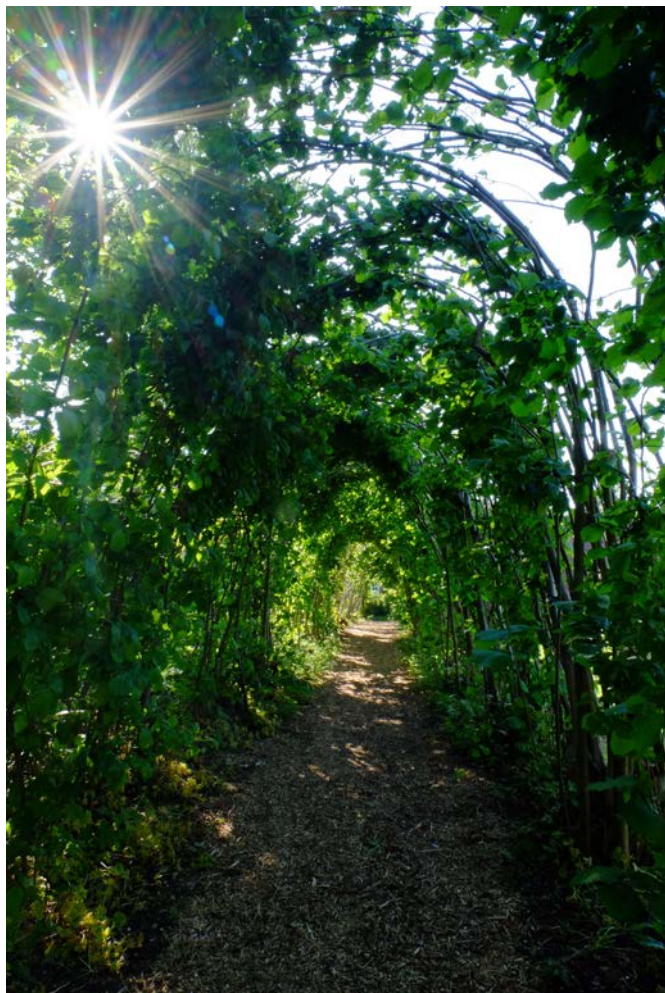
The new reception area

It is also noteworthy that the portraits of the former Directors have been moved into the Board Room and our continuing education students' photographs and stories now take pride of place in the main stairwell. We hope you'll join us for our Summer Festival of education and social events and visit the new reception and bar areas, and take a few minutes to browse the range of fascinating student stories and the positive impact continuing education has had on their lives.

Richard Gant, Head Gardener, writes:

This year is the 70th anniversary of the purchase of Maddingley Hall and Estate by the University. A design has been cut on the Round Lawn in the Walled Garden reflecting on the anniversary. Visitors are encouraged to 'walk through the mown pattern in the Round Lawn and reflect on your educational journey, what you have learned and what opportunities are still to come, and the connections and partnerships to be forged'. We recently mowed meandering paths through the meadow to entice visitors to explore the flora more closely with the junctions and changes of direction to provide challenges and options as to which route to select. For Open Cambridge on Saturday 15th September, we will be creating a walk through the garden, part of the 'Capability' Brown landscape, 800 wood and the Cambridge American Cemetery in celebration of the past 70 years.

The Garden Team recently finished pruning and tying-in the 60 metre long arched hazel walk.



The hazel walk –
a recent photograph by Colm Sheppard

A planting on this axis is shown on the tithe map of 1849, some 99 years before the University arrived! At the east end, the Summerhouse Border has been lifted, dug, composted and replanted. While retaining reliable favourites with bold architectural foliage and form, the cardoon, *Cynara cardunculus* and the large leaved member of the cabbage family *Crambe cordifolia*, we have taken the opportunity to extend the season with new plants, particularly members of the daisy family, the orange flowering sneezewort, *Helenium* 'Sahin's Early Flowerer', the yellow and black flowers of the great cone flower, *Rudbeckia maxima* and the white bottlebrush plumes of the white burnet, *Sanguisorba canadensis*. This hopefully will provide flowering fireworks to bring this anniversary year to a finale.

Madingley Hall Summer Festival

The second year of the ICE Summer Festival begins at Madingley Hall on 10th June with the ever popular NGS Open Gardens.

A full list of music, food, movies, theatre, art, nature, words and social events is on our website:

<http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/SummerFestival>

June

As part of herbal weeks, there is an opportunity to meet the Herbalist and the Gardener, for a more detailed view of some of the plants.

Other events include a lively concert by Classico Latino, an Adventure with Sherlock Holmes, the Entrepreneurship Book Club and Open Studios which comes to Madingley Hall for the first time.

July

The Institute of Continuing Education is a partner in the BBC National Short Story awards and our inaugural Cambridge Creative Writing Festival on 7th July celebrates the short story with talks, panel discussion, workshops and a dinner. Authors include Sarah Hall, Michele Roberts, Tibor Fischer, Irenosen Okojie and Zoe Gilbert.

The first of this year's films, presented by Star and Mouse Picture Show, is *Four Weddings and a Funeral* on 15th July.

Our Foodie Tuesday series begins with a fine dining evening on 20th July. Later you can taste and learn about cocktails, cheese and wine, vegan desserts, gin or beer and sausages.

Towards the end of the month on Wednesday evenings there's the music appreciation club which is free to attend and will include composers as diverse as Debussy, The Beatles, Prokofiev and Christina Aguilera.

August

This month begins with a film fiesta. A trio of films – *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *Spectre* and *La La Land* will be shown from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th August.

Madingley Hall's Summer Ball is well-known, supporting the Arthur Rank Hospice and this year is the 10th anniversary.

At 3pm on Bank Holiday Monday the Chapterhouse Theatre Company presents *Alice in Wonderland*.

September

Django's Tiger will be performing its brand of jazz manouche in the Saloon on 8th September.

Open Cambridge is on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th September and this year we are hosting a dinner to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the University purchasing Madingley Hall, and opening the doors to the Hall, gardens and parts of the estate on the Saturday. With a local food fair reminiscent of the village fete in years gone by, you can sample and purchase goods and with luck enjoy some late Summer sunshine.

Paul Ireland

Communications and Marketing Manager

NEWS FROM OUR MP

On 10th April I was honoured to join the Prime Minister when she visited Addenbrooke's Hospital. Theresa May spoke to staff, learned about our pioneering cancer research and treatment work and also launched a £75 million nationwide fund to improve research into innovative ways of combatting prostate cancer. I am so proud of the hard-working, dedicated commitment of our NHS staff and the Prime Minister's visit showed how important Addenbrooke's is, not only to us locally, but also at a national level.

The Prime Minister was briefed on the wish to build a cancer hospital on the campus. This would both develop our world-leading reputation for cancer diagnosis and treatment and also free up valuable space for more general hospital work. The Prime Minister grasped the potential of the proposals and, I am pleased to report, suggested I discuss the proposals in more detail with her special advisor. I'll keep you posted!

Royal Papworth Hospital

April also saw the Health Minister Lord O'Shaughnessy visit Royal Papworth Hospital. I invited him so he could hear from the world-leading experts there and see the innovative work that they undertake. Papworth is seeking sustainable funding for its DCD (donation after circulatory death) transplant programme – that's essentially the use of hearts which would not traditionally make the grade. Lord O'Shaughnessy left impressed and promised to follow up to see what might be possible.

Train timetables

May saw a new timetable for Great Northern trains and I know that many of you contributed to the train timetable consultation last year. The result is a new timetable from 20th May onwards which affects all Great Northern routes. Every train, from every station has been changed with the intention of providing a more reliable service for passengers and increasing capacity. Details of the changes are available here:

<https://www.railplan2020.com/>

To contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk, or telephone my Westminster office on 020 7219 5091 about national issues, or my constituency office on 01223 830037 for local concerns.

Information about surgeries can be found on my website: www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk

Heidi Allen MP

NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

A very big difference this year, compared to last year, is that the County Council is now back

under Conservative control following the election last May. This means that after four years of the Council being in 'no overall control', and the inevitable effects that brings, the Council can now get on with business more effectively.

Budget

The County Council did make efficiency savings of £32m in the last year but we had even greater than predicted pressures from our 'demand led' services such as Adult Social Care and Looked After Children, which left a gap of around £4.5m at year end. The Council continued with the 2% Adult Social Care precept, but for the first time in three years it raised Council Tax by 2.99% to cover the budget shortfall and also allow for some funds to be put into reserve to cover budget pressures over the next two years. Government continues to reduce the amount it gives to County Councils. Our Revenue Support Grant (RSG) is down from £15m to just under £4m, and taking into account other grants no longer being given, we are down £13m overall from government funding for this coming financial year. This is in conjunction with still being the fastest growing county by population, and an ever increasing demand on our services.

Highways

The Council is aware of the concerns regarding the condition of our roads, and in particular the number of potholes following the harsh Winter. Last year we invested an extra £2.5m from our revenue budget for road repairs and maintenance on top of the funding we already put in, and the extra funding from government for following their recommended HIAMP programme. Government has recently committed to further investment for road maintenance and Cambridgeshire has been allocated over 1.6m.

Park & Ride

On 1st April the £1 charge at the Park & Rides was removed in line with our election pledge, which we were pleased to be able to deliver.

Libraries

Cambridge County Council is fully committed to retaining its libraries and much work has been done to see how we can modernise the library system and make it fit for purpose.

Greater Cambridge Partnership

This year has been a very challenging one for infrastructure and transport network. I have been liaising with parishes regarding busways and greenways and will keep pressing for a review of the Cambourne to Cambridge Busway, Greenways projects across South Cambridge and various other ones.

Cllr Lina Joseph

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Election results

May I take this opportunity to thank all those who voted in, and helped with, the election on 3rd May. I am delighted to have been elected as your District Councillor, and will work hard to represent your interests at the District level. As part of the boundary changes this year, Madingley has joined Girton ward, as Barton ward has been divided into neighbouring wards. I would like to thank Francis Burkitt for his hard work over the past 11 years; he retired as a Councillor at this year's election will be much missed by his colleagues.

I would also like to congratulate Cllr Douglas de Lacey who was re-elected in Girton ward, and Cllr Bridget Smith and her colleagues who will form the incoming administration in South Cambs. My first loyalty is to the people of Madingley and our other villages, and it is in all our interests for South Cambs to continue to be one of the best places in the country to live, and its District Council to be successful.

Trial of community street sweeping and litter picking

A trial is to be run by the District Council and local communities into how our villages can become cleaner and how littering can be reduced. Around 20 villages across the District said they were interested in receiving more help with additional street cleaning, and seven have been chosen for the trial. Volunteers have been trained to operate the ride-in sweeper, which can be borrowed for use on paths covered in tarmac, including cycleways. A leaf and litter vacuum will also be made available, which can be used in car parks, around shops and on playing fields. Both pieces of equipment will be able to be booked out by communities taking part in the trial and used by volunteers who have gone through training and Council organised checks.

The second new project being developed will see the authority supplying tools like litter-pickers, gloves and bags to communities who want to run their own 'big clean' events and environmental action days. The Council will collect and dispose of waste collected by volunteers.

Bike Life Initiative

Bike Life, founded in 2014, has been used to develop cycling strategies, justify investment and delivery of schemes, support air quality plans, and demonstrate the benefits of cycling. The County Council and the Greater Cambridge Partnership will be working together with sustainable transport charity Sustrans to produce reports capturing data on infrastructure,

travel habits, public attitudes and the impact of cycling as part of the Bike Life initiative. The reports, due to be published in 2020 and 2022, will help to build the case for a better cycling framework and inform planning at a local level. The cycling network in Cambridge and surrounding area is set to expand further in 2018. This includes five cross-city cycling schemes, 12 Greenway routes linking the City to local villages and employment sites, and The Chisholm Trail, which is a mostly off-road walking and cycling route between Cambridge North and Cambridge stations.

Cllr Tom Bygott

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NEWS FROM THE STEPHEN PERSE PRE- PREP SCHOOL

In the life of the Pre-prep the Summer term is filled with opportunities for the children to express what they have discovered about themselves as learners. Familiarity with the expectations of the year, the routines of the day and the established relationships with their teachers and peers all contribute to the children feeling positive and confident during their time in school.

In our Kindergarten class the children have had a series of challenges to tackle and through working on solutions our youngest pupils have demonstrated their ability to think creatively. The first challenge was based on a story about a troll that lived in a hole and the children needed to find a way of crossing the hole. During their weekly trips to Madingley Park the children have been trying out different ways of crossing a hole, for example using a large tree branch or building a bridge.

In Year 1 the children have been visiting Madingley Village Hall weekly for gymnastics lessons, where the additional space has allowed the children to explore their creativity.

From the youngest to the oldest, all of the children are beginning to think about the next class that they will be moving to and the types of learner they need to be. The Year 2 children regularly demonstrate a mature and responsible attitude to school life as they prepare for Year 3. At Madingley the Year 2 class volunteered to support the Year 1 children in learning how to do country dancing. The words of encouragement between the children and their patience as they allow the Year 1s time to rehearse is an example of the children's growing understanding of the impact that they can have on others.

Sarah Holyoake

Deputy Head

Stephen Perse Foundation Pre-prep School

BUSES BETWEEN MADINGLEY AND CAMBRIDGE

Outbound services pick up in Cambridge Road adjacent to the Madingley Hall gates roundabout and arrive at Drummer Street Bus Station. Inbound services begin at Drummer Street Bus Station and stop in the High Street near the Village Hall. **Whippet Coaches Bus No. 2** was discontinued in September 2017 but its route covered by citi 5 and citi 6.

Stagecoach Bus (Monday to Friday only)

Outbound (citi 5) (via Bar Hill):

Madingley	Emmanuel Street (E4)
07.21	07.57

Inbound (citi 6) (via Oakington):

Emmanuel Street (E4)	Madingley
17.55	18.44

Whippet Coaches Bus No. 8 (Monday to Saturday only)

Outbound:

Madingley	Drummer Street (Bay 3)
10.03	10.25
11.33	11.55
15.03	15.25

Inbound:

Drummer Street (Bay 3)	Madingley
10.30	10.49
13.00	13.19
16.30	16.49

Madingley Road Park & Ride

The Madingley Park & Ride service goes to Stop S3, on St. Andrew's Street outside Grand Arcade, and leaves from there also. Outbound times are as follows:

Monday to Saturday: 07.00 to 20.20 (at 10 minute intervals until 18.20; then at 20 minute intervals)

Sunday and Public Holidays: 09.00 to 18.15 (at 15 minute intervals)

(Inbound services: Monday to Saturday: 07.14 to 20.34; Sunday and Public Holidays: 09.15 to 18.30)

A daily Park & Ride ticket costs £3. Each paying adult can also take up to three under-16s free.

Charges are made for parking at Cambridge Park & Ride sites, though the first 18 hours are now free:

- 1 to 18 hours: FREE
- 18 to 24 hours: £10
- 24 to 48 hours: £20
- 48 to 72 hours: £30

(Advance purchase and season tickets are available at: <https://cambridgeshireparkandride.keyivr.com>)

Concessionary fare pass holders can travel free on Park & Ride services after 9.30am, Monday to Friday, and all day during weekends and Bank Holidays.

Whippet Coaches Bus route U (Universal) runs from just outside the south-east corner of Madingley Park & Ride (Eddington Avenue), Cambridge Railway Station (Monday to Saturday) and Addenbrooke's Hospital (Monday to Friday). More details from: <http://www.go-whippet.co.uk/new-route-u/>



'WEDNESDAY B' BIN COLLECTIONS

June

13th: BLACK
20th: BLUE and GREEN
27th: BLACK

July

4th: BLUE and GREEN
11th: BLACK
18th: BLUE and GREEN
25th: BLACK

August

1st: BLUE and GREEN
8th: BLACK
15th: BLUE and GREEN
22nd: BLACK
30th (Thursday): BLUE and GREEN

Paper caddies have not been collected since end of 2017: paper goes into BLUE



Yoga Flow Classes:

Dry Drayton Village Hall

Thursdays, 5.45pm to 7.15pm
7, 14, 21, 28 June (£32 or £9 per class drop-in)
5, 12, 19, 26 July (£32 or £9 drop-in)

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Mondays, 6.15 to 7.30pm
4, 11, 18 and 25 June (£36 or £10 per class drop-in)
2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 July (£45 or £10 drop-in)

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