



Madingley News

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Early daffodils in the walled garden at Madingley Hall

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FROM THE EDITORS

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

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Traffic Threats on Three Fronts

There are renewed threats to the greenbelt and conservation landscape around Madingley from CamBedRailRoad.

The Government-backed [East West Rail scheme](#) has published five route options. The public consultation over the plans (open until 11th March), says each route presents opportunities and challenges which need to be considered to make a 'balanced decision and ensure the Government's investment in East West Rail provides value for money'.

Of the five routes, four link to the existing station at Sandy, three routes connect to Bassingbourn south west of Cambridge, and the remaining two to Cambourne. All five routes will approach Cambridge from the south and are expected to result in journey times of 76 to 83 minutes from Oxford to Cambridge.

A consortium of landowners known as CamBedRailRoad – based in the south east of the district and whose land could be negatively affected by the route – are campaigning to push the line away from their properties towards the north, which would cause further harm and degradation to the environment around Madingley.

The main options proposed by the East West Rail scheme for approaching Cambridge from the north were: using the route of the existing guided busway that links Cambridge to Histon, St. Ives and Huntingdon; or connecting to the West Anglia Main Line north of Milton. These options were rejected due to the additional route length resulting in journey time penalties and the need for a reversing movement at Cambridge for onward trains to Ipswich and Norwich. Routes that would use the existing guided busway could also impact adversely on existing busway users by requiring them to interchange between the bus and train if they were travelling to or from central Cambridge.

Approaching Cambridge from the north would also not provide direct east-west connectivity to the proposed new Cambridge South station (unless trains could run on to the new Cambridge South station after serving Cambridge station, which would still result in longer journey times). It would therefore not maximise the opportunity to support growth,

homes and jobs around the Cambridge South station.

The threat to Madingley from the well-funded CamBedRailRoad campaign is very real and I urge you to respond to the East West Rail consultation **before Monday 11th March** to reflect and object to any route passing either through this parish, Dry Drayton, Girton or Coton.

The devastation to the open countryside around Madingley that CamBedRailRoad's wealthy backers would happily inflict upon us could make the Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP) inchoate Cambourne to Cambridge off-road project seem somewhat less malign than it actually is.

Cambourne to Cambridge Better Transport Project

The GCP introduced its latest consultation (phase 2) during our January Parish Council meeting, presenting outline proposals for two park and ride locations: one at Scotland Farm, Dry Drayton, to the north of the A428; the other at the 'waterworks' site, to the south east of the Madingley Mulch roundabout.

Its consultation encourages us to have our say on three options, with the off-road route Option 1 (and with a P&R site at the waterworks site) clearly the GCP's preferred option.

Throughout the presentation, and the Q&A that followed, it became clear that GCP still prefers its off-road option, that cuts through open countryside in Madingley and Coton, despite the mass of local opposition to this.

GCP's preferred option of a P&R at the waterworks site is because it connects neatly to its preferred off-road option. This is because the proposed transport 'solution' is envisaged as the Cambridge Autonomous Metros (CAM) which would be more akin to a tram than a bus, and that this faster and less flexible service would need a more direct route with fewer stops for the communities they are intended to serve, i.e. the majority of residents in Cambourne.

One of the many, many reasons to take issue with GCP's plans includes the lack of consideration and respect for the views of the majority of consultees who have objected to the off-road option.

I have always been concerned by the lack of clarity about what this 'better transport' solution will do upon reaching Grange Road in

Cambridge, and now it seems there is also a lack of clarity at the other end of the route, at Cambourne. So the question remains – who exactly is this project going to benefit?

I encourage you all to ‘have your say’ and consider the following when doing so:

- What happens when the CAM hits Grange Road – how does it take people close to their destinations and encourage them to leave their cars at home?
- Why is the potential of an all ways connection at the Girton Interchange with the A428 / M11 / A14 - which would remove at least 30% of peak hour traffic from Maddingley Rise (thus making the need for a busway redundant) - still being wilfully ignored?
- Wouldn't one of the East West Rail options, which takes a route through Cambourne, be a better way to connect Cambourne to Cambridge?
- Wouldn't the lowest cost on road option, without a P&R at the less accessible waterworks site, be the least harmful option, until such time as a more strategic plan for linking Cambridge to Cambourne and beyond (such as the East West rail link) has been agreed?

The [consultation](#) is now open and closes at midnight on **Sunday 31st March 2019**.

The Avenue Closure

MPC presented to the County Council's Local Highways Initiative (LHI) Panel on 14th January. They were interested in local consultations undertaken including the survey which showed around 75% of respondents in favour of the closure. Our application will be considered at the Highways & Community Infrastructure Committee meeting on 12th March. Following the meeting, the Cambridgeshire Highways team will contact us to confirm whether our bid has been successful or not. Meantime, the Cambridgeshire Highways team has requested that Highways England keep the road closed until the outcome is known.

During the LHI application process, the Cambridgeshire Highways team advised us on the additional consultation that was required and provided budget costings showing the closure could be achieved within the LHI's modest budget limit of £10,000 if MPC were able to meet the balance of the costs (£2,547.40). I reported on the consultation and feasibility at the MPC meeting on 28th January, which agreed to meet the balance of the costs (subject to LHI award).

If the LHI application is unsuccessful and The Avenue is reopened to connect with the new local access road, there will be an increase in traffic through the Village, and the volume is likely to increase substantially once Satnav

systems realise the benefit to motorists of using Maddingley as a rat run between the A14 and A428, just as the modelling undertaken by Highways England and the County Council has predicted.

For residents, there would be a noticeable impact on road safety, especially for pedestrians and cyclists, due to the speed and increased volume of traffic on all roads in the Village. I fully expect there would be more incidents and injuries in the recorded accident black spots on Village roads: at Dry Drayton Road (which is projected to see a marked increase in traffic in the AM peak); Church Lane (especially at the chicane); Cambridge Road; and the High Street (especially opposite the Village Hall).

If the LHI bid is unsuccessful, MPC will discuss the possibility of applying for and funding the closure of The Avenue through a process known as a 'Third Party Application'.

Last but not least, I should like to welcome Charles Crichton-Stuart as a new Parish Councillor. After working internationally as an Energy Project Finance lawyer, Charles switched into the world of executive search, running his own company. In 2008 he and his wife moved to Singapore where their two children, Angus and Amelia, were born. The family returned to the UK in 2017, settling in Maddingley.



Maddingley Parish Council: left to right, Cllr Fiona Naughton, Cllr Charles Crichton-Stuart, Cllr David Ousby (Chair), Parish Clerk Sarah Etherington-Meech, Cllr Joan Stevenson-Hinde (Vice Chair)

David Ousby

Chair, Maddingley Parish Council

For further updates, see the Parish Council website: <http://www.maddingleyparishcouncil.org.uk> and please express your views in both of the consultations referred to above.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 16th March, 2.00-5.00pm

Madingley Hall
Cambridge Science Festival

Saturday 23rd March, 7.15 for 7.30pm

Madingley Village Hall
Madingley Village Quiz

Saturday 30th March

Madingley Hall
Open Day

Monday 8th April, 7.30pm

Madingley Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting

Sunday 14th April, 11.00am

Madingley Parish Church
Palm Sunday: Holy Communion and
Distribution of Palms

Friday 19th April, 11.00am

Madingley Parish Church
Good Friday Liturgy

Sunday 21st April, 11.00am

Madingley Parish Church
Easter Sunday Service of Holy Communion

Saturday 27th April, 9.30-11.30am

Madingley Village Hall
Village Hall Breakfast

Sunday 28th April, 10.30am

Parish Church Services will be held
at this earlier time each Sunday in
Madingley Village Hall, until further notice

Saturday 18th May, 4.00am / 5.00am

Leaving from Madingley Village Hall
Dawn Chorus Walk (see page 6)

Monday 20th May, 7.00 and 7.30pm

Madingley Village Hall
Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council
Meeting

Saturday 25th May, 11.30am-5.00pm

Madingley Hall
Celebrity Gardeners' Question Time

Monday 27th May, 10.30 for 10.45am

American Cemetery
Memorial Day

Sunday 23rd June, 2.30-5.30pm

Madingley Hall
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CHURCH NEWS

It was announced at the end of January that the Rev'd Mandy Maxwell, Rector of Girton and Priest-in-Charge of Madingley Church, is to leave these parishes in July, and move to Trumpington. The precise date is yet to be determined. That means that the two parishes will enter a time of interregnum, and Madingley will no doubt be represented at the meetings when discussions take place about the skills and enthusiasms being sought in the next incumbent.

Celebrations



Children enjoying the Christingle Service

Meanwhile here in Madingley we celebrated Christmas, holding a variety of services to cater for all ages. It was good to see so many youngsters at our Christingle Service, and as in the past that was down to the enthusiastic efforts of Anna Baldwin in ensuring that all those who might be interested, knew about the service. It was also pleasing to see so many people at our service of Lessons and Carols, and that most people were able to stay on afterwards to enjoy the refreshments. Those involved in providing the food and drink were heard to say: "Thank goodness; next year it will be so much easier to do this sort of thing!"

Building work

The reason for that, of course, is that we are fast approaching the time when building work can start on our new accessible loo and kitchen facilities. It seems that our contractor will be able to start a little earlier than envisaged previously. He will be able to begin the digging work for the water supply and cess pit installation outside the church before we have had it confirmed that the bats have finished their hibernation in the tower, which will be when the builders can have access to the interior of the church too.

Temporary venue

From 28th April, the week after Easter, church services will take place in the Village Hall starting

at the earlier time of 10.30am. This will help to expedite the building process, since the builders will not have to clear the site in the church on a Friday to make it safe and usable for services. It will be exciting, and a relief, to have this long planned and hoped for project become a reality!

Alongside the planning for the West End Development Project a limited programme of urgent fabric repairs was undertaken before Christmas, including conservation work to stonework surrounding a window in the nave and its 16th century glass painting depicting 'Charity and Justice and the Emperor Charlemagne'.

Electoral Roll

One important piece of information for everyone in the Village is that this is a year when the church's Electoral Roll is updated. The whole thing is begun from scratch, so if you are already on the roll, please ensure that you let our Electoral Roll Officer, Sue Baldwin, know that you wish to remain on it. If you are not already on the roll, please consider being added to it; contrary to what people often think, it is not a way of asking for money! What it does mean is that it indicates to the diocesan authorities that here is a healthy church, with many people concerned about its life now and in the future. It also gives you the ability to vote at the Annual Meeting of the church, which this year will be on 28th April after the service.

Rev'd Christine Barrow

Sunday 14th April at 11.00am

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



Speedwatch surveys are effective in reminding drivers to drive within the local speed limit, making our Village safer for all road users, including cyclists and pedestrians.

Running Speedwatch here shows that we care about road safety. Madingley Community Speedwatch volunteers continue to do a great job – thank you all for your ongoing support.

Speedwatch Secretariat

MADINGLEY VILLAGE HALL

Madingley Village Quiz

The 2019 Village Quiz will be held on **Saturday 23rd March**. Doors open at 7.15pm, and the Quiz starts at 7.30pm. Profits from the evening will go to the Village Hall Maintenance Fund.

Teams of five or six, which can include members from your club, workplace, family and neighbourhood, are invited to pit their wits against each other for a light-hearted, social evening. All ages are welcome but to ensure that competition is fair, team numbers must not exceed six! If you are unable to make up a team do let me know and I will put you in contact with neighbours needing additional players on their team.

Entrance is £8.50 per head, to include a glass of wine or soft drink on your arrival and a delicious spread of savoury nibbles, bread and cheese during the interval. There will also be a high quality raffle.

Village Hall Breakfast

This year the Madingley Village Hall Breakfast will be held on Saturday 27th April from 9.30 to 11.30 am when bacon baps (or vegetarian alternative) will be served with tea, coffee or orange juice.

Come and meet the neighbours and forget about the washing up. There is no charge for this event; however, donations to the Village Hall Maintenance Fund will be welcome.

Please contact Chris Baldwin in advance to book in your Quiz Team or to make an enquiry about booking the Hall (Tel: 01954 210766; email: chrisbaldwin1000@gmail.com).

Chris Baldwin

Chairman, Village Hall Committee

COME AND HEAR MADINGLEY'S DAWN CHORUS



Would you like to be able to identify different birdsongs in our Village? Or hear more about which birds are the earliest risers?

Then come along to a special Dawn Chorus Walk on Saturday 18th May when William Seale,

an expert on birdsong, and who runs Madingley Toad Rescue, will give a guided walk around the Village and an explanation of the different birds contributing to the dawn chorus.

In order to appeal to as many residents as possible, there will be a 4.00am start from the Village Hall and an option to join the group later at 5.00am (location to be advised).

The session will conclude with coffee, tea and refreshments back in the Village Hall where William will also have a display, giving you additional information about birdsong.

The event is free but for practical reasons, there is a limit to the number of people in the group, so please reserve your place by calling Roger and Lesley Buckley on 01954 211276 or by emailing madingley.newsletter@gmail.com. We shall need your contact details in case of last-minute changes of plan (for example, if rain is forecast).

MADINGLEY CRICKET CLUB

It's the time when we can start looking forward to the new season, which this year starts on Saturday 4th May (although the 1st team have a 'free' weekend that day). The first team will be playing in Junior League Division 1 North, a change from the South division they have occupied in recent years, and the second team in Junior League Division 3 West. Fixtures are available on the noticeboard in the Village Hall. With the first team changing division and some league re-organisation this means that both sides are playing almost completely different teams to last season.

The changes are partly a result of the steady decline in cricket participation, and whilst we have not been significantly affected we are always looking to get more people involved. All abilities are welcome, with enjoyment as important as the result (although a win is always enjoyable!), and we provide playing kit and transport to games. League games are 40 overs per side on Saturday afternoons, with tea provided by the home team, and you can make yourself available for as many games as you wish. Indoor nets have started at Leys Leisure Centre on Sunday afternoons (with occasional midweek sessions) and will continue until the season starts. Please contact me if you would like more details about the club. My details are in this Newsletter and we also have a club website <http://madingley.play-cricket.com/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/madingleycc/>

Philip Done, Secretary

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN CEMETERY

Welcome To New Members Of Our Team

The newest members of the team at Cambridge American Cemetery are the Brown family. Matthew, Melissa, and Emma moved here in mid-December and had a crash course in doing Christmas the British way. In fact, the first thing that they unpacked was the Christmas tree, and then had it decorated before anything else!



The Brown Family

The Browns are no strangers to international travel, having lived and served around the world, first with the US Army, and now with the American Battle Monuments Commission. Matt, as he likes to be known, comes to us from our Suresnes American Cemetery in Paris, where he was Superintendent.

He has written a short piece to introduce the family to their nearest neighbours: *"We are already settling into our new home and have spent the Christmas vacation exploring Cambridge on foot. What an interesting city."*

"As a retired soldier and combat veteran of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, I am passionate about commemorating the American and British military service members and civilian volunteers (whom many Americans call 'the greatest generation'). They fought and died side-by-side in World War II to defeat authoritarianism and to defend our values of liberal democracy. I have recently been working hard within this small American agency to assist historians and genealogists identify the unknown soldiers from World War II so that we can finally, even after 75 years, provide closure to those family members who are still waiting for answers about the fates of their loved ones."

"My wife, Melissa, is a talented seamstress, a gifted chef, and most importantly, a dedicated mother. Having lived most of her life in military camps and diplomatic outposts, she is

accustomed to assimilating quickly into new and unknown cultures by learning the language, the habits, and traditions of the surrounding community. Remarkably, this posting in the UK is one of the few times in recent memory that she is experiencing the ease of living in an English speaking community, and for this reason, Melissa already feels very much at home. She intends to keep actively involved in the community as a volunteer at both the Cambridge American Cemetery, US Embassy London, and at the Cambridge International School, where daughter Emma has taken up academics in Year-9.

"Emma is a good-natured, intellectually curious, and adventurous young lady who enjoys literature (both reading and writing), football (soccer), and travelling. Although she is culturally American, having been raised by American parents, Emma identifies as a global citizen, and she is as comfortable here in the UK as she was in France, or even as she was in the US many years ago. Her attendance at Cambridge International School marks her seventh school (in five different countries). Emma has already made friends in the community and joined a football club in Comberton."

"We are all very excited to be able to explore the surrounding community, to learn British traditions, and (amusingly) to learn a little of our language! Please feel free to stop by Cambridge American Cemetery to meet us."

No doubt you will start to see Matt, Melissa and Emma around, with the final member of the family. Roxie the dog – a Jack Russell Terrier – loves having swapped a Paris apartment for the open countryside.

Although we will probably have another blast of the 'Beast from the East' this year, as I write I am eagerly awaiting the first snowdrops pushing up in the grounds. That means Spring is on its way and the bluebell season will soon be upon us.

Memorial Day

Just a quick reminder about Memorial Day on Monday 27th May (10.30am for 10.45am), which this year will focus on the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. We are hoping to have Jonna Doolittle Hoppes as one of our speakers. She is the grand-daughter of Jimmy Doolittle, known for the eponymous 'Doolittle Raids' over Japan and later as Commander of the 8th Air Force for The European Theatre of Operations and specifically, D-Day.

Suzie Harrison, Interpretative Guide
Cambridge American Cemetery

THE ELMS OF MADINGLEY

The uncertainty over the future of The Avenue – that is, whether it is or is not to be re-opened after two years of closure – is a reminder that this road (and indeed the Village as a whole) was once renowned for its elm trees, which though they still survive, are now much diminished.

Some years ago, Richard Gant, Head Gardener at Madingley Hall, was approached by a writer researching a biography of the eminent mountaineer, educationalist and broadcaster Sir Jack Longland (1905-93), who was famed for the prominent part he played in the 1933 Everest expedition. While an undergraduate at Jesus College he helped revive the Cambridge University Mountaineering Club. There being few locations around Cambridge at which to practise rock-climbing skills (apart from the strictly forbidden night-climbing of the city's buildings), he and his friends often ventured out to Madingley to climb the elms which, with their deeply-fissured bark, provided the means to increase finger-hold strength. Longland mentioned these Madingley 'natural climbing walls' in an article in the 1928 *Oxford & Cambridge Mountaineering Club Journal*.



Deeply-fissured bark: an old elm on The Avenue (tree no. G604, about 50yds south of Beck Brook Farm)

Long-serving Churchwarden Alan Clarke, whose family were tenants at New Farm from the 1930s to the 1970s, recalls that after the University of Cambridge purchased the Madingley Estate in 1948 they felled huge numbers of trees including all (*but see below – Eds*) the trees along The Avenue. (Those trees had formed a leafy tunnel, under cover of which, in the weeks before D-Day, large numbers of army vehicles were stationed. When they all disappeared one night, Villagers knew that 'something was up'.) Alan remembers that The Avenue was replanted with its current trees in or around 1954, and that Stan Cornell was involved.



The southern end of The Avenue in 1958

Tree Surgeon Peter Oakes began working at the University's Madingley Sawmill in 1974. Soon afterwards, elm disease struck the estate very badly and the initial policy was to remove and destroy any affected trees. Some trees were injected with a new substance that was supposed to save them, but which only served to slow their demise. The presence of diseased elms outside the area of control of the University meant that the disease could not be contained.

Peter recalls that some beautiful park elms, well over 400 years old, had to be taken down. Along The Avenue, the elms were nearer 250 years old, as established by counting their annual rings. Not all of the elms were destroyed; in the late 1970s numerous dying or dead elms (including several from The Avenue) were felled and sold as timber. Some of the smaller trunks were converted into planks at Madingley Sawmill, with the fencing quality being converted and used as post, rail and slatted fencing that used to be seen all around the Village before being replaced by the current hedges.

Forester and Ecologist Peter Buckley, formerly of Imperial College, London, writes:

'The Avenue in Madingley is lined with a mix of elm types, some showing the leaf characteristics of wych elm (which is much less abundant in eastern England than in the north and west), but others having characteristics more typical of the local smooth-leaved elms. A few big trees of these two types with deeply, vertically fissured bark certainly pre-date an earlier elm disease epidemic in the 1930s. There are also thickets of younger suckers, a few metres tall, many of which are standing dead, having succumbed to disease. This is very much the pattern since an aggressive form of elm disease took hold 50 years ago; a perpetual cycle of tree infection followed by resilient sucker growth, followed by re-infection as the suckers grow tall.

'Most elms are of the suckering variety, relying almost exclusively on vegetative reproduction and forming clones, but wych elm (*Ulmus glabra*) is an exception in that it reproduces from seed and does not sucker. Apart from this, there are two other main groups: English elm (*U. procera*) and smooth-leaved or field elm (*U. minor*). Recently DNA fingerprinting has determined English elm to be actually a cultivar of smooth-leaved elm, *U. minor* 'Atinia'. This illustrates the complex genetics of elms, where many so-called 'species' are the result of continuous variation between the main groups and binary, tertiary and quaternary hybrids are thought to exist. Smooth-leaved elm is particularly polymorphous and wych/smooth-leaved intermediate types are especially common in East Anglia. They were much planted in ornamental avenues, famously at Wimpole Hall in Cambridgeshire (latterly replaced with limes); and one notable species, the Huntingdon elm (*U. x vegeta*) once lined the Royal Military canal in Kent.



Leaves of English elm (*Ulmus procera*)

'Unfortunately Dutch Elm disease, a fungus and its insect carrier, was introduced to Britain on imported elm logs in the 1960s. By the 1990s it had killed more than 30 million trees, over 80% of the entire native population. Symptoms of elm disease can be clearly seen in The Avenue in Madingley; there are few really big, towering trees, and those that remain show extensive branch dieback and hollow boles, while many of the younger trees are standing dead. In early Summer the first signs are of twig dieback, when the tips of the shoot turn brown and curl back, forming 'shepherds' crooks'. The disease progresses downwards, blocking the water-conducting vessels, and can enter the root system where it is liable to be transmitted to neighbouring trees through root contacts.

'Elm disease epidemics have occurred previously, as mentioned in the 1930s and in earlier centuries, but in those cases the tree population rapidly recovered. This current epidemic is caused by a much deadlier strain of the ascomycete fungus (*Ophiostoma novo-ulmi*), the spores of which are carried by the young bark

beetles (*Scolytus* species) which, after emerging from their galleries under the bark of dead elms, feed in the twig crotches of healthy trees, thus introducing the fungus. When these trees die in their turn, mature female beetles bore under the bark to lay their eggs, thus completing the cycle.

'In the early days it was thought that only English elm was the most susceptible species because it suckered extensively along field boundaries, but it soon became clear that both wych and smooth-leaved types, although usually more tolerant, were also stricken. Ironically, the habit of suckering has saved the elms, because they throw up new shoots from the old root systems and survive as scrubby growth in hedgerows – that is, until they become large enough (over 5m) to support beetle breeding and are re-infected. Trees in compact woodlands are most likely to survive, as they are buffered from the attentions of *Scolytus* beetles by the surrounding canopy.

'Elms have most certainly not died out, and perhaps one day will again produce generations of towering trees. Resistant trees are being tested that contain antifungal or anti-beetle genes, although many of these subjects are not yet the shapely 'Constable' trees of Salisbury Cathedral or Flatford Mill. In 2001-4, English elm was successfully genetically engineered, although reservations about GM material have prevented it from being introduced into the countryside. Another promising approach would be to develop a virus capable of attacking the *Ophiostoma* fungus, as has been done with chestnut blight infections on the continent. And in time, it may be that the aggressive strain of the fungus gradually weakens, so as to live with its host, as it did once before.'

If you have memories of the elms of Madingley, please share them with us – *the Editors*.



Wych elm (*Ulmus glabra*)

NEWS FROM MADINGLEY HALL

We have had a busy 2019 so far at the Institute of Continuing Education (ICE), Madingley Hall. Our first weekend highlighted the importance of sleep and also of creativity – a good start to the year.

By the time you are reading this, we will have printed our Lifelong Learning prospectus for the next academic year. There are many exciting developments, including half-day Tuesday courses on topics as diverse as First Nations, the Gunpowder Plot and cutting-edge material science.

As always, our courses offer the opportunity to learn from some of the finest academics and are designed to be accessible for all, whether you are new to a subject or returning to an old favourite.

There are still spaces available on some of our courses this year, so if you feel like 'Tracing Ancestry Using DNA', enquiring about 'Animal Ethics' or pondering the 'Mystery of Human Behaviour', please see our website for full details of all courses. If you would like to discuss the courses, please come along to our Open Day on 30th March, email shortcourses@ice.ac.uk or telephone 01223 746218.

Forthcoming events

Cambridge Science Festival

Saturday 16th March 2019
2.00pm–5.00pm

ICE is taking part in the Cambridge Science Festival in 2019 with three talks at Madingley Hall:

We Are Made of Viruses (2.00pm–2.30pm)
Understanding Cancer (2.45pm–3.30pm)
The Beauty of Biomaterials (3.30pm–4.15pm)

Also join our hands-on events and workshops which complement and expand our science talks from the afternoon:

Good Germs, Bad Germs? How Do We Know?

Herbs and the Sensory Secret

Full details and online booking can be found at:
<https://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/event/cambridge-science-festival-2019>

Institute of Continuing Education Open Day
Saturday 30th March 2019

Join ICE for our annual Open Day at Madingley Hall and find out about our wide range of part-time and short courses for adults. Hear University experts speaking on their specialist subjects, and get a flavour of what it's like to study at the Hall. You can book your place on our website, at

<http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/event/institute-continuing-education-open-day-2019>

Celebrity Gardeners' Question Time at Madingley Hall

Saturday 25th May 2019
11.30am– 5.00pm

A National Garden Scheme event held in the spectacular grounds of historic Madingley Hall featuring Bunny Guinness and Alan Gray:

- expert panel discussion and Q&A
- enjoy prosecco on arrival and a delicious buffet lunch
- tour the glorious 'Capability Brown' landscape with the garden team

£35 per person, or book a table for 10 at just £315. Pre-booking essential. Tickets at ngs.org.uk/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, with home-made teas at St Mary Magdalene Church. 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>

Zara Kuckelhaus

Head of Academic Centre Administration
Lifelong Learning, ICE, Madingley Hall

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE TOAD PROJECT

You will have noticed the temporary netting fences that appear in Madingley each Spring to reduce the number of toads and other amphibians run over during their nocturnal migrations to the lake to breed, then back out again on to dry land afterwards.

We rely on volunteers to find the animals by torchlight behind the fences and carry them across the road to safety but are becoming particularly short of help.

If you think you might like to lend a helping hand sometime, please contact William Seale (w.seale@talktalk.net). Volunteers can do as little or as much as they choose while the toads are on the move between mid February and early June (the best time is usually late February to mid April).

NEWS FROM OUR MP, HEIDI ALLEN



Heidi Allen MP

Heidi Allen has been in the headlines in the last week. At the time of going to press, a report was not available from her Office, which however supplied the transcript of her Resignation Speech of which we print some extracts below.

‘My name is Heidi Allen and I am very proud to be the Member of Parliament for South Cambridgeshire. I love my constituency – it is bursting with innovation and a desire to challenge the status quo.

I love that my constituents want to share their talents and discoveries to make the world a better place and to tackle inequalities. They make my head and heart fizz with possibilities.

I want to feel that way in Westminster too. I am tired of feeling numb. So today, alongside my colleagues, I have resigned from the Conservative party.

That raw hunger to serve my country and to offer my skills and experience led me to the Conservative party.

I believed that under David Cameron and his Big Society, the party, like me, was ambitious for our country. It was challenging the nasty party image and proving that we could in fact be a party of both competence AND compassion.

So why, so often, too often, in the last three years have I found myself, “going over the top” fighting for benevolence in our welfare system?

The Department for Work and Pensions has had six secretaries of state in three years – Six!

You wouldn’t run a business like that and expect to succeed. So how can it possibly be acceptable when you are completely redesigning our welfare safety net? Particularly when that net is SO vital when we are at our LOWEST and when we need it most.

Because those that rely on the net are people, not numbers.

I shouldn’t have to feel that the only option left open to me is to take a camera crew around the country to shine a devastating spotlight on poverty. It shouldn’t be this hard.

I believed I was part of a party who worked collaboratively, welcomed knowledge and had the empathy to feel. But I have slowly but surely come to the realisation that I am not.

I can no longer represent a Government and a party who can’t open its eyes to the suffering endured by the most vulnerable in society. Suffering which we have deepened whilst having the power to fix.

Because the United Kingdom deserves better. It needs to push and drive, not cower from its own shadow. It should attract the best minds, the biggest hearts and the most effective communicators.

And I, WE, are prepared to DARE to dream this is possible.

But it’s not going to happen if we sit idly by, nodding through policy and voting like sheep. If Brexit was a pained clarion call for change, then we hear it.

Our parties have been unable to grasp the magnitude of the challenge and have no plan to respond nor heal the divisions across our cities, villages and dining tables.

So we need to start again with a clean sheet. And as true centre ground MPs, sharing the same values as millions of our citizens, we have a responsibility to act.

This week is the beginning – once there were seven and now there are eleven (and 99,000 Twitter followers.)

So yes, we are putting our heads above the parapet and we might fail. But isn’t the prize worth fighting for? I sense the country wants us to fight for it too. And I for one, am prepared to give it everything I’ve got.’

<https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk>

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

Heidi Allen MP



The new Sculpture Railings in Girton (see page 13)

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, TOM BYGOTT



Cllr Tom Bygott

Increase in Council Tax on empty homes

The South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) Cabinet has recommended an increase in Council Tax on properties that are left empty, and this was passed by the full Council on 21st February. There is currently a 50% Council Tax surcharge on properties that are left empty, which will be replaced by:

- from 1st April 2019, double tax on homes that are empty for two years or more
- from 1st April 2020, triple tax on homes that are empty for five years or more
- from 1st April 2021, quadruple tax on homes that are empty for ten years or more.

So, after ten years a Band D property would attract £6,982 Council Tax a year, or £13,964 for Band H, using the 2018-19 rates.

The plan is to discourage property owners from not renting out properties that could be rented out. There are currently 180 properties in the District that have been empty for two years or more, a low number by national standards, or about 4.5% of the size of the housing waiting list.

These charges do not apply to second homes, and there are exemptions and discounts for many types of situations, such as during probate (after the death of the owner), or if the owner is in a nursing home or hospital, or away caring for someone. These are set out in more detail in a document called Understanding Your Council Tax Bill, sent with each tax bill and available at: <https://tinyurl.com/SCambsTaxDesc>

Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy 2019-23

SCDC and Cambridge City Council are working together on a strategy document on housing supply for the next five years. Their plan is to develop a joint Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to supplement the Local Plan housing requirements.

The document can be found at:

www.scambs.gov.uk/media/12790/greater-cambridge-housing-strategy-consultation-final-draft.pdf

Madingley is not mentioned by name in the document, nor are the other villages, as it is a high-level strategy document rather than a detailed set of proposals for development sites.

It says: 'Through our Local Plans we know that we need to deliver an additional 33,500 homes up to 2031; 19,500 in South Cambridgeshire and 14,000 in Cambridge.' It goes on to suggest that 'higher housing target numbers are likely to be needed if the potential for higher growth in employment is to be met.'

This suggests that the SPD document might propose new developments beyond those already agreed in the Local Plan, possibly including some that were previously rejected.

Practical Brexit Information for Householders

Lots of people have been offering their opinions about Brexit, but I thought it would be more useful to provide some practical information.

The Government has published a series of advice sheets to help both householders and businesses to prepare for a No Deal Brexit. These can be found at:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/how-to-prepare-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-with-no-deal

The majority are aimed at businesses, but four are worth having a look at:

- **Passport validity.** UK passport holders are currently exempt from a requirement to show six months of remaining validity to their passport when entering the EU. This can be rectified by replacing your passport six months prior to expiry. Doing so on a regular basis adds 5% or £3.78 to the cost of holding a ten-year passport.
- **Driving licences.** Some EU countries may require an International Driving Permit to be shown alongside a British driving licence. These can be bought for £5.50 from some post offices, including Histon and Cambridge, but not those in smaller villages. There are two types: the 1949 Geneva Convention on Road Traffic for Ireland, Spain, Malta and Cyprus, and the 1968 Vienna Convention for all other EU countries.
- **Motor insurance.** All vehicle insurance policies issued in the UK must provide at least third-party cover throughout the EU. UK policy holders currently have an exemption from showing a Green Card document. In the event of No Deal, you need to ask your insurer to issue you with a Green Card document as proof of your insurance cover.

- EU countries may refuse to recognise the **GB letters** on a number plate when accompanied by an EU flag. This can be rectified either by using a GB sticker (available at Halfords for £2.39) or replacing the number plates with the Union Flag GB design (from £16 at Halfords).
- **Mobile phone roaming.** The EU currently places a cap on mobile phone roaming charges. It is the UK Government's intention to replicate this cap for UK contract holders, but must wait until after 29th March before doing so. Look carefully at whether your mobile phone operator tries to take advantage of this interval in regulation. This can be avoided by buying a prepaid SIM card, available from most convenience stores from £10, until the cap has been restored.

Girton Sculpture Railings (illustrated on page 11)

I would like to congratulate sculptor Matthew Sanderson and Girton Town Charity for the splendid new Sculpture Railings for St Andrew's churchyard, and for the new bus shelter, in Girton. Over the past few weeks I have watched people enjoying the new railings and being fascinated by the detail of the sculpture.

It is not only a beautiful enhancement to Girton's streetscape, but appears to be solidly constructed from good quality materials that will stand the test of time. If you haven't been over to Girton since these were installed, it's worth visiting to have a look.

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NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, DOUGLAS DE LACEY



Cllr Douglas de Lacey

We began the Civic year on 9th January with

a 200-page Cabinet agenda. Scrutiny Committee reported our concerns over the way our ICT services handled a major outage which lasted several days; a Task and Finish group will look at the underlying problems. Cabinet examined an Area Action Plan (AAP) for Cambridge Northern Fringe (CNF), which if proved sound will be, like the Local Plan, a major basis for our decisions on development. CNF is the land to the south of the A14 stretching from the Science Park to the new railway station. Assuming the water works can be relocated it would represent a major new development.

We made a large number of suggested improvements, and the Plan now goes out for consultation.

Parish involvement

We then looked at our joint City and SCDC Statement of Community Involvement: a comprehensive statement of how we shall consult on our future plans. No surprises in the document, which itself is now out to consultation.

A lot of stress is put on consultation with parishes; in the past the invitation to Parish Councils has not always been clear as to the significance of such meetings, and I hope for improvements here (at our end) and much more Parish involvement.

Information

Members have been given a preview of our new Customer Portal. While conceding that a primary purpose is to reduce pressure on staff, the presenters argued that it should actually enable 'customers' (you, dear reader!) to get the information they really need more quickly and easily than through the help-desk.

I am innately sceptical about such claims but it does look well-designed; I'll report on progress. Please let me know of any problems you have in getting what you need from South Cambs.

Waste collection winners

On 23rd January we had an evening to celebrate staff achievement. Staff could nominate each other (and we could nominate staff) for five excellence awards: 'Star of 2018'; 'Community Champion'; 'Innovation Award'; 'Newcomer of the Year' and 'Team of the Year'.

I am delighted that the last went to our waste collection service team who had a particularly difficult year, weather-wise, in 2018. We offered a hog-roast (with suitable alternatives) and I believe that a good time was had by all.

Cllr Douglas de Lacey

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NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR, LINA NIETO



Cllr Lina Nieto

Increase in Council Tax

Unfortunately, we had to increase Council Tax by 2.99% this year to meet SCDC's funding gap. Some of you might ask why Conservatives believe that Council Tax should not be raised. In my opinion the Council should find alternative ways of generating an income to cover services.

I believe that the money each individual earns should be kept and everyone should be able to decide where it goes and how it is spent. In addition to this, there are many residents who have financial challenges and although you may receive support for Council Tax, it is still a large amount for some of our residents.

Decision-making involvement for Parish Councils

Parish Councils would like to play a more active role in the decision-making of the County and probably the District too. I have already started discussions with colleagues and I will continue to pursue this important position. It is quite right that Parishes have more of a say in what happens in their local area, instead of being imposed upon them. If you have any particular comments or ideas, please do let me know.

Meeting local businesses

This year I will be going around and visiting more local businesses. I believe we should 'buy local' and support them, otherwise they will close down and will be dearly missed. They play a very important role in our communities and it's a responsibility of all. However, it is also about sustainability. Local businesses are much more sustainable than larger corporations.

If you haven't heard about Cambridge Sustainable Food then please take a look at their website:

<https://www.cambridgesustainablefood.org/directory/>

Cllr Lina Nieto

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ROYAL MAIL COLLECTION TIMES (AS THEY ARE ADVERTISED)

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

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

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

MADINGLEY NEWS SUMMER EDITION

The next issue of *Madingley News* will be published on 10th June 2019 and the copy deadline for receipt of articles, photographs (jpeg attachments 1MB or more in size please) and advertisements is 10th May.

We look forward to receiving your news and illustrations.

The Editors have tried in good faith to establish the accuracy of the material used, including images, in this Newsletter. Any breaches of copyright are unintentional and are regretted.

'WEDNESDAY B' BIN COLLECTIONS

March

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

April

3rd:	BLACK
10th:	BLUE and GREEN
17th:	BLACK
26th (Friday):	BLUE and GREEN

May

2nd (Thursday):	BLACK
9th (Thursday):	BLUE and GREEN
15th:	BLACK
22nd:	BLUE and GREEN
30th (Thursday):	BLACK

June

5th:	BLUE and GREEN
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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. 2** was discontinued in September 2017 but its route is covered by citi 5 and citi 6.

Stagecoach Bus (Monday to Friday only)

Outbound (citi 5) (via Bar Hill):

Madingley	Emmanuel Street (E4)
07.21	07.57

Inbound (citi 6) (via Oakington):

Emmanuel Street (E4)	Madingley
17.55	18.44

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

Outbound:

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

Inbound:

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

Madingley Road Park & Ride

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

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

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

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

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

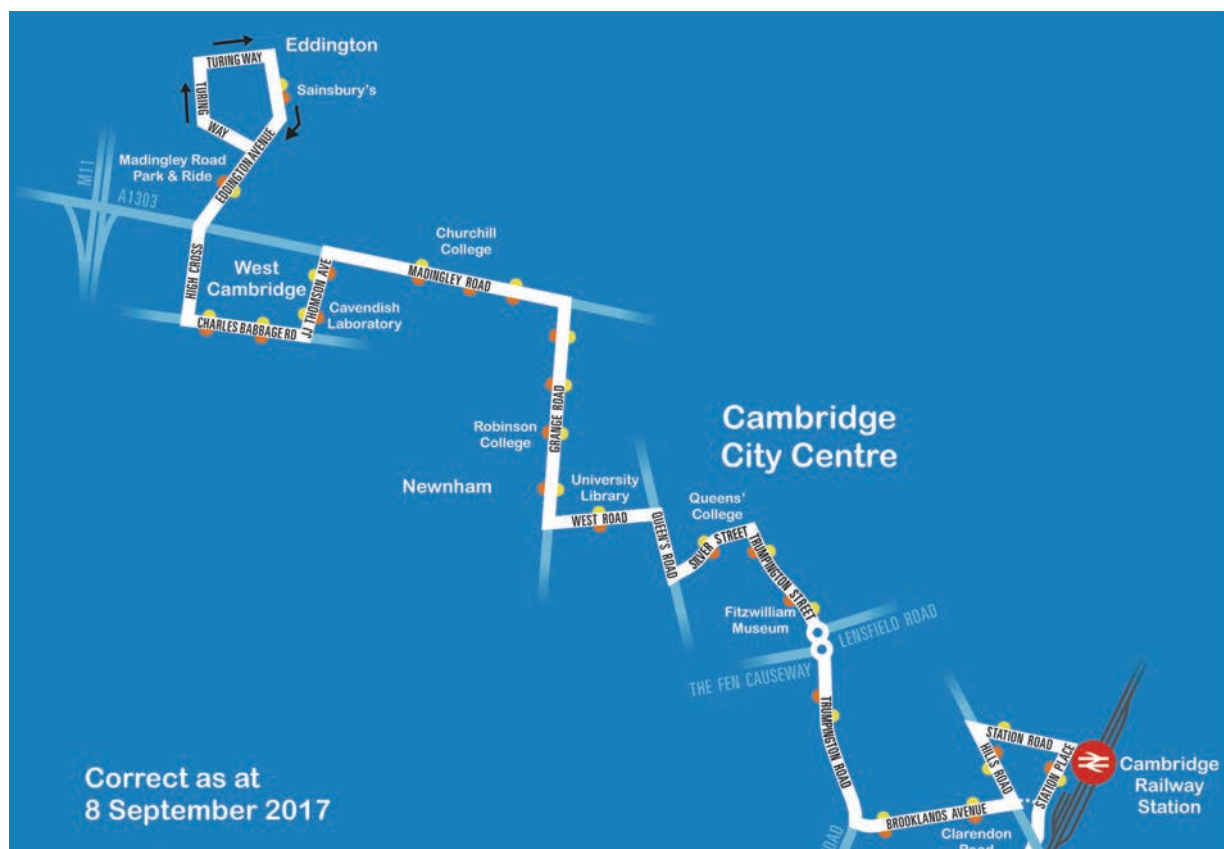
Charges are made for parking at Cambridge Park & Ride sites, though the first 18 hours are now free:

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

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

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

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



GONG SOUND MEDITATION

SALLY WARR
GONG PLAYER & INTEGRATIVE THERAPIST

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Madingley Village Hall, CB23 8AB (opposite pub)

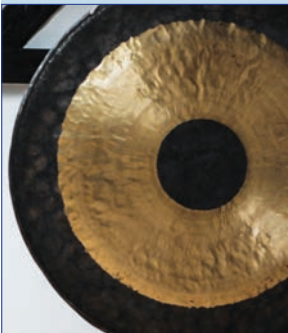
16th May, 6th June,

27th June, 18th July 2019

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KIDS VEG OUT

From 18th February onwards...

We've been working with Cambridge Sustainable Food on a project to ensure children are eating at least two portions of vegetables at our restaurant. As well as tweaking our children's menu to pack in more veg, we've also introduced a free fruit bowl for little ones, available at weekends, half terms and school holidays. Please visit our website to view the menu.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

The daffodils will soon be out and we're starting to take bookings for Mother's Day. Please contact us to book:

Mothering Sunday: 31st March

Good Friday: 19th April

Easter Sunday: 21st April

Easter Monday: 22nd April



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