



# Madingley News

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*Moths by Madingley artist Georita Harriott (see page 3)*

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## FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the Spring issue of *Madingley News* – and thanks to all our contributors. This issue carries details of the many activities taking place in the Village over the next few months.

The next issue of *Madingley News* will be published on 10th June 2018 and the copy deadline for receipt of articles, photographs (jpeg attachments 1MB or more in size please) and advertisements is 10th May. We look forward to receiving your news and illustrations.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

In the December issue of *Madingley News* I promised to give an update on the consultation exercise we undertook last year to canvass Village opinion on permanently closing The Avenue. In total we had 62 forms returned. This was a decent response, taking into account the adult population of the Village and also allowing for the fact that a number of properties are currently unoccupied and that some residents named in our copy of the electoral roll have moved on. It was certainly enough to gain a good sense of the feeling within the Village, which was the primary objective of the exercise.

### Responses to consultation

Of the responses we received, 45 people (73%) were in favour of permanent closure, 14 (23%) were against and three (5%) responded “neither”. The comments in the responses provided a valuable insight into people’s thoughts. For those in favour, the predominant concerns related to nuisance generated by the volume of traffic and the size and weight of vehicles using our roads, and the physical damage this is causing to the Village infrastructure and (in some cases) private properties. For those against, and also those in the “neither” camp, there was some concern over loss of connectivity and accessibility but the overwhelming concern related to the marked increase in traffic on Dry Drayton Road and how this is turning into a very dangerous route.

The Parish Council is certainly aware of these latter concerns and this was discussed at length at the very well attended Parish Council meeting in November last year. What we took from that meeting was a desire from the Village to carry out a more formal, quantitative traffic census to allow comparison with results from earlier studies that preceded the current closure of The Avenue. As a consequence, we commissioned a third-party company to install monitoring points

on every road in the Village for a week in February (you may have seen the sensors across the roads). This should allow us to build up a clearer picture of actual vehicle movements during the current temporary closure and we’ll advise you of the outcome in due course.

### Re-opening of The Avenue



You may have spotted that The Avenue shows no sign of being anywhere close to re-opening on its target date this Spring. This is because the A14 / Local Access Road development has clearly not progressed according to plan. We are trying to establish from Highways England what the revised date for the re-opening is likely to be.

One thing this consultation exercise has thrown into the spotlight is the challenge of trying to make things better in the Village without simultaneously disadvantaging ourselves. Some survey respondents rightly pointed out that they didn’t want The Avenue closed because they’d like to be able to make use of it (although some may find the new connectivity more restrictive than the pre-closure connectivity), but the flip side of this is that we may have to tolerate potentially significantly higher volumes of non-villager traffic. We have to decide what we value more.

### Camborne to Cambridge busway

Similar considerations apply to the other big consultation exercise we’ve had in recent months, the Greater Cambridge Partnership’s survey on the Cambourne to Cambridge Better Bus Journeys (Phase One) scheme. One thing we suffer from in the Village is a poor bus service. Having a new Park and Ride site close to hand just off Madingley Mulch roundabout would bring with it (reasonably) convenient access to a frequent bus service into Cambridge, which definitely has appeal. But the flip side of this is that it would also potentially bring with it much worse congestion on the roundabout, a further increase in traffic through the Village,



noise and light pollution and an unacceptable environmental impact. For these reasons the Parish Council has taken the view that the disadvantages significantly outweigh any benefits and has therefore opposed the Waterworks site as a potential P&R location. We submitted a response as part of the consultation, which may or may not get considered, and you can read the full text on our Parish website at

<http://www.madingleyparish.net> (follow the 'Parish Council' link in the navigation sidebar). We're not alone in dismissing the Waterworks site: in 2015 the Greater Cambridge Partnership's own consultants dismissed any site to the south-west of the roundabout as completely impractical, to the extent that it didn't even make the long-list in the original 2015 P&R consultation – it's only returned to the agenda now because all other potential locations around Madingley Mulch roundabout have subsequently been rejected!

If you read our response on the website you will see it's not simply NIMBY'ism, but a genuine concern that what's currently proposed won't achieve its objectives. The Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership is currently promoting a series of fragmented, isolated schemes and it's difficult to see how these will combine into an effective overall transport system. We're urging the Partnership to produce a clear strategic vision and explain how any current proposals positively contribute to that vision.

#### **Parish website**

On the subject of the Parish website, we're conscious that the current one is not particularly fit for purpose and we're in the process of commissioning a new site. This is with the help of some finance from the Transparency Fund that will allow us to meet our obligations under the Transparency Code (this is legislation which aims to increase democratic accountability by requiring smaller local authorities such as parish councils to publish key spending and governance information online). We hope the new website will allow us to improve our communications generally. I'll keep you posted with progress.

Finally, you may have noticed a Highways England notice appearing at the entrance point to the Girton Footpath (across the road from the 800 Wood) indicating that the footpath is closed. This is misleading because what the notice was trying to indicate is the path is closed approximately 1km further down (where the A14 / A428 construction works are taking place). The section of path up to this point is still open

and everyone is welcome to use it. Highways England has indicated that it will change the wording, but in the meantime the Parish Council has put up a corrective notice of its own.

#### **Stuart Hawkins**

Chairman, Madingley Parish Council

#### **FRONT COVER: 'MOTHS'**

The illustration you see on the cover of 15 European moths was drawn from the vast collection of moths from all over the world at the Museum of Zoology, Cambridge University. The illustration is one of a range of images commissioned for museum cards, to showcase the bio-diversity of specimens of plants, animals, insects and shells in the University's combined collections.

The aim was to convey the beauty and fascination of moths and the wealth of variety in moth anatomy and morphology to new audiences. Some of the moths are commonly recognizable. Included in the illustration are the brown and orange Garden Tiger moth, *Arctia caja*, which was observed in gardens when I was a child. Now rarely seen in gardens, it haunts open rough ground. In the centre is the splendid Oleander Hawk-moth, *Daphnis nerii*. A migrant to Britain from North Africa and southern Europe, it takes up nectar from flowers at night, and is one of the most beautiful when freshly emerged with rich shades of green which can fade quickly to dull browns. Just underneath is the pretty little Yellow Shell moth, *Camptogramma bilineata*, quite common throughout the UK. I have found several this year in the house, and was charmed by the golden yellow wing pattern. The barks are drawn from wanderings in the University's 800 Wood and include Osier willow, *Salix viminalis*, Beech, *Fagus sylvatica* and Hazel, *Corylus avellana*.

Scientific illustration is a synthesis of art and science. The museum illustrator has to have a knowledge of the history of art, drawing and design in order to come to the subject in hand with a fresh eye. At best the beauty of an illustration has a scientific enchantment, an intensity of observation of the detail often unseen. Scientific illustration is also a search for truth, using a probing analytical pencil; drawing is a language in its own right, but a forgotten one. The good illustrator engages and communicates the importance of the study and the preservation of a threatened natural world.

#### **Georita Harriott**

Illustrator to the Royal Botanic Garden, Kew and to the Cambridge Museums Syndicate

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Saturday 17th March, 7.15pm**

Madingley Village Hall  
Village Quiz

### **Saturday 17th March**

Madingley Hall  
Open Day

### **Thursday 22nd March, 7.30pm**

Madingley Village Hall  
Madingley History Group  
Talk by Dr Seppe Cassettari

### **Sunday 25th March, 11.00am**

Madingley Parish Church  
Palm Sunday Service

### **Sunday 25th March**

Madingley Hall  
Cambridge Science Festival

### **Friday 30th March, 11.00am**

Madingley Parish Church  
Good Friday Service

### **Sunday 1st April, 11.00am**

Madingley Parish Church  
Easter Day Service

### **Thursday 19th April, 7.30pm**

Madingley Village Hall  
Parish Council Meeting

### **Sunday 22nd April, 9.30–11.30am**

Madingley Village Hall  
Village Sunday Breakfast

### **Thursday 17th May, 7.30pm**

Madingley Village Hall  
Madingley History Group  
Talk by Dr Rosemary Horrox

### **Thursday 31st May, 7.30pm**

Madingley Village Hall  
Parish Council Meeting

### **Saturday 7th July**

Madingley Hall  
Cambridge Festival of Creative Writing

### **Thursday 12th July, 7.30pm**

Madingley Village Hall  
Parish Council Meeting

## **MADINGLEY ROYAL MAIL COLLECTION TIMES (AS THEY ARE ADVERTISED)**

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

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

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

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999

Non-Emergency

101

Crime Stoppers

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101

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## CHURCH NEWS

It did not bode well, that Sunday morning in December when we woke up to the sight of the first snow of the Winter falling in a steady and determined manner. It looked as if I would manage to get to church in the morning for the regular Sunday service, but there appeared to be a strong chance that the Christingle service planned for the afternoon, was going to have no families able to attend, and quite possibly no-one to take the service. Mercifully, the snow began to ease off during the morning service, and that which had already fallen was very wet and did not freeze during the day, so the early fears for the Christingle turned out to be unfounded. Almost everyone who had planned to come was able to come, and so our Christmas celebrations began not only with the joy that this season brings, but also with a huge sense of relief. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Anna Baldwin, who is adept at encouraging people to come, and also providing me with all the information I needed.

The following week the weather was better, and so we were saved from any further worry on that score as we held our Service of Lessons and Carols, and followed it with wine, home-made Madingley apple juice, and home-made biscuits. It was wonderful to welcome some of the families who had been to our Christingle, to this service too. During this run up to Christmas, we were also delighted to welcome the Stephen Perse Pre-Preparatory School for its Carol Concert. The ability of the children to remember the words and music is remarkable, and they sang with evident enjoyment and enthusiasm. We are grateful to the school for encouraging the parents to contribute to a retiring collection for our building project, which they did with great generosity. A week later Madingley Hall held its Service of Lessons and Carols in the church, and despite the 'flu which had been affecting a large proportion of the workers, they were able to come and mark the beginning of their Christmas celebrations in the traditional manner. They were good enough, too, to contribute to the West End project with their retiring collection. After all this activity, we reached the peak of our Christmas celebrations with the traditional

midnight service on Christmas Eve, and the family Eucharist on Christmas Day morning.

This year Easter will be early again, so that we hardly had time to draw breath after Christmas, before we were making plans for Lent and Easter. As always, the service on Mothering Sunday at 11am, which falls on 11th March, will be suitable for all the family. Also during Lent we will be holding five weekly meetings in the Village Hall on Wednesdays at 7:30pm, starting on 21st February, to learn about the enormous variety of styles of prayer which are part of the Christian tradition. I am always frustrated by the fact that the Church does such a poor job of drawing attention to the vast treasury of resources which are available to us, so this is a small attempt at putting this right, at least in our small community! Everyone is welcome, and each session stands on its own, so if you can come to some and not others, it is still possible to get some benefit from it. And of course, it would not be a Madingley Church event if it did not include home-made biscuits and coffee or tea.

The subject of refreshments brings us on to our West End Development Project, which will provide us with simple kitchen facilities and an accessible loo, amongst other things. Our fundraising, which has been taking place for the past 18 months, has met with a quite amazingly generous response from the local community, and also from family and friends who live further afield. There has been a lot of work put in in the past few months to review the project and see where savings might be made, to ensure that we are making best use of the funds which have come in. We now have sufficient in the bank to approach major grant allocating bodies to ask for their support; (many require that a substantial percentage of the needed amount should have been raised already locally, before they will consider applications). This is immensely encouraging, and we are extremely grateful to all who have given their support to our campaign to ensure that the church remains viable as a centre for community activity in the 21st century and beyond.

**Rev'd Christine Barrow**

**Sunday 25th March**

Palm Sunday

**Friday 30th March**

Good Friday

**Sunday 1st April**

Easter Day

All services at 11.00am, including a simple reflective service on Good Friday



## MADINGLEY HISTORY GROUP

Forthcoming meetings (held in the Village Hall):

Thursday 22nd March at 7.30pm

**Dr Seppe Cassettari**

*'Balsham mapping 1617 to today - the basis for a history project'*

We are delighted to welcome Dr Cassettari, who will take a brief look at the different maps of the Village, sources and how to access them and ways to create a reference for your local history project.

Dr Cassettari is CEO of The GeoInformation Group (now part of Verisk inc) and is highly respected as a visionary and leader in the UK's mapping and GIS industry. He is a past president of The British Cartographic Society and founder council member of the Association for Geographic Information. He received his PhD in GIS from London University whilst working for the Ministry of Defence in a range of mapping and intelligence roles. Over the last 35 years he has published widely, worked on GIS projects in many countries around the world and collaborated with many of the GIS visionaries. Among his many achievements he rates UKMap as the most ground breaking and the London Mapping Festival in 2012 as the most fun.

Thursday 17th May at 7.30pm

**Dr Rosemary Horrox**

*'Tudor Cambridge'*



Dr Rosemary Horrox

Dr Horrox is an English historian, specialising in the political culture of late medieval England, patronage and society. She is a Fellow of Fitzwilliam College at the University of Cambridge, and a Director of Studies in the History Department.

Annual membership of the 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).

## NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN CEMETERY

**'A cold coming they had of it,'**

*(The Journey of the Magi, T S Eliot)*

... and it certainly has been a cold Winter when hardly a week seems to pass without snow showers. Yet, Spring must be on the way as the snowdrops have come out in the wood. Next, the bluebells, and then the warmer weather will truly be on its way.

As usual the Winter months at Cambridge American Cemetery see fewer visitors, but are busy for us as we get to do all the things that are impossible during the hectic Summer months. We have been working on presentations for the National Association of Interpreters European Conference in Reims, France. Otherwise known as the NAI this is the US body with which ABMC is affiliated and by whom we are trained as Certified Interpreters. The theme for the April 2018 conference is 'Inspiring Critical Thinking'. ABMC will be hosting a field trip to our First World War cemetery at Aisne-Marne, to include Belleau Wood and a sneak preview of the new Visitor Centre at Chateau Thierry. We are also giving two presentations; one by interpreters from our Normandy cemetery; the other by Cambridge staff.

However, even though it is Winter, we still take tours around the site. It can be very cold, but I always ask visitors to remember the Atlantic and Arctic Convoys, which brought goods from the USA to Britain all year round: initially as part of the Lend-Lease programme, then later to supply the American troops in Britain prior to the invasion of France. They travelled in escorted convoys for protection. Should ships be attacked in these icy waters, mariners who had survived a sinking could then face freezing to death. Time was of the essence, as there was only a 20-30 minute window of opportunity to effect a successful rescue.



CGC Northland

The escorts were a mixture of US Navy and US Coast Guard ships. In time of war the Coast Guard is elevated to a military role, unlike our purely civilian force. Flying from ships like the cutter *CGC Northland*, Coast Guard aviators would fly reconnaissance, search and rescue, and depth charge missions. Unlike aircraft carriers, there was no flight deck, so the Grumman J2-F Seaplanes were lowered to the sea and retrieved by a crane.

In November 1942, having already successfully rescued a downed Canadian aircrew from the Greenland ice cap, Lt John H Pritchard and his radioman RM1C Benjamin A Bottoms volunteered to return to the ice cap a few days later. The weather was appalling with fog, winds, ice and snowstorms. This time they were looking for a downed B-17 bomber crew. John landed the Grumman - with wheels retracted - on the ice, picked up three survivors and ferried them back to the warmth and comfort of the *Northland*. Despite the snowstorm, John and Benjamin chose to return. After picking up the last airman, John piloted the Grumman through worsening fog and blinding snow squalls. Before they could reach safety, his aircraft crashed, with the loss of all on board.

The names of John Pritchard and Benjamin Bottoms are inscribed on the Wall of the Missing, here at Cambridge American Cemetery. Both were posthumous recipients of the Distinguished Flying Cross.



RM1C Benjamin A Bottoms



1Lt John H Pritchard

**Suzi Harrison**, Interpretative Guide  
American Cemetery, Maddingley

## NEWS FROM MADINGLEY HALL

### ICE Open Day

Saturday 17th March 2018

Join the University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education for its annual Open Day at Maddingley Hall. Find out about ICE's wide range of part-time and short courses for adults. Hear University experts speaking on their specialist subjects, and get a flavour of what it's

like to study at the Hall. You can view the full programme and book your place on the Institute's website, at:

<https://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/event/open-day-institute-continuing-education-2018>

### Cambridge Science Festival

Sunday 25th March 2018

The Institute of Continuing Education (ICE) is taking part in the Cambridge Science Festival in 2018 with three events at Maddingley Hall:

- **Good germs, bad germs: how do we know?** (2.00pm – 5.00pm) Learn how our bodies can tell which germs are good for us and which are bad, with a collection of hands-on activities. Suitable for all ages. No booking required.
- **Herbs and their sensory secrets** (2.00pm – 5.00pm) Explore and discuss your senses, with practical experiments involving feel, taste, smell and hearing, with a local professional herbalist.
- **Infection and control: sensing friend or foe** (2.30pm – 3.30pm). Discover how our body senses the threat of infection, determines which microbes are friend or foe, and deals with infection control. Suitable for ages 15+.
- **Lifelong learning in the sciences: helping us make sense of the world** (3:45pm – 4:45pm). Science is all around us. Join in this panel discussion and explore why (and how) we should all be learning more about science. Suitable for ages 15+.

Full details and online booking can be found at:  
<https://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/event/cambridge-science-festival-2018>

### Cambridge Festival of Creative Writing

Saturday 7th July 2018

We are delighted to announce a new annual festival of creative writing. To mark our partnership with the BBC National Short Story Award, this year's festival will celebrate the short story. Join us for this one-day event, featuring talks, seminars, panel discussions and workshops by leading short story writers, academics and representatives from the world of publishing.

Preliminary details can be found at:

<https://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/event/cambridge-festival-creative-writing>

### Coming soon... Summer Festival 2018

Maddingley Hall will once again be hosting a Summer Festival from June to September, featuring a wide range of events in the Hall and Gardens. These will include open-air theatre



and cinema shows, themed evenings, dinners, talks and open garden events. The full programme will be announced in Spring on the Institute's website, so please watch this page: <https://www.madingleyhall.co.uk/events/the-ice-summer-festival>

### **Paul Ireland**

Communications and Marketing Manager

### **Walking in Madingley Hall grounds**

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the death of the landscape designer Humphrey Repton who followed and evolved the 18th Century landscape style particularly of 'Capability' Brown. Repton didn't work at Madingley Hall but the Earl of Hardwicke did commission him to work at nearby Wimpole Hall.

Until further notice, the University continues to allow permissive access to the CB 300 path, which has been refreshed with wood chip and the posts painted and spruced up over the Winter. There are a few small changes to the route, and the plan (opposite) shows where

permissive access is now allowed. Whilst the University reserves the right to withdraw or amend access routes, or make temporary closures when events or works require, generally the route shown with a solid red line will be open to the public during daylight hours. The route marked with a dashed red line will be open to the public during daylight hours *except* when the field immediately in front of the Hall is being grazed. The path linking the CB300 walk with the Park Lane car park has been added to the permissive route, but due to the declining condition of the Horse Chestnut avenue leading from the Hall Garden to the former Boathouse site opposite the island, access to this avenue is now prohibited and signs to this effect have been put in place. The stile at the garden end will be removed.

We hope these paths and walks will continue to be enjoyed but we do ask that dog owners respect this and ensure they clear up after their dogs. Please note that dogs are not permitted within the Hall gardens.

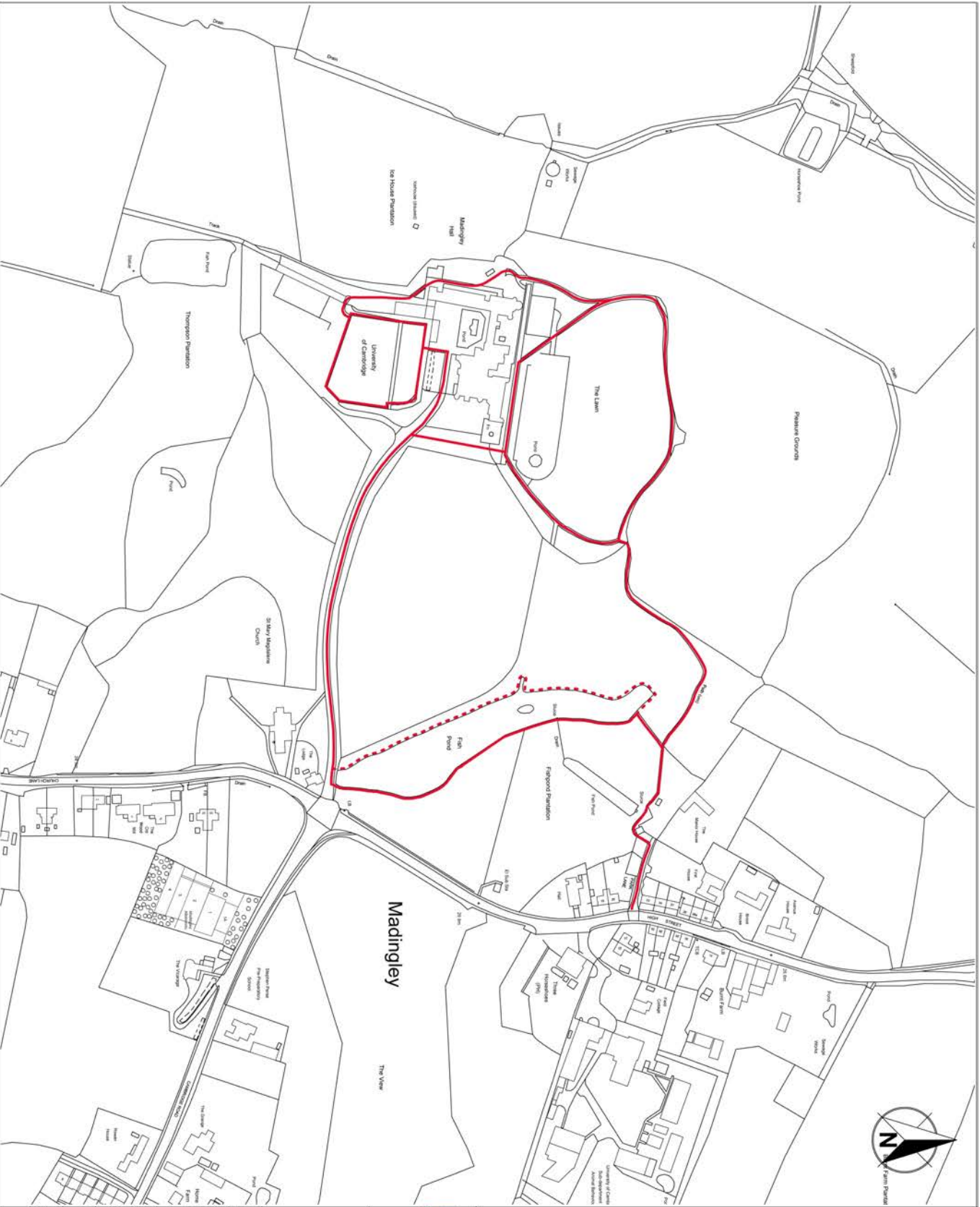
### **Richard Gant**

Head Gardener



Madingley Hall Lake, photographed recently by Chris Baldwin





— CB 300 Walk  
 - - - - - Additional route open when paddock is not being grazed



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Site Location	Maddingly Hall Permissive Access
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Project/Building	Corporate Vision Level
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## MADINGLEY VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting of the Madingley Village Hall Trust was held on 12th December. The Trustees and Officers for the Village Hall for 2017 – 18 are:

Chris Baldwin (Chairman)  
Roger Buckley  
Rev'd Christine Barrow  
Janet Dean  
John Freegard (Health & Safety Officer)  
Virginia King (Treasurer)  
John Naughton (Secretary)  
Saryu Patel  
Peter Teversham (Safeguarding)

We are grateful to Independent Examiner Mark Robinson for auditing the Annual Accounts.

The Chairman reported:

"Over the year the Hall has been used by the Parish Council, Madingley Social Club, Madingley Cricket Club, Madingley Parish Church and Madingley History Group. It has also provided a venue for Village children's parties and other family gatherings. In addition the Hall has been used for an Art Class each Monday for three terms, a regular movement class, for National Elections, by Cambridge Acre, by the District Council and other local authority organisations for training sessions, for band rehearsals, for private hires for a wedding reception and parties and for public information days regarding the A14 road development and other Madingley highways issues.



The Hall decorated for a first birthday party (February 2018)

"The Village Hall has been used for 282 sessions during the year (309 sessions last year). The reduction in bookings has come from fewer business hires and from the decision not

to host wedding celebrations and late night parties. The Hall continues to retain repeat bookings and new business is secured through recommendation and the Cambridgeshire Acre 'Halls For Hire' webpage.

"The designated car park at the end of the Three Horseshoes car park continues to be of great benefit to users of the Hall in providing a safe and secure place to park. We are grateful for the occasional use of the University of Cambridge Department of Zoology car park in providing extra spaces when needed.

"The brick boundary wall on the North side of the grassed area has been rebuilt along half of its length. This has been an excellent improvement to the site though serving to highlight that some work is now required to the exterior doors and walls of the Hall. This year we are planning to undertake external redecoration of the whole building."

The **2018 VILLAGE QUIZ** will be held on **Saturday 17th March**. Doors open at 7.15 pm and the Quiz starts at 7.30p.m. Profits from the evening will go to the Village Hall Maintenance Fund. Chris Baldwin writes:

Teams of five or six are invited to pit their wits against each other for a light-hearted, social evening. Teams can include members from your club, workplace, family and neighbourhood – 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, let me know; I will put you in contact with neighbours needing more players on their team.

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

### **MADINGLEY VILLAGE HALL SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT THE VILLAGE HALL on Sunday 22nd April, 9.30 – 11.30am**

Bacon baps (or vegetarian alternative) served with tea, coffee or orange juice

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

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



## THE A14 STORIES PROJECT

Last September saw the launch of a very special project at the Institute of Continuing Education at the University of Cambridge. Supported by the government's A14 Community Fund, the Institute began a creative writing programme inspired by the redevelopment of the A14. As part of this, they advertised for a voluntary A14 Writer In Residence – and after interviews, I was offered the position.

I spent three days a week, for six weeks from September, exploring Madingley, Cambridge and the surrounding areas. During my explorations I spoke to a lot of people (perhaps you were one of them!) and learnt more about the A14 and its relationship with the people of the local area. One highlight was when I walked from Madingley to the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial. As somebody with an American GI grandfather, this was an incredible experience and I spent quite some time writing whilst sitting on the marble benches and letting the atmosphere wash over me. Another highlight (and trust me this took a lot of planning!) was when I got the bus from Cambridge to Madingley, and walked back up to Madingley Hall in the setting sun. I also did some events with local schools and had the time of my life talking to children about creative writing and then reading their stories about unicorns, dragons and cars made of chocolate.

After my time in the area came to an end, my colleagues at the Institute took over and delivered a series of free writing classes. The final stage of this project will be in 2018 and will see the launch of an anthology, which will comprise the best work generated by the project. You can see a sample of the things we've been receiving by visiting our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/A14stories> – and even if you don't have a Facebook account, all of the content should still be viewable. We've had non-fiction, children's stories and medieval murder mysteries, and you're more than welcome to come and add your contribution.

The more I spoke to people in the area, the more I came to understand the position of the A14 in people's lives. It's easy to see the A14 as something negative. Trust me, I did the same when I was delayed on it after a three hour journey. It's not easy to associate something like that with a creative writing project – and I do get that. But my part in this project has been to offer an alternative reading (no pun intended!).

Poetry doesn't have to be written by people you've never heard of. And it doesn't need to be all about daffodils in the Lake District, either.

Stories don't have to be set in some distant fairytale space. Poetry and writing occur on your doorstep and are often all the more powerful for doing so. People experience the A14 on a daily basis; it's part of life. Why not turn that experience into something positive – something creative? On my journeys up and down, I began to see the road and the surrounding area as a canvas for opportunity. Whether that was picking up an imaginary Emily Dickinson just past junction 35, or getting the park and ride into town, I began to realise that a road isn't really a road at all. It's about people; those who live, work and love in the area. And the stories that I've been told have reflected that; I've heard of relationships being lost and found, spoken with grandparents pausing for a break at the service station, and listened to stories of getting lost in the road closures late at night.

I'm so grateful to everyone who has participated, and so generously shared their story. And, as I mentioned above, there's still time for you to share your story. I'd love to hear it.

**Daisy Johnson, A14 Writer in Residence**  
University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education (ICE)



Writing at Madingley Hall (Daisy Johnson)

## NEWS FROM OUR MP, HEIDI ALLEN



Heidi Allen at PMQs in October 2017

Some of the most productive local meetings I have attended recently have been with the Whippet Bus Company, Royal Papworth and Addenbrooke's Hospitals, the County Council and Greater Cambridge Partnership.

The meeting with Whippet was to discuss concerns about the reliability of the X3 bus which serves Papworth, Cambourne and the surrounding area. Whippet reassured me that the issues of reliability passengers experienced towards the end of last year had been resolved. But they also indicated that the service costs more to run than the revenue it generates, so it is vital people use the service to ensure its future.

### Partnership

As Royal Papworth will be relocated to the Addenbrooke's campus later in the year, I figured there must be some kind of win/win situation possible. Staff will need to get to the campus and the bus needs more customers! A second meeting with all affected parties saw us develop this proposal further and I'd like to say thank you to everyone involved for working with such a clear and open sense of partnership. I'll keep you updated with progress, but I'm hoping we can build a more resilient X3 service and help the Royal Papworth Hospital too.

### Magistrates Court

Last month saw the Ministry of Justice launch a consultation on the closure of Cambridge Magistrates' Court. The consultation proposes that the work of the Court would be transferred to Cambridge County Court, Huntingdon Law Courts, Peterborough Magistrates' Court or Cambridge Crown Court. The consultation revealed that Cambridge Magistrates' Court sat for 2,376 hours out of a possible 7,620 hours in 2016/17. I have written to the Ministry of Justice to raise some questions about the consultation. A copy of the letter is available on my website – details below. The consultation is open until 29th March. Please do have your say:

[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cambridge-magistrates-court-proposal-on-its-future](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cambridge-magistrates-court-proposal-on-its-future)

### A14 upgrade

As the A14 upgrade continues apace, I coordinated a meeting with Highways England and a number of landowners who are affected by the project. I appreciate the work has been causing some difficulties for residents in some of the neighbouring villages (including rat running through my own village of Elsworth!) As such, I will hold future meetings with Highways England to monitor progress and issues, so please do keep an eye on my website where I post a weekly update on the work being undertaken in our area.

### National issues

Although in Village magazines I deliberately tend to focus on local concerns, I continue to be busy on national issues in Parliament too. This month has seen me raise a range of matters from questioning the bosses of Carillion about the collapse of the company to speaking in the House about the Government's welcome changes to Personal Independent Payment awards for people with mental health conditions.

The above is a brief snap-shot of my work at Westminster but my website ([www.heidsouthcambs.co.uk](http://www.heidsouthcambs.co.uk)) is regularly updated with more information and topics. If you have concerns or views about a local or national issue, please do call in to one of my surgeries (details are on my website) or contact me by email: [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk) You can also telephone my Westminster office on 020 7219 5091 about national issues or my constituency office on 01223 830037 for local concerns.

### Heidi Allen MP

### CHANGES AT THE THREE HORSESHOES

The new owners write:

'At Cambscuisine we are very excited to be launching a new chapter at The Three Horseshoes. We are trying to make the place more approachable and inclusive; more of a local, and more of a place you could visit when 'you can't be bothered to cook'. As you may have heard, the white tablecloths have come off and we're delivering a more traditional menu with more comfort dishes. We've knocked 80p off the price of a pint. Please feel very welcome to pop in for just a drink with your dog, or just for a bite to eat, and come and see us if you haven't already...

Best wishes from the team at The Three Horseshoes and Cambscuisine.'



## FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

I recently wrote [elsewhere – Eds.] about the 'CAM Metro', and described the possible new vehicle (see picture) that James Palmer, the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, has been championing; the Greater Cambridge Partnership shares his view that it could revolutionise mass public transport in our area. (It's important to note that word 'mass': it would only run on routes where there is a lot of demand from passengers, and wouldn't replace rural buses between minor villages, which would still be the main form of connection for them.) I thought I'd discuss where it might go.



The CAM Metro

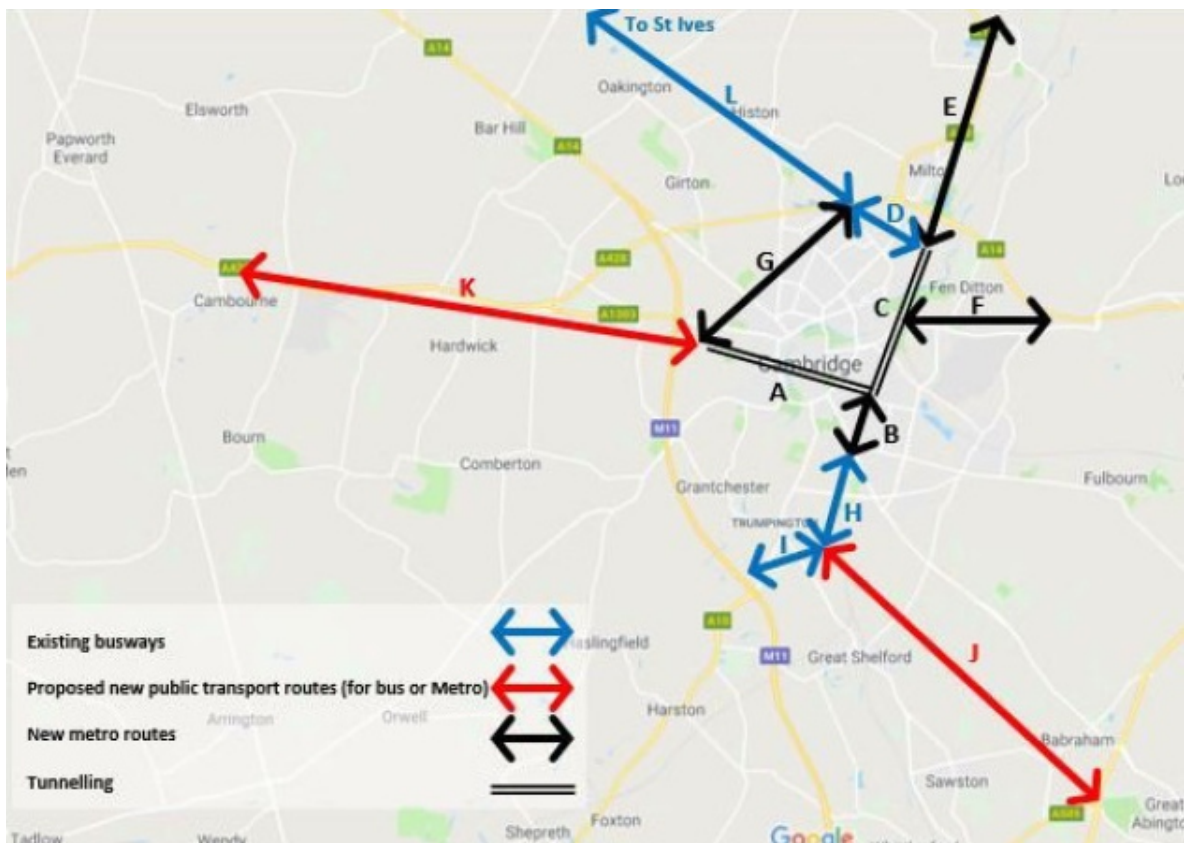
It's about 30 miles as the crow flies from St Neots to Haverhill, and about the same distance from Ely to Royston. That gives you an idea of the ambition: to create a network of routes within a circle centred on Cambridge and with a diameter of roughly 15 miles.

- Going north-west, the existing guided busway to St Ives (which is already heavily used) could perhaps be converted for use by CAM Metro vehicles
- Going west to St Neots, it might use whatever route is chosen (perhaps this July) for the Cambourne-to-Cambridge busway
- Going north to Ely, we're going to examine possibilities for an off-road route broadly parallel (but not necessarily close to) the A10. The immediate need is to provide better mass public transport links between Cambridge and the planned new settlement on the former Waterbeach Barracks (which could be around 10,000 new homes), but ultimately the vision is for it to stretch all the way to Ely
- Going south-east, there used to be a railway line from Cambridge past Linton and on to Haverhill, and it would be interesting to see whether this could be re-used for the CAM Metro
- Going east to Newmarket and south to Royston might also be considered

And the most interesting (but most expensive) possibility is for tunnelling within the City itself, as it's clearly fairly pointless to whizz passengers from outlying towns and villages to the edge of the City, if they then just crawl through the traffic within the City. More about that later!

In the meantime, this map is an informal schematic of what the vision could look like.

**Francis Burkitt**, District Councillor



## REPORTING NON-EMERGENCIES ONLINE

Non-emergency situations can now be reported to the police online if people would rather do so than call 101.

In October last year Cambridgeshire Constabulary re-launched its website with added functionality to report non-emergencies via specially-designed forms or a live webchat.

The live webchat option enables people to communicate directly with a member of staff in the control room, just as would be the case when calling 101. Online forms are processed in the same way as a call and the person reporting can expect a response within 24 hours.

As a result of the high level of demand, there are often queues when calling 101. Reporting online is quick, easy and free of charge.



Supt James Sutherland

Superintendent James Sutherland said: "In the digital age people are doing more and more online. I'm pleased that our website now has increased capability to allow people to contact us in this way.

"The system went through a thorough testing process and has been used successfully thousands of times since being introduced. Feedback from a recent survey suggested that some people wanted to communicate directly with a person rather than submitting an online form. The webchat function allows people to do exactly that. Reports submitted online are treated in the same way as when people call 101 and will receive the same outcome."

To view the online reporting section of the constabulary's website visit [www.cambs.police.uk/report/](http://www.cambs.police.uk/report/). The live webchat function is available by clicking on the green icon on the bottom right of the page.

**Emergencies should still be reported by telephoning 999.**

## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

With the return of longer daylight hours, Community Speedwatch surveys are resuming, thanks to the loyal support of our volunteers. Our survey teams and local residents alike observe that traffic speeds reduce dramatically while we're conducting surveys in the Village. Slower speeds and more considerate driving mean a safer, quieter environment for everyone.

Bearing in mind there are several rural roads around the Village, here are a few facts from Think! the road safety campaign by the Department for Transport:

- 59% of all fatalities occur on country roads
- three people die each day on average on country roads
- the number of people killed on country roads is nearly ten times higher than on motorways

Some rural road safety advice from the Think! campaign follows:

The best drivers read the road ahead and anticipate potential hazards. Look out for upcoming bends, hidden dips, blind summits and concealed entrances.

Country roads often have sharp bends. To stay in control and give yourself time to react to unexpected hazards, brake before the bend, not in it.

Overgrown verges, bushes and trees on country roads can block your view and potentially obscure an oncoming hazard. Always drive at a speed which will allow you to stop in the distance you can see to be clear. Allow more time to stop on wet or slippery surfaces.

The speed limit is a limit, not a target. The national speed limit on single carriage roads is 60mph, but there will be times you need to drive under that in order to drive correctly for the conditions. In fact most people do on these roads – the average free flow speed is 48mph.

If you get stuck behind a slow moving vehicle be patient. Dips in roads, bends and other junctions joining your road often hide oncoming vehicles, so unless it's absolutely safe, don't overtake.

If passing more vulnerable road users such as horse riders, cyclists and walkers, pass wide and slow.

Even if you're familiar with a country road, never take it for granted, as the conditions can be different every time.

If you're interested to join our team of volunteers, please contact the Editors who will pass on your details.

**Speedwatch Secretariat**



## 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 but its route covered by citi 5 and citi 6.

### Stagecoach Bus (Monday to Friday only)

Outbound (citi 5):

Madingley	Emmanuel Street (E4)
07.21	07.57

Inbound (citi 6):

Emmanuel Street (E4)	Madingley
17.55	18.37

### 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.

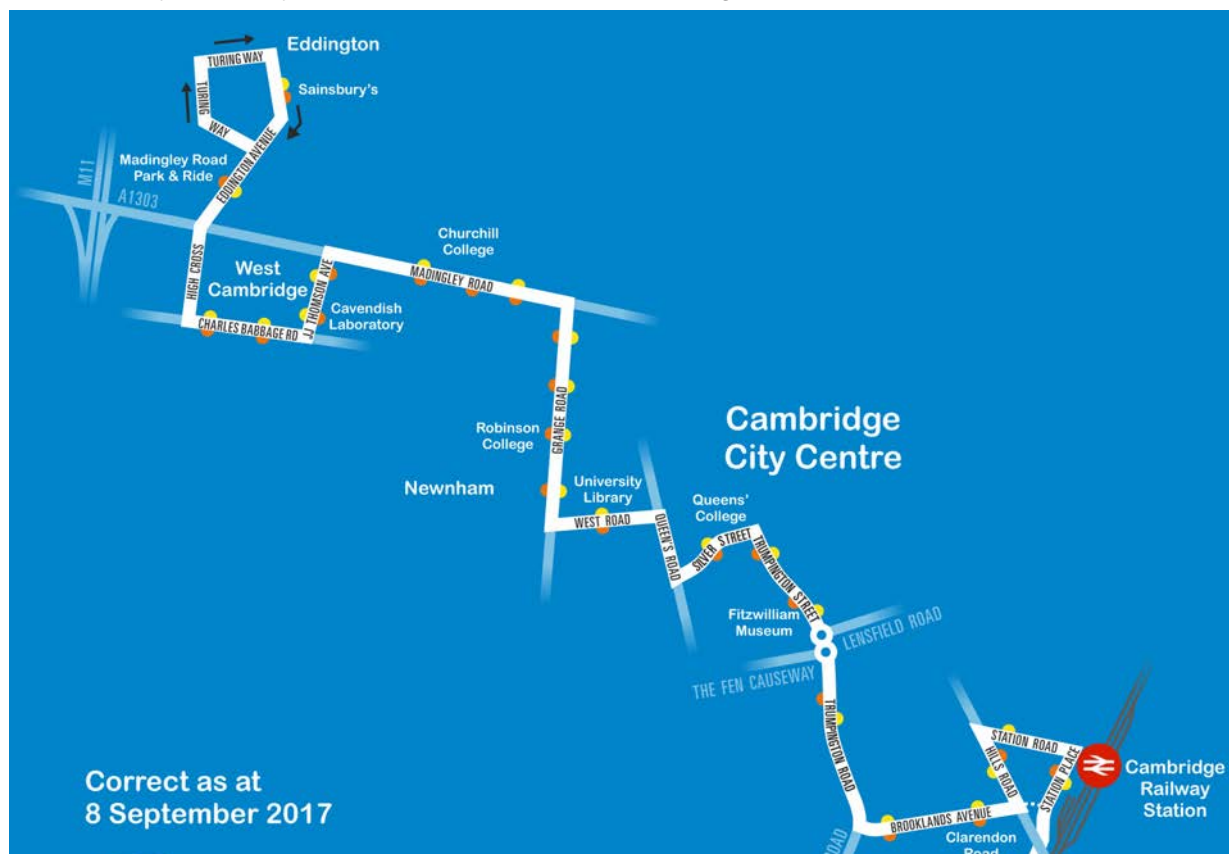
In addition, charges are made for parking at Cambridge Park & Ride sites, though the first hour is free:

- 1 to 18 hours: £1
- 18 to 24 hours: £10
- 24 to 48 hours: £20
- 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. However, they are still liable to pay the parking charge.

**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/>



## 'WEDNESDAY B' BIN COLLECTIONS

### March

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14th: BLUE and GREEN  
21st: BLACK  
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### April

6th (Friday): BLACK  
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### May

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## Yoga Classes



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5th, 12th, 17th (Tuesday) April (£24)  
10th, 17th, 24th, 31st May (£28)  
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th June (£28)  
Drop-in rate £9 per class

Please come with a yoga mat and a blanket for Yoga Flow classes

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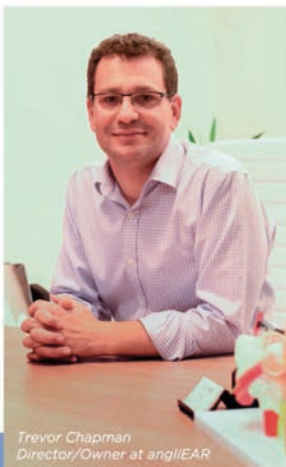
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