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An aerobatic display to mark end of term at the Stephen Perse Pre-Prep (see page 10) (Photograph: Chris Baldwin)

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#### FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the Autumn 2020 issue of *Madingley News*. We normally report recent and future activities in and around the Village, but since our March edition the world has changed and what we must now reflect is Madingley tentatively emerging from lockdown.

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

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#### MADINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



Charles Crichton-Stuart COVID-19

The Government has now started to ease restrictions that were deemed necessary to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus.

In line with the guidelines provided this has meant that the Parish Council has been able to reopen the playground and telephone box book exchange. Whilst this is welcome news, I would urge everyone using these facilities to be aware that the risk of infection still remains and to follow closely the safety precautions advised at both locations.

A general trend emerging from the pandemic is that this country will look to adopt a range of more environmentally-focused initiatives. One such plan, in line with a combined push for people to adopt healthier lifestyles, is to encourage people to cycle rather than to drive. I am sure there are a good number of people in Madingley and Dry Drayton who would consider cycling to and from the city if they could do so safely. Amongst other attractions, the American Cemetery, Madingley Hall and The Three Horseshoes might also benefit from being safely accessed by tourists who wish to explore the villages surrounding the city. To this end, the Parish Council has had a number of conversations with relevant parties in the County Council to discuss how we might work together to create some temporary and possibly permanent segregated cycle lanes along Cambridge Road and The Avenue.

#### The Parish Council

I am pleased to announce that at the last Parish Council meeting Victoria Keevil agreed to be coopted as our latest Councillor. Victoria's direct experience and knowledge of COVID-19 has already been of enormous assistance to the Parish Council in its playground and book exchange deliberations. I am in no doubt that the virtues of attention to detail and common sense that Victoria has already demonstrated, combined with an understanding of local issues, will continue to add a huge amount of value to the Parish as we move forward.

The Parish Council would however ideally be comprised of five Councillors, so we are still in need of one further volunteer. If you are interested in understanding more about what this would entail, please do not hesitate to contact me at

#### chair@madingleyparishcouncil.org.uk

#### **Parish Council Clerk**

Unfortunately our Clerk, Sarah Etherington-Meech, has decided to resign. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah for her hard work over the last few years and to wish her all the best with the other commitments in her life that have led her to take this decision. The Parish Council has already begun the process of finding a new Clerk and will start to interview prospective candidates shortly.

#### **Charles Crichton-Stuart**

Chairman, Madingley Parish Council

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be as follows:

Wednesday 16th September at 7.30pm Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm

These will be virtual meetings conducted via Zoom. To join either meeting, please contact the Parish Council Clerk.

#### OPENING THE PLAYGROUND



Good news! After a period of closure during the Government lockdown the playground is open once again. To make it as safe as possible for the children to play in there are some precautions which will remain in place until the pandemic is over.

Two notices at the entrance gate give all the information parents need to assess and lower any risk. We know that we cannot promise to eliminate COVID-19 altogether but we also know that, for the mental and physical well-being of our children, being able to play in an outdoor area designed especially for them is of enormous benefit compared to the small risk of picking up the virus. In making the space available to the children again we are also helping their parents and carers.



The equipment will be sanitised, as best we can, once a week, and we are very grateful that five pairs of helpers have volunteered so far to help provide a safer environment for children using the playground. If anyone else would like to join our team for this worthwhile effort please contact Fiona at:

#### cllr.naughton@madingleyparishcouncil.org.uk

While the playground was closed John Freegard did great work to replace the rotting edging to the bark areas as well as carrying out a few other repairs. It is so good to see children rather than rabbits enjoying the playground again!

Fiona Naughton Madingley Parish Councillor

#### **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**



Community Speedwatch surveys were temporarily suspended in March following national COVID-19-related restrictions. Since then, villagers have welcomed a general reduction in through traffic and it's been great to see more cycling here.

Although some restrictions were eased in July, community surveys remained on hold here during August; it's usually a quieter month for through traffic, with the exception of farm vehicles. Village traffic levels will continue to be observed in anticipation of community speed surveys resuming more regularly.

#### **Speedwatch Secretariat**

#### MADINGLEY VILLAGE HALL

With the easing of lockdown the Village Hall Committee is beginning to think through the reopening of the Hall for limited activities which we judge can be undertaken safely. Traditionally the Hall has been used for social activities for a wide age range of villagers but under current circumstances it is this social contact that makes for the greatest risk.

Where risk can be safely reduced, through management of numbers, strict hygiene and social distancing, then the Hall should be available. As I write this message in August Jenny Sanders is planning to restart art classes in September and we hope that it will be possible for other hirers to return to the Hall in due course. Please do contact me if you would like to discuss a potential hire.

#### **Chris Baldwin**

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#### **CHURCH NEWS (1)**

Having been told by the Government at the beginning of July that places of worship would be allowed to open for services, we decided that all the necessary arrangements could be made in time for our church to hold the first service at the beginning of August. In the meantime we kept a wary eye open for any sign of local outbreaks of COVID-19 which would have been a setback for our plans. However all was well, and it was with a huge sense of joy and relief that we were able to meet together again for worship, socially distanced and suitably masked, of course. Typically for Madingley, even our hand sanitising station is easy on the eye, having utilised wood left over from the work carried out on the West End Development Project!

#### **Our new Vicar**

You will see an article elsewhere in this Newsletter where Michael Bigg, our new Vicar, introduces himself. The plan at the moment, yet to be confirmed, is that he will officiate at one service each month in Madingley. He will become a familiar figure in the Village as he settles into his new duties and will want to meet as many people as possible. His position as Rector of Girton and Vicar of Madingley is parttime, so I will still be in evidence in the Village in order to assist Michael, but I will be handing over to him many of the administrative duties, with a sigh of relief.

#### Installation

Given the restrictions on social distancing it is such a shame that the service of Installation, Induction and Licensing of Michael as our new Vicar cannot be the grand celebration we had hoped for, but the impact of that service for the future is certainly something to look forward to.

#### The Revd Christine Barrow



As part of the West End Development Project, new noticeboards have been installed in the North Porch and the door and porch benches have received a fresh coat of paint

#### VILLAGE CONTACTS

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Sue Baldwin

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#### **CHURCH NEWS (2)**



Hello! I am writing on 6th August. By the time you read this I am either about to be, or have just been, installed as the new Vicar of Madingley. The service is taking place at 5.00pm on Sunday 13th September in the church and we'll be welcoming the Bishop of Ely to conduct the service. I'm hopeful that we'll also be able to celebrate the successful completion of the West End Development Project at the same service. Unfortunately, the service is unlikely to be open to the public (I'm sure you understand) but I hope to be able to meet many of you over the coming months.

I grew up in Cambridge, just off Mill Road, and went to Netherhall School and then to Hills Road Sixth Form College. Back then I was more of a scientist and studied double Maths, Physics and Electronics A-Levels, but after a brief spell as a computer programmer I got the Theology bug and went up to Durham University to find out where that path would lead. I came back to Cambridge to read for an MPhil in Theology at Wolfson College and then stayed here to teach Religion, Philosophy and Ethics at Comberton Village College. Then, about eight years ago, I got the dreaded call from God that I'd been avoiding for at least a decade and so, after various twists and turns I find myself as Vicar of Madingley (and also Rector of Girton), where I'll be living with my wife, Kathryn, and three boys: Joseph (2), Thomas (4) and Matthew (6).

My knowledge of Madingley has been relatively limited until now. I confess that my most regular interaction with the Village in recent years has been using Cambridge Road as a rat-run into town when the Madingley Road was clogged up on busy mornings (sorry!). However, I am now discovering a warm and welcoming community, as well as a beautiful village. If the records are correct, then it has been rather a long time since a new Vicar has been inducted in the church. Over many years there have been a series of Priests-in-Charge, who are usually appointed by the Bishop on a temporary basis to look after a parish in between Vicars. In Madingley's case, the last time a new Vicar was inducted was 1970 when the Village welcomed the Reverend Thomas Hurdle. I wonder if anyone in the Village now was present for that event?

1932	Harold Kitchener MA st Catherine's College Oxford
1947	Geoffrey Neville Bennett MA. Trinity Hall
1949	Harry Maurice James Banting MA, formerly
	Scholar of Selwyn College Chaplain of Pembroke College
1957	Gilbert Leonard Vigar MA, BDLondon University
1962	John Norman Warne LLB. University of Nottingham
1902	Barrister at Law. Middle Temple
1965	Alexander George Macleman Pearce Higgins
	M.A. Christ's College
1970	Thomas Hurdle MA. formerly Exhibitionar of St
	Catharine's College. Hon Canon of Ely Cathedral
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1980	Richard Henry Smart St John's College Durham
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1982	Alan Carlton Smith MA, LLB. formerly Exhib
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1985	Leonard Roy Barker MA. Selwyn College Hon
1505	Canon of Chester Cathedral Director of Dastoral Studies Rudley Hall
1984	John Frederick Mockford MA Emmanuel College
1501	Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral
1986	Cuchbert Mark Ruston MA Jesus College Vicar of
1500	Holy Sepulchre, Cambridge. Hon. Canon of Ely Cathedral
	Chaplain to the Queen
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1988	Bruce William Winter Ph.D. Fellow of St Edmund's
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It is therefore a significant testimony to the church community here that so much has been achieved in a small village church, so I'd like to thank publicly those of you who have done so much. Particular thanks go to the Revd Christine Barrow who has supported ministry here so well in recent years (and will continue to do so, I'm glad to say). Thanks also to Susan Rawlings, our wonderful Licensed Lay Minister, our brilliant Church Wardens, Elizabeth and Jo, and an outstanding PCC Secretary, Sue Baldwin. There are many more to thank, but I'm sure to miss someone so I won't name names. I look forward to working with you all!

The Church of England is not a membership organisation. It is there for all people and we pray to be the generous and visible people of Jesus Christ in our communities. All are welcome to enjoy the glorious tranquillity of the church building here. It's my prayer that the church in Madingley (both people and building) would represent and reflect something of the goodness and generosity of the God we serve, and I invite you to put us to the test!

You can telephone me on 01954 332040 or email vicar@madingleychurch.org – I'll be glad to hear from you.

#### The Revd Michael Bigg

#### The Madingley War Memorial

PCC Secretary Sue Baldwin writes: The Memorial, located on the wall by the South Door of the church, has been cleaned and conserved. It records the names of 16 young Madingley men who gave their lives in World War I and one who perished in the Far East during World War II. We are most grateful to Jean, David and Kathy Lawrence, whose generous donation made this work possible. Jean now lives in the United States but has fond memories of her childhood spent in Madingley. On a visit to the church with her family in 2018 she explained that she would very much like to see the War Memorial properly conserved and it is wonderful to see this work now complete. The work was undertaken by Lucy Branch of Antique Bronze.



The tower window has been restored, cleaned and put back into action with the work expertly undertaken by Terry Lankester of Lankester Glass.



These projects, and the improvements to the North Porch (see page 4), have been undertaken as part of the West End Development Project.

#### **NEWS FROM MADINGLEY HALL**

It's certainly been an unusual few months at Madingley Hall. From providing accommodation to keyworkers back in March to opening our pop-up café in July, we have been continually playing a positive role in the community during this difficult time.

#### Pop-up café

If you have been missing the beautiful grounds of Madingley Hall, why not take some time out to visit our pop-up café? Open daily from 8am-4pm, the café is offering breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea as well as a selection of snacks and other refreshments. For more information, please visit www.madingleyhall.co.uk/cafe



#### Virtual Summer Festival of Learning

Some of you may have joined our first Virtual Summer Festival of Learning (VSFL) which took place over three weeks in July. A tremendous amount of effort was put in by the International Summer Programmes team, resulting in an impressive 89 VSFL courses and one large Pre-University Programme. The take-up for the Festival was impressive: over 1000 people from 58 countries booked over 2000 course places, and nearly 5000 people in total registered their interest in either one or more of the courses or the open talks. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and plans are underway for upcoming Festivals.

#### **Bitesize Lecture Library**

If you missed the Virtual Summer Festival of Learning, you can continue to engage with our academics through our Bitesize Lecture Library. Delivered by expert academics across a range of subjects, these short videos are the perfect way to explore an unfamiliar subject or delve deeper into one you already love. Visit the library at www.ice.cam.ac.uk/bitesize-lecturelibrary-2020

#### **On-line Courses**

As ever, we are continuing to expand our portfolio of online courses. Sign up for an online course and benefit from peer-to-peer support, engage in stimulating discussion and join our worldwide community of learners. Courses range from creative writing and Shakespeare to coaching and law. View our full offering at <u>www.ice.cam.ac.uk/online</u> Equally, we are continuing to offer a selection of our short courses via remote delivery. Discover the range of courses we have on offer at <u>www.ice.cam.ac.uk/shortcourses</u>

#### **Undergraduate Programmes**

Applications for our Undergraduate Programmes close on 14th September. Delivered remotely in the 2020-2021 academic year, our undergraduate qualifications will be taught through the use of video-based teaching platforms and a dedicated course virtual learning environment. Our courses provide a unique and diverse peer-learning community, which will enrich your overall learning experience and your life experience too. Take a look at our range of Undergraduate courses and apply online at www.ice.cam.ac.uk/qualifications

As always, we look forward to seeing you at Madingley Hall or one of our upcoming courses very soon.

#### **Dr James Gazzard**

Director of Continuing Education Institute of Continuing Education

#### MADINGLEY CRICKET CLUB

I am pleased to say that we have completed two matches in a reduced league format for this year. Our first game was against Fen Ditton, and on a hot day Hitesh won the toss and chose to bat first. After two early wickets, Tarun (102) and Luke (46) combined for a massive 139-run partnership, with a final total of 275 for 9 wickets. This always looked out of reach, and Fen Ditton succumbed to 109 all out, with two wickets each for Kevlar and Adnan, and one each for Puneet, Qaiser, Hitesh, JP and Roger.

Our second game was at Bottisham & Lode, the scene of a heavy defeat last time we visited. Kevlar won the toss and chose to bat first again on another sweltering day. El Gato (20) and Saqib (38) built steadily after Tarun fell cheaply, then Pradeesh (41) and Wasim (27) played some big shots before the tail took us to 179 for 8. The game seemed to be in the balance, but it soon became clear that we had posted a winning score as Bottisham & Lode were reduced to 33 for 5 after 11 overs. They were eventually all out for 97, with Javaid taking 4 for

18, two wickets each for Vinesh (on debut) and Phil, and one each for Kevlar and Wasim.

Currently we sit top of our mini league with 74 points from a possible 80. At the time of writing we have fixtures against Camden on 22nd August, playing at Elsworth, and finishing up the next weekend at Fitzwilliam College against Cambridge NCI. Hopefully there will be a playoff fixture to finish off the season, but this has yet to be arranged.

We are always looking for new players, so please get in touch if you are interested. A big 'Thank you' to all the supporters who have come to the games this year. And last but not least, congratulations from the club to Ron Martin on his recent 90th birthday. He was one of the club founders and remains a stalwart supporter to this day, for which we are very grateful.

#### **Philip Done**

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

#### NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN CEMETERY Commemoration of VJ-Day, 15th August 1945

Like everyone else in the country, the cemetery staff had to go home to isolate in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Unfortunately, this did not stop the grass growing, so we made a rota that would at least keep the lawns cut. Since coming back to work, prior to opening, the groundskeeping teams have been working hard to repair the ravages of nature. For the last three weeks staff have also worked hard on the more cosmetic aspects of keeping the site tidy, such as hand-clipping around each individual headstone and pruning the roses. Office staff joined the teams to clean headstones threetimes a week, to remove evidence of the birdlife and return the marble to pristine white.



Algal mats floating in the normally clear reflecting pool

As you are aware, planned ceremonies for 2020 had to be cancelled. We have however, decided that the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II should not pass without marking it. World War II was really a war of two parts: the war in the West, fought around the Atlantic and mainland Europe, and the war in the East, based among the Pacific islands. One might be forgiven for wondering what connection Cambridge American Cemetery has to a war that took place half a world away.

A few months ago, on 8th May, the Allies commemorated the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, which saw the end of World War II in Europe. On that day in 1945, Allied world leaders spoke to grateful nations about a hard won peace, but in their speeches and proclamations they acknowledged that the job was only half done. The war in the Pacific raged on, and the Allies continued to support their armies in the field, where fighting had not yet reached a conclusion.

**King George VI:** 'In the Far East we have yet to deal with ... a determined ... foe. To this we shall turn with the utmost resolve and with all our resources.'

**Winston Churchill:** 'We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing, but let us not forget for a moment the toils and efforts that lie ahead. Japan ... remains unsubdued. The injuries she has inflicted upon Great Britain, the United States and other countries ... call for justice ...'

**President Harry S Truman:** 'Our blows will not cease until the Japanese military and naval forces lay down their arms in unconditional surrender ... Much remains to be done. The victory won in the West must now be won in the East.'

For the Americans, War in the East started on Sunday, 7th December 1941. It was a fateful day for one young airman, John Robert 'Bobby' Runnells of Chester, Delaware, PA. John was assigned to the 19th Transport Squadron in Hawaii. He worked with 'tow-targets', drones used for target practice by fighter aircraft. Based at Hickam Field, he felt the full force of the raid on Pearl Harbor. His family would have heard of the attack on the radio. Days and weeks passed without any news of Bobby's fate, but then a letter arrived on Christmas Day to let them know that he had 'come through without a scratch'.

As America mobilized for war, John applied and was accepted for flight training, graduating in June 1943. Newly commissioned in the US Army Air Forces, 'Bobby' married his sweetheart, Virmadella Jester. Deployed to England, he



Bobby and Virmadella Runnells

joined the 310th Ferry Squadron (27th Air Transport Group) at Warton, near Liverpool. His critical mission was to move aircraft around the English airfields to USAAF units to keep them operating at full capacity.

On 6th February 1944, Flight Officer Runnells was piloting a P-47 Thunderbolt from Wretham, Norfolk back to Warton, when, disorientated by the foggy conditions that day, he crashed on Pendle Hill, Lancashire. John had had an eventful life, surviving the war in the Pacific only to die in the European Theatre, aged 22.

While John experienced the attack on Pearl Harbor, 5,000 miles away, another young man, Damon 'Rocky' Lance Gause was eating breakfast in Manila when he heard the news. Damon, serving in the 27th Bombardment Group (Light), had arrived in the Philippine Islands only the week before.

Damon immediately reported to HQ, where he was ordered to assemble a team to defend the islands. He had just briefed his team when 72 enemy planes arrived overhead, destroying the airfields and aircraft. The men struggled on until 22nd December, when 43,000 Japanese troops landed on the beaches of North Manila.

Damon and his men then had to retreat and fight their way through the jungles of the Bataan Peninsula. The Japanese eventually captured Damon in April 1942, but he overpowered his guard, escaped and swam to join General Douglas MacArthur's final bastion on the island of Corregidor, Manila Bay.

Damon (born 1915) would not have survived this and what was to come, if it were not for his upbringing. His was described as a 'Huckleberry Finn' childhood that included living off the land in the backwoods of Georgia and learning to box. He grew up stocky, resilient, and tough.



Damon Gause (right) and William Osborne with the 'Ruth Lee', named after their respective wives

Teaming up with another escapee, Capt. William Lloyd Osborne, the two men island-hopped over 3,200 miles to Darwin in a leaky boat with a cranky engine. Damon's escape from the Bataan Peninsula took 159 days, and at General MacArthur's Headquarters in Australia, the great man presented Lt Gause with the Distinguished Service Cross.



Lt Damon Jesse Gause (1915-1944)

After returning to the USA to sell war bonds, 'Rocky' became restless. He volunteered to serve again and was assigned to the 365th Fighter Group. As Major Gause, he flew combat missions over Europe. His task on 9th March 1944 was to test a modified P-47 Thunderbolt. The aircraft's wings and flaps were adapted to enable it to fly at low altitude as a dive bomber, in support of ground troops for D-Day. Sadly, Gause's aircraft went into a dive from 30,000 feet and never recovered.

Despite the tragic loss of young life, training had to continue. The war in Europe was over, but there would be no respite until the war in the Pacific reached a conclusion. On 15th August 1945 Emperor Hirohito had broadcast to the Japanese nation his intention to submit to the will of the Allied powers. The anniversary of this date is when VJ-Day is commemorated in the United Kingdom. However, in the United States that commemoration occurs on 2nd September. It was on an early Autumn day in 1945 that the surrender was signed on-board the battleship *USS Missouri*, as she lay at anchor in Tokyo Bay. World War II was officially over.

#### **Suzie Harrison**

American Battle Monuments Commission Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial

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

Having been closed for a significant number of weeks, when our pupils were able to access a virtually full live timetable from Year 1 upwards using the Google suite for Education, we were delighted to welcome back three of our four classes to Madingley on 1st June. Social distancing was maintained which included a swap around of classrooms to maximise the use of outdoor space and separate the play spaces.

The children were thrilled to be back in school and back to the 'normal' routine in the 'new normal'! All staff were impressed by the way in which the children came back as if they had never been away and on that first day we will all remember the sheer joy of the pupils being reunited with their peers. Things were different and classrooms were not as the children had known them before, but learning was face to face again and there was a chance to interact and collaborate with their peers. Resources were reduced, on weekly rotations or part of a daily clean and hand washing or sanitising was just part of being in school. Even our youngest pupils at age three and four knew it was important but at the same time recognised that school was safe.

We were able to offer all pupils from Madingley the chance to return to school before the Summer holiday, however the older class was at another site to enable social distancing to be maintained which would not have been possible if the fourth class had returned to Madingley.

The whole Madingley team of parents, staff and pupils worked hard to keep each other safe and keep on learning. Our thanks to the Madingley community for supporting the school during this period. In September, Madingley school will become a Stephen Perse Foundation Nursery and be open to children from aged ten months to five years but will continue to be under the leadership of Mrs Sarah Holyoake.



The climax of our term and a special treat was on the last day and you can't get more socially distanced than an aeroplane acrobatic flyover!



It was fantastic to be able to say goodbye to a strange academic year with such a magnificent finale. A kind parent offered to fly over the school and do a few loop the loops so of course we said yes. I am pleased that the villagers also got to enjoy and share the show and I am sure you could hear the oohs and aahs of the children (and staff) echoing around the Village.

There were definitely moments where my heart was in my throat as the pilot free fell over the school! A positive memory for those that had their last day at Madingley and to give the children something to cherish from the academic year 2019/20, which I am sure none of us will forget.

#### **Mrs Alice Heywood**

Summer Term 2020 Head of Madingley Site

## New Stephen Perse Foundation Nursery opens in Madingley this September

A new Nursery will be available this September from the Stephen Perse Foundation located in Madingley on Cambridge Road. This is the third nursery facility available for children aged one year and upwards from Stephen Perse following on from the opening of sites earlier this year at Salisbury Villas in the centre of Cambridge and as part of Dame Bradbury's School in the heart of Saffron Walden.

Families seeking wraparound care for children aged one year upwards will now be able to gain early years education and the exceptional skillset that are standard across all Stephen Perse schools in Madingley, commencing 3rd September.

The Stephen Perse values of sustainability, environmental appreciation and social responsibility are part of the nursery school ethos. Early years education is based on the Forest School model where children have access on each site to natural spaces. At the new Madingley Nursery children will be able to develop a strong connection with nature and the environment through outdoor play areas and onsite Forest School.

A love of learning outdoors every day is supported by an understanding of the changing seasons and natural world. Healthy eating is encouraged through the provision of locallysourced high quality and freshly prepared nutritionally-balanced meals. Staff on each site are highly-trained, professional, caring and friendly, working in partnership with parents to understand each child.

Verity Brownbridge, Foundation Deputy Head of Early Years said: "The Madingley setting for our new Nursery is almost picture-perfect, located in a renovated Victorian School overlooking open fields. It's the perfect place for our nursery children to develop and learn."

#### NEWS FROM OUR MP, ANTHONY BROWNE



When I last wrote for *Madingley News* I spoke of the local economy, supporting businesses, shops and pubs as regulations allowed them to reopen. At the time of writing, we reached the second week of the 'Eat Out to Help Out Scheme' and I am delighted that not only have hundreds of businesses signed up but thousands of constituents have rallied to the cause and supported local restaurants and pubs. This includes the fantastic Three Horseshoes, whose custom I have enjoyed, and I want to wish all those participating the very best as we continue to forge a path through this crisis.

#### **Mobile reception**

This month, with so much having changed, I want to talk to you about one of the more constant irritations in our lives – poor mobile reception. Living and working in our rural constituency, few don't know the aggravation of going to make a call on your mobile phone, with just one or two bars, and when you finally get through you can't hear what the other side says. Or, when working from home over the last few months, you await that vital call from the boss or a client but they can't get through.

Rural South Cambridgeshire may be one of the most affluent parts of the country, but it definitely has problems with its mobile phone signals. And the issue has gone from irritant to serious problem with more of us working from home. It can be difficult working from home if you can't actually have a conversation with anyone. Try going out and about and it can be even worse.

#### Priority

To reinforce the point, on the floor of the House of Commons, I urged Oliver Dowden, the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport, to help South Cambridgeshire in the battle to sort out our mobile phones. He was very supportive.

The challenge is that the mobile phone operators, which are independent private businesses, are currently prioritising in which areas of the country to roll out the Shared Rural Network first.

I am keen for South Cambridgeshire to be at the top of the priority list. Therefore, I need to hear exactly where the biggest mobile phone notspots really are, and so it would help me in the battle if you fill in our survey on

#### www.anthonybrowne.org/mobilesurvey

Together, we can make a strong case to remove these not-spots and keep South Cambridgeshire moving forward.

As ever, if you do have any other issues, I remain available via

anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk Please don't hesitate to reach out if you think I can help.

As a country, a constituency and a community, we are getting through this. So please, stay alert, control the virus, and in doing so, save lives.

#### **Anthony Browne MP**

## NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR, LINA NIETO



#### Libraries

Large libraries are now open. Our staff have been working 24/7 to make sure the space is safe but also a lot of work has been done on the online offer.

Libraries are at the heart of the Conservative Administration at County and we will continue to make sure they are a vibrant space and will invest in them.

#### Transport

I am working closely with Anthony Browne MP and James Palmer to deliver the Girton Interchange. I believe this will solve many problems we have within our villages. Anthony is now raising this with Ministers. Although it might not happen with immediate effect, I want to see it in the Capital Programme of Highways England.

#### **East West Rail**

I have been liaising with the EWR Chair and team and been told that the plan will remain the same. They will resume stakeholder engagement shortly and I have strongly advised them to start the process again as soon as possible. I hope that you will be receiving further communication in the not so distant future.

#### https://eastwestrail.co.uk/the-project/centralsection

#### Speeding

I have sent a letter to the Police & Crime Commissioner regarding the need to increase police visibility and tackle speeding. I am waiting to hear back from the Chief Police. However, I also been in contact with the local PCSO and hoping to get him out and about in my division soon.

#### Lina Nieto

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## NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, TOM BYGOTT



Cllr Tom Bygott

#### Reform of the planning system

The Government has published a document called Planning for the Future, which can be found at:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planningfor-the-future. They are carrying out a consultation on it until 29th October. Their aspiration is for this to be the most significant change to the planning system since it was created in 1947.

The discussion is still in its early stages, and much will depend on the details that will be added later to the current high-level document. Some of the broad principles seem reasonable, such as faster development of Local Plans (30 months compared to the average seven years today) and clearer rules-based policies, such as maximum heights and minimum distances from boundaries, rather than the vague concepts such as 'overbearing' or 'out of scale' that are used today. They also want to see a greater emphasis placed on quality and beauty, compared to the extremely low standards that characterise most modern development.

Planning in the UK is very different to other developed countries, which use a concept called 'zoning'. Here, an application can be made to build anything anywhere. It is then up to the local authority or local councillors to provide vague arguments about why that would be harmful. The proposals hint at a move towards zoning, with areas given a Growth, Renewal or Protected designation, with the possibility of 'sub-areas within each category', although it isn't made clear what these would be. I can see every village in South Cambridgeshire scrambling to become Protected, with the Growth or Renewal designations a hot potato that no-one wants to catch.

One of my core jobs as a councillor is to protect the Village from harmful development. If the planning system could incorporate rules for villages on minimum garden sizes, how close houses can be built from the side boundary or from the street, and if it could prevent houses from being demolished and replaced by blocks of flats, we would be better able to protect our quality of life and preserve the village as a suitable place to raise a family.

Whether any of these things will be made possible by the current proposals remains to be seen.

#### Girton Interchange

I have been working with our MP, Anthony Browne, on bringing forward a project to add additional slip roads at the Girton Interchange in order to reduce traffic through the Village. I am pleased to say that Madingley Parish Council has given its support to the project, as have other Parish Councils in the ward.

Cllr Tom Bygott cllr@bygott.net 07765 475 513

## NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, DOUGLAS DE LACEY



Cllr Douglas de Lacey

The big news of the month is the Government's announcement of major changes to planning law. As I understand them, the proposals are that the development of a Local Plan should become `democratic' (as though it is not already!) but from then on the Plan becomes a developers' charter with no further local involvement. The Plan should designate three categories of land: Growth Areas, Renewal Areas and Protected Areas.

#### **Development**

In the first, outline approval for development would be automatically secured for forms and types of development specified in the Local Plan. In the second, there could be some `gentle' development; and in the third `restricted' development (whatever that means). And all this without any further local input.

The theory is that this will free up development of much-needed housing; this flies in the face of the fact that the real hold-up is not the granting of planning permission but the practice of landbanking where developers with permission simply hang on to their land and watch it appreciate in value.

#### Detrimental

Permission was granted to the NIAB site years ago for Darwin Green, but development has only just started; nothing in these proposals will change this. They will however have a detrimental effect on issues like affordable housing and the quality of the homes built. And we shall be powerless to act. A secondary problem is shortages of labour and supplies; no changes in planning law will overcome those.

#### **Fly-tipping fines**

It is now more difficult to dispose of waste which will not go in your bins, but be warned that we are cracking down on illegal fly-tipping: one such near the Milton tip has received a fine of £400. I have also been asked to remind you that you should dispose of single-use PPE responsibly: in a bag inside your black bin.

Finally, please be aware that there are criminals targeting people's fears over test and trace. Should you need it, be aware that the testing part in test and trace is free; anyone who offers you a test for a price is acting illegally. Contact me if you have any concerns.

Cllr Douglas de Lacey 01223 565219 cllr.delacey@scambs.gov.uk

#### SURVEY ON CORONAVIRUS EXPERIENCES

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire & Peterborough has launched a new survey to gather people's health, care and community support experiences during the Coronavirus pandemic. It's anonymous and takes ten minutes to complete online via its website.

The findings will be published fortnightly and will go back to local NHS and care services and to Healthwatch England to help inform the national response to the pandemic.

Kari Payne, Communications Officer for Healthwatch Cambridgeshire & Peterborough says: "We want to hear from everyone as we've all been affected by the changes in our lives due to Coronavirus. But we are particularly keen to hear from those most affected by changes to health or care services, or whose mental health has been affected. This includes people who are shielding, older people, and people with long-term health conditions."

You can take the survey at: www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk



The Canada Goose family on Madingley Hall Lake

(Photograph: John Naughton)

#### **KEEP ALERT, KEEP SAFE**

Dry Drayton Neighbourhood Watch has alerted us to a couple of young men with Northern accents who have been delivering leaflets in neighbouring villages and may be using this as an opportunity to look for places to later break into and steal.

If you see anything suspicious, Cambridgeshire Police has an online reporting facility: <u>https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report</u> or you can phone 101.

# • Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire Libraries can now accept new referrals to the Revised Library@Home Service. This service is open to Cambridgeshire Residents who fit set criteria:

The service is for anyone who usually relies heavily on reading books or listening to audiobooks AND who is housebound or isolating due to age or health conditions under the current COVID-19 Government guidelines.

People accepted for this service will be contacted by a member of the Library@Home Team who will arrange a doorstep delivery of specially chosen books/audiobooks. Deliveries will be monthly (by prior arrangement) and previously loaned books/audiobooks will be picked up when new ones are delivered.

To enquire about the Revised Library@Home Service you can contact:

by email: volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

by phone: 07442 022 926 or 07342 700308

A member of Library@Home team will respond to the referral.



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To offer or request support & stay connected

#### **ROYAL MAIL COLLECTION TIMES**

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

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#### BUSES BETWEEN MADINGLEY AND CAMBRIDGE

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

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

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11.33	11.55	13.00	13.19
15.03	15.25	16.30	16.49

#### Stagecoach 4 bus

The Stagecoach 4 bus stops by request outside Madingley Mulch ('Coton, Inglewood') and runs every 20 minutes or so between Cambourne and Cambridge, starting before 7.00am. Please see the Stagecoach website for details: <u>https://www.stagecoachbus.com/routes/east/4/cambridge-cambourne/xeao004.o</u>

#### 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 20.30 (every 10 minutes until 18.10; then 18.30; then every 30 minutes until 20.30). Sunday and Public Holidays: 08.50 to 17.50 (every 10 minutes)

(Inbound services: Monday to Saturday: 07.20 to 20.50; Sunday and Public Holidays: 09.10 to 18.10) A daily Park & Ride ticket costs £3. Each paying adult can also take up to three under-16s free.

Charges are made for parking at Cambridge Park & Ride sites, although the first 18 hours are 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.



Madingley Road Park & Ride route map

**Whippet Coaches Bus Route U** (Universal) runs from just outside the south-east corner of Madingley Park & Ride (Eddington Avenue), to Cambridge Railway Station and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (Addenbrooke's, New Royal Papworth and Rosie Maternity Hospitals). Details from: http://www.go-whippet.co.uk/new-route-u/





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If you haven't yet visited us since our reopening, we want to assure you that we have many new procedures in place and when you do visit us, things may be a little different from the moment you arrive.

However, we are looking forward to seeing you very soon and will be offering you a very warm welcome!









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