



# Madingley News

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The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Madingley, showing the new chancel roof (Photograph: Chris Baldwin)

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## FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the Spring 2020 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. The next issue of *Madingley News* will be published on 10th June 2020 and the copy deadline for receipt of articles, photographs (jpeg attachments of 1MB or more in size please) and advertisements is 10th May. We look forward to receiving your news and illustrations.

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## MADINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



Charles Crichton-Stuart

### Traffic

Following the last Parish Council meeting, the Council Highways Working Committee and I had a very positive meeting with David Forbes regarding the Village's application to the A14 Legacy Fund. David was extremely helpful in explaining how we might best use the funds allocated and a 'wish-list' of proposed traffic calming measures has been submitted for consideration. The principal of these is a chicane where The Avenue meets the Village, but speed buffer zones on Dry Drayton and Cambridge Roads, 'Not Suitable for HGV' advisory signs at all approaches and some bollards on the High Street have also been requested.

The Parish Council is still lobbying to have The Avenue closed permanently and I have now received both an apology for the delay and a promised decision on our Stage 2 Complaint to the earlier TRO Application by 21st February.

I must stress again that the most immediate and measurable way for us to reduce speeding through the Village is for people to volunteer to join the Madingley Community Speedwatch. For further information on this, please email [cws.madingley@gmail.com](mailto:cws.madingley@gmail.com).

### Councillors needed

I would also once again like to plead for applicants who would be interested in joining the Parish Council itself. The number of active Councillors is currently at the bare minimum and we are at risk of losing the Council entirely if new members cannot be found. Becoming a Parish Councillor is neither an onerous nor a significant time-consuming task. I would be delighted to talk to anyone about my experience of joining the Council and what you might reasonably expect were you to help bolster our numbers. Please do email me at [chair@madingleyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:chair@madingleyparishcouncil.org.uk) to arrange a time to chat.

### Litter-picking

Lastly, I would very much like to invite all volunteers to join us on a Village litter-picking walk on Saturday 21st March. All those interested in taking part are invited to meet at the Village Hall at 10:00am where all relevant safety and litter-collecting apparatus will be provided.

### Charles Crichton-Stuart

Chairman, Madingley Parish Council

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Last November the East Anglian Air Ambulance ran a training session in the Village Hall for Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of a defibrillator, but some people were unable to rearrange their work and couldn't attend.

If we have a minimum of ten people who would like an evening training session, this can be arranged later in the year. The Parish Council has agreed to make a further donation to East Anglian Air Ambulance if and when the training session takes place.

If you are interested please email Fiona Naughton at [cllr.naughton@madingleyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:cllr.naughton@madingleyparishcouncil.org.uk)

### Fiona Naughton

Vice-Chair, Madingley Parish Council

## MADINGLEY VILLAGE HALL

The annual **Quiz Night** will take place on Saturday 28th March starting promptly at 7.30pm. Please put the date in your diary and let me know when you have made up a team (up to six persons).

This year's **Village Big Breakfast** will take place on Saturday 9th May from 9.30am-11.30am.

The Hall is very well supported for a variety of Wellbeing classes that are available for you to join.

The Stephen Perse School continues to use the Hall each Monday afternoon for PE lessons, with a Toddler Group, Kindergarten and Reception PE day on Fridays from 8.30am-3.00pm.

All the income from the Village Hall hires is ploughed back into the maintenance of the Hall which the Trustees are determined will be available as a community resource well into the future.

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

**Chris Baldwin**

Chairman, Madingley Village Hall Trust

## 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 2nd May when William Seale, an expert on birdsong, and who also runs Madingley Toad Rescue, will guide a walk around the Village and an explanation of the different birds contributing to the dawn chorus.

The starting time at the Village Hall will be 4.30am. 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](mailto:madingley.newsletter@gmail.com). We shall need your contact details in case of last-minute changes of plan (for example, if rain is forecast).

## The Editors

## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



We are grateful for support from our loyal team of Speedwatch volunteers.

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

We look forward with anticipation to additional traffic calming measures around our Village's unclassified roads.

## Speedwatch Secretariat

## VILLAGE LITTER PICK



This will take place on Saturday 21st March. Please meet at the Village Hall at 10am to collect the equipment you will need. If you are able to help, please email Heather Robinson who has kindly volunteered to collect the equipment for the litter-pick from the Council ([heatherlouise.robinson@googlemail.com](mailto:heatherlouise.robinson@googlemail.com)).

Children should only help under adult supervision for an hour. Guidance on safety can be found at: <https://www.scams.gov.uk/climate-and-environment/community-clear-ups/>



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Saturday 21st March, 10.00am**

Starting from Madingley Village Hall  
Litter Picking Morning

### **Sunday 22nd March, 10.30am**

Madingley Parish Church  
Mothering Sunday Service

### **Wednesday 25th March, 7.30pm**

Madingley Village Hall  
Parish Council Meeting

### **Saturday 28th March, 7.30pm**

Madingley Village Hall  
Annual Village Quiz

### **Saturday 4th April**

Madingley Hall  
Open Day

### **Thursday 9th April, 7.00pm**

Madingley Parish Church  
Joint Maundy Thursday Service with Girton

### **Friday 10th April, 11.00am**

Madingley Parish Church  
Good Friday Service

### **Sunday 12th April, 10.30am**

Madingley Parish Church  
Easter Sunday Service

### **Tuesday 28th April, 6.30pm**

Madingley Hall  
Madingley Lecture: *Roman Britain as a 'Foreign Country'*

### **Saturday 2nd May, 4.30am**

Starting at Madingley Village Hall  
Dawn Chorus Walk (booking required)

### **Friday 8th May, 2.00pm**

Cambridge American Cemetery  
Victory in Europe Day 75

### **Saturday 9th May, 9.30-11.30am**

Madingley Village Hall  
Village Big Breakfast

### **Monday 25th May, 11.00am**

Cambridge American Cemetery  
Memorial Day

### **Wednesday 13th May, 7.00pm**

Madingley Village Hall  
Annual Parish Meeting followed by  
Parish Council Meeting

### **Tuesday 2nd June, 6.30pm**

Madingley Hall  
Madingley Lecture: *Other Worlds: The Rise of the Multiverse in Fundamental Physics*

### **Sunday 14th June, 10.30am**

Madingley Parish Church  
Celebration & Dedication of West End Development

### **Sunday 21st June, 2.30–5.30pm**

Madingley Hall  
Open Gardens with Cream Teas in the Church

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## NEWS FROM MADINGLEY HALL

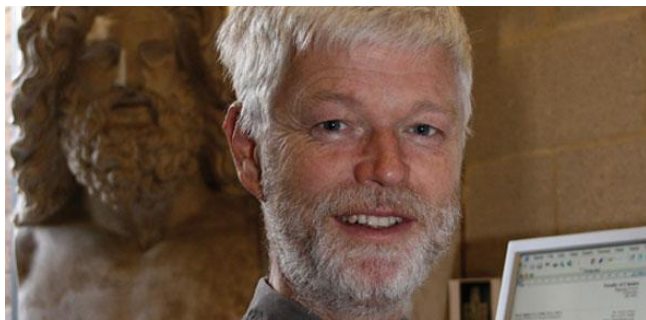
We hope you've all had a good start to 2020. It has certainly been a busy start to the year here at ICE, Madingley Hall and Spring is fast approaching. January saw our award bearing courses open for applications, from Undergraduate Certificates and Diplomas all the way through to our Postgraduate courses and Master of Studies. For more information on these courses and to view our offering, please visit [www.ice.cam.ac.uk/qualifications](http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/qualifications).

### Holocaust event

It was lovely to see so many of you at our *Surviving the Holocaust* talk towards the end of January, one of the commemorative events for the 75th anniversary of the Holocaust. Survivor Eva Clarke told us her inspiring story and the evening was carefully curated by Dr Gilly Carr.

### Madingley Lectures

With the days getting longer and the evenings lighter, this is the perfect time to attend one of our upcoming evening Madingley Lectures. Professor Martin Millett will be discussing the idea of *Roman Britain as a 'Foreign Country'* on Tuesday 28th April.



Professor Martin Millett

Further ahead, Dr Harry Cliff will be exploring the idea of the multiverse in his lecture *Other Worlds: The Rise of the Multiverse in Fundamental Physics* on Tuesday 2nd June.



Dr Harry Cliff

For more information and to book your place, please visit [www.ice.cam.ac.uk/events/lectures](http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/events/lectures).

### Courses

We also have a new series of weekly classes starting in the Easter term. These courses run over five weeks and are taught either at

Madingley Hall or in the centre of Cambridge. If you are a fan of E M Forster's work, you might be interested in *Close Encounters of the Forsterian Kind*, a course that will allow you close and lively exploration of his best-known works. If you are more intrigued by science, you may want to book *Ideas that Science Forgot* with Dr Jane Gregory, where you will have the chance to look at abandoned scientific ideas, and explore the reasons why they were rejected.



Please do come along to one (or more!) of our Super Tuesdays. These short courses are intended to introduce new ideas and you can choose to study for the whole day, a morning or an afternoon. We offer courses in a range of subjects, from literary *Magical Worlds* on 21st April, to the magic of nature in *Antarctica Uncovered* in June. To see the full list of Super Tuesdays, as well as other short courses available, please visit

[www.ice.cam.ac.uk/shortcourses](http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/shortcourses)

### Open Day

Our Open Day is taking place on 4th April and it would be great to see as many of you there as possible. This is the ideal opportunity to meet our tutors and students and to have your questions answered. The day will include information sessions, taster lectures and topical talks from expert lecturers. For more information, to view the programme and to book a place, please visit [www.ice.cam.ac.uk/open-day](http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/open-day).

We will keep you updated with news and events throughout the year, as always, and look forward to welcoming you to Madingley Hall soon.

### Richard Gant, Head Gardener, adds:

Please do not forget the National Garden Scheme Opening on Sunday 21st June 2020 from 2.30 to 5.30pm

<https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/11336/>

Plants for sale.

Home made teas kindly served by the congregation of St Mary Magdalene in the Church (proceeds of the teas to Madingley Church Restoration Fund).

We would be delighted to welcome Villagers and please do invite family and friends.

## CHURCH NEWS

Our Christmas services seem to have been so long ago, yet at the time of writing it's only just over a month since they happened. The speedy change in our outlook has been emphasised by the early flowering of so many Spring bulbs as a result of our mild Winter, (so far!).

### Christmas celebrations

However, looking back to those events a few weeks ago, the Service of Lessons and Carols was a joyful prelude to the celebration of Christmas, as we included a wonderful selection of activities for the children, who also participated in the construction of the Nativity scene during the service. We are extremely grateful to Anna Baldwin and her stalwart helpers for planning, providing, and supervising the activities. After the service we were able to make good use of our new facilities as we continued our celebrations with home-made refreshments and a time for everyone to get together.

Our Midnight Mass had as the celebrant and preacher, the Archdeacon of Cambridge, the Ven. Alex Hughes, which was a treat for everyone, and especially for me! On Christmas morning we held our family-orientated service, and it was a real joy to welcome so many families to join with us at this major event in the Christian year.

### Sad news

In the mean-time, though, there has been some

less cheerful news. We were deeply saddened just before Christmas when Michael Fuller died, after a long and courageous battle with kidney problems, and other health challenges. He was an immensely important member of the church community, using his expertise to help with the care of the building, and especially in recent years, being an active member of the committee involved in the West End Development Project. It was a source of some thankfulness for us that he was able to come to the church, testing out the new path with his wheelchair, to see the completed project, before he became too ill to come any more.

### Roof repairs

After some months of having scaffolding round the chancel of the church, the re-roofing has been completed. We are told that the rather light colour of the new tiles will darken as the months pass, but that is something which we will continue to keep a watchful eye on.

### Services

As the year moves on through Lent and towards Easter, there are several special services to note. On Mothering Sunday, 22nd March, we will hold a simple service, suitable for the whole family, at the usual time of 10.30am. On Good Friday, 10th April there will be a reflective service at 11.00am and our celebration of Easter will take place on Easter Day, 12th April at 10.30am.



The Service of Lessons and Carols



## Joining together

As well as those services in Madingley, we have been invited to join with our linked parish of Girton for the service on Maundy Thursday, 9th April at 7.00pm. The word Maundy comes from the Latin word for 'command' and reflects the command which Jesus gave to his disciples, (and consequently, us), at the Last Supper the night before his death, that we should love one another. It is also the service at which we commemorate that this was the time when Jesus instituted the Eucharist which we celebrate Sunday by Sunday, and commanded that we should continue to do this. So this service is an



Photographs taken at the Service of Lessons and Carols

## THE CHURCH ROOF – NOTES ON AN EARLIER RESTORATION

'A very extensive restoration was carried out, resulting in the church being closed from July 1872 till May 27th 1874. Mr J. Morley of Cambridge was the architect of the nave and aisle. Mr J. Christian was responsible for the chancel. The roofs of the nave and aisle were renewed. The lead was first stripped off and weighed in the presence of Mr Morley. It was found to be very thick and like the lead of other old roofs it contained silver. The nave yielded 7 tons 5 cwt 0 qrs 19 lbs nett (7382 kg) and the

important part of the church's year, and its understanding of who we are, and what God calls us to be.

Two more important dates for your diary:

- Sunday 14th June at 10.30am – Celebration and dedication of the completed West End Development Project by the Archdeacon of Cambridge, the Ven. Alex Hughes
- Sunday 21st June – Madingley Hall Open Gardens event, during which we will be serving our famous teas, using our new facilities.

## Rev'd Christine Barrow

aisle 54 cwt 2 qrs 12 lbs nett (2789 kg) raising £119 15s 9d and £49 3s 3d respectively. This more than covered the cost of the tiles for the new nave roof, and the replacement lead for the aisle roof. Before the restoration, bees had been very numerous in the church. When the old lead was removed much honey was found, the accumulation of years. This resulted in a contention between the churchwarden and the clerk of the parish over whose property it was. History does not seem to state who had the honey in the end.

'Mr Christian recommended that besides the necessary repairs the chancel should have a new roof, a larger east window and that the floor should be relaid with tiles.'

(From the late Richard Seale's 'History of Madingley Parish Church')



Cast-iron record of the 1872-74 restoration



Chancel roof works in progress, January 2020

## NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN CEMETERY

### 'Faces' Re-visited: VE Day 75

No doubt, some of you will remember Memorial Day 2017. That year we dressed the headstones, not only with the American and British flags as is traditional, but also with photographs of those buried at Cambridge American Cemetery. For those listed on the Wall of the Missing we placed small photographs alongside the inscriptions.



First Lieutenant John P Walker: his final resting place, and surrounded by his family before he perished

When you see the photographs, it is impossible not to be moved. There, in front of you, are the faces of the young men and women who left America, to travel overseas and fight a war. They had hopes and dreams, but were made to put them aside. Instead their country ordered them to leave their loved ones behind and come to Britain, to fight a war far from home.

From 7th December 1941, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, until 6th June 1944, the American Military, as part of an Allied Force, was building up to a point when it would be possible to set off from the south coast of England, cross the English Channel, and land on the northern coast of France. Some had front-line fighting roles; some worked in support roles; others were civilians. Their reason for being here was the same, to prepare for D-Day.



Czech Soldiers



Polly, the Piccadilly flower seller and two US engineers



Free French in London

The Americans were part of the great melting pot that Britain had become. They might find themselves rubbing shoulders with troops from Canada, sailors from Russia, Free French with Charles de Gaulle, or Polish fighter aces. The Allies, during WWII, had a common cause and all pulled together.

On 18th June 1940, Winston Churchill approved a speech to be delivered by General de Gaulle to the French people via BBC radio. De Gaulle urged French soldiers, sailors and airmen to join in the fight against the Nazi regime:

*"France is not alone! She is not alone! She has a great empire behind her! Together with the British Empire, she can form a bloc that controls the seas and continue the struggle. She may, like England, draw upon the limitless industrial resources of the United States".*



De Gaulle saw the role of the Americans as pivotal. Some six months later, when the USA was drawn into the conflict, the alliance was secure. John Donne in 'Devotions' (1624) ably summed it up when he described how you need your friends and allies beside you in a fight:

*"No man is an Island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main."*

One major aspect of the time US soldiers spent here was their collaboration with the British, not only the military, but also the civilian population. In many cases this was an enduring relationship as British and Americans got to know each other and learn about each other's culture.



Soldiers, sailors and airmen celebrate VE Day outside the American Red Cross Club known as Rainbow Corner. When Victory in Europe was declared on Tuesday 8th May 1945, all of the Allies celebrated together. This was the end of dark days indeed; soldiers and civilians alike were able to breathe a collective sigh of relief.



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However, for many families there was no euphoria. Their sons and daughters had paid the ultimate sacrifice. Those families would never be the same again. Many of the images we hold show GIs heading off to war, captured on camera as they – proud in their uniforms – give their mothers a hug. It was this woman (see previous page) who received the telegram, bearing five lines, which spelled out misery for that family.

2020 is the **75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day**. We intend to mark it with a special ceremony on **Friday 8th May at 2:00pm**. We will remember those young American Allies who gave their lives for freedom and liberty, and who are buried forever in British soil. We will display as many of their portraits as we have, in order to tell part of their unique story. This year, the pictures of those inscribed on the Wall of the Missing will be laid out at the northernmost section of the cemetery, arranged like the grave plots. Weather permitting the ceremony will include a vintage fly by and poppy drop.

Come and join us to commemorate their competence, courage and sacrifice. See their ghostly faces, frozen in time. Celebrate the end of years of struggle, which saw allies fighting side by side, at a ceremony to applaud their achievements.

If you are unable to attend the ceremony, the Cambridge American Cemetery is hosting a weekend-long event in order for visitors to see the amazing photographs of men and women who are **forever young**.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Victory in Europe Day 75**

Friday 8th May 2020, ceremony at 2.00pm

#### **Faces of Cambridge**



Friday 8th – Sunday 10th May, 9:00am-5:00pm

#### **Memorial Day**

Monday 25th May at 11.00am

#### **Suzie Harrison**

American Battle Monuments Commission  
Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial

### **NEWS FROM THE STEPHEN PERSE PRE-PREP**

At the beginning of the year the children returned to school dressed as their favourite story

characters ready to launch our 'Once upon a time' topic.

### **Storytelling**

Last week the story of Rapunzel trapped in her tower sparked the imagination of our Reception children. They were inspired to draw the different ways that Rapunzel could be rescued and their ideas included a hot air balloon with a spiked rope for Rapunzel to hold on to. Some of the children have been so concerned for Rapunzel's plight they decided to write and post rescue letters for her! In our circle time session the children considered what technology Rapunzel might have available to her in the tower and concluded that she would probably have a mobile phone and an electric toothbrush. It is wonderful to see the children developing their storytelling ability. Each week their versions of the fairy tales become more and more elaborate.



### **Forest School**

Despite the grey Wintery weather, the children have been visiting the 800 Wood on a weekly basis for their Forest School sessions. The muddy puddles have been a popular addition to the woods and the children have regularly returned covered from head to toe in mud. They are certainly building their resilience and using problem-solving skills as they try to explore the mud whilst keeping their feet warm and dry.

If you would like to hear more about the learning opportunities at our Madingley School, our staff run a Baby & Toddler Group in the Village Hall every Friday in term-time between 8.30am-10.30am. Refreshments are provided and there is a range of activities to help inspire and stimulate your child's senses. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Sarah Holyoake**

Head of Early Years, Stephen Perse Pre-Prep



## FIRST ELECTRIC BUSES FOR GREATER CAMBRIDGE

The Greater Cambridge Partnership and Stagecoach East have unveiled the first electric buses to serve Greater Cambridge.

The new zero-emission vehicles – two of 15 in Stagecoach's national bus fleet – can travel 160 miles on a single charge and will operate on the 6 route serving the city centre, Girton and Oakington. The GCP has contributed around £400,000 to help introduce the vehicles into service.

Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer, Chair of the GCP's Executive Board, said: "These are the first electric buses in Cambridgeshire, as we work to transform public transport, cut congestion and improve the quality of the air we breathe.

"These electric buses will mean better journeys for thousands of people travelling in clean vehicles, with thousands more benefiting from less pollution on our busy roads."

To celebrate the launch, pupils from Girton Glebe and Oakington schools will name the two new electric buses. A panel from the GCP and Stagecoach will choose a name put forward by each school for each of new buses, with the winning pupils invited to a special naming ceremony.

Cllr Ian Bates, Transport Portfolio Holder for the GCP, said: "I'm looking forward to seeing what names schoolchildren come up with for the buses and finding out what people think about these eye-catching and emission-free vehicles as they transport people around the city."

The 6 route has been chosen because it only requires two vehicles to service it. Drivers have received extra training and the depot has been kitted out with special charging points.



Cambridge's first fully electric buses at the depot

## MADINGLEY CRICKET CLUB

Christmas has come and gone which means that we can start looking ahead to the new season. This year our first games are on Saturday 2nd May and continue until Saturday 29th August. Both teams held station in their divisions last year, so the first team will again be playing in Junior League Division 1 North and the second team in Junior League Division 3 West. Fixtures will be available on the noticeboard in the Village Hall.

It's a good time to get involved with the club as we have just started indoor practice nets at Leys Leisure Centre on alternate Sunday and Wednesday evenings. These will continue until the season starts, so please contact me for dates if you'd like to attend. We are always looking to get more people involved and all abilities are welcome. 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. If you would like more information about the club my details are in the newsletter, and we also have a club website <http://madingley.play-cricket.com/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/madingleycc/>.

**Philip Done**  
Secretary

## FUN RUN RAISES FUNDS FOR PARKINSON'S UK

The annual Spring Tulip Fun Run is being organised by the Cambridge Branch of Parkinson's UK to raise funds to help those with the condition, by providing transport, to attend meetings and therapy sessions.

The Branch, which publishes a bi-monthly newsletter offering advice and information, is inviting villages to put together teams to compete in the 7K run on Sunday 19th April starting at 10.00am from Scotsdale's Garden Centre in Great Shelford.

The David Johnston Memorial Trophy, created in memory of a member who was an enthusiastic participant in the past, will be awarded to the team or individual who has made the greatest contribution to the Fun Run, enrolling participants, competing in challenging circumstances or raising funds.

There is an entry fee of £10 for adult runners or walkers and £5 for under 16s.

Further details on <https://www.parkinsonscambridge.org.uk>, or call Caroline on 01223 314279

## NEWS FROM OUR MP, ANTHONY BROWNE



As I write, it has been nine weeks since the General Election, although it feels like a lifetime ago. So much has happened in the early days of this Parliament both nationally and locally.

### Agriculture

The UK has officially left the European Union and must now focus on negotiating a new trading relationship with our European partners. For South Cambridgeshire, a crucial aspect of this new arrangement will be the provisions on agriculture. I was therefore delighted to make farming issues the focus of my maiden speech to Parliament during the debate on the Government's new Agriculture Bill. In the coming weeks and months I want to engage closely with local farmers to better understand their needs, so that I can best represent their views in Parliament as it shapes the country's future agriculture policy. If you would like to be involved in these discussions, please get in touch.

### Biomedical sector

Our world-leading biomedical sector continues to thrive and I have met with Astra Zeneca and AbCam as well as Cambridge University Health Partners to understand the opportunities and challenges in this sector. I know there are concerns about the UK's ability to collaborate with EU research partners post-Brexit and I therefore raised this matter in Parliament with the Science Minister in January. He offered his assurance that the UK would remain committed to the Horizon 2020 programme and would seek as full an association as possible with its successor scheme, but I will continue to meet with local stakeholders and push Government on this issue.

### Transport

One of my key pledges as your MP is to help to fix our creaking transport system. We had some extremely welcome news this month when the Transport Secretary announced that East West Rail will take a northern route through Cambourne, where local commuter demand is highest. The new Cambridge South Station will

form a critical new transport hub for the Biomedical Campus. I have already met with Network Rail to find out more about this project and to discuss parking problems at local stations and the notoriously problematic level crossing at Foxton.

### Development

I have had a number of approaches from constituents who are worried about the rate of development in South Cambridgeshire. I share many of their concerns and will be lobbying national Government to ensure that we do not become victims of our own success. Whilst growth is welcome, it must be carefully managed and local people's voices must be heard. Infrastructure should always be put in place before expansion - 'I before E' as the saying goes. You can make your views known by taking part in the initial consultation on the Greater Cambridge Local Plan, which contemplates a significant increase in housebuilding, at [www.greatercambridgeplanning.org](http://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org). Please do take part.

I am actively raising local issues in Parliament. For updates on my questions and speeches, the best place to look is my Facebook page or website ([anthonybrowne.org](http://anthonybrowne.org)). I am now holding regular surgeries in the constituency, so if you have any problems I can help with, please get in touch. I have added a helpful guide on my website setting out what issues I can assist with. You can reach me at [anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk).

## NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR, LINA NIETO



Cllr Nieto has responded to a Madingley resident who was worried about the increase in traffic (including enormous HGVs) through the Village, partly as a result of the re-opening after two years of The Avenue (a move opposed by 75% of villagers polled), partly because of night-time closures of stretches of the A14, and in addition concerned in case daily rush-hour rat-running through the Village via all of its access roads could eventually result in casualties. The lack of a visible police presence in our midst was also



cited. She replied:

'I am organising a meeting with Highways to make sure the right process is in place for monitoring The Avenue's through traffic. It is essential that quality of life is not affected for residents in Madingley.

'Furthermore, it is important that we investigate the possibility of setting HGV weight limits in the area in order to restrict some vehicles.

'I am meeting this Tuesday [i.e. 25th February] a local Sergeant and will press to get some police presence in this area.

'I am also writing to the Director of Highways, A14 regarding signs falling and not being fit for purpose.'

### **Highways**

A reminder that you can report road maintenance issues here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/>

### **Roadworks**

I have had calls from residents regarding roadworks. If you would like to know what is happening in your area you can check in this website. [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org)

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## **NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, TOM BYGOTT**



Cllr Tom Bygott

### **More charge points for electric cars**

A resident of Dry Drayton recently asked me to look into the question of how easy it is to charge electric cars and suggested that much more needs to be done.

Planning permission is not required to install a

home charging system, which are available from a variety of suppliers for several hundred pounds (internet search: 'home vehicle charger'). This enables your car to be charged overnight, which is an easy habit to get into. Charging an electric vehicle costs considerably less than buying the equivalent amount of petrol or diesel, and it can be cheaper still if you have solar panels installed. Home chargers can generally charge at up to 32 amps (7.2kW) on a dedicated circuit, or more if you have three phase electricity.

### **Finding a charging point**

The next step is to find electricity when you are somewhere else. Many cars now have in-built software to find charging points, or there is an app called zap-map. The best places are where you are busy doing other things, such as at work, eating in restaurants, shopping or going to the gym, and you don't need to wait around.

According to zap-map, there is only one public charging point in Girton, Dry Drayton and Madingley ward, which is a Tesla destination charger at the Felix Hotel on Huntingdon Road. Nearby, there are two sites in Cambourne, one at the Madingley Road Park & Ride and one at the Extra Services on the A14. There is an immediate need to increase the number of charging points, and this is something that local councils should be encouraging.

### **Vehicle types**

There are three main types of electric vehicle that you can buy: full electric vehicles (which need to have a range of at least 300 miles to be practical), vehicles with a range extender (typical range 100 miles and a small petrol engine that starts when you run out of electricity) and plug-in hybrids (which are like ordinary hybrids with a battery that can travel up to 30 miles before the engine starts).

According to the SMMT (Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders), nearly 38,000 full electric and 35,000 plug-in hybrid vehicles were registered last year compared to 1.5m petrol and 583,000 diesels. Diesel sales are down from 1.3m in 2016 (a 54.6% fall over three years). Since petrol and diesel vehicles are more expensive to run and to maintain than electric vehicles, it is likely that their second hand values will fall much more rapidly than in the past.

More information is available from the Energy Saving Trust:

<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/transport/electric-cars-and-vehicles/electric-vehicles>

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## NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, DOUGLAS DE LACEY



Cllr Douglas de Lacey

### The Local Plan

This is going to be the biggest item on our agenda for the next couple of years and we have already highlighted the importance of using plain English; the accessibility of the web-based information; the need to involve people who work but do not live in the District; the vital role of transport (a factor outside our control); and the importance of water, both provision and handling of waste. We have also asked for residents' views on responding to climate change, increasing biodiversity and green spaces, promoting wellbeing and equality and delivering quality places.

### Travel and transport

We have looked at the proposed 'South West Travel Hub' which we agreed is merely a Park & Ride in all but name, and one which prioritises the car above other travel modes. We were not impressed.

The City Deal is the major part of the Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP) brief. We were told that peak rush hours are spreading with more flexi-time available, but this does not offset either the congestion or capacity issues. GCP is pressing for a South Cambridge station and upgrades to all traffic lights, to help priority for the top levels of the transport hierarchy (public transport, pedestrians, cyclists).

During the discussion, there was still no awareness of the difference between fast and slow cyclists (exacerbated by the rise of electric bikes), and no reference to the meteoric rise of invalid buggies which clog both highway and cycleway. Other comments were that, for many commuters, waiting for a bus is a miserable experience without adequate shelter; that buses need to accommodate more cycles if cycling is really to be encouraged; and that buses cannot scale up to the level of our problems. But we were told 'it is all about trade-offs'; so cycle lanes will not always be up to recommended standards, shared-use cannot be outlawed, and the

emphasis is still heavily on buses to solve our woes.

The GCP has consulted on proposals for walking and cycling improvements on Madingley Road. The plan is to put in segregated cycling and pedestrian facilities on either side from the P&R to Westminster College. Officers have two major options, though if they can persuade Colleges to release land they might be able to do something better still.

### Contacting the Constabulary

I am told that demand is at an all-time high for Cambridgeshire Police, with the force receiving a 999 call every four minutes and reports of a non-emergency every 90 seconds. I recently discovered the police webchat site, which can now be used as an alternative means of contact even for reporting a crime. Within the week I had cause to use it and can report that it seems to work very well; so well that I have set up an alias: [tinyurl.com/cambspolice](https://tinyurl.com/cambspolice) will take you to it.

### Grants for reducing carbon footprint

You may hear quite a bit about 'Zero Carbon Communities' from now on. Our Climate Emergency Advisory Committee (CEAC) is working to ensure that SCDC becomes net zero before 2050. To help achieve this, CEAC has set up a ZCC fund from which grants up to £15,000 are offered to groups with a well-founded proposal to educate or promote lowering our carbon footprint, and the first winners have been announced. Cambridge Carbon Footprint and Cambridge Sustainable Food were both awarded the full grant, with 17 others receiving lesser grants to encourage cycling, plant trees and hedges, install LED lighting and pursue other projects. We are now encouraging a second round of applications – put your thinking-caps on!

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### ROYAL MAIL COLLECTION TIMES

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Monday to Friday: 4.15pm  
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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



## BUSES BETWEEN MADINGLEY AND CAMBRIDGE

Outbound services pick up in Cambridge Road adjacent to the Madingley Hall gates roundabout and arrive at Drummer Street Bus Station. Inbound services begin at Drummer Street Bus Station and stop in the High Street near the Village Hall.

### Stagecoach Bus (Monday to Friday only)

Outbound (citi 5) (via Bar Hill):

Madingley	Emmanuel Street (E4)
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

### Citi 4 bus

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

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/routes/east/4/cambridge-cambourne/xcao004.o>

### Madingley Road Park & Ride

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

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

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

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

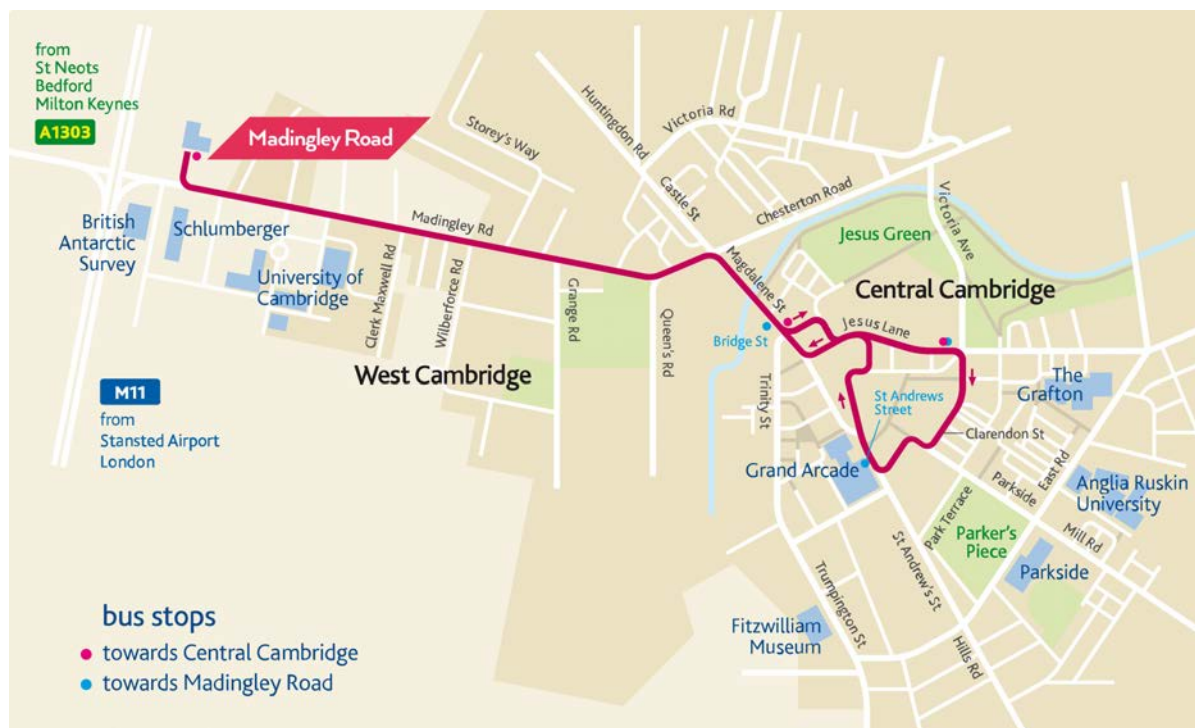
A daily Park & Ride ticket costs £3. Each paying adult can also take up to three under-16s free.

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

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

(Advance purchase and season tickets are available at: <http://cambridgeparkandride.info/pricing.shtml>)

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



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

## BEWARE OF COURIER FRAUD

Police are urging members of the public to be aware of instances of courier fraud targeting elderly people.

Figures from the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) show that courier fraud across the country is on the rise and affecting some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. In the eastern region alone, there were 233 reports of courier fraud in 2019 with total losses of more than £620,000.

Courier fraud is when criminals (often organised crime groups) cold call a victim, typically claiming to be a police officer or bank official. Following a telephone call, the fraudsters then claim there is an issue with the victim's bank account or request their assistance with an ongoing bank or police investigation. The ultimate aim of the call is to lure them into handing over money or their bank details.

Common techniques used by the fraudsters include telling the victim to withdraw large sums of cash, purchase an expensive item, or provide their bank cards or details. In all cases, a 'courier' will then come and pick up the cash or items, on behalf of the police or bank. They will often come to the victim's home address.

Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to verify your personal details or PIN by phone or offer to pick up your card by courier. Hang up if you get a call like this and contact police using the non-emergency number 101.

If you need to call your bank back to check, wait five

minutes as fraudsters may stay on the line after you hang up. Alternatively, use a different line altogether to call your bank.

To report an incident in action or if you are in immediate danger always call 999.

Further information about courier fraud can be found on the force website here: <http://bit.ly/30GzeS7>

### 'WEDNESDAY B' BIN COLLECTIONS

#### March

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

#### April

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8th	BLUE and GREEN
17th (Friday)	BLACK
23rd (Thursday)	BLUE and GREEN
29th	BLACK

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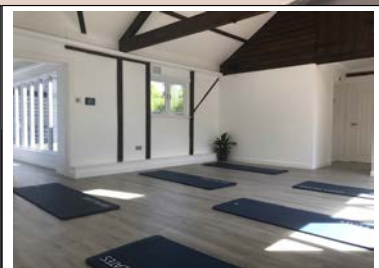
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### AFTERNOON TEA

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

The daffodils are blooming and we're now taking bookings for Mother's Day. See below for some other future events - further details will be available nearer to the date.

Mothering Sunday: 22nd March  
(food served 12-8pm)

Good Friday: 10th April

Easter Sunday: 12th April

We are hosting a free Easter egg hunt in the morning, just come along!

Easter Monday: 13th April

VE Day Celebration: 8th May

Devil's Dyke Morris Men: 28th May



### GOOD FRIDAY FISH NIGHT

Join us for a special 3 course set menu, including a glass of fizz for £35 per person on Friday April 10th celebrating the very best our shores have to offer. Booking necessary.

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