



Madingley News

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Two of this year's eight Canada goslings on Madingley Hall Lower Lake

Photo: Robyn Henderson

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FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the Summer 2021 issue of *Madingley News*. We aim to report recent and future activities in and around the Village, and we hope that we shall all see life gradually returning to normal this year.

The next issue of *Madingley News* will be published on 10th September 2021 and the copy deadline for receipt of articles, photographs (jpeg attachments of 1MB or more in size please) and advertisements is 10th August. We look forward to receiving your news and illustrations.

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MADINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



Charles Crichton-Stuart

The Avenue

The Parish has been successful in bidding for funds from the A14 Legacy Fund which has been designed to help alleviate traffic issues caused by the redevelopment of the A14. A new chicane will be constructed on The Avenue close to where it meets the Village. There will additionally be a 40mph 'speed buffer' zone running up to that chicane to further reinforce the fact that traffic will be entering the Village and should slow accordingly. 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signs will also be erected at all four entrances to the Village. Unfortunately, these will not prevent such vehicles from using our streets but it is our hope they will discourage rat-running by large goods vehicles.

East West Rail

On the back of sustained grassroot activities and pressure groups, there has been increased pressure put on the South Cambridgeshire MP, Anthony Browne to instigate a review of the East West Rail Group's decision to recommend a 'Southern Approach' for the proposed Oxford to Cambridge rail link. Whilst the initially discounted 'Northern Route' would not directly impact the Parish, it would certainly leave us encircled by a range of different transport routes. The siting of a new station north of the A428 above Cambourne would undoubtedly allow for significant further development of the Cambourne area with all of the additional traffic

that would most likely cause. The Parish Council has already met (virtually), and will continue to engage with, those parishes around us who will be more directly impacted to see how we can work together to maintain the existing agricultural and greenbelt situation.

For more information on EWR, the project website address is: <https://eastwestrail.co.uk>

Cambourne to Cambridge Busway

The fate of the C2C busway is still very unclear, especially following the electoral defeat of Mayor James Palmer and of our previous County Councillor, Lina Nieto. As we were aware, both Palmer and Nieto were keen to see the busway pass through the Parish and parts of the 800 Wood.

The Parish Council will seek to engage with our new County Councillor, Michael Atkins [Liberal Democrat] as soon as possible to make sure our objections to the project are made clear. It should be noted however that Mr Atkins is a Coton resident and so may also favour a route that passes though our Village rather than his own! Our new mayor, Nik Johnson [Labour] was not in favour of his predecessor's metro plan and has said that he would 'reconsider the need' for such a system in light of changes brought about by the pandemic.

The Playground

As visitors to the playground will have noted, a small area is currently cordoned off. There is a risk that some of the branches of the enclosed tree may fall but the extent of that risk will not become apparent until the tree is in full leaf. I would therefore please urge people to stay away from the cordoned off area until such time as the technical experts are satisfied that it is safe.

The site on which the playground is located does not belong to the Parish but is leased from the University. After numerous extensions, the current lease expires in November 2021. It is the Parish Council's ardent hope that a new lease will be agreed and the process of engaging with the University to discuss the same has already begun. We will keep you abreast of developments.



The cordoned-off sycamore in the Playground
(photo: Chris Baldwin)

Parish Council Vacancy

Louise Peters was co-opted at the Parish Council meeting on 18th November 2020, but has since submitted her resignation. We need another volunteer to become a Parish Councillor. I would be delighted to speak with anyone interested to understand a little more about what this would entail (please send an appropriate telephone number to:

chair@madingleyparishcouncil.org.uk).

Charles Crichton-Stuart

Chairman, Madingley Parish Council

The next meetings of the Parish Council will take place at 7.00pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 21st July

Wednesday 15th September

Wednesday 17th November

(Please check the MPC website for venue details)

TREES IN OUR VILLAGE AND SURROUNDINGS

Cllr Fiona Naughton writes:

At our recent Parish Council meeting, the suggestion was made that more trees within the Parish should be protected by tree preservation orders (TPOs).

This means that if there are trees which you feel are historically or visually important and their loss would be significant, a TPO prohibits the cutting down, topping, lopping and wilfully damaging a tree, without the local planning authority's (South Cambs District Council's) written consent. In much of Madingley the trees benefit from being in a Conservation area. This means that no tree can be damaged in any way without SCDC consent.

The complication, however, is that the Parish Council itself owns no trees. However, if there are trees to which you have an emotional attachment, please let us know about them so that the Parish Council can consider alerting the owners to suggest that the tree should have a TPO.

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CHURCH NEWS

It's rather difficult to type with your fingers crossed, but it is almost as if that's what I am doing as I reflect on the last three months of church life in Madingley and beyond. Many people felt an aching sense of disappointment and loss as we dealt with the necessity for limiting church use so that the congregation could not attend the services which were broadcast on-line every Sunday. It was only those who came during the week on their own who could experience the peace and reassurance the church offers.

So it was with an immense sense of joy that we were able to hold services again, beginning on Palm Sunday which meant that we were able to celebrate Easter together. The message of the first Easter Day with its promise of abundant life and hope coming out of what appeared to be a dark situation of utter despair certainly matched our feelings about our current experience. So my fingers are still crossed that there will be no further need for lockdowns, or even temporary closure of churches for congregational worship.

Pandemic research

The Church of England commissioned research as to how this pandemic has affected people's attitudes to the church in general, and their local church in particular. It was deliberately wide-ranging in the selection of interviewees, so that it included contributors who do not normally go to church.

Two comments from 'non-church members' are interesting: "Keep churches open at all costs. Don't abandon us when we need you most." Another said, "I need the church as a physical space to focus on processing grief/feelings from Covid."

The report states: "There is an urgent need to acknowledge the significance of places of worship as places of individual and community wellbeing, offering peace and quiet, beauty and inspiration but also sanctuary, solace and comfort, which has been clearly highlighted by the experience of COVID-19. The value of these buildings to local communities also needs to be recognised, not just as sites of shared history and heritage, but also as places within which individual isolation can be combatted and community life can flourish....."

Sometimes it takes a situation which is bordering on the disastrous to make us reassess our values and decide what is most important to us, and where we can find a place which speaks of eternal truths and where we can find balm for our wounded souls.

A place of nurture

Mercifully the church in Madingley continues to stand as a place of nurture and care for everyone and is able to continue to play its part at the centre of Village life because the fabric of the building has been so well cared for over the centuries. We are continuing to do so now, so you may become aware of scaffolding at the west end as we carry out some necessary repairs. They require us to dig deep into our pockets, but in order for the building to be there for everyone in the years to come, this is work which must be carried out.



Colin Debenham of Hibbitt Masonry rendering the repaired buttresses (photo: Chis Baldwin)

The late Prince Philip



Prince Philip plants a birch tree in the churchyard during his 1992 visit to Madingley

Another expression of an important loss in our lives, was highlighted in the recent death of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Our church was able to mark a particularly personal connection to him, as photographs of him planting a tree in the churchyard in celebration of the 900 years of history of the church were displayed during the days of mourning.



Prince Philip's birch in May 2021
(photo: Chris Baldwin)

His life of dedicated service will continue to be remembered in this Village through the living reminder of the healthy and flourishing tree he planted by a church which has stood through many cycles of health and disease, war and peace. May this year see us being able to give thanks at its end for a return of good health and the ability to worship as fully and frequently as our hearts desire.

The Revd Christine Barrow

MADINGLEY VILLAGE HALL

The re-thatching of the North side of the Hall and the repair and re-decoration of the building exterior has been booked for this Summer.

As I write this at the start of May I am pleased to say that eight groups have confirmed that they will be returning to the Hall from later this month. Activities will start up in managed numbers and arranged with social distancing. Hopefully the coming weeks will see a full relaxation of precautions and we can start to think about planning the Village Quiz!

Chris Baldwin

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Community Speedwatch surveys are resuming, following the recent lifting by the Police of COVID-19 related restrictions. This is timely, as many of us are aware of increasing numbers of vehicles during peak travel times, along with excess speeds. There's certainly a need here for our Village Speedwatch team, as well as additional, permanent traffic calming measures to help improve road safety for everyone. A hearty thank you to our team of loyal Speedwatch volunteers for your continued support!

Speedwatch Secretariat

MADINGLEY CRICKET CLUB

We have started our season on schedule, and it seems that we will complete the full fixture list as published on our website (subject to weather, of course!). New players are welcome to join us; please get in touch and I can let you know of upcoming net sessions.

The first team faced a tricky first game at local rivals Coton, and only managed to reach 143 for 7 wickets. Harry top-scored with 29, while Pete (26) and Adnan (23) added 50 for the 8th wicket. However a strong opening by Coton took the game away, and despite Adnan (3-10) and Vinesh (2-11) taking late wickets the result was never in doubt. The second game at Cottenham was called off due to rain, so the first team travels to Chippenham, Wisbech and St Giles in the coming weeks hoping to get their season going.

In contrast the second team has a 100% win record. In the first game against St Giles, Nigel led us in applause for those we've lost since the last match in 2019. We conceded 204 for 8 wickets (Kaiser 2-7), but this seemed chase-able on a fast outfield. We didn't help ourselves by losing wickets regularly, and despite Saqib's 46 we still needed 56 runs off the final 8 overs with only 2 wickets left. Thankfully Chalky top-scored with 61 in a 9th wicket partnership of 60 to win the game. Our second game against NCI was delayed due to rain, and on a soft pitch we only managed 92-8 off 30 overs (Vinesh 21), with Prash and Mick scoring valuable late runs. Despite losing a couple of wickets, NCI were scoring well until Saad took his first 5-for (5-19) which won the game. Coming up, the seconds have a return against NCI followed by trips to Milton and Comberton.

Philip Done, Secretary

<http://madingley.play-cricket.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/madingleycc/>
<https://twitter.com/madingleycc>

NEWS FROM MADINGLEY HALL



The scaffolding has gone

(photo: Chris Baldwin)

We hope you have all been keeping safe and well.

We've been keeping busy since we last wrote to you and are closely following Government guidelines for reopening. Our gardens and café remain open from 9am-4pm daily so please do pay us a visit and enjoy our beautiful gardens in the sunshine. As well as this, we've started welcoming guests to The Lodge, have recommenced Hall bed and breakfast and have also reopened our Terrace Bar Restaurant for outdoor dining. Hopefully by the time you read this, we will have resumed serving meals inside too. Email reservations@madingleyhall.co.uk to book a table.

We have some great activities planned for Summer, from Shakespeare plays in June to the outdoor cinema in July. We also have a series of garden talks taking place in June, from garden photography to composting. For a full list of upcoming events and details on how to book, visit www.madingleyhall.co.uk/events.

Our Virtual Summer Festival of Learning is returning for the second year running, from 28th June to 30th July. The Festival will bring together over 85 one-week courses and 60 talks on a wide variety of subjects, from Artificial Intelligence to Climate Change and Creative Writing to History. Courses are taught by

Cambridge academics and invited subject experts. Explore the courses and book your place at www.ice.cam.ac.uk/virtualsummer.

We are pleased to share that we will be offering five in-person residential weekend courses at Madingley Hall in July. Class sizes will be kept small and Government guidance followed. Courses include Ancient Medicine, The Hollywood Studios and Reading Classical Greek. View all of the courses and book your place at www.ice.cam.ac.uk/short-courses

As ever, we're continuing to expand our online courses portfolio, with the next tranche of seven-week online courses beginning in July. Subjects are varied, ranging from Finance and Coaching to Creative Writing and Archaeology. Discover the courses at www.ice.cam.ac.uk/online.

Our Undergraduate qualifications beginning in Autumn 2021 remain open for applications. Whether you're new to higher education or searching for the next step, discover our broad range of flexible, part-time qualifications at www.ice.cam.ac.uk/qualifications

We're continuing to run our free series of Topical Talks throughout the summer. These one-hour webinars are delivered at lunchtime, covering a wide variety of subjects including History of Art and Sociology. Learn more and book now: www.ice.cam.ac.uk/events.

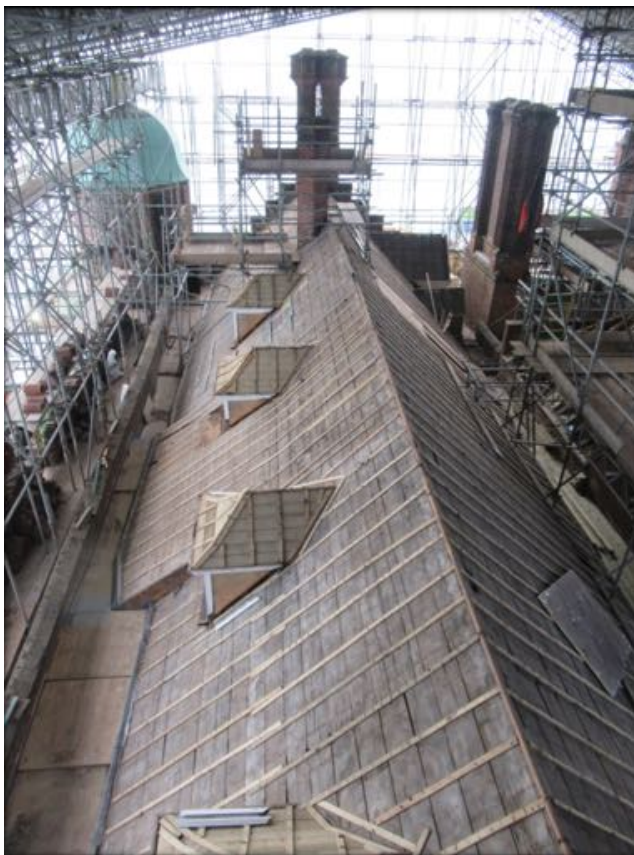
We will continue to keep you updated with news and events throughout the year and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

Dr James Gazzard

Director of Continuing Education
University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education

MADINGLEY HALL ROOF REFURBISHMENT

[As the scaffolding finally came down at Madingley Hall during May, residents might be interested to know more about what has been carried out during the recent project. Alan Gleave, a Building Surveyor within the University of Cambridge Estates Division, has provided details in the article below – *Eds*]



Refurbishment of eastern roof, December 2020

In late 2019, I was appointed as Project Manager for the refurbishment of the principal clay-tile roof covering the two main pitched roofs to this elegant 16th century Grade I listed mansion house.

Madingley Hall serves as a venue for many residential and non-residential courses within the University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education (ICE), as a conference centre and as a venue for events and weddings.

Listed building

Built in 1543, the principal building is a large two storey mansion house of masonry construction in clunch and red brick, patterned with burnt-

brick diaper work and limestone dressings under parapeted clay-tiled roofs. It is also one of only 2.5% of buildings listed as Grade I within Historic England's listed building's register.

In Autumn 2019, I undertook a condition survey on the principal traditional clay-tile roof and I diagnosed that many of the tiles had spalled in isolated areas due to freeze-thaw action from frost attack. In my building condition survey report, I advised ICE that the clay tile-roof required extensive refurbishment including the renewal of perished leadwork and additional conservation repairs. I prioritised this project and formulated a remedial works package, allocating a budget of £450,000 to the 2020/21 Asset Maintenance Plan.

Opportunity

Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, the restricted occupation of Madingley Hall created the capacity to undertake the project's programme and presented me with a window of opportunity to deliver what was already planned works, as all external events at the Hall including conferences and weddings had to be cancelled. The scope of work was confirmed as being:

- Renewal of the southern section of the principal clay-tile roof covering the two main pitched roofs
- Renewal of lead valley guttering and flashings, renewal of leadwork to flat roofing, repointing and repairs to the chimneys and facing brickwork, isolated stonework repairs to parapet walls, conservation repairs to existing dormer windows affected by wet rot and replacement of defective rainwater downpipes
- Thermal improvements within the attic space and installation of internal secondary glazing.



Refurbishment of western roof, December 2020

Contractor

I subsequently appointed F.A Valiant & Son Ltd, a local building contractor which specialises in the restoration and conservation of notable historic buildings throughout East Anglia for a

contract sum of £336,228 and with a contract period of 27 weeks.



Refurbishment of dormer windows on eastern roof, February 2021

The refurbishment was recently completed at the beginning of May 2021 and I was delighted to have led a team which delivered a successful project on time, within budget and to a high standard of quality.



Completion of principal clay-tile roof, May 2021

I am confident that the roof refurbishment has secured the future of ICE in providing a first-class venue for generations to come, as well as to continue to be enjoyed and admired by the visiting public from all over the world!

Alan Gleaves

University of Cambridge Estates Division

NOTES FROM THE HEAD GARDENER

Throughout the pandemic, gardening has prospered and brought much enjoyment and solace to many. The garden team has gardened throughout, and we hope our work has brought pleasure to visitors. Gardens never stand still, with refurbishment always on the agenda. The large shrub border in the southeast corner of the Walled Garden was planted in the mid 1980s

and is now requiring some attention. We have thinned the border to allow space for some new planting. This includes a range of evergreen shrubs, focusing on foliage colour and Autumnal interest. Evergreens include the Italian buckthorn, *Rhamnus alaternus* 'Aureovariegata', the glossy green South American box leaf Azara, *Azara microphylla* with vanilla scented flowers each Spring, and the heavenly or sacred bamboo, *Nandina*. We are growing three new forms of *Nandina*, *N. domestica* 'Brightlight', a narrow leaved golden green upright shrub to five feet, *N. domestica* 'Magical Lemon' which commences the season with lime green foliage, and *Nandina domestica* 'Blush Pink' which starts the season as its name implies and turns to fiery hues in Autumn. Both of the latter two grow to two feet. We are also planting two low-growing *Abelia*, *A. x grandiflora* 'Kaleidoscope' which has bright yellow and green Spring foliage, graduating as the season progresses to shades of orange and red, and *A. x grandiflora* 'Sparkling Silver' which has green and white variegated foliage showing hints of pink in Spring and Autumn.



The Beauty Berry, *Callicarpa bodinieri* var. *giraldii* 'Profusion' (photo: Colm Sheppard)

Existing favourites remain particularly the Glory Flower, *Clerodendrum bungei*, with large lilac flowers in late Summer, and the Beauty Berry with abundant pea-sized turquoise berries in Autumn and early Winter. I always enjoy relaying its name to visitors, *Callicarpa bodinieri* var. *giraldii* 'Profusion'. Its name is certainly unmissable as is its Autumn display. It is a plant for the connoisseur.

Richard Gant

Head Gardener

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN CEMETERY



Cambridge American Cemetery overlooks the heritage landscape of the East Anglian fenland to the north of Madingley Hill

Editors' note: Matthew P. Brown, the writer of the article that follows, was appointed Superintendent of Cambridge American Cemetery in 2018. In March 2019 our regular feature on the American Cemetery, contributed by Suzie Harrison, was largely devoted to Matthew's appointment. Matthew was front page news in an interview for *The American*, a Trans-Atlantic Magazine, on 29th April 2020.*

The potential threat to the peace and beauty of the Cemetery's location that is posed by Trinity College's proposal to build 4,200 houses on land opposite the Cemetery has been widely recognised and was mentioned in Cllr Crichton-Stuart's Parish Council Notes in our March edition and by Cllr Bygott in his report for our December 2020 edition. In 1954, UK Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden promised the US Ambassador to the UK, Winthrop Aldrich, that this land would be 'restricted to agricultural use'. The Cemetery site is designated by English Heritage as a Grade 1 Park and Garden. As the setting of the site now appears to be under threat, we believe that a look back at the history of the American Cemetery might particularly interest our readers.

* <https://www.theamerican.co.uk/pr/int-Matthew-Brown-ABMC-Cambridge-American-Cemetery>



This press photograph, dated 23rd June 1954, is identified as follows: 'LONDON: British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden (R) and U.S. Ambassador to England, Winthrop Aldrich (L), hold the documents completing the arrangements for the transfer of the U.S. Military Cemetery here.' It is believed that the exchange of agreements took place on 21st June 1954.

Superintendent Brown writes:

MADINGLEY'S AMERICAN NEIGHBORS

Back in 2018, a curious thing happened when I asked my boss for permission to take this job at Cambridge American Cemetery. First she said yes, but then she went on to tell me that 'Madingley Cemetery' is one of the most unique

and charming memorials administered by our government agency. Hold on – what was that? The ‘Madingley Cemetery’?? Never heard of it... A quick check on Google Maps revealed that the post code for the American Cemetery reads ‘Coton Cambridge’, so what was this ‘Madingley’ business?

To my surprise, and perhaps to yours as well, there is an interesting and meaningful connection between this American national shrine and Madingley Village that partially explains the honorific title used by many Americans still today. It all started when America invaded England in 1942. You read that right!! It was the year when hundreds of thousands of US military forces deployed to Great Britain in what we now call ‘the friendly invasion’ to help defend these islands from Nazi aggression and to prepare for the eventual liberation of Europe. US Air Forces lived and worked on airfields in East Anglia, while US Ground Forces made temporary camp on the western side of England, only to be called away months later to fight in Northern Africa and the Mediterranean Region. Air Force Bases in the east would be permanent, but Ground Force Camps in the west would be temporary. This generalization of America’s force posture in England in 1942 would go on to influence many things to come, including the location of our temporary cemetery.

The American logistics commander for the UK was Major General John Lee, and although he bore no familial relation to the famous Confederate General, this General Lee was also a visionary. He understood that World War II would produce high casualties, so he reasoned that America would need a temporary cemetery located near the airfields. He began searching for around 50 acres of inexpensive and easily accessible land with good drainage in the east of RAF Croughton, Brackley, England. Really, anywhere would do, as long as it provided the US Army Graves Registration Service a place to perform its critical work of caring for America’s War Dead until they could be repatriated back to the United States – back home.

It is at this point in the story that I have to pause to correct a long-held error about the origins of Cambridge American Cemetery. I use the polite term ‘error’ instead of the more aggressive term ‘revisionist history’ because there doesn’t seem to be any intentional malice at hand, only the blurring of the truth by omitting a key part of the narrative. The oversimplified telling of the origin story holds that Cambridge University donated the land that the American Cemetery sits on today. The error is that – while this statement is

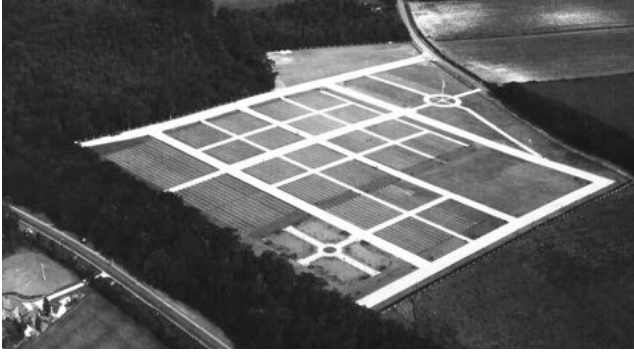
factual – it erases our connection with Madingley by omitting a key element of history. Simply recounting that the University donated the land fails to mention that the University only purchased the land in 1948 – long after the temporary cemetery was fully established.

The University subsequently sold the land to the Ministry of Defence in 1951, when it was decided that the cemetery would become permanent.

As residents of the Village in question, there is no doubt that you are keenly aware of the great Madingley Hall, built in the 16th century and still today one of the cultural jewels in Cambridgeshire. The history of Madingley Hall that impacts our story starts in 1905 when the Harding family purchased the Hall, the surrounding gardens, and farmland. Colonel Thomas Walter Harding spent years and a small fortune renovating the Hall into the magnificently preserved Baroque building we see today, and when he passed away in 1927 his son Walter Ambrose Harding assumed ownership. With Walter’s passing in 1942, the estate was placed in the trust, and it was the Trustees of Madingley Hall who, in October 1942, offered General Lee the use of 65 acres of farmland on the north slope of Madingley Hill as a temporary American cemetery.

After consulting with engineers and reviewing other alternatives, General Lee, on behalf of the US Government, graciously accepted the offer in the Summer of 1943. General Lee had been correct in his assumption that American casualties would be high, and American War Dead were already steadily flowing into the hallowed grounds of America’s World War I cemetery in Surrey – Brookwood American Cemetery. After settling final administrative matters, the US Army Graves Registration Service (AGRS) opened the temporary American cemetery atop Madingley Hill on 7th December 1943 – exactly two years after the attack on Pearl Harbor – when they buried the remains of US Army Corporal Jack Flinn of the 381st Bomb Group (RAF Ridgewell, Essex). From that point forward, American casualties north of London would come to Madingley; while those south of London would go to Surrey (Brookwood).

As the war-grind continued through 1943, 1944, and 1945 there was a flurry of activity at the American Cemetery. Besides daily internments, which drew in American Soldiers from across the country, engineers constructed administrative buildings, a chapel, a reception hall, and a casualty processing facility in the area that today is the main car park.



Cambridge Temporary Military Cemetery was established on 7th December 1943 on lands owned by the Madingley Hall estate. This generous donation was originally intended to resolve a temporary problem for the US Military, but it ended up becoming the extraordinary permanent memorial that exists today.

In 1944 the Horticulture Director of the Imperial War Graves Commission (renamed Commonwealth War Graves Commission in 1960) and horticultural professionals from the University of Cambridge designed a landscape plan, which AGRS gratefully accepted and implemented.



30th May 1944, the first Memorial Day Ceremony at Cambridge American Cemetery. Airmen of the 352nd Fighter Group (RAF Bodney, Norfolk) decorate the grave of Sergeant Joseph Rubin and pay their respects to a lost friend.

In May 1944 – just weeks before the D-Day landings in Normandy – the American Cemetery hosted its first Memorial Day Ceremony (which we Americans observe at the end of May). Many of the Soldiers who visited the cemetery to pay respects to friends and colleagues, as well as the Cemetery Workers themselves, continued

up the road to toast their friends with a pint at the nearest pub – the Three Horseshoes.

As the muddy landscape of the temporary cemetery took shape, it became clear to General Lee that Madingley Hill, although not a battlefield, was a sacred place with an amazing viewshed of the East Anglian fenland that should be preserved as an American national shrine. As the Field of Honor slopes down towards Cambridge Road, the view is of flat English countryside, which is today part of our Green Belt. The terrain is symbolic of that used by US Army Air Forces, who needed flat land for airfields, and the viewshed forms the perfect backdrop for the ornamental horticulture that frames the American Cemetery.

By 1947, both the US and UK governments agreed with General Lee's proposal, and Cambridge American Cemetery was designated as America's permanent WWII memorial in England. The Madingley Hall trustees sold the land to the University of Cambridge in 1948, just as the American Battle Monuments Commission took over administration of the cemetery. The University subsequently donated the land to the the Ministry of Defence in 1951 on condition that the US Government be allowed to maintain the appropriately named 'Madingley Cemetery', nested within this heritage landscape, in perpetuity.

Madingley Cemetery is one of 14 permanent American WWII cemeteries erected on foreign soil by the American Battle Monuments Commission. Following the decision that it should become the only such cemetery in the British Isles, the architects Perry, Shaw, Hepburn and Dean of Boston, Massachusetts, were commissioned to design the built elements of the cemetery, which were set within a landscape laid out by Olmsted Brothers, internationally renowned landscape architects of Brookline, Massachusetts; they imposed a fan-shape on the grave plots to take advantage of the vista in which they were set. The site was dedicated in July 1956. It has been described by Historic England as 'a unique example of a Post-War Military Cemetery (mid-1950s) of the highest design quality and social importance'. The landscape design was 'a striking and moving formal design applied to a commemorative landscape'. A new Visitor Centre opened in May 2014 with interpretive exhibits that incorporate personal stories, photographs, films, and interactive displays.

Matthew P. Brown

Superintendent

American Battle Monuments Commission,
Cambridge American Cemetery

SPRINGTIME IN MADINGLEY
(with thanks to Villagers who submitted photos)



NEWS FROM THE STEPHEN PERSE NURSERY

An important part of the children's week in school is coming together virtually in our Early Years assemblies. It is an opportunity for our Madingley Kindergarten and Reception children to stay connected with their friends in Saffron Walden and Cambridge. On Mondays, with Mrs Holyoake, the children hear about a range of topics from celebrating Shakespeare's birthday to understanding the emotion of anger. Once a month as part of the Monday assembly we introduce the children to a language of the month, our most recent language of the month was Indian dialects. The languages chosen are those that the children speak and where possible we encourage the children to help in the assembly and teach us all how to say Hello in their home language. The second assembly of the week is the Star Award on Fridays with Miss Brownbridge. This assembly is popular among the children as they are always very pleased to celebrate the achievements of their friends.



Our Nursery children have really enjoyed the pink blossom in their garden area. They have been using the blossom to create their own blossom trees and to mix with water to make potions. We are very fortunate to be surrounded by nature at our Madingley school and the children have enthusiastically looked for signs of Spring and searched for blossom on their weekly trips around the Village for Forest School.



Sarah Holyoake
Head of Early Years
Stephen Perse Foundation

NEWS FROM OUR MP, ANTHONY BROWNE



We have not received a report for this issue from our MP, who says: 'I remain available via anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk Please don't hesitate to reach out if you think I can help.'

Anthony Browne MP

NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR, MICHAEL ATKINS



I'd like to introduce myself as the new County Councillor for Madingley and the other villages between Cambridge and Cambourne. It was a close election with a very high turnout so I'm delighted to have been elected to represent such a passionate area and hope to repay that trust over the coming years.

I'd also like to thank Lina Nieto for her service to our villages over the past four years. It was lovely to meet many Madingley residents over the course of the campaign, and indeed a lovely place to be when the sun was shining in April and May!

I live down the road in Coton, having moved out of Cambridge city several years ago to raise a family. We're keen walkers and you will often find us on the footpaths towards Hardwick Wood or looking out to Ely from the Anniversary Woodland.

I work for the University of Cambridge as my 'day job' and following my election I will be reducing my working hours to make sure I have the time to represent you fully on the council and tackle any casework that arises. I know there

are many infrastructure and housing developments (at various stages of planning or proposal) which could affect your Village and making your views heard on these will be a significant part of my role over the next four years.

On the County Council itself there is a new joint administration led by the Liberal Democrats, so over the next four years you can expect to see some significant changes in the priorities of the Council, particularly the environment and sustainability, and integrating health and social care.

I'm looking forward to meeting more of you over the coming years and being an active presence in our communities. If you need to contact me or would like to discuss any issues in Madingley, you can do so on matkinslibdem@gmail.com, or by post to 27 Silverdale Avenue, Coton, CB23 7PP.

Michael Atkins

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, TOM BYGOTT



My colleague Douglas de Lacey has now retired; we have been District Councillors together since 2008 when the late Councillor Eustace Bullman retired.

I would like to wish him a very happy retirement and thank him for all the hard work and dedication he has put into serving the Village on the District Council over many years.

I would now like to welcome our new District Councillor, Cllr Corinne Garvie, and our new County Councillor, Cllr Michael Atkins, following the recent elections on 6th May. It is important for the Village's representatives to cooperate for the good of the community and not to bring too much party politics into local matters, so on that basis I am looking forward to working together.

I would also like to thank my colleague Lina Nieto for all the hard work she has put in as our County Councillor since 2017. I have enjoyed

working with Lina since Madingley became part of Girton ward in 2018, and her support and guidance will be greatly missed.

East West Rail consultation

The consultation for the proposed railway line connecting Bedford and Cambridge will be open until 9th June and the documents can be found at: <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation>. The consultation is quite lengthy and asks a variety of questions about level crossings in Bedfordshire that might not be of interest to us; however most questions are voluntary and it is possible to submit a response just on those questions that affect our villages. For those who would prefer to be sent a paper copy of the consultation and to respond by mail, this can be ordered by telephoning 03301 340067.

It is important for the East West Rail organisation to understand the views of residents in all of our villages. We have particularly beautiful areas of countryside surrounding Madingley and Dry Drayton, and it is part of my role as a District Councillor to protect these areas.

Rapid Covid testing

On Monday 17th May, we took another step towards reopening following a sustained drop in the number of new infections during the third lockdown. Guidance on rule changes and precautions can be found at: www.gov.uk/coronavirus. At that time, 36.7 million people in the UK had had the first dose of a vaccine and 20.3 million the second dose.

As part of efforts to ensure that the virus does not get out of hand again now that pandemic restrictions have been eased, rapid lateral flow tests are being made available free of charge. These tests are in the form a kit that can be taken home and self-administered. These are not quite as accurate as tests being conducted at official testing stations – you should still book a test at a testing centre if you have symptoms – but they can be used before or after meeting people or going to public places, in order to reduce the risk of spreading the virus unknowingly, as one third of infections are asymptomatic.

Places to collect testing kits can be found at <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>. Some local places where tests are currently available include Car Park 8, Charles Babbage Road, Cambridge, CB3 0FS and the pharmacy at Tesco in Bar Hill. Kits can also be ordered by telephoning 119.

Cllr Tom Bygott

cllr@bygott.net / 07765 475 513

NEW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, CORINNE GARVIE



Following the elections on 6th May, we have a new District Councillor, Corinne Garvie (Liberal Democrat). We do not have a report from her in this issue but her contact details are:

cllr.garvie@scambs.gov.uk

mobile: 07780 932267

'WEDNESDAY B' BIN COLLECTIONS

June

9th	BLACK
16th	BLUE and GREEN
23rd	BLACK
30th	BLUE and GREEN

July

7th	BLACK
14th	BLUE and GREEN
21st	BLACK
28th	BLUE and GREEN

August

4th	BLACK
11th	BLUE and GREEN
18th	BLACK
24th	BLUE and GREEN

September

2nd (Thursday)	BLACK
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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. 8 (Monday to Saturday only)

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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

Stagecoach 4 bus

The Stagecoach 4 bus stops by request outside Madingley Mulch ('Coton, Inglewood') 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 St. Andrew's Street outside Grand Arcade, and leaves from there also. Outbound times are as follows:

Monday to Friday: 07.00 to 20.10 (every 10 minutes until 17.50; then every 20 minutes until 20.10).

Saturday: service begins at 08.00. Sunday and Public Holidays: 08.50 to 17.50 (every 10 minutes)

(Inbound services: Monday to Friday: 07.20 to 20.30; Saturday: service begins at 08.20. Sunday and Public Holidays: 09.10 to 18.10 [every 10 minutes])

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, although the first 18 hours are free.

(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), to Cambridge Railway Station and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (Addenbrooke's, New Royal Papworth and Rosie Maternity Hospitals).

Details from: <http://www.go-whippet.co.uk/new-route-u/>



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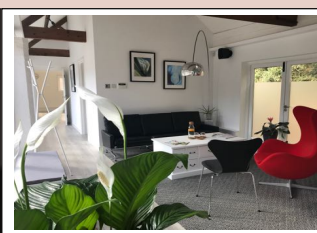
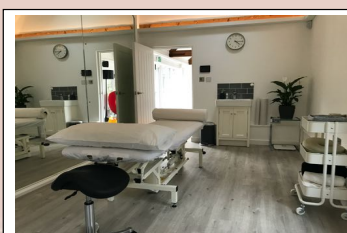
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