



Madingley News

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FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the Spring 2021 issue of *Madingley News*. We normally report recent and future activities in and around the Village, and hope to resume this later this year.

The next issue of *Madingley News* will be published on 10th June 2021 and the copy deadline for receipt of articles, photographs (jpeg attachments of 1MB or more in size please) and advertisements is 10th May. We look forward to receiving your news and illustrations. Please see (on page 5) the appeal for volunteers to help with *Madingley News* distribution.

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MADINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



Charles Crichton-Stuart

For a small and relatively quiet Parish in lockdown there is still a great deal going on – including a number of proposals which would have a significant impact on us all.

The Cambourne to Cambridge Busway

After numerous rounds of consultations, surveys and other planning activities, there is still no agreement on the proposed route for the guided busway that is designed to connect Cambourne and Cambridge. The Greater Cambridge Partnership currently favours a Park and Ride facility at Scotland Farm and a route that runs South of the A428 to the side of Coton: the 'Southern Route'. Despite all initial assessments showing it to be more costly and having a greater environmental impact, the Mayor is re-proposing a 'Northern Route' which

would pass by the Village to the North side of the A428, through a corner of the 800 Wood and then across the fields opposite the American Cemetery. An independent auditor has been appointed to review all proposals and is due to deliver his report in June/July 2021. The Parish Council has voiced its objections to the proposed Northern Route to all relevant parties.

Roads

There are two on-going processes which may bring changes to the roads in the Village:

1. An application to the Local Highways Improvement initiative has received initial approval. This would potentially see the erection of one or two more sets of 'pillows' on the High Street to slow traffic.
2. The A14 Legacy Fund has given a positive indication that they may support the erection of a chicane near to where the High Street meets The Avenue. The addition of advisory 'Not Suitable for HGV' signs is also being considered.

Volunteers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who have once again volunteered to provide emergency assistance during the lockdown. The collection and delivery of food parcels has been very greatly appreciated.

Playground

At present, the Parish Council has decided to keep the playground open for Madingley families and support bubbles. In order to maintain this situation, the Parish Council has agreed that:

1. During Government lockdowns when COVID-19 rates are on the increase, one Madingley family or bubble has sole use of the playground at any one time.
2. When the infection curve is flattening, two Madingley families or bubbles can use the playground at one time.
3. When infection rates are falling, and families are allowed to go further afield to exercise, the playground will be open again to families from outside the Village, and children attending the Stephen Perse School. A maximum of ten people can be in the playground at any one time.

'Trinity Town'

Trinity College has applied for the land opposite the American Cemetery (South of the A428, North of Madingley Road and West of the M11) to be considered as a development site for a new mixed-use town with more than 4,000 residential units, schools, hotels, retail parks, office and research spaces etc. The Parish Council has agreed to take all actions possible to resist the development of this Green Belt farmland and would welcome any suggestions/assistance from residents in doing so.

Charles Crichton-Stuart

Chairman, Madingley Parish Council

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be:

Wednesday 17th March at 7.00pm

Wednesday 19th May at 7.00pm

Wednesday 21st July at 7.00pm

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

PETER AND VERA TEVERSHAM

Peter and Vera have played a huge part in the life of this Village and have contributed to community life in so many ways.

Peter is part of the third generation of the Teversham family to live in Madingley having been born in the High Street in 1943, moving to Church Lane with his parents Den and Ruby in 1950 and then bringing up his family at 21 High Street following his marriage to Vera in 1968. They spent their most recent years back at 17 Church Lane.

Peter inherited his father's love of cricket and played successfully for the Village team for many years. He is now President of the Madingley Cricket Club and Chairman of the Sports and Social Club.

Vera served as a very welcoming and capable postmistress of Madingley Post Office in the

High Street in the 60s and 70s; she was a keen member of Madingley WI and, being a wonderful cook, supported the Cricket Club by taking her turn on the Tea Rota. Their children, Katherine and Martin, attended Madingley School during the period when the school's future was threatened with closure. Peter and Vera strongly supported the campaign to keep this cherished facility available for the children of the Village and Peter became Treasurer of Madingley School Trust as it embarked on a new chapter as a co-operative venture. He currently serves as a Trustee of Madingley Village Hall.

Peter and Vera will be greatly missed for their kindness and as dependable friends to so many of us. We wish them well in their new home and look forward to welcoming them back to Village events in the future.

Sue Baldwin



Peter and Vera Teversham

The Editors received this letter from Peter:

'As you may know Vera and myself have sold our house in Church Lane and are in the process of purchasing a property in Cambourne which we hope to move into shortly.

'Would you please through *Madingley News* pass on our very sincerest thanks to all our friends and neighbours in the Village for putting up with us over the years. We had hoped to thank them personally in the Village Hall but in these uncertain times that is unfortunately impossible.

'It is with a certain amount of sadness that we are leaving but we are however looking forward to the next chapter in our lives with excitement and anticipation.

'We send everyone our best wishes and trust you all keep safe.'

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CHURCH NEWS –

or A Year In the Life ...

Normally at this time I would be reflecting on our Christmas services and looking forward to what is planned for Lent and Easter, which will be upon us in the next couple of months. But there is nothing 'normal' about Church life, in common with every other aspect of our existence right now.

A roller-coaster ride

It is now a year since we were propelled into dealing with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and for those involved with church administration and planning, and all those who attend services, it has been a roller-coaster ride. It has brought home the truth that what are normally seen on the surface as busy times of year, are actually the product of several weeks of planning and prayerful thought and preparation. This year that process has been thoroughly disrupted, as we did not know from one month's end to the next what services we might be allowed to provide, and what might be considered a responsible approach to worship. The one thing our congregation has been adamant about is that, even if we cannot meet for services, the church should remain open for people to come and pray and reflect in, in this powerful built testament to our faith and the knowledge of God who continues to be with us even in times of turmoil. It is thanks to our cleaning teams, and to Sue Baldwin that we can safely offer this resource without worry of causing cross-infection.

Life goes on

But even in this challenging time, life has gone on as we matched what we were permitted to do with what we would like to achieve. During this time Elizabeth Seale has completed her valuable term of office as churchwarden, and we have welcomed Tony Conway into the post. We were deeply saddened to have to hold the funeral service of David Rooks, one of our very faithful and much-loved members. But as has been widely reported upon in the media, we also have couples who have had to defer their marriage services until they are able to invite as many people as they would like to their wedding. However, for others has come the recognition that it is not the size of the celebration that counts, but the fact that they do want to be married, and that they want a service in church, however small, where they can make their vows before God.

Our new Vicar

We were immensely fortunate with the timing of the appointment of our new Vicar, the Revd

Michael Bigg. His interview took place the day before the first lockdown came into force, and his induction service, although the numbers attending had to be reduced because of the need for social distancing, took place between the first and second lockdown. His introduction to parish ministry here could hardly be deemed as 'typical'.

What it has meant is that he has brought, amongst all his other gifts, his technological skills, so that we have been able to live-stream services during the lockdowns, enabling our services in Madingley to be seen around the world! It also allows people who see the services to find out, if they were feeling at all anxious, what happens without having to come through the church door. Whatever the reason for joining us, all are very welcome!



The first broadcast from Madingley Church

We are aware that not everyone has the equipment or the desire to watch services on-line, so we also provide a written short service and reflection each week available to anyone who requests it, or who receives the emailed church bulletin which includes a PDF of the service. And of course, inevitably, we are making use of Zoom to share mid-week services of Morning Prayer at 9.00am on Wednesday and Thursday, and Compline at 9.00pm on Thursday evening.

Building works

Whether services are taking place in church or not, the building itself needs constant care and attention. There is extensive work to be done on the tower and the external south-west area of the church which we hope will be carried out in the next year. Internally, the skilled craftsman who carried out the joinery work for the West End Development Project is returning to deal with several other repairs and improvements.

Please watch the website

So life goes on, even though as I write this we don't know what, if any services we will be able to offer during Lent and at Easter. Do watch the



Repair work on the tower

website for confirmation of times and dates, and for news about any services which are planned.

The one good thing is that the seasons continue their round whatever else is happening in our lives, and it is so encouraging to see, as I write in early February, the daffodils on the Madingley Hall drive poking through the grass verges. We look forward to a better year, where we may reflect on and continue the things that we have discovered are vitally important to us, and at Easter welcome with unbounded joy the message that God is with us through not only our time here but in eternity and gives us the gift of new life through his Son Jesus.

The Revd Christine Barrow

NEWSLETTER DELIVERIES: MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

We rely on regular volunteers to help with deliveries of *Madingley News*. We're giving two volunteers of long standing a well-deserved break and asking others to come forward. Could you commit small amounts of time to helping with deliveries four times a year: are you willing to help?

If interested, please contact either the Parish Clerk or the Editors who will pass your details to the deliveries coordinator for response.

Delivery Secretariat

MADINGLEY VILLAGE HALL

The re-thatching of the North side of the Hall roof is scheduled for this Summer and plans are being drawn up for repairs and re-decoration of the building exterior.

As I write this at the start of February we are working our way through Lockdown 3 so activities in the Hall have been limited to the Stephen Perse School for a pre-school gymnastics class.

It is very disheartening to see the Hall continuing to be closed and unable to be used by our local community. I hope that it will be possible for hirers to return in due course – enquiries about bookings welcome!

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



Community Speedwatch teams have had limited opportunity to run surveys over the last year due to pandemic-related restrictions, as reported in previous issues. Meantime, we're fortunate that through-traffic levels have remained relatively low in the Village.

It is hoped that our Parish Council's funding applications will be successful, so that we can look forward to additional traffic calming measures to encourage slower speeds in anticipation of the inevitable increase in through-traffic levels – especially HGVs, post-COVID-19.

Speedwatch Secretariat

MADINGLEY CRICKET CLUB

As I write there is a dusting of snow outside as the 'Beast from the East 2' pays a visit to our shores; not exactly cricket weather. Usually at this time of year we'd be starting indoor nets, but as that is not an option we'll just have to follow the Test series in India, which, as I write, is already shaping up nicely.

The main news from the club is that we recently held our AGM, virtually of course, and have a

new 1st team captain in Adnan, plus joint vice captains in Hitesh and Wasim. Kevlar remains 2nd team captain with Qaiser and Charlie as his vice captains.



Adnan Khan (new 1st team captain) and his son

We also have a full fixture list for the 2021 season available on the club website, and are hoping that restrictions will be lifted in time for us to play most of these games. While we have a strong squad of players we are always keen to bring in new faces, so please contact me if you would like to be involved with the club.

I'd like to remember Peter Martin who passed away over Christmas. He was a past club player and, in recent years, a regular supporter along with Susan. Our condolences go out to his family, and also to Qaiser who has recently had a family bereavement.

Ending on a positive note, many congratulations to Sara (our welfare officer) and Roger (social secretary) on the birth of their daughter, Erica.

Philip Done, Secretary

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

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Snowdrops in the wood near the Lower Lake, Madingley Hall

We hope you have all been keeping safe and well.

Our gardens and takeaway café remain open from 9.00am-3.00pm daily so please feel free to pay us a visit and enjoy our beautiful gardens with a takeaway tea or coffee. We are also continuing to offer our evening takeaway service and food hamper deliveries. Discover our range of signature dishes, pre-made meals and local produce, all from the comfort of your own home. To view the menu and place an order, please visit <https://madingleyhall.mobo2go.co.uk/>. However, at the time of writing, we remain closed to the public for hotel accommodation, onsite dining and in-person meetings.

Record enrolments

Following our move to online teaching for our award-bearing courses we have seen record enrolments, with over 700 undergraduate students and 500 postgraduate students. Award-bearing student numbers have more than doubled over the past four years. We have also launched the University's first course on the edX platform. For more information, please visit www.edx.org/micromasters/writing-for-performance-and-the-entertainment-industries.

Our inaugural Virtual Winter Festival of Learning attracted almost 1,600 online enrolments during

January. Together with the inaugural Virtual Summer Festival of Learning, these new approaches to short course continuing education resulted in over 4,000 short course enrolments.

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

If you would like to try something shorter, why not sign up for one of our seven-week online courses? Benefit from personalised tutor feedback and join our global community of learners. Subjects are varied, ranging from Finance and Law to Creative Writing and Archaeology. Discover our online courses at www.ice.cam.ac.uk/online. We have also launched a new partnership in collaboration with Flatiron School in the field of data science: www.ice.cam.ac.uk/datascience

Free virtual events

We're also pleased to announce an exciting series of free virtual events for 2021. From Open Days and Info Sessions to Topical Talks and Literary events, there's something for everyone. Join us to learn more about a new subject or topic, what it's like to study with us

and to ask any questions you may have. Find out more and register for our events at www.ice.cam.ac.uk/events.

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

Dr James Gazzard

Director of Continuing Education
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Ladybirds adorning the statue of 'The Roman Lady' in the grounds of Madingley Hall (photo Chris Baldwin)

Notes from the Head Gardener

The last edition of *Madingley News* featured the ponds in the Madingley Garden created by Colonel T. Walter Harding. He created many of the garden features we enjoy today, enthusiastically adopting the prevailing style of the time, reintroducing formality to the immediate vicinity of the house, as advocated by leading architects and designers including Reginald Blomfield. These formal features included terraces, steps, lawns, sunken gardens, and ponds.

There is prior evidence of Harding's interest and knowledge of the formal Italianate style at the family-owned factory at Holbeck, Leeds. Three chimneys (which remain today) were based on the Italian Renaissance architecture, one inspired by the Lamberti Tower in Verona, built in 1866, a second by the Giotto Campanile, Florence Cathedral built in 1895 and a third plain tower thought to represent a Tuscan town house in 1919. The Giotto Tower had a ventilation system built into it, to extract the dust from the factory. The gardens at Harding's previous home, Hartsholme Manor near Lincoln, which he owned between 1902 and 1905, were laid out by the landscape gardener Edward Milner in the Italian style complete with balustrades and steps. Harding is known to have holidayed in Lake Maggiore in 1896. Next time you visit the Madingley garden and walk down the north-east terrace steps to the Croquet Lawn with the

balustrades forming the south side, do marvel at the legacy this incredible man left us.

A detailed blog/article on Colonel Harding, the garden ponds and water lilies can be accessed at <https://www.madingleyhall.co.uk/blog/madingley-ponds>

Richard Gant

Head Gardener



Colonel Harding (1843-1927) in 1894
(artist unknown)

(The arms depicted on the Madingley Village sign and reproduced on the front cover of this Newsletter are those of Thomas Walter Harding. The Latin motto Per Ardua Surgo, a misspelling having been fairly recently corrected on the sign by an anonymous well-wisher, though not yet on the Madingley News masthead, means 'Through Adversity I Rise' – Eds.)



The 'anonymous well-wisher' at work

NEWS FROM THE STEPHEN PERSE FOUNDATION NURSERY

The new year started brilliantly in our Nursery classes. The Nursery staff were so impressed with how well the children remembered the routines and how pleased they were to see their friends and teachers. We welcomed many new children to our Madingley Nursery and they have quickly become comfortable and confident around their classmates. Our Rising 3 class has been exploring a variety of themes in its weekly topics. From Teamwork to Chinese New Year they are developing many new skills as they take part in play and activities linked to these. They are a balance that will support the children's skills progression in a particular area of learning, develop social, cultural and moral understanding and hopefully inspire awe and wonder.



The children's favourite activities have included visiting the hairdressers, finding out about space and preparing food for Chinese New Year.



In the Toddler class many of the children are celebrating their second birthdays and with this milestone comes a leap in the children's development. The staff in our Toddler classes

are quickly learning how to negotiate and persuade our independent two year olds to follow the routines and to share Nursery toys; "no", has become a frequently used word by the toddlers! The children have become confident in communicating their opinions and preferences and can even be seen telling their friends the Nursery rules.



Our youngest children at Madingley have not been impressed by the cold weather and snow. Despite the best efforts of their key workers to present snow in a positive manner our babies have clearly communicated their dislike of the white stuff. Safely back inside they have explored, emptied and filled every basket of toys they can get their hands on.

In all of our Early Years and Nursery classes no two days are the same and the staff and children are making the most of the opportunity to problem solve, collaborate and challenge themselves.

Sarah Holyoake

Head of Early Years
Stephen Perse Foundation

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VACANCY ON DISTRICT COUNCIL

With the imminent retirement of Douglas de Lacey, a vacancy exists on the South Cambridgeshire District Council. If anyone in Madingley is interested, Douglas is happy to discuss what it involves with them before they take it further and decide to stand. He can be contacted on 01223 565219.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN CEMETERY

'Strive for the Stars'

As I am sure many of you are aware, the cemetery is currently closed, due to the pandemic and in line with UK and US Government guidance. The staff are mainly staying at home. However, nature and the seasons keep rolling, and to avoid the grassed burial plots turning into a hay meadow, we are operating a rota system so that the grounds-keeping team can at least cut the grass. When we are able to open again, they will not be faced with a mountain to climb. Our small administrative staff have also managed to maintain a presence and so are able to keep up with correspondence and pay the bills! When not in the office they can catch up with reading and research which, in 'normal' times, is often relegated to the end of the to-do list.

Searching for topics that I could explore; I noticed the number of Test Pilots involved in Research & Development of aircraft technology. In wartime, innovations are frequently the key to prevailing over an enemy, and we often find interesting ways to use new inventions after the war is concluded. On that topic, and since we are all impatiently waiting to getting on a jet plane to fly to sunnier climes, I thought that you might be interested in the stories of two harbingers of the jet age.



Frederic Austin Borsodi (4th January 1916–28th January 1945), a Texan, was already a keen golfer and an amateur Grand Prix Bugatti racer when he left home for Yale, his chosen university. He also learned to fly while a student there. During a 1937 University trip to St. Andrews, Scotland, Frederic made headlines by tying the golf course record of 69.

Following graduation, he joined the US Navy, but resigned after a year (to get married) and went to work as a test pilot with the Chance-Vaught Company. Spurred by the attack on Pearl Harbor he volunteered...

'The young man in civilian clothes appeared at the Army Air Corp base at Windsor Locks, Connecticut, three days after Pearl Harbor. He said he knew how to fly and wanted to join the Air Force. Assigned to check him out was Lt. Waldo Johnston (Yale 1937), base operations officer. Waldo got into the front seat, the applicant in the back of an AT-6. Off they went to go through the routine figure eights, pylons, and so on. "He went through the book maneuvers flawlessly," remembered Waldo. "Then, just as we were preparing to land, he asked me if I'd mind staying up a little longer. He'd like to try this plane out a bit. I said, "Sure." God almighty, in the next half-hour I was put through something like I've never been put through before or since. We rolled and plunged and cartwheeled and skipped and danced. We even went down under the trees along the Farmington River. Right side up, upside down, it made no difference to him. [Ed. note: At Yale, Fred had been a tumbler on the gymnastics team and a diver on the swimming team, in addition to his golf.] I'd never seen such a pilot, but I was damned if I was going to say I'd had enough. I stuck it out. When I landed, shaking, I told him blandly, "I think you're capable of flying this plane."' The War Begins (John Field, Yale Class of 1937).

Borsodi went on to serve as a fighter pilot with the 86th Fighter Squadron of the 79th Fighter Group of the US Army Air Forces. Flying 130 missions in North Africa and Italy, Fred led a charmed life and was highly decorated (Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Medal with 15 Oak Leaf Clusters). He had many adventures, such as the time he was shot down; bailed out; landed between enemy lines; was rescued by a New Zealand tank, which subsequently broke down; and ran 'like Jesse Owens' to get back behind friendly lines. Later he found a JU-88 (German light bomber) in Italy which he repaired and used to transport personnel and provisions. When the authorities found out, he was ordered to fly it back to the US for research purposes.

Borsodi returned to the fray in 1943 and was assigned as US Army Air Forces chief test pilot.

At that time the US was developing a jet aircraft in response to the first sighting of the German Messerschmitt ME-262. America knew it needed to get in the game quickly or be left behind, as Germany and Britain were well ahead in the research and development of jet power. Most early jets designed during World War II, such as the XP-80, had straight wings, similar to previous propeller-driven fighters. This was before the Allies captured German research data that showed the speed advantages of swept-wings. The XP-80 was the first operational jet fighter to have its engine in the fuselage, a design that was used by nearly all subsequent fighter aircraft. It had underwing mountings for rockets or fuel tanks.



Lockheed P-80 'Shooting Star' with fuel drop tanks

Lockheed built the YP-80a and four aircraft were sent to Europe for trial. Two of the planes were disassembled, boxed, and shipped as deck cargo to RAF Burtonwood, England in December 1944 for reassembly and testing. The first test flights on 27th January 1945 were successful, but tragically, the next day, with Major Frederic Borsodi at the controls, the plane suffered an engine fire and crashed – his luck had finally run out.

The remaining YP-80s were grounded for the duration of the war. However, re-entering service, they became stalwarts of the Korean war as the 'Shooting Star': the first to be involved in jet-versus-jet combat.

Meanwhile, after flying P-51 Mustangs out of RAF Leiston with the 357th Fighter Group, Charles Elwood (Chuck) Yeager (13th February 1923–7th December 2020) became a test pilot at Muroc Army Air Field (now Edwards Air Force Base), following graduation from Air Materiel Command Flight Performance School. In the words of the motto of the RAF – *Per Ardua Ad*



Chuck Yeager in the cockpit of the Bell BX-1 – the first jet to break the sound barrier at Muroc Field

Astra – his aspiration was to 'strive for the stars', and on 14th October 1947 he became the first pilot in history confirmed to have exceeded the speed of sound in level flight. None of this would have been possible without the great technological strides made by the pioneers of WWII.

ABMC honours all of those who died for the lives that we live today.

Hopefully the cemetery will soon reopen, so that you can visit their graves, read their inscriptions, and enjoy the tranquillity of the beautiful grounds.

Suzie Harrison

American Battle Monuments Commission
Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial

ROYAL MAIL COLLECTION TIMES

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

Saturday: 11.45am

This is a **Priority Postbox**, with additional COVID-19 test kit collections at 3.00pm on Saturday and Sunday

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

Saturday: 7.00am

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

NEWS FROM OUR MP, ANTHONY BROWNE



In the following Press Statement, released on 1st February, our MP launched his South Cambridgeshire Development Survey to give residents their say on housebuilding.

Posted via Royal Mail to every constituency household, the survey highlights barriers to sustainable growth and requests views on a range of topics related to future development. It also seeks to understand residents' views on key planning issues, such as water supply, digital connectivity, public transport and community services. It takes consultation into account, asking if residents feel 'listened to' on planning issues.

South Cambridgeshire faces huge barriers to sustainable growth while remaining one of the fastest growing areas in our country. This includes two new towns in the last two decades, one of which is Northstowe – the largest new town to be built in Britain in the last 50 years. It is leading to urbanisation, more pressure on local services, increased congestion and water shortages.

Mr Browne has repeatedly raised concerns about overdevelopment with South Cambridgeshire District Council, writing a letter to the leader to ask that the Council does not seek to build any more houses than required by national Government targets.

He has also queried recent moves by the Council to reduce democratic accountability in the planning process and is continuing to campaign against the over-abstraction which has decimated local chalk streams.

Commenting, Mr Browne said: "Where and how we build new houses in South Cambridgeshire is being worked out right now, but we need to cut through the numbers and listen to those who will be most impacted by any proposals.

"Growth is to be expected and encouraged, but it is essential that residents' views are heard when it comes to the level of that growth. We need to seek sustainability, so everyone has total confidence that our area can cope with levels of development – that we won't face water

shortages, congestion or any other irreparably adverse impact on our quality of life in South Cambridgeshire.

"I'm asking everyone to please fill in this survey, so I can best represent your views and ensure your voice is heard in this important debate."

Link to survey:

<https://www.anthonybrowne.org/form/planning-survey>

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Anthony Browne MP

NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR, LINA NIETO



Educational support

We wrote to parents in February to announce the allocation of a further £15 voucher for eligible families and the reopening of the wider support scheme. We will be encouraging more parents to sign up for a free school meal.

Despite the Government's investment resulting in 4,500 laptops being distributed to children in need, our target is to secure sufficient funding to ensure that every child and young person in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has both the equipment and access to broadband that they need to maintain continuity of learning in their homes.

Donating laptops

We have established a partnership with the Youth Panel, Cambridge Digital Partnership, Cambridge 2030 and the Library Service on a campaign, Digital Drive Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, which includes setting up a collection and distribution network for anyone wishing to donate used Windows laptops to schools.

These will be collected by the Library Service and delivered to the Youth Panel which will remove and destroy all hard drives (and data)

and refurbish laptops so that they are in good working order. They will then be given to schools across the county for distribution to the children and young people who need them.

Every library in Cambridgeshire will be set up with a simple drop box located in the entrance which can be accessed during the published opening times:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisureculture/libraries/visit-a-library>

We are also creating an online system whereby businesses, other public bodies and individuals can make a financial donation in a fast, secure way. We have set up a dedicated inbox to manage enquiries:

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NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, DOUGLAS DE LACEY



Cabinet met at the beginning of February with an agenda largely focused on financial issues, including setting the 2021-2022 budget (at about £10M). It will be no surprise that COVID-19 has greatly affected our spending in 2020 and will continue to do so in 2021, but officers believe the budget proposals are robust and the risks clearly understood. Our aim is to support residents and businesses through the pandemic despite financial pressures.

Elections

The four Group Leaders met in January to discuss the forthcoming elections for County Members, the Mayor and the PCC. Unless they are postponed I intend to resign in March to enable the seat to be contested at the same time. Anyone like to stand? Do let me know!

Awards

On 27th January I attended the (on-line) Excellence Awards ceremony, and presented

the trophy for the best team. I was delighted that the whole Council had been nominated for this, and the judges gave this nomination the 'Highly Commended' award. This provided me with an opportunity again to congratulate officers on all they are doing for us. The award itself went to the Business Support and Development Team; a team only set up in June but which has done enormous work in helping our businesses access all the help we can possibly give them to survive the crisis of COVID-19.

Cambourne to Cambridge

As Cambourne grows so does the controversy over the Cambourne-to-Cambridge travel link, which has left the Combined Authority (the Mayor) and the Greater Cambridge Partnership (more-or-less, the councils) at loggerheads and stalemate. Now the latter has commissioned an independent audit of the project. The first task will be to prepare a statement of the key constraints and assumptions which underpin the selection of the preferred route. Local representative groups can then submit their views on the constraints and assumptions.

Memory

On 3rd February I asked that our flag be flown at half-mast in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore, who achieved so much in encouraging the nation to stick together in lockdown.

Local Plan

I mentioned last month that Council has agreed that Parish Councils should be given an early chance to assess Local Plan proposed sites in the Parish, and I have already had some responses from residents. I am sure the Parish Council will be happy to consider them, but please, we can only do so if they are evidence-based. This means that as well as identifying the site you will need to give detailed reasons for your objection citing chapter and verse of the NPPF or other planning documents. If your concern is flooding then please state exactly when and to what extent the site has flooded, preferably with photographs.

Cllr Douglas de Lacey

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(As this is the last issue to which Douglas will be contributing, as Editors we should like to thank him for providing relevant and timely copy for Madingley News over a number of years. His professionalism and support are much appreciated and will be missed. Eds)

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, TOM BYGOTT



Commitment to minimum wage

The District Council is making a commitment to pay all directly employed staff, as well as agency workers, at least £10 per hour – more than the Government's minimum wage and the Living Wage Foundation's Real Living Wage of £9.50 per hour. The arrangements will benefit 24 staff at the Council and cost only £13,300 for this financial year.

I support this policy as many essential services that we take for granted could not be delivered without the hard work and dedication of the staff who provide them.

'Shop Local' Directory

The Council has launched a 'Shop Local' directory to help local residents support local jobs and businesses, as increasingly more goods are bought online. It also directs people to find which services are still available, and which have been altered to respond to the challenges of the pandemic.

The directory lists many types of business, including local shops, restaurants, cafés and pubs, and for each business sets out what safety measures are being taken during the pandemic. However with changes in regulations, this information has been difficult to keep up-to-date, so should be interpreted alongside knowledge of current lockdown restrictions. www.scams.gov.uk/local-business-directory

Scams on getting a vaccine

As expected, scammers have been active throughout the pandemic. One recent scam has seen residents being sent a text message from scammers posing as the NHS, which includes a blue link, taking them to a fake webpage with NHS branding. The resident is then asked to 'confirm ownership of address' by providing their bank details.

Scammers claiming to be from the NHS are also telephoning residents, instructing them to press a key to confirm they'd like to receive the vaccine or asking for bank details as affirmation

to receive the vaccine. Other scammers are asking for payment to provide vaccinations.

Everyone is entitled to a COVID-19 vaccine free of charge and there is no need to pay or provide bank details and other private information.

Spreading misinformation

Another problem is misinformation about the safety of vaccines. Some of this is easy to spot, with outlandish stories about microchips and mind control. However, there is a more subtle form of anti-vaccination messaging circulating on social media that is based on pseudoscience.

The more people who choose to be vaccinated, the more quickly life can get back to normal. If many people choose not to be vaccinated, this creates a reservoir within which the virus can continue to circulate, giving the virus the chance to return in future waves, and enabling the emergence of mutations that lead to new strains. Not being vaccinated also increases the risk to those who, because of allergies or other medical issues, are genuinely not able to take one of the vaccines, putting further lives in danger.

Cllr Tom Bygott

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FREE TRANSPORT FOR VACCINATION

Panther Taxis is offering free transport (up to the value of £10 each way) in partitioned vehicles to those who need to get to their vaccination appointment. Call 01223 715715 or visit www.panthertaxis.co.uk

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24th	BLUE and GREEN
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21st	BLUE and GREEN
28th	BLACK

May

6th (Thursday)	BLUE and GREEN
12th	BLACK
19th	BLUE and GREEN
26th	BLACK

June

3rd (Thursday)	BLUE and GREEN
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15.03	15.25

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Drummer Street (Bay 3)	Madingley
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13.00	13.19
16.30	16.49

Stagecoach 4 bus

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

Madingley Road Park & Ride

Cambridge Park & Ride services were suspended from Sunday 24th January and as we go to press it is not known when they will be reinstated.

Citi 4 services are being diverted into the Park & Ride site from Monday to Sunday in order to collect and drop off passengers.

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).

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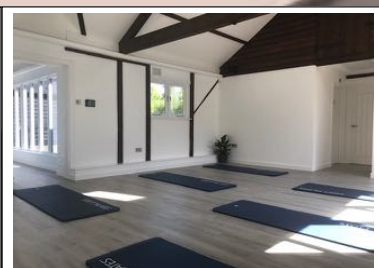
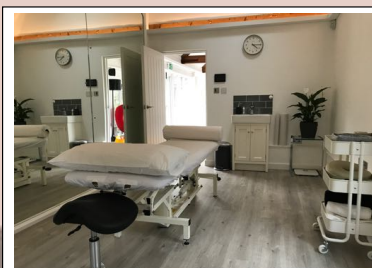
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