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'Butterflies on Madingley Hall meadow grasses' painted by Madingley artist Georita Harriott (see page 19)

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FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the Summer 2019 issue of *Madingley News* – and thanks, as always, to all our contributors. This bumper issue carries details of many recent and future activities in and around the Village.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A14 Legacy Fund Bid – Creating a Network of Rural Greenways

Highways England has dedicated £1 million to be made available to parishes to mitigate the adverse effects of the A14 Upgrade Scheme. Parish Councils have been invited to make a bid for a share of this pot of money and in Madingley, our vision is to create a network of Rural Greenways, connecting the city of Cambridge to the local parishes of Girton, Dry Drayton, Coton and Bar Hill. This will be achieved through three specific projects centred around Madingley:

- A. Turning The Avenue into a Non-Motorised Route (NMU)
- B. Reconnecting footpaths and bridleways
- C. Mitigation measures on Dry Drayton Road

A. The Avenue

After two years of closure, The Avenue reopened on Monday 18th March. The majority of residents had supported permanent closure to through traffic. Surveys have shown limited adverse impact of such closure on Dry Drayton parish and the Local Highways Initiative (LHI) has the support of Highways Officers following the production of a feasibility cost estimate. The closure point and turning head would be at the junction of The Avenue and the Local Access Road (LAR), with appropriate signage advising motorists of restrictions.

Traffic movements through Madingley are projected to increase as a result of the A14 Upgrade Scheme, with increased attractiveness of this route for vehicles from a wider area due to the additional capacity and accessibility to the A14 corridor and the LAR in particular. Trips are drawn from west of the M11, as well as routes north of the A14 such as Dry Drayton Road to The Avenue. The new LAR will permit a route into Cambridge via Madingley that is not available at present.¹

Location	Direction	Reason	Roads where traffic may increase	Roads where traffic may decrease
From A14 onto the Avenue Southbound	South bound	Traffic diverting from Oakington Road Dry Drayton / Dry Drayton Road	High Street Madingley, Church Lane Madingley, Cambridge Road Madingley, The Avenue Madingley	Madingley Road Dry Drayton, Oakington Road Dry Drayton, Park Street Dry Drayton, Park Lane Dry Drayton, Scotland Road Dry Drayton
From A1303 onto Huntingdon Road	North bound	Traffic diverting from Madingley Rise to Cambridge	Church Lane Madingley, High Street Madingley, The Avenue Madingley	Cambridge Road Madingley, Madingley Rise (A1303 St Neots Road)

Once the A14 upgrade works to the LAR are completed, there will be considerable demand to travel on an axis from the A14 to the A428 as a result of the scheme facilitating this, which will impact on both Dry Drayton and Madingley.

In the case of Madingley, the changes are more significant because of the connection of The Avenue to the LAR by means of an 'all movement' junction. In addition, this 'all movement' junction makes routes through Madingley via The Avenue, High Street and Church Lane more attractive than through Dry

¹ TR010018-002115-Highways England - HE-A14-EX-89 Response to ExAs Second Written Questions Principal Issue 12 Transportation and Traffic.pdf

Drayton. This will have the effect of reducing the volumes of traffic on both Oakington Road and Madingley Road Dry Drayton, as the traffic switches instead on to The Avenue to and from the new LAR.²

It is predicted that there will be a small increase in traffic flow through Dry Drayton as a result of the A14 upgrade. This is, however, a result of the redistribution of local traffic due to the increased capacity on the Strategic Road network.³

The route for all the additional traffic through Madingley, caused by the connection of The Avenue to the LAR, will be via the High Street, in the centre of the Village. The High Street has traffic calming measures (speed cushions) at the historic accident blackspot adjacent to the Three Horseshoes pub, where the road narrows and there is a double bend. The majority of the residents in Madingley have properties that face directly on to the highway, and on the High Street the property density is highest with many dwellings having less than 1m separating them from the highway, which leaves no opportunity to increase the road width.



The County Council has agreed that, if public consultation were carried out to the required standards, they would not object to the closure of The Avenue. It is a road of poor standard, and the projected increase of traffic on it would be a matter for concern. In fact, an increase in traffic on both Dry Drayton Road and The Avenue would be problematical because of this same poor standard.⁴

² TR010018-002179-Cambridgeshire County Council - Response to Examining Authority Second Written Questions.pdf

³ ibid

⁴ ibid

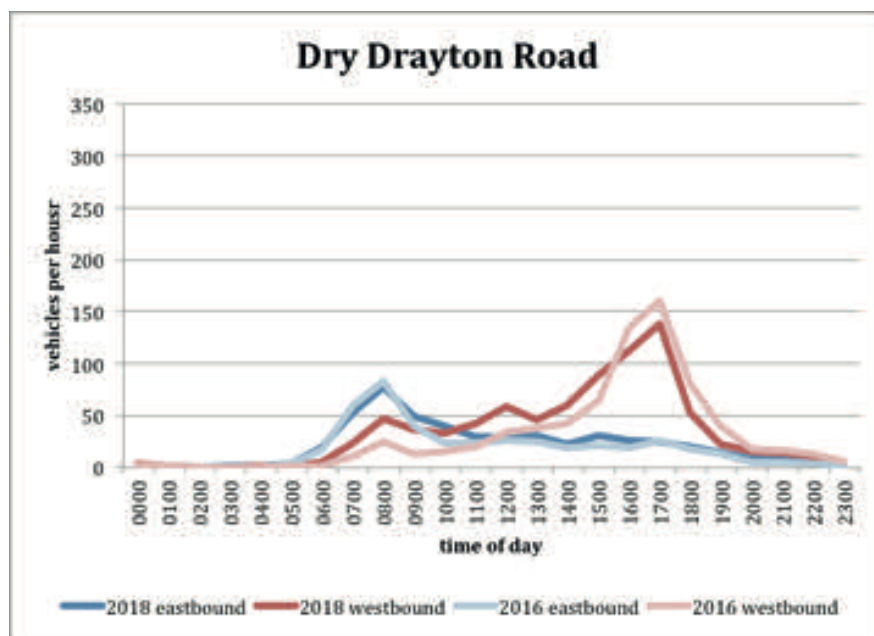
Consultation

In October 2017, the Parish Council distributed a survey questionnaire to every person on the electoral register resident within the parish. The results were as follows:

The Avenue closure proposal questionnaire results, October 2017

Residents	155	(On electoral roll)
Responses	62	40%
For	45	73%
Against	14	23%
Don't know	3	5%

A number of responses to the questionnaire raised concerns over the perceived increase in traffic levels on Dry Drayton Road as a result of the temporary closure of The Avenue (due to the A14 upgrade works from February 2017 to April 2019). In the light of these concerns, the Parish Council agreed to fund a traffic survey using the same methodology applied by Highways England to the survey they undertook in April 2016 before starting works on the A14 upgrade. The results of this survey showed that there had been a slight increase in volumes of traffic on Dry Drayton Road, but also that this small increase in volume was during off-peak periods:



2016 - 2018 comparison	Daily volume (Mon-Fri)	
Westbound flow increase +11% reason: lack of access to The Avenue but no increase at peak (AM)	2016	
	Eastbound	Westbound
	438	734
Eastbound flow increase +10% reason: lack of access to The Avenue but less traffic at peak (PM)	2018	
	Eastbound	Westbound
	484	813

Further consultation was undertaken following advice from County Council officers in response to a Local Highways Initiative application seeking the closure of The Avenue to through traffic. The responses to this wider consultation were largely in favour of closure for reasons of safety and noise, including a joint letter from parents of young children in the Village who were concerned about the

dangers of crossing roads with increased traffic. There were also some reservations from those with official roles within local government.

Project Feasibility

County Highways Officer Joshua Rutherford produced a project feasibility study in support of the Local Highways Initiative (LHI) application. This found the optimum solution would be to turn The Avenue into a Non-Motorised Route, prohibiting vehicles apart from those requiring access. There would be relevant signage notifying motorists of the closure and a formal Traffic Regulation Order process would be needed. Turning areas were included in the costing produced. The estimate of total costs was £12,547.39 and Madingley Parish Council has agreed to contribute £2,547.40.

Highways Capital Budget Savings

An additional financial benefit to the County Council would be that the funds allocated for resurfacing The Avenue in 2019 (£130,000) would not be needed and could be used for more pressing highways maintenance works elsewhere.

B. Reconnecting footpaths and bridleways

The Green Vision would also include reconnecting footpaths and bridleways to provide a non-motorised network for use by walkers, cyclists and horse-riders. This would include:

- Madingley Bridleway 2 – connection with the existing track joining The Avenue at the brickpits; there are already plans to connect this bridleway to the LAR
- Girton Footpath 8 – connection to LAR at junction with The Avenue
- Connecting Madingley Bridleway 2 to Madingley Footpath 3 using existing track

The following existing NMU route can be connected at the junction with The Avenue to the LAR:

- Girton Footpath 8 joins the LAR NMU at the junction of The Avenue. This connects to Bridleway Dry Drayton 2, Madingley Bridleway 1 and Dry Drayton Footpath 13 (around Beck Brook)

The following options are made possible by the closure of The Avenue to through traffic, converting it to an NMU:

- Option 1: LAR NMU connecting to Madingley Bridleway 2 (to be confirmed). This would restore the lost connection to the bridleway caused by the A14 upgrade works. This diversion could be accommodated within the boundary of the land retained by Highways England
- Option 2: Alternatively Bridleway 2 could be diverted along the existing track that connects to The Avenue at Madingley brickpits, hopefully through permission of the owners. The track between the accommodation bridge over the A428 and The Avenue is mainly on land owned by Trinity College, but the connection between the track and the highway through the brickpits belongs to the Madingley Estate. This would have the benefit of creating a bridleway completely separated from busy roads, allowing connection between Girton and Dry Drayton via Madingley
- Option 3: Via Madingley Bridleway 2 to Madingley Footpath 3, which is to be upgraded to a bridleway where it crosses under the M11 to connect to Girton Footpath 5 (also being upgraded from the existing footpath to a bridleway including the M11 underpass from CCC designated funds). This would require agreement of the landowners (Trinity College) to use the existing path around Ladybush Close, which is currently well used by NMUs

Closing The Avenue to through traffic and creating a new NMU connecting with existing footpaths and bridleways would deliver the following benefits:

- Access by pedestrians and horseriders between the villages of Madingley, Girton and Dry Drayton avoiding the LAR NMU except for the short section between The Avenue and the connection of Madingley Bridleway 2 to the LAR NMU. If option 2 above is available, then the entire route can be separated from traffic / noise / pollution
- Safe pedestrian and cycle access (for adults and children) from Madingley Village to Eddington and on to the City Centre via the LAR NMU
- An attractive alternative option for cyclists travelling into Madingley from Dry Drayton Road to access the City Centre via the LAR NMU, reducing the length of the journey by travelling alongside the LAR

and the associated noise and pollution. This would provide a safer alternative route to Cambridge Road, Madingley, which carries far more traffic, especially in the morning peak

- The large radius curves that Highways England has provided splaying the junction of The Avenue and the LAR create a poor crossing for the cycleway. Closing The Avenue to through traffic at the LAR would allow for the NMU to be realigned, creating a contiguous cycleway route. In addition, if there is a regular bus service on the LAR into Cambridge, provision of a bus stop and cycle stands could create a cycle park & ride (subject to available funding). This would require a safe crossing to access the opposite bus stop.

C. Dry Drayton Road

Suggestions include:

- Reducing the speed of traffic through a speed limit – 40mph or less – along the entire length into Dry Drayton (junction of Madingley Road to Park Street)
- Introducing speed cushions (or other measures) to reduce the speed at blackspots
- 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signage to be installed at the entrances to the Village (Cambridge Road, Church Lane and Madingley Road Dry Drayton)

The proposal is to make this route safer and more attractive especially for pedestrians, cyclists and horseriders, whilst maintaining the link between Dry Drayton and Madingley for motorised users, including public transport and HGV traffic requiring access. The costs of these proposals have not been assessed at this stage. The location of the blackspot areas where speed cushions (or other suitable measures) could be helpful are shown on the map below:



Speed cushions have been selected as an option as they are relatively inexpensive and it would be helpful to have a budget cost, but they may not be the right solution. The County Council's website advises the cost for four pairs of speed cushions that includes associated signing and lining would be in the region of £11,500-£20,500.

If the speed limit is reduced from the National limit, repeater signs will be required along the length of the road between the villages at appropriate intervals. The road is 2km long, and the signage would extend into and benefit Dry Drayton parish also. The County Council's website advises the cost for speed limit signs to be in the region of £4,500-£16,500.

This is a complex matter and I hope this explanation, and the map that follows, are helpful. The Parish Council would be grateful to receive your feedback.

Madingley Greenways Vision OVERVIEW

EXISTING FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS ————
 MADINGLEY ESTATE PERMISSIVE ACCESS ————
 PROPOSED NMU MODIFICATIONS ————



Parish Councillor Vacancies

The Council would also be glad to hear from any Villager who might be interested in being co-opted as a Parish Councillor with a view to future election. The work is varied, interesting and rewarding.

Tree Wardens

The work of the Tree Council, the UK's leading charity for trees, promotes their importance in a changing environment (see <https://www.treecouncil.org.uk>). Its network coordinator for this area is South Cambridgeshire District Council (see <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/natural-historic-and-built-environment/natural-environment/trees/tree-wardens/>). The Parish Council is looking for volunteers who are prepared to become Tree Wardens. You do not need to be a tree expert; all that is required is that you are concerned about the trees in our environment. If you are interested in this worthwhile project, please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance; her contact details are on the next page.

David Ousby

Chair, Madingley Parish Council

The next issue of *Madingley News* will be published on 10th September 2019 and the copy date 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. The Editors

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 17th June, 7.30pm

Madingley Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting
(budgets/forward planning/policy review)

Sunday 23rd June, 2.30-5.30pm

Madingley Hall
National Garden Scheme: Open Garden



Monday 1st July, 7.30pm

Madingley Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 24th August (time to be announced)

Three Horseshoes Pub
August Garden Party – all proceeds to funding
the installation of a defibrillator for Madingley

Monday 9th September, 7.30pm

Madingley Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 24th to Monday 28th October

Madingley Hall
Open Studios

Monday 28th October, 7.30pm

Madingley Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 29th October, 6.30-7.30pm

Madingley Hall
Madingley Lecture: *Life in Ancient Sparta*
Professor Paul Cartledge

Monday 9th December, 7.30pm

Madingley Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting

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101

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CHURCH NEWS

Easter Day found many of us at church looking at each other and saying almost incredulously, "Can you believe it? After all these years of planning and fundraising, the building work is going to be starting this week!" And so our celebration of Jesus' resurrection had an increased feeling of joy to it. The next day saw a remarkable number of the congregation all turning up to pack away and cover the items which will not be needed for the next few months to protect them from the builders' dust and debris, and moving out the equipment which will be required for our services in the Village Hall. We have now settled in to having our services there, and are experimenting with starting at 10.30am, which ensures that we can vacate the hall in time for the next group, and also will give us a taste of what it will be like to have coffee and tea after our services.

Amidst all of this excitement however, there have been occasions on which we have felt a tremendous sense of loss, as several important and loved members of the congregation died, and we gathered together to give thanks for their lives and commend them to God. Given that all of them had far longer association with Madingley Church than I have had, I am very grateful to Sue Baldwin who has provided the following information.

With the recent deaths of Bob and Clo Stephens and Audrey Pickersgill the church community has reached the end of an era that had a particularly naval flavour.

Douglas (who died in 2004) and Audrey Pickersgill served Madingley Church faithfully from the 1980s. Both were on the Church Council, hospitably holding meetings at their home, volunteering and cooking for cream teas and fetes, and organising Advent events. Douglas was Chairman of the Church Council from 1985-96 through a long period of ministry uncertainty, change and several restoration projects.

At the beginning of the 1990s Douglas was joined at Madingley Church by John Mullett and Bob Stephens and all three found that they had served in the British or Canadian Navies during the Second World War (with Bob's distinguished career carrying on long afterwards, taking him to the rank of Vice-Admiral). This team brought renewed rigour, enthusiasm and energy to the church community as evidenced by the hugely successful 900th anniversary of the church and planning and fundraising for various church repair projects.

The photographs opposite show Clo Stephens dressed in green and other villagers walking up

to the Hall and Douglas accompanying HRH the Duke of Edinburgh and the Lord Lieutenant from the church.



Bob succeeded as Chairman of the Church Council (1996-2001) and led the major works at the Parish Church in 1999 when the electrical services were replaced and work carried out to the fabric of the North Aisle. He attended many meetings within the Diocese during this period to ensure that the voice of this Parish was heard and protected. He spearheaded ideas for the celebration of the Millennium, further development of the church such as the area for the burial of ashes in the churchyard and served on the Village Hall Committee. Bob retired from the PCC in 2009 but his advice was often sought by members of the church community and he was a very regular member of the Sunday congregation. His wife Clo provided essential support and encouragement to Bob to enable him to give so much of his time and expertise to both the church and Village.

We were also very sad to have to say goodbye to Rosemary Lenton, who was the last local member of an important Madingley family, the Barlows, and whose young sons of a previous generation unfortunately figure prominently on the War Memorial.

The abiding memory of these four members of our church community will be their able, cheerful, resolute yet modest support for our Parish Church and the Village of Madingley. We were most fortunate.

The stewardship of these invaluable members of the community followed on from all the work carried out through the preceding centuries, and which we continue now. As a result, we have ensured the protection of a special window in the south-west wall of the church, and again, I am grateful to Sue Baldwin for the following information.



Madingley Church is home to a particularly beautiful panel of early 16th century glass that depicts Charity and Justice in one composite tableau next to the Emperor Charlemagne. A conservation project was carried out over the past year, cleaning and repairing the glass and providing an isothermal frame to ensure better ventilation and protection. At the same time the ferramenta (glazing ironmongery) has been painted and fragile jamb stones around the window opening replaced. The PCC is very grateful for grants from the following charities and organisations: the Betty Lawes Foundation, South Cambridgeshire District Council and the Glaziers Trust. Without their assistance this work could not have taken place. As you can see from the accompanying photograph this precious window, with light pouring in from the churchyard, looks stunning.

Finally, many people will now be aware that the Revd Mandy Maxwell, Rector of Girton and Priest-in-Charge of Madingley, announced in January that she will be moving to the parish of Trumpington in July. Given that *legally* during the interregnum I have no authority, our church here will be in the very good hands of our churchwardens, who will be able to call on the advice of the Rural Dean during this time. The church is in good heart, and so we face the future with high expectations.

Rev'd Christine Barrow

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



Longer days mean more Speedwatch surveys around the Village, with huge thanks to the tremendous ongoing support from our team of volunteers!

Navigating the bends and dips of our narrow local roads brings risks for pedestrians, cyclists, occasional horse riders and other regular road users too. Meanwhile our Village pavements are poorly maintained and uneven as they disintegrate, some narrowed further by abundant leaf litter. Some of these areas are hazardous for pedestrians when walking perilously close to passing traffic.

Undertaking local speed surveys through Speedwatch is a popular and effective way to encourage drivers to slow down and keep within local speed limits. Our surveys help to make the village roads safer for everyone – especially non-motorised users on roads, adjoining footways and pavements – and show that we care about road safety and our Village environment.

In May, we participated in surveys coinciding with Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Week of Action, when additional resources were focused on tackling excessive vehicle speeds throughout the County.

Speedwatch Secretariat

MADINGLEY VILLAGE HALL

Madingley Village Quiz

A most convivial Quiz Night was held on 23rd March with ten teams competing for glory. It was an extremely close contest but after six rounds (plus an extra round because everyone was enjoying themselves so much) the 'High Street' team came top, closely followed by 'Arden House' and 'Upper Madingley'! Huge thanks to Jilly and Bill for writing the questions, hosting the event and preparing the interval refreshments and to everyone who gave gifts and bought tickets for the raffle. The event made £491 for Village Hall funds.

Madingley Village Breakfast

Villagers also enjoyed the Big Breakfast event on 27th April when John and Fiona Naughton prepared bacon rolls, tea, coffee and other delicious treats for everyone to enjoy. We are grateful to them for all they did to make this possible and to those who made contributions as

they left, totalling £100 to Village Hall funds. Thanks also to Stuart and Sally Hawkins who loaned their classic Philips Hostess Trolley.



The 2019 Village Quiz Night under way



The Village Breakfast on 27th April



The chefs relaxing briefly

The Hall has been very busy this year with bookings for family events, business workshops, wellbeing sessions, children's parties and, of course, Village meetings and our own Stephen Perse School which is now using the Hall on a weekly basis for PE lessons. We are pleased to welcome the congregation of Madingley Parish Church at their regular 10.30am Sunday service which is being held in the Hall from Easter through the Summer whilst development works are being undertaken at the Church.

All the income from the Village Hall 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.



The younger generation was well represented

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



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2018

The Madingley community gave a total of £425.62 to the Royal British Legion 2018 Poppy Appeal. I would like to thank: Stephen Perse Pre-Prep, The Three Horseshoes, Madingley Hall and the congregation of St Mary Magdalene for kindly and generously taking part.

I am particularly grateful to Chris Cound for helping me with the door-to-door collection and to those who cheerfully filled our collecting tins when we rang their doorbells.

This was a special year when the nation said 'Thank You' to the First World War generation who served, sacrificed and changed our world. Your donations will help The Royal British Legion to provide lifelong support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families.

Thank you!

Anna Baldwin

MADINGLEY HISTORY GROUP

The History Group has been hibernating this year whilst the Secretary deals with church administrative matters during the development works. It is hoped that a programme will be published later in the year as time becomes available. However, I would very much like to record our sadness at the death of founder member Rosemary Lenton on 7th April 2019.



Rosemary was very much a Madingley person. She was born on 11th February 1945 and raised in the Village. She was baptised and confirmed in Madingley Church, and later married her husband Ollie there. She went to Madingley Primary School where she was taught by Mrs Ruddell. Rosemary's mother was Emma Barlow and her father was Leslie Radford, both Madingley families. Leslie, who was a policeman, died when Rosemary was very young. Before moving to Church Lane, they lived in the Lodge of Madingley Hall. Rosemary's mother worked at Madingley Hall and during the school holidays would take little Rosemary to work with her or she would play with her cousins at Granny Radford's in the High Street.

Rosemary worked at Joshua Taylor, Robert Sayle, Fencolour and at the MRC at Addenbrooke's Hospital. She was a talented seamstress with a life-long interest in ballet, musicals and animals.

Later, Rosemary lived in Comberton but her links to Madingley remained strong. In 1999, when the Madingley History Group was established, she joined and enthusiastically shared her memories and family photographs with the Group as they worked to build up a historical record of the Village. She was also a faithful member of the Madingley congregation and played a special part in the annual Remembrance Day Service in honouring the many members of her family who

fell in the First World War, providing us all with a link to those brave young men.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Ollie and their daughter Sharon. The History Group will greatly miss the cheerful, supportive and very knowledgeable part that Rosemary contributed to our meetings and research.

Sue Baldwin
Secretary

MADINGLEY CRICKET CLUB

Please can I remind whoever runs the weather that a scorching Easter followed by rain in early May is not conducive to cricket. At the time of writing (12th May) both teams have had one game, yesterday's second team game having been called off due to a wet pitch. Cue much disappointment, but that should not take anything away from the winning start we have made in the league.

As preparation we scheduled a friendly match at the end of April in Cambourne, in memory of our mutual team-mate Khurram Naeem who passed away 18 months ago. There was some 'excellent' cricket played in the right spirit, Cambourne scoring 202 for 8 wickets in their 35 overs, with Manish and Rob both bowling very well on debut. The Rooks fell short by 27 runs in the chase despite 60+ partnerships between the two Owens and Aazir and Qaiser. The photo shows Cambourne at the front celebrating their win.



The second team opened their season at Harlton, a proper rustic setting amongst farms and with a fence to keep the cows off (similar to the old Madingley ground, I understand). We chose to bowl first given the damp pitch, and made the most of conditions (with a short break for rain/hail) to concede only 67 runs; wickets were shared between Mick Naylor, GK, Pradeesh and yours truly. The two Owens continued their good form by knocking off the runs without loss in 16

overs, and we got to celebrate in the pub as the deluge arrived. The heavy rain last Wednesday and then overnight on Friday prevented us from playing the return fixture; the legendary Boycott may talk up uncovered pitches, but there is a downside!

The first team had a rare day off last weekend and so only got to play their first game yesterday at Chippenham. Having lost the toss and been put into bat, for the third game in succession the two Owens opened up; but like all good things their sequence of successive 50 partnerships came to an abrupt end. However the team posted a competitive 181 for 6 from their 40 overs, Avinash top scoring with 73 and sharing 50 partnerships with Owen O'Loan and Ian Morgan. The game was in the balance at tea, but at the halfway stage of Chippenham's reply it was not looking so good, with a 50 opening partnership and a solid platform of 90 for 2 at the 20 over drinks interval. However there was an incredible turnaround in the second half of the innings, with vice captain Hitesh finishing with 4 wickets, 3 wickets for Kev Middleton, and 4 catches for skipper Martin Tev, and the outcome a very welcome win by 30 runs.

The games will now start to come thick and fast, with both teams playing most weekends between now and the end of August. Fixtures are listed on the Village Hall noticeboard, and we are always happy to welcome supporters and new players. We are also keeping outdoor nets going this year, so please get in touch if you'd like to be involved. Contact details are in this Newsletter, and we also have a website:

<http://madingley.play-cricket.com/> and a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/madingleycc/>.

Philip Done
Secretary

MADINGLEY'S DAWN CHORUS WALK

Eleven intrepid Villagers and friends gathered at 4.00am on 18th May for the Dawn Chorus Walk planned and led by William Seale, an expert in birdsong. Two joined the Walk at 5.00am and at the 6.00am conclusion, a welcome Continental breakfast was served in the Village Hall.

A robin was already singing when we left with torches and many more species joined in as the sun rose. In all, William identified nearly 30 species of birds from their songs and calls, plus a number of bats which, as he commented, represented the end of the 'night shift.' Apart from the sounds they made, he told us a great deal about their lives and habitats, and answered many questions.



William Seale explains which birds are singing

It was a most informative and enjoyable experience, enhanced by William's display of recording equipment, birdsong sonograms and other artefacts, for which the work of the Sub-Department of Animal Behaviour in Madingley is justly celebrated.

There are already calls for the Walk to be repeated in May next year. Don't miss it!

The Editors

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN CEMETERY

Training! Training! Training!

By 1944 the Americans were ubiquitous – they were everywhere – with their candy and gum; smart uniforms and film-star good looks; jazz and jitterbugging ... and oh! those nylons, at \$20.00 a pair! The sociable GIs were beloved by adults and children alike.

The close alliance between the United States and Great Britain burgeoned into 'the special relationship' (Sir Winston Churchill). Nearly 3.5 million Americans passed through Britain between 1942 and 1945, but, what was this 'friendly invasion' building-up to? It was the Normandy landings and the march to Berlin.

Americans arriving, from 1942, were raw recruits. What they needed was training, training, training ... exactly what they got. As D-Day approached, this became more realistic, with full, live-fire dress rehearsals for everyone.

Exercise Tiger

Taking part in the final dry-run, Exercise Tiger (28th April 1944), was Californian, Sgt Louis Bolton of the 607 Graves Registration Company. Louis was 19 years old and married. He found himself on a Landing Ship Tank sailing up the English Channel for a rendezvous in Lyme Bay, from where the troops would assault the beach at Slapton Sands, Devon. This beach was chosen

because it closely resembled the Normandy beach known as 'Utah'.



Sgt Louis A Bolton

Training was realistic and there were often casualties, but none so great as on this day. His small convoy was spotted by an enemy E-boat patrol, whose torpedoes created mayhem among the unsuspecting vessels.

Louis and 748 young Americans lost their lives. Eighty-eight remain buried in British soil here at Cambridge American Cemetery; many, many more are commemorated on our Wall of the Missing. He was expecting to follow the fighting, to meticulously record the names of those who had fought and died. He was not expecting to perish in the cold waters of the English Channel, before the invasion even started.

D-Day

As D-Day approached, units were concentrated in the Channel ports of southern England. During May 1944 every creek and estuary was crammed with landing craft – 'you could walk across every inlet, without getting your feet wet'. Among those waiting to sail to northern France was a three-man team from the 531st Engineer Shore Regiment.

Some soldiers were veterans of the three previous invasions. Plucked from Italy and brought to Britain, they were embedded alongside the raw recruits to pass on their expertise and survival skills.

One such team consisted of experienced soldier Otis Ham, 36, a professional baseball player;

Jay Rencher (Snowflake, Arizona) and Dan Shellenberg (Youngstown, Ohio), both then aged 19. Their Commanding Officer told the engineers, "You are going to be cannon fodder ... three out of every four men will be dead within the first hour ... each man will train with two partners, so there will be one man [left] to get the job done..."



Pvt Otis A Ham

... and train they did. My father (a Junior Doctor) noted in his diary seeing American soldiers practising mine clearance on the beach at Ilfracombe, Devon. I like to think that among those men were Otis, Jay and Dan.

The Shore Engineers landed an hour before the main assault; their job, to clear a path through the obstacles on Utah beach and destroy thousands of mines – many well below the water-line – leaving a safe route for the landing craft.

They worked ceaselessly, achieving their objective. Rencher remembers, "The commander had been right. Before 7.00am, on 6th June, two of the three of us were dead". Otis had both legs amputated below the knee. The last thing he said was, "What the heck does a baseball player do without any legs?" Otis is buried in Cambridge; Dan was repatriated.

Postscript – 6th June 1944: the loss of life at Slapton Sands was huge, yet ironically, losses on Utah beach during the Normandy landings, were some 200.

Suzie Harrison

American Battle Monuments Commission
Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial

NEWS FROM MADINGLEY HALL

In addition to the forthcoming Summer events programme outlined below, courses continue on a wide range of topics ranging from the short stories of DH Lawrence to understanding your health behaviour.

If you would like to spend longer than a couple of days exploring ideas, our International Summer Programmes take place in Cambridge on the Sidgwick site throughout July and into August. Our Art and Visual Culture programme explores museums and collections, whilst the Interdisciplinary programme offers a variety of courses delivered by expert tutors.

Looking further ahead to September, we are launching our new Tuesday courses in addition to our highly regarded weekends. Designed as a quick snapshot of a topic or period, these allow you to attend morning or afternoon sessions – or all day if you prefer. From ‘first peoples’ through to ‘the future of solar science and electronics’, via ‘the philosophy and history of happiness’, find out more about the current University research and delve deeper into subjects of interest.

From October we look forward to welcoming a new intake of students participating in our extensive range of part-time University of Cambridge qualifications at undergraduate and postgraduate level. We welcome students exploring a new discipline for the first time, those making their way back into education and professionals accelerating their vocational trajectories. We hope that you too will become fellow members of Cambridge’s unique lifelong learning community.

Forthcoming events

National Garden Scheme: Open Garden Afternoon at Madingley Hall

Sunday 23rd June 2019, 2.30pm–5.30pm

A chance to visit Madingley Hall Gardens, open to the public as part of the National Garden Scheme. Come along any time between 2.30 and 5.30pm and enjoy a stroll in the eight-acre gardens. Refreshments in aid of Madingley Hall Building & Garden Fund.

Find out more at:

<http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/event/national-garden-scheme-open-garden-afternoon-madingley-hall-2019>

ICE Summer Festival

May – September 2019

The ICE Summer Festival showcases the best of the University of Cambridge’s Institute of Continuing Education (ICE) and Madingley Hall with a series of cultural and educational events.

From open air cinema to garden and hall tours giving the history and legacy of the hall and grounds, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Find out more at

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

Open Studios

Thursday 24th – Monday 28th October

Slightly further ahead into Michaelmas term, Madingley Hall will host an autumnal Open Studios in October, with all artworks on show created by staff at the University. You also have the opportunity to purchase works at the exhibition.

Madingley Lectures

Madingley Lectures presents a series of snapshots of other cultures and other worlds, distanced from our own by time and place.

Life in Ancient Sparta: how Spartan? How strange?

Tuesday, 29th October 2019

6.30 – 7.30pm



‘Warfare in Attica’ – c570-565 BC

Information about the third Madingley Lecture in our series this year, to be given by Professor Paul Cartledge, is now available on our website:

<http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/ancient-sparta>

For further information about any of our events or courses, please visit <http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk>

We hope to welcome you to the Institute, our hall and grounds in the coming months.

Zara Kuckelhaus

Head of Academic Centre Administration,
Lifelong Learning, Institute of Continuing
Education, Madingley Hall

NEWS FROM THE STEPHEN PERSE PRE-PREP SCHOOL

Wellbeing is paramount to successful learning and a child's development. Small classes ensure that we know our pupils but knowing them is not enough. We support the wellbeing, as well as the personal and social development of our young learners in a great variety of ways. One of these is through Forest School sessions.

For our Madingley pupils, weekly Forest School enables children to step outside the classroom and take a pause, not from learning but from the 'buzz of life'. Madingley has full Forest School status which means that children take their learning outside; to learn in and about the forest. From maths in the trees, to art in the playground, to identifying birds and trees – Forest School is full of learning.



Forest School enables the mind to be free, being out of doors allows time to reflect and take on different physical challenges. Taking safe risks and engaging in physical exploration enables a different part of the brain to be used. The weekly 'sit spot' enables children and staff to stop and focus on the 'now', as they sit in silence away from others, immersed in their environment. What can they hear? A chance to clear the mind of everything but that moment – something from which we could all benefit.

The evidence of the success of Forest School for wellbeing lies with the children themselves: smiling faces, engaged explorers, the desire to go again, collaboration, active learning and readiness to learn on their return to the classroom. The question, 'When are we going again?' makes every session worthwhile.

As part of the Village we are pleased to be able to visit our local spaces that we share with the villagers: the local woodland, Village playground and Madingley Hall. Being immersed in the forest is a primary reason that many parents

choose Madingley for their child and why the pupils themselves always hold a special place in their heart for Madingley when they move on. One current Year 9 pupil recalls his Madingley days as the best of his school career so far.



Also in school we have held our Reception class assembly where the pupils get a chance to share their work with their parents and the rest of the school. Amongst writing, singing in Spanish and showing off artwork, a moment the parents all look forward to is the highlights package of the pupils' year so far. The way in which they develop and change is remarkable at this age.



This term we also embark on our new topic of 'Hidden Treasures' and then 'Off We Go'. Each term we launch our topic by dressing up and taking part in mixed age activities. So if you saw me on the gate in the morning wearing a very sparkly top, I was being the treasure! Keep an eye out in the Village for our pupils hunting for hidden treasure, following maps, going off to sketch the local area and completing surveys as part of their geographical field work. We hope the weather will continue to shine on us for our use of the outdoors for learning.

Mrs Alice Heywood
Deputy Head of Pre-Prep

NEWS FROM OUR MP, HEIDI ALLEN



Heidi Allen MP

Despite the hiatus over Brexit, it's been another busy month in South Cambridgeshire.

I was absolutely thrilled to visit the Royal Papworth Hospital at its new home on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus before patients arrived. It was quite eerie, walking around an empty hospital! I was overwhelmed not only by the new state-of-the-art facilities but also the seamless transition from one site to another. The move has been the culmination of years of planning and effort. The staff have been working incredibly hard to make this a reality and I am so proud that we have this world class facility in our constituency.

Local businesses

Back at the office, I also met with a number of local businesses for a round table discussion organised by the Federation of Small Business. This was a great opportunity to hear from local businesses about the current economic climate, their needs and some of the challenges they are facing. It was also possible for me to update them on national policy as well as local initiatives and infrastructure improvements.

Award

I was honoured to be asked to present an award at the Cambridge United Community Trust Gala Dinner at Duxford Imperial War Museum. The Community Trust is the charitable arm of Cambridge United and they are involved in many projects which help to deliver improved health, education and inclusion. Further details are on its website: <https://www.cuctrust.co.uk/>

If there is anything you would like to talk to me about, further surgery dates will be added to my website soon - <https://heidiallen.co.uk/surgeries-2.html>

In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or call my office on 01223 830037.

Heidi Allen MP

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, TOM BYGOTT



Cllr Tom Bygott

SCDC Budget

South Cambridgeshire District Council has adopted its budget for 2019-20, showing a total spend on services of nearly £21m. There's a £5 per year increase in Council Tax for the average band D property, bringing it up to £145.31 per annum.

As a result of careful management in previous years, the Council currently has nearly £8m in reserves, which is prudent at this time of great uncertainty.

New low carbon district

The old Water Recycling Centre built in 1895 and located between the Cambridge Science Park and the new Cambridge North Station is to be moved but no decision has yet been made on where the new facility will be.

This will enable the area to be used for development, with initial plans to build 5,000 houses on land owned by Anglian Water and Cambridge City Council, in addition to a further 3,000 houses on adjacent land.

The development is envisaged as a low carbon district, and has been chosen to receive significant funding from central government as one of four schemes to share £717m. It is hoped to attract residents who work locally or commute on public transport.

Tool kit to tackle loneliness

A 'Toolkit to Tackle Loneliness' has recently been published, providing guidance to Parish Councils and resident groups on how to help those suffering from loneliness and social isolation. The toolkit describes a wide range of projects that are taking place across SCDC, bringing communities together through a variety of different groups such as gardening societies, car shares, repair cafés, well-being groups, exercise clubs and art projects.

Route chosen for A428 upgrade

Highways England has chosen its preferred route for improving the A428 between the Black Cat and Caxton Gibbet roundabouts, with a dual carriageway to bridge the link between the two existing dual sections of the A428. As with the section further east, between Girton and Cambourne, the existing road will be retained as a local route for village traffic. Construction is scheduled to start in 2021/22, after the A14 upgrade is completed in December 2020.

Cllr Tom Bygott

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NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, DOUGLAS DE LACEY



Cllr Douglas de Lacey

It has been a busy month, though not much of it of particular relevance to Madingley. I have attended the funeral of a former Chairman of the Council, participated in a workshop on scrutiny skills, raised a flag for St George, and attended the 50th birthday celebration of the Farmland Museum.

Grants

Cabinet has significantly improved the haphazard way in which various grants have been allocated in the past. For instance instead of an elite (and elitist) sports grant which has for example paid for one boy to go to the USA for a shooting competition, sports grants will in future focus on community events.

Carbon emissions

On 1st May Cabinet approved a new pot for a Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme. This will give large grants (up to £15,000) for effective plans to reduce carbon emissions in our villages. My only concern was that to produce a proper business plan for such an application a community might need a little seed funding, and this was understood and accepted.

Support for mental health

I attended the opening of one of Histon's new ventures: the Worry Tree Cafe. The concept is simple: a two-hour slot at the cafe in the St Andrew's Centre, specifically for people with any kind of mental health issue. As you go in there is a small tree on which you can place all your worries, perhaps by writing them on a label you can tie on to the tree. The concept has already been demonstrated to make a big difference to many people, so if you are within striking distance of Histon, try it on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 5.00–7.00pm.

Cllr Douglas de Lacey

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FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR, LINA NIETO



Cllr Lina Nieto

We have not received a report for Madingley from Cllr Nieto but, in an issue of *Madingley News* that focuses so strongly on transport in and around our Village, readers might like to be reminded of her stand on road safety as part of the declaration she made as she entered the South Cambridgeshire District Council elections in April 2016:

'Road safety is something else I'm very concerned about – speeding through our villages continues to be a problem and we need more cycle paths and a friendlier attitude towards cycling for recreation and for those who would like to be able to cycle to work.'

(Please see:

<https://www.southcambridgeshireconservatives.org.uk/news/scdc-elections-2016-lina-joseph-haslingfield-harlington-great-eversden-and-little-eversden>)

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BUTTERFLIES – FRONT COVER

Georita Harriott writes:

The illustration of European butterflies on the front cover was commissioned as a companion piece to the Moths on Bark card painted for Cambridge Universities Museum of Zoology in 2016 (and featured on the front cover of *Madingley News* in March 2018). I chose to design the card in a similarly graphic style, placing the butterflies on Madingley Hall meadow grasses which surround the lake. Most of the butterflies illustrated can be seen for a few months of the year from April to September, flitting through flower-rich meadows or other grassy habitats such as woodland glades.

The Green Hairstreak (*Callophrys rubi*) is scattered throughout Britain on dunes, moors, grassy woodland glades and flowery downs from April to July: although small (only 33mm in wingspan) it is unmistakable with the underside of its wings a beautiful iridescent emerald green. We must have all seen the common Orange-tip (*Anthocharis cardamines*) flitting through our gardens from April to July. Only the male of the species has the distinctive bright orange markings on the forewings, and like most butterflies it prefers very specific foodplants. The large copper in the centre is now sadly extinct in Britain: a most beautiful iridescent dark orange, it was last spotted in East Anglia in 1864. There was an attempt at re-introduction with specimens from Holland which did not meet with much success. However the Large Blue (*Phengaris arion*) in the bottom right corner was described as extinct in 1979 but was successfully re-introduced with new specimens from Sweden. The Large Blue requires a rather odd combination of Wild Thyme flowers in association with the grubs of red ants' nests. On 13th April in my wanderings I spotted my first Small Copper butterfly (*Lycaena phlaeas*) in six years, sunning itself on dock leaves on rough open ground, peppered with small wild flowers, scrub and weeds.

Many species of butterflies are in decline and it is in our gardens that we can support their dwindling populations by planting flowers for butterflies. In particular, packets of mixed wild flower seed can be sown to create mini wild flower meadow areas, and plants such as Buddleia which flower over several months and produce many tightly clustered flowers with small floral tubes containing lots of nectar are ideal.

Georita Harriott is a museum illustrator and tutor. The illustration appears with the permission of Fitzwilliam Museum Enterprises. The butterfly card will be on sale from July onwards to help support the Cambridge Museums.



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| 1. Wall Brown | 2 & 3. Orange-Tip |
| 4. Adonis Blue | 5 & 8. Marbled White |
| 6. Large Copper | 7. Marsh Fritillary |
| 9. Small Copper | 10. Green Hairstreak |
| 11. Dark Green Fritillary | 12. Large Blue |
| 13. Grayling | |

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

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Saturday: 7.00am

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| 12th: | BLACK |
| 19th: | BLUE and GREEN |
| 26th: | BLACK |

July

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| 3rd: | BLUE and GREEN |
| 10th: | BLACK |
| 17th: | BLUE and GREEN |
| 24th: | BLACK |
| 31st: | BLUE and GREEN |

August

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| 7th: | BLACK |
| 14th: | BLUE and GREEN |
| 21st: | BLACK |
| 29th: (Thursday): | BLUE and GREEN |

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.

Stagecoach Bus (Monday to Friday only)

Outbound (citi 5) (via Bar Hill):

Madingley	Emmanuel Street (E4)
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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

Citi 4 bus

The Citi 4 bus stops by request outside Madingley Mulch and runs every 20 minutes or so between Cambourne and Cambridge, starting before 7.00am. Please see the Stagecoach website for details:

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/routes/east/4/cambridge-cambourne/xeao004.o>

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: <http://cambridgeparkandride.info/pricing.shtml>)

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/>

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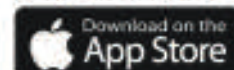
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Friday 14th June

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Friday 26th July

£35pp - main course & 5 puddings

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AUGUST GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 24th August

BBQ, live music, gin/prosecco bar

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