



# Madingley News

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Veterans' Day 2018 at the American Cemetery: the Commander of the Third Air Force arrives under a sabre arch

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## FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the Winter 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 March 2019 and the copy deadline for receipt of articles, photographs (jpeg attachments 1MB or more in size please) and advertisements is 10th February. We look forward to receiving your news and illustrations and in the meantime we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Following the resignation of our Chairman Stuart Hawkins, whom we thank for his work in the past, we currently have only three Councillors out of the five we should have, with a minimum of three required for a meeting to be 'quorate'. We would now like to encourage two more people from the Parish to join the Council and help us with decision-making for the benefit of the whole Village.

The Parish Council provides a voice to represent Madingley in our local democracy. We regularly liaise with District Councillors on matters affecting the Village and the wider locality, such as the impact of the A14 road improvement works, the Guided Bus project and the Oxford/Cambridge rail link. As we have to vote on important issues, it's essential to have enough people on the Council to represent as wide a range of views as possible and it will be difficult for the Council to continue to serve the community if these places are not filled. In particular, all expenditure has to be agreed at a quorate meeting of the Council.

As a strong Council we can make more of a difference and, very importantly, we want to keep our voice as a Village, rather than face the prospect of having to join forces with Coton or Girton or Bar Hill if our numbers shrink further.

### What's involved in becoming a Parish Councillor?

Councillors have a responsibility to:

- attend Council meetings (unless there are extenuating circumstances). These are held every six weeks (there is no meeting in August)
- consider the agenda and any related documents in advance of the meeting

- participate in the Council's discussions, considering all the relevant facts, including the views of others expressed at the meeting
- if issues come to a vote, respect decisions made by the majority of Council members
- ensure, with other Councillors, that the Council is properly managed
- represent the whole electorate, not just the views of a minority

If you think you might be interested in becoming a Councillor, or if unsure and would like to know more, please contact the Parish Clerk, Sarah Meech ([madingleyparishclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:madingleyparishclerk@btinternet.com)) or any of the current Parish Councillors: David Ousby ([david.ousby@gmail.com](mailto:david.ousby@gmail.com)), Joan Hinde ([jgs11@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jgs11@cam.ac.uk)) and Fiona Naughton.

## Precept

Every year a percentage of the Council Tax we all pay comes to the Parish Council and we decide how it should best be spent. Part of this 'Precept' goes on maintenance and running costs, for example on the provision of street lighting for the Village and grass cutting for the playground and Village Hall. Some is used to support our Village Hall and to pay for the Parish Newsletter, with remaining funds spent on issues the Council thinks will benefit the Village as a whole. Examples of specific expenditure in the last few years are new playground equipment, and a Speedwatch kit to help monitor rush-hour traffic. We can also source additional funding to help with infrastructure projects, for example traffic calming measures. Last year we were successful in securing County Council financial support through the Local Highways Initiative Programme to install a 40mph buffer zone at the top end of Church Lane; and after the Avenue was closed by Highways England, the Council funded a traffic survey to assess the effect of the closure on rush-hour traffic.

Madingley Parish Council receives an annual 'Precept' of approximately £7,400, which goes towards annual costs as follows:

- **Clerk's wages** – £2,700 per annum – the Clerk has to be employed to act for the Council, dealing with all correspondence and being responsible for financial matters
- **Footway Lighting** (to the County Council) – £1,000 per annum – this is based on a flat fee per streetlight charged by the County and is not based on the actual cost of the electricity used
- **Grass cutting** outside the Village Hall and the Playground – approximately £1,150 per annum (more or less, depending on the weather)
- **Play equipment** maintenance and annual inspections – approximately £700 per annum (depending on the amount of maintenance required)



- **Hire of Village Hall** for Parish Council meetings – £80 per annum
- **Insurance** – £450 for 2018/19 – includes public liability insurance for the playground
- **Madingley Newsletter** printing £1,250 – but costs are offset by advertising income of approximately £280, and volunteers editing / distributing

### Other expenditure

Any surplus is kept in a deposit account, although as you can see from the above expenditure, there is little left to put into the reserve. Here are some additional points relating to Village finances:

- September 2017 – purchase of a **Speedwatch** kit for £2,880 supported with a grant from the A14 Community Fund of £1,389
- September 2017 – annual grant to **Village Hall** £1,200 – this enables the Hall to focus on providing its service to the local community and reduces the number of private hires (such as weddings) needed to balance the books. The amount for 2018 has been reduced slightly due to savings the Hall has been able to make on insurance costs, but these may rise again in the future
- September 2017 – a new goal for the **Playground** £401. This has proved quite popular, so much so that some additional investment in fixings is needed to keep it in place



New goal in the Playground

- November 2017 – a contribution of £750 (25%) to the County Council towards the cost of the **traffic calming** (40mph buffer zone) at the top of Church Lane (£3,000) funded from the Local Highways Initiative Programme



40mph buffer zone from the north



40mph buffer zone from the south

- January 2018 – £1,380 for **traffic surveys** to provide evidence in respect of the proposal to close The Avenue to through traffic
- March 2018 – **Playground** repairs and maintenance – £3,070 – in which a number of issues had to be addressed to allow the playground to continue to be used safely
- April 2018 – £600 spent on a **new website** to comply with GDPR and transparency regulations, enabled with a grant for 100% of the costs from CPALC
- June 2018 – the PC received a £600 cheque from Agricole Ltd towards the cost of a new **Village Noticeboard**, which has not been purchased to date.

### David Ousby

Chair, Madingley Parish Council

### COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



Around 170 Community Speedwatch teams operate in villages around the County, showing that speeding remains a major community concern. Team members are Police-trained volunteers. Our Community Speedwatch team continues to monitor vehicle speeds in the Village and our Parish Council has applied to the County Council for Community Speedwatch signs at Village entry points to remind drivers to drive considerably.

A few miles per hour can mean the difference between life and death. The faster someone is driving, the less time they have to stop if something unexpected happens.

Cambridgeshire Police figures for last year alone indicate 48 people died in vehicle collisions, 436 were seriously injured and 2,307 were injured in traffic incidents.

Madingley Speedwatch Secretariat

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Sunday 16th December, 3.00pm**

Madingley Parish Church  
Christingle Service

### **Sunday 23rd December, 4.00pm**

Madingley Parish Church  
Service of Lessons and Carols

### **Monday 24th December, 11.30pm**

Madingley Parish Church  
Midnight Mass

### **Tuesday 25th December, 10.00am**

Madingley Parish Church  
Family Christmas Service

### **Monday 28th January, 7.30pm**

Madingley Village Hall  
Parish Council Meeting

### **Monday 25th February, 7.30pm**

Madingley Village Hall  
Parish Council Meeting

### **Saturday 23rd March, 7.15 for 7.30pm**

Madingley Village Hall  
Madingley Village Quiz

### **Tuesday 26th March**

Madingley Hall  
Lecture: details to be announced

### **Monday 8th April, 7.30pm**

Madingley Village Hall  
Parish Council Meeting

### **Tuesday 30th April**

Madingley Hall  
Lecture: details to be announced

### **Monday 20th May, 7.00pm**

Madingley Village Hall  
Annual Parish Meeting and PC Meeting

### **Tuesday 28th May**

Madingley Hall  
Lecture: details to be announced

## **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,  
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The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, photographed by Chris Baldwin

## CHURCH NEWS

The delighted expressions on the faces of many of the residents of Madingley (and beyond) reveal that two years of frantic fund-raising have come to a gloriously successful conclusion, and the church's West End Development Project is all set to become a physical reality next year; that is, just so soon as the bats decide to finish their hibernation in the tower, allowing the builders to take over.

This gives us an opportunity to express our profound gratitude to all of those who have been so generous in their support, beyond all we might have hoped for as we took our first timid steps along the road to raising what seemed like an inordinate amount of money. So many people have used their skills and resources to make the dream a reality, but perhaps one example will show how the community has pulled together in this venture. We have all benefitted from Tony Marrone's gift for growing things as he placed his fruit and vegetables in the church porch for people to purchase, giving the proceeds to the building project, and this alone has raised a surprising amount of money. It has been such a delight to arrive at the church to find the fresh vegetables for Sunday lunch waiting there already!

### All Souls' Day

On other fronts: for the first time at the beginning of November we held a service entitled 'A Time To Remember', for all those who have experienced the loss of loved ones as we marked All Souls' Day. We are immensely grateful to Susan Rawlings who planned the service, and took care of all the organisation which was involved. The number of people who participated showed that this service answered a very real need.

### Centenary

Remembrance Sunday this year was particularly poignant as we marked the centenary of the end

of the Great War. This Village paid such an enormous price in the loss of so many sons that it is almost beyond our ability to imagine the level of grief experienced by the people here. As well as the reading of the names on the War Memorial, and the placing of the wreath followed by our commitment to work together for peace, one of the ways we recognised the importance of this day was by the singing of a hymn written specially for this day by Ally Barrett, a lecturer at Westcott House, Cambridge.

### Christmas

Our services at Christmas time will follow our established pattern. A **Christingle Service** for children between the ages of one and 11 years, and their parents and carers, will take place on Sunday 16th December at 3.00pm. After the short service aimed at the children, there will be refreshments for everyone. Please let Anna Baldwin know, (2, The Old Wood Mill: [anna.baldwin86@gmail.com](mailto:anna.baldwin86@gmail.com)) if you plan to come so that we can ensure that we have enough ingredients for the making of the Christingles. The next Sunday, on 23rd December at 4.00pm we will have our **Service of Lessons and Carols** followed by refreshments. This is a simple service which encapsulates all that Christmas is about, and is suitable for everyone. This year it will be so close to Christmas Day itself that it will provide an excellent break to reflect in peace about what all our celebratory busy-ness has been about.

On **Christmas Eve** we will celebrate with Midnight Mass at 11:30pm. On **Christmas Morning** there will be a simple service for all the family at 10.00am.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a blessed and peaceful Christmas, and a joyful new year, especially as we look forward to the building project which will enhance the life and use of the church so much.

**Rev'd Christine Barrow**

## MADINGLEY HISTORY GROUP

The History Group takes a rest during the winter months – a calendar of events will be published in the Spring of 2019 and can be viewed on the noticeboard in Church Lane or via our email newsletter.

We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Mary Byam-Cook who was a founder member of the History Group and served as Treasurer for many years.



Mary brought her organisational skills, hospitality and interest in the subject to so many of the History Group's events, remembering the 'Beating the Bounds' walks stopping off at her house for home-made soup and warmth, the research that she undertook for the Millennium Village Map and her reliable and energetic support for many village events particularly the Queen's Jubilee and Harvest celebrations. Our sincere sympathy is with Edward, William and Louise at this very sad time.

Annual membership of the Madingley History Group costs £10. Visitors are welcome to attend individual meetings but are asked to contribute £3.50 to History Group funds. For more information please contact Sue Baldwin (01954 210766; suebaldwin1000@gmail.com).

## MADINGLEY VILLAGE HALL

### 2019 VILLAGE QUIZ

The annual Madingley Village Quiz will be held on **Saturday 23rd March** starting at 7.30pm, with doors opening at 7.15pm. 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 arrival and a delicious spread of savoury nibbles, bread and cheese during the interval. There will also be a high quality raffle. Profits from the evening will be given to the Village Hall Maintenance Fund.

### AGM

At the recent AGM, we were able to report a busy year for the Village Hall, used by the Parish Council, the Sports and Social Club, the Cricket Club, Madingley Parish Church, Madingley School and the History Group. It has also provided a venue for Village children's parties and other family gatherings, as well as an Art Class each Monday for three terms, a regular movement class, band rehearsals, and private hires and parties. In total the Hall has been used for 314 sessions during the year (282 sessions last year) with the increase in bookings coming from additional Dance and Wellbeing classes and weekly use by Madingley School.

Income from outside hires has enabled the Committee to maintain the Hall and be able to offer it at reduced rates for educational use and for Village residents.

### Village Hall Trustees 2018-19

Mr Chris Baldwin  
Prof Roger Buckley  
Rev'd Christine Barrow  
Mrs Janet Dean  
Mr John Freegard  
Mrs Virginia King  
Prof John Naughton  
Mrs Saryu Patel  
Mr Peter Teversham

I would like to extend thanks to my fellow Trustees for their assistance over the year and those whose particular contribution has been invaluable: John Naughton our secretary, Virginia King for managing our accounts, Saryu Patel who has assisted me through the year with setting up, opening, closing and cleaning and Sue Baldwin in the 'back office' who has helped through the year with Hall diary management and the production of Hire Agreements. Thanks to you all!

**Chris Baldwin**

Chairman, Village Hall Committee



## MADINGLEY CRICKET CLUB

Both Madingley cricket teams had a very strong finish to the 2018 season, finishing 4th in their respective leagues (Junior 1 South, Junior 3 West). Despite some indifferent form up to then, each team only lost one game in the August/September run-in: both to promotion-chasing teams. This was a fantastic result, in particular for the 2nd team who finished in their highest ever league position.

The first team started their final sequence with a home win against Thriplow, Ian Morgan celebrating his recent 50th birthday with 60 runs and Vignesh Kudva taking four wickets for only 11 runs. Table-topping Sawston comfortably won the next game, before a revenge win at Barrington with Harry Sperling's 74 the highlight. By this time the hot weather had eased up which meant winning the toss and bowling first was crucial; captain Josh Few duly obliged with the result that Abington were dismissed for only 55 runs, Tim 'Chalky' White taking an amazing five wickets for only two runs. In the final game only 112 runs were conceded at Linton, with four wickets for Hitesh Mishra, and the target was chased down with few alarms.

The second team won a rare Sunday game against Haslingfield with help from first team regulars Chalky and Josh. The following game at Bottisham/Lode was one to forget, conceding 244 runs for only two wickets and not helped by stand-in wicket keeper Aazir Khan being injured early on and having to be replaced. Next Cambridge St Giles were dismissed for 94, Charlie Johnston taking three wickets for 15 runs, and the chase took so long that the 1st team arrived back from Abington long before the end (see group photo).



Having got to 66-3 with relative ease, it took another four wickets before Ghazanfar 'GK' Khaliq finished the game with some typical hard-hitting. At Newton we conceded 210 runs, helped by a very small ground, with Charlie

getting another three wickets, and this was followed by a perfectly executed run chase, Azhar Khan top-scoring with 74 and Graham 'Finisher' Martin seeing us over the line in the penultimate over. Finally Bar Hill were limited to only 80 runs, skipper Kevin Middleton taking an incredible four wickets for nine runs, before another superb run chase led by Owen O'Loan's 50 not out.

The 2019 season will start on the first Saturday in May, with indoor nets from February. We are always looking for new players of any ability, so if you are keen to be involved then please get in touch. Games are 40 overs per side on Saturday afternoons, and we have a range of commitment from 'every game regulars' to 'occasional guests'.

**Philip Done**  
Secretary

## VILLAGE BONFIRE

I think it's fair to say that this year's Village Bonfire held on Saturday 3rd November was probably one of the most exciting bonfire nights yet – the younger generation certainly seemed to enjoy themselves!



Thank you to all those who ventured out, to those who provided green waste material to make up the fire, to those who contributed to the mulled wine and food and a special thank you to Chris and Margarita Jiggins for co-ordinating and making the mulled wine.



**John Freegard**



## **‘FANCY A CUP OF COFFEE?’**

Residents were invited to a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st December, organised by the Church. It was also the occasion for the signing of the contract to go ahead with the works to the west end of the church, following the announcement that the required sum had been successfully raised (see page 5). In addition to enjoying coffee and an extensive selection of home-made cakes, villagers could do a little early Christmas shopping at the stalls selling crackers, decorations, jams and chutneys. Jo Wallace-Hadrill, the Madingley Harpist, provided a welcome musical element with a range of seasonal and other melodies. One of the stalls, in aid of the Purple Community Fund, was selling items created from recycled products in aid of disadvantaged families in the Philippines and elsewhere.



Fancy a cup of coffee?



The Madingley Harpist entertains



Home-made chutneys and jams for sale



The Purple Community Fund table



A long-awaited moment – Rev'd Dr Mandy Maxwell and Rev'd Christine Barrow signing the WEDF contract



The children's art table



## NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN CEMETERY

The Cambridge American Cemetery marked the centenary of the end of the First World War at Veterans' Day.

On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, 1918, the guns fell silent. The battle that had raged over Europe for four years finally ceased. In 1926, the United States designated this as Armistice Day.

'The Great War' it was called; 'the war to end all wars'. The world held its breath. Twenty years later, mankind was again plunged into confrontation. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, America again entered the struggle – and veterans of that first conflict volunteered for the second.

### Safeguarding lives

After the Second World War and the Korean War, a 1954 bill was signed by President Eisenhower which re-defined Armistice Day as Veterans' Day, honoring those Americans who served the United States in all conflicts, to safeguard the lives we now live.

At the American Cemetery on Armistice Day, we marked not only the end of the 1914-18 War but also the centenary of that moment in time in 1918, when humanity hoped and prayed for peace.

### Guests

There were a number of distinguished guests including Major General John Wood, Commander, Third Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, seen (on this month's cover picture) arriving and being honored with a sabre arch created by American Junior Air Cadets from Alconbury High. We also had the company of The Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Mr Kelly McKeague. He gave a speech about his agency's work to reconcile those buried in our cemeteries where the headstone reads, 'Here lies in honored glory, a Comrade in Arms, known but to God', with a name on the Tablets of the Missing.

### Unknown

There are 24 US servicemen buried at Cambridge whose identities are unknown. In April 2017, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) disinterred one of those unknowns from this cemetery. The professional scientific staff have been working to determine his identity – to give a name to this individual who served in silence, and had lain in silence. Mr McKeague described how:

*'We dutifully endeavor to succeed, so answers can finally be given to another of the more than 82,000 families wondering what happened to their loved ones still missing from past conflicts.'*

*That will be one more family, like that of First Lieutenant William Shank.*



1st Lieutenant William W. Shank

*'Lt. Shank is one of 203 US service members the DPAA team accounted for during Fiscal Year 2018.'*

*'His delayed journey home from the war actually began on November 13, 1943, about 20 miles from here, at what was then the US Army Air Forces base on RAF Nuthampstead. Lt. Shank's P-38 Lightning mission that day was to provide cover for US 8th Air Force bombers as they struck the vital shipping port of Bremen, Germany.'*

*'While most of the fighters assigned to fly that day turned back due to severe weather over the English Channel, Lt. Shank continued on, catching up with the US bombers, only to find they were under attack by more than 100 German fighter planes. Jumping into the ensuing dogfight, Lt. Shank dove to pursue an enemy airplane and was never seen again.'*

*'In 1948, American Graves Registration Command's global efforts to search for and identify the fallen included a crash site that potentially could be linked to Lt. Shank's. But the fragments of bone recovered were not enough to make an identification using the forensic methods of the time. The remains were buried in Ardennes American Cemetery in Belgium, under a headstone inscribed 'Unknown'.'*

*'After DPAA investigators collaborated with a German researcher who provided information on multiple cases, including the P-38 crash site that had been visited in 1948, we sent a recovery*

team to this location near Essen. The team confirmed the airplane was the same one flown by Lt. Shank that fateful day, and they excavated and collected additional human remains.

*'Working simultaneously, DPAA researchers also proposed disinterment of the Unknown remains that had been buried at Ardennes Cemetery. Then, scientists at DPAA's Nebraska Laboratory analyzed these disinterred remains and those recovered from the crash site, and determined they were the same individual.'*

*'On March 5, 2018, 1st Lt. William W. Shank was identified, nearly 75 years after he gave his life in the skies over Germany. And Lt. Shank's family finally received the answers they had long sought for all those years. At last, they were able to bury him with full military honors in Harrisonburg, Va. How fitting that they themselves were able to offer simple words to him, "Welcome home".'*

*'During the long period of time that he was unaccounted for, Lt. Shank was entitled to the one certainty that applies to all missing US service members: they would never be forgotten. That's why you see behind me the Wall of the Missing. Along its 472 feet of Portland stone are engraved the names of 5,127 personnel who are missing. Lt. Shank is listed among them.'*

*'But now that he is accounted-for, a rosette has been placed next to his name, to officially denote his change in status. This Veterans' Day will be the first that Lt. Shank is not remembered as a missing Airman, but rather as a returned Veteran who made the ultimate sacrifice.'*

It only remains for me to wish everyone in Madingley Village a Happy Christmas and New Year.

**Suzie Harrison**, Interpretative Guide  
Cambridge American Cemetery

## NEWS FROM MADINGLEY HALL

### From the Summer Festival

From June to September this year we welcomed nearly 3,000 guests to Madingley Hall for events such as a Creative Writing Festival (in association with the BBC short story award), open air theatre and cinema with associated workshops and concerts. Whether learning more about our grounds from the Herbalists or trying vegan desserts with our chefs, or simply enjoying an art exhibition given by staff within the University, we were proud to showcase the many facets of the Institute of Continuing Education at Madingley Hall.

The University Open Cambridge event in September attracted large numbers of people eager to discover secrets of Madingley Hall,

alongside other colleges and buildings of the University. The local food fair ran alongside providing sustainable local produce to hungry visitors.

Through all these events we very much appreciate the kindness that Madingley Village shows in their support. As part of the NGS Open Gardens the church raised around £700 for the restoration fund, providing the always delicious cream teas. The Summer Ball in August raised £1,755 for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.

### Forthcoming events

Look out for the Madingley Lectures on Tuesdays: 26th March, 30th April and 28th May 2019 – titles and speakers to be confirmed.

The Institute of Continuing Education is committed to adult education for both professional development and personal enrichment. As part of this we are redeveloping our short course programme which will be relaunched in early 2019.

Some of you may have seen the new Madingley Hall minibus as it shuttles between the Hall and Cambridge station. Beginning in November, this new initiative aims both to assist students and staff and to reduce the number of cars coming into and through Madingley.

### Loyal Service Award

Congratulations to our longstanding Head Gardener **Richard Gant** who has been recognised by the Professional Gardeners' Guild and presented with the Loyal Service Award for his 30 years of exceptional service here at Madingley Hall.

A very merry Christmas from all at Madingley Hall.

### Zara Kuckelhaus

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

### Sheep Grazing, Madingley Hall Meadow



The one acre meadow is thought to have remained intact since Lancelot ('Capability') Brown remodelled the garden in 1756.



Between 1871 and 1905, it existed as a chicken run and cattle pasture. In recent decades it has been managed as a wild flower meadow with over fifty grasses and flowering plants recorded. These include *Listera ovata*, twayblade orchid, *Ophrys apifera*, bee orchid, *Dactylorhiza fuchsii*, spotted orchid and *Ophioglossum vulgatum*, adder tongue fern. The meadow is usually cut in July and August each year and the hay removed.



Spotted Medick

<http://www.freenatureimages.eu/plants/Flora J-N/Medicago arabica/index.html>

Over the past few years, *Medicago arabica*, spotted medick, has been increasingly colonising the area which is causing concern given it has strong growth and smothers the other flora. A contributory factor is that it has the ability through a symbiotic relationship with the bacterium *Sinorhizobium medicae* to fix nitrogen in the soil, which enables spotted medick to successfully compete within the sward.

It is hoped the introduction of sheep to graze the meadow might help to reduce the spotted medick and encourage a greater diversity of plants.

**Richard Gant**, Head Gardener

## NEWS FROM OUR MP, HEIDI ALLEN

At the end of October, I held a public meeting to discuss the state of play regarding Brexit. More than 150 constituents attended, making for a lively and passionate discussion. This type of engagement away from the Westminster bubble is invaluable for me as it helps to ensure I do my very best to represent you. If you were unable to attend, but interested in the debate, you can find video recordings on my website at [www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/brexit](http://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/brexit)

### Bus service

Over the last month, I have been working hard to ensure the future of the Whippet X3 Papworth bus service which was due to stop this month. However funding has been put in place to keep

the service running until the end of March to 'bridge the gap' until some proposed changes are introduced in April 2019.

### Health visit

In the last few weeks, Matt Hancock, Health and Social Care Secretary, came to South Cambridgeshire and visited CMR Surgical Limited based on Madingley Road to see how its development of surgical robotics will transform how surgery is carried out in hospitals all over the world. Matt also went to Addenbrooke's Hospital, the Genome Campus and Granta Medical Practice in Sawston where he heard about their innovative plans to radically improve how primary care is delivered. It is fair to say Matt went home very impressed with our constituency!



Heidi Allen and Matt Hancock visit CMR Surgical Ltd

### Connectivity

The Government's Gigabit Voucher Scheme is offering small and medium-sized businesses vouchers of up to £3,000 to cover the cost of installing Gigabit-capable broadband. Businesses can claim against the cost of connection either individually or as part of a group. Residents can also benefit from the scheme as part of a group project which includes businesses, and can claim a voucher of up to £500. One gigabit is the same as 1,000 megabits – so it's a big leap forward in connection speeds that could benefit your business into the future. To check if you are eligible for a voucher and find a local full fibre broadband supplier, visit <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

If there is anything you would like to talk to me about, my next 'by appointment' surgery is on 11th January at 3.00-5.00pm at my office in Hardwick. You can find more details on my website here:

<https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries>. In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk) or call my office on 01223 830037.

**Heidi Allen MP**

## NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, TOM BYGOTT



Councillor Tom Bygott

### Extra Green Bin Tax – £35

In South Cambridgeshire, 2,300 households, out of a total of 66,000, have more than one green bin. The householders using these bins thought that they were doing the right thing by collecting more green waste for composting. However the Council's Cabinet on 7th November decided that these community-minded householders could be an additional source of revenue for the Council. Rather confusingly, the new tax will be introduced in two stages:

- From 1st March 2019, South Cambridgeshire residents wanting to have an extra green bin emptied will be asked to pay a £20 tax until October
- From 1st October 2019, the tax will change to £35 annually for a 12-month cycle of collections.

The new tax is per bin and covers collections for only one year, with an additional charge, which could be increased, in each subsequent year. Residents with extra green bins will have to decide by early next year whether they want to pay the new tax and if three quarters do, accountants estimate this will raise around £80,000 a year for the Council's coffers.

There are two potential dangers that this change of policy direction could lead to:

- the Council's refuse collectors having to add administrative duties to their current rubbish collection duties by knowing which households have paid the tax and which haven't. This might mean that they have to wander around with bits of paper, trying to work out who is allowed to put out an extra bin, and be distracted from picking up the bins efficiently. More worryingly, some form of technology might have to be introduced.
- the charge to dispose of waste leading to fly-tipping, as Councils charging for dropping off waste at Household Recycling Centres have found. People who do not want, or can't afford, to pay the charges just dump their

waste in the street, often immediately outside the Recycling Centre.

If you look at any of your wheelie bins, you will see on the underside of the top rim, on the left hand side, a circular compartment about the diameter of a £2 coin. This feature is manufactured in the shape of the plastic to hold a microchip. In South Cambs, this compartment is currently empty. Many councils use microchips in this location to spy on their residents' rubbish disposal and recycling habits. When my group introduced the blue bin system to South Cambridgeshire, one of our top priorities was to ensure that this microchip compartment would remain empty, and residents would be free from authoritarian oversight and intrusion. There are currently thought to be no plans to introduce microchips, but the introduction of a complex system of extra bin taxes might one day create the need for such a system.

### Local Plans Adopted

Government Inspectors have declared 'sound' the Local Plans submitted by South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City in 2014 which relate to development and planning permission in our local area and propose 44,000 new jobs and 33,500 new homes by 2031. At September's District Council meeting, the Local Plan for the District was formally adopted and becomes the document through which the District will judge planning applications for the next few years.

I voted in favour of the plan because I do not believe that it will adversely affect the character of Girton, Dry Drayton or Madingley. The fact that a plan is formally in place does however reduce the risk that inappropriate developments could be approved on appeal, with the developer citing the lack of a Local Plan as the reason why their development should be accepted, against the wishes of both local residents and the Council.

### Narrowing of the A428

Highways England is currently building an overpass at the Girton Interchange, as part of the A14 upgrade, to carry A14 traffic over the A428. To save money, they have decided to reduce the A428 at this point from four lanes to two. For generations to come, this overpass will be a major bottleneck in the national road network as Bourn Airfield, Tempsford and other major developments will be built along this road in the coming years. The dualling of the A428 between Caxton Gibbet and the Black Cat Roundabout will make this route one of the most important national routes: a major artery linking Anglia with the West Country and Wales via Oxford and Milton Keynes. Eventually, it will be necessary to



reinstate the missing lanes, and this could be at vastly greater expense.

One of the greatest problems in our society is short term thinking. There are countless examples of similar 'penny-wise, pound-foolish' mistakes, and it is distressing to think that the organisations to which we entrust important decisions about the future have learned little or nothing from their experiences over the past few decades.

Our villages, being next to the A14 and A428, are greatly impacted by noise and pollution from those two roads, yet we ourselves benefit very little from their presence. So, why should we care if the A428 becomes a bottleneck?

Increased rat-running through Dry Drayton is one reason. Another is that fuel efficiency for most (non-hybrid) vehicles is heavily affected by congestion. Stationary vehicles emit exhaust fumes while they are waiting, and pollution rises sharply, along with noise, as vehicles accelerate on the other side of the blockage.

If you would like to write to Highways England on this subject, it can be done via:  
A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk

I would like to wish everyone in Madingley a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Cllr Tom Bygott**

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## **NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, DOUGLAS DE LACEY**



Cllr Douglas de Lacey

### **Looking back**

Having had the honour of being appointed Chairman of the Council I have been busy reviewing our procedures to make them more user-friendly and transparent. One immediate change makes it easier for residents to talk to us: if you are concerned about an item on the

Council's agenda you can now submit a written comment which will (with caveats about appropriateness) be read out before the item is discussed.

The Chairman conventionally supports charities: mine are the local foodbank and young carers. On learning this, two Councillors asked their local stores to set up foodbank collection points, and many others have followed suit. I have looked at the Chairman's accounts over the past five years: on average nearly £1,500 has been spent each year to raise an average of just over £400. This clearly makes no sense. I'm planning something very different.

The Civic Affairs Committee (which I chair) has looked at four requests from Parish Councils, two to decrease the number of Councillors as they have no hope of reaching the current requirement, and the others to increase as there is so much work to be done. None of my Parishes is up to full strength: why?

The police have briefed us on their methods; they note that increasingly crimes such as drug dealing and slavery, as well as cyber crime, are not performed on the streets but in private, and the traditional 'Bobby on the beat' model is inapplicable here. I still have a number of questions about our policing.

### **Looking forward**

There is still a great deal to do in South Cambs. There has already been a change of tone in our offices: it manifests itself in little things – like the glass tumblers on our tables and the mugs in Members' pigeon-holes, ousting single-use plastics; the desire to transform our lounge (without any budget) into a more user-friendly space and to design a work-room. More Members are using public transport, even from the other side of the City. More are attending meetings. But I want to do everything possible to make us all work together for the common good; make us all engaged in our decision-making. For this I have the full support of the Leader, who is also working to involve all members in our government.

We have had several reports of frighteningly inappropriate attempts to get past bin lorries, and our communications team has put out a press release asking for sense and patience. Please treat our binmen with respect: they are doing a great job for you.

In better transport news, the Whippet X3 bus service appears to have been saved. I'd like to think my little helped.

**Cllr Douglas de Lacey**

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## NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR, LINA JOSEPH



### Gritters ready for action

Our fleet of 37 gritters, quad bikes and crews completed a 'dry run' across the county in mid-October to carry out a trial run in preparation for Winter. Cambridgeshire's salt domes and barns have already been filled with 10,000 tonnes of rock salt ready for the start of the cold season. We've also launched our Winter Ready campaign to alert local residents to information about why, when and how we grit.

### Fostering campaign

Team Cambridgeshire's drive to recruit more foster carers in Cambridgeshire continues with the launch of a short film showing the six simple steps to sign up. Since the launch of the campaign in September, the Council has received almost 100 new applications from people interested in becoming a foster carer for the Council.

### LED lantern replacement

Between May and December this year, more than 3,500 energy-saving LED streetlights will be installed as part of the LED lantern replacement project being carried out by Balfour Beatty on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council. The milestone of 50% was achieved in October with the goal of 100% set to be achieved by mid-December.

### Lina Joseph

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### \*STOP PRESS\*

### U-TURN ON OFF-ROAD BUSWAY

Having previously been opposed to the location of the proposed off-road busway near Coton, the Mayor of the Combined Authority, James Palmer, has now announced that he has changed his mind and that this route is the most sensible solution. It is intended that the route, which will allow electric rubber-wheeled vehicles to carry passengers, will take cars off the road, reduce congestion and give people a more reliable way

of travelling. His previous opposition centred around off-road routes that might damage the West Fields or the Coton corridor.

The U-turn also recommends locating an additional Park & Ride on the Waterworks site near Madingley Mulch despite this being the least favoured option in the recent public consultations.

Coton Busway Action Group

(<https://cambridgecredibletransport.com/blog/>) has issued a robust response, of which the following is part:

'As Smarter Cambridge Transport and many other bodies have pointed out, the County Transport officers got route selection wrong for Cambourne to Cambridge in 2014. By what environmental perversity did the officers choose a route through the Green Belt which put a Park & Ride site at Madingley Mulch on top of one of the highest points in view for miles around, then slashing across a view above Coton described as one of the most splendid in Cambridge, through fields owned to protect them from any development by conservation charity Cambridge Past, Present and Future, covenanted by the National Trust, through a 100 year-old orchard, into the West Fields where a High Court judge had ruled them inviolate to protect them from development, and then ending bizarrely at Grange Road?'

Coton Busway Action Group is asking people to add their name to a petition opposing this.

Should you wish to do so, please go to:

[smartertransport.uk/act-on-c2c/](https://www.smartertransport.uk/act-on-c2c/). See also a more recent post at:

<https://www.smartertransport.uk/back-where-we-started-with-the-cambourne-to-cambridge-busway/>

### 'WEDNESDAY B' BIN COLLECTIONS

#### December

12th:	BLACK
19th:	BLUE and GREEN
27th (Thursday):	BLACK

#### January 2019

3rd (Thursday):	BLUE (only)
9th:	BLACK
16th:	BLUE and GREEN
23rd:	BLACK
30th	BLUE (only)

#### February

6th:	BLACK
13th:	BLUE and GREEN
20th:	BLACK



## 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.

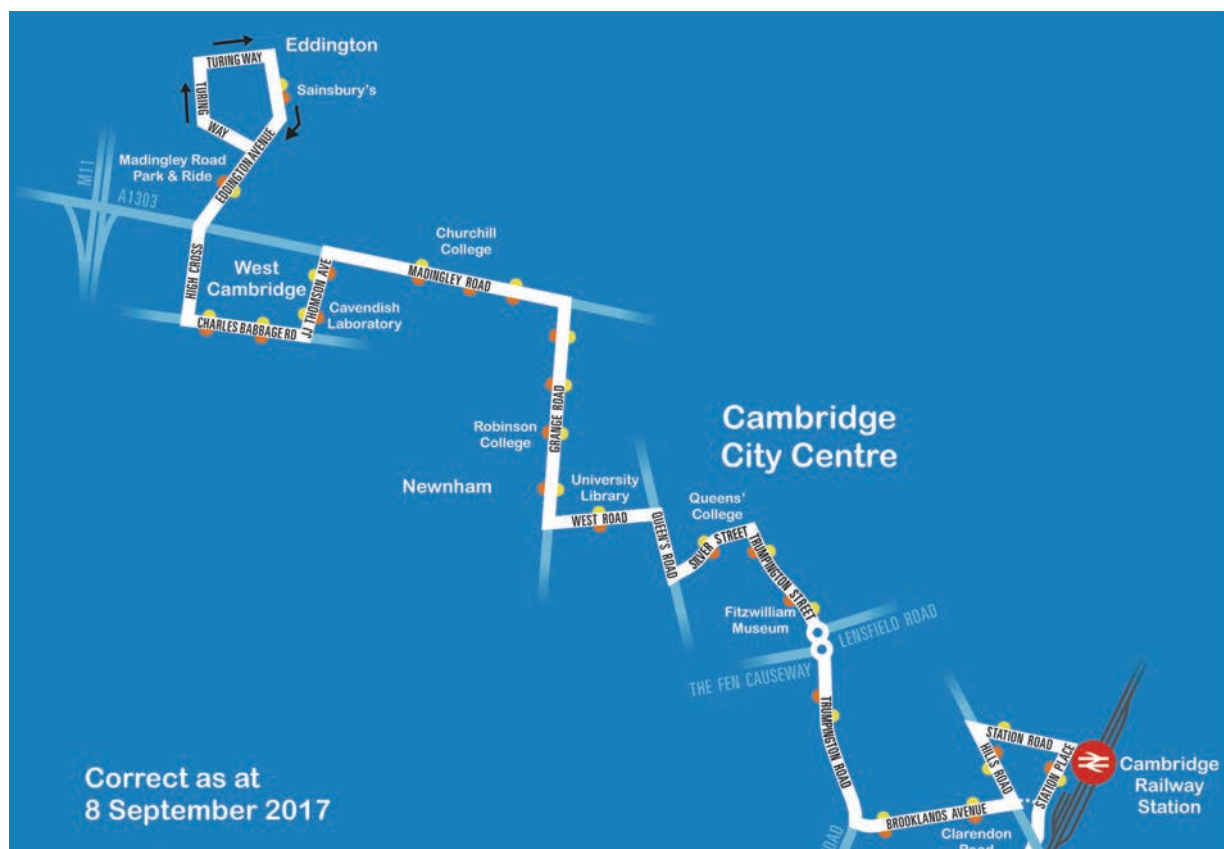
Charges are made for parking at Cambridge Park & Ride sites, though the first 18 hours are now free:

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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/>



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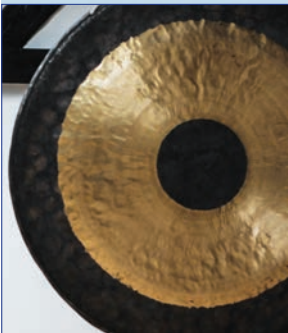
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