



## **Spring Social**

**on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 am to midday**

**St Thomas's Hall, Ancaster Way, a week before Mothers' Day.**

**Pop in before or after your shopping (or instead of!)**

**For children – 10.30 to 11.15am**

Make a little chocolate treat for your mum – and it's free. Buy a lovely book for 50p. Dip into a chocolatey bran tub.

**For parents and anyone else who wants to** – come and have a cup of tea and a chat – tea, coffee, squash, home-made cakes. First drink and cake free.

11-30am – an informal AGM – no hassle – just a chance to have a say in what we do. PLEASE COME – even if just to say hello!

**A gentle time for children and their adults and any other resident who'd like to come.**

News is overleaf.

### **Email – PLEASE – a second chance!**

We've had 50 responses to our plea for your email addresses (only 600 or so to go!) For those who have responded, we will send both by email and door this time – so please look in your spam box.

For those others who have email – **please** send us your email address.

**Send an email to [birdwoodara@gmail.com](mailto:birdwoodara@gmail.com)** with your postal address in the subject (number and road). We don't need to know your name and you don't need to write anything else. Then we can send your newsletter by email and this will help to keep costs down and make the workload manageable.

### **Lakes Project – There will be a public consultation and exhibition – have your say.**

Dates:

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 11am to 4 pm at the David Lloyd Centre, Coldham's Lane CB1 3LH

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm at Queen Emma School, Gunhild Way, CB1 8QY

From 2<sup>nd</sup> March there will be a project website [www.lakesrecreation.co.uk](http://www.lakesrecreation.co.uk) where you can leave comments or you can call 020 7025 2326 or email [enquiries@lakesrecreation.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@lakesrecreation.co.uk)

A representative from BARA will be on the Lakes Working Party which will be set up shortly so we will have a continuing say in how things progress.

### **Community Notice Boards**

We will hear in April whether or not we have a grant to cover costs.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – Thanks to those who responded. It seems we have no co-ordinator as she moved away some time ago.

### **Your committee**

There are 7 of us on the committee. We are lovely but we are just a bit short of people. We meet about 4 times a year and it is informal. Do you think you would like to join us and contribute to our neighbourhood? If so, you can contact us (details below) or chat to one of us on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

If you think you need to contact our local Councillors, here are their details:

County Council, Noel Kavanagh  
**Phone:** 01223 511871 **Email:**  
[Noel.Kavanagh@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Noel.Kavanagh@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

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**Phone:** 01223 351669 **Email:**  
[j\\_benstead@live.co.uk](mailto:j_benstead@live.co.uk)

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**Phone:** 01223 721027 **Email:**  
[lewis.herbert@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:lewis.herbert@cambridge.gov.uk)

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If you think there is a general problem for the area, do contact us. And if you have ideas for future events or anything to increase neighbourliness, we'd love to hear from you.

Our aims:

to promote neighbourliness and a sense of community

to form a conduit to the City and County councils about issues relating to this area.

We cover Birdwood Rd and all roads leading off it.

Email address [birdwoodara@gmail.com](mailto:birdwoodara@gmail.com) This is our preferred contact point but if you would rather you can put a note through the door at 52 Birdwood Rd.