



Summer Social

A Teddy Bears' Picnic

Celebrate the summer! Bring a rug and a picnic and your favourite cuddly friend (or just yourselves!) and join your neighbours for a picnic on the grass at the East side of St Thomas's Square.

On the weekend 6th/7th June at midday

If it's wet on the Saturday we'll try again on Sunday!

If it's wet both days we'll give up for the time being!

Prize for the Best Dressed Bear (or Bunny, or Dinosaur, or Giraffe...)
Prize for the biggest and smallest cuddly friends (non-human!)

We regularly publish 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.

So were delighted by this
from one of our younger residents at our Spring Social at St Thomas's Hall:



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We had 40 people there and they gave us lots of good ideas – some reproduced overleaf and below. We have a healthy bank balance of just over £400 and two new committee members. Our thanks to Janet Griffiths and Georgie Deards, retiring members, for their work last year.

Committee Membership for 2015-6

Jane Phillips (Chair), Shona Douglas (Secretary), Peta Ewers (Treasurer), Rebecca Bazeley, Paola Finioia, Lesley Hughes, Dave Johnson, Glyn Phillips, Lewis Wilbur.

We want to do some gardening!

Dave is keen to help to set up and maintain a community garden. Possible sites might be at the junction of Tiverton and Ancaster or at the east side of St Thomas's Square. Added to this is a consultation about St Thomas's Sq recreation area – ends **25th May**:

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/st-thomas%E2%80%99s-square-play-area-consultation-revised-design>

The recreation ground might also be a possible site though it is not much overlooked and we are conscious that we do have some antisocial behaviour in our area. **Does anyone have any other ideas where this might be sited? It needs to be accessible and overlooked for security. If you want to be involved to do some planning or digging and planting – young or old and those in the middle – do get in touch.**

Another idea is for volunteers to help those who have a garden but can't manage its upkeep. For this, we'd be concentrating on front gardens first – as these tend to have an adverse impact on more neighbours if they are untidy. **So we need volunteers both to garden and to have their gardens tidied.** Either email birdwoodara@gmail.com or drop your contact details into 52 Birdwood to say whether you want to help or are in need of help.

We could also think about further 'guerrilla gardening' – as in Glyn's little patch by the middle bus stop in Birdwood Rd. The Council gardeners do not mow or put weed-killer on it if it is visible to them.

Cycling on the roundabout – we have had reports of two accidents where young cyclists were knocked off their bikes when they had right of way. If you know of other accidents involving cyclists and aggressive drivers please let us know.

From one of our residents: **Vista** is a group run by Christian women, welcoming women from all cultures, customs and backgrounds. Meeting Friday mornings during school term times 9.45 to 11.15. £1 contribution for refreshments. Pre-school children stay and have quiet toys. St. Martin's Centre, Suez Road CB1 3QD Contact Margy Lewis 01223874029 Recent topics include bee-keeping, pancake making, an inspiring woman, Chinese New Year, food for special occasions, card craft and our electrical appliances.

Email – PLEASE – if you can and haven't! Please send us your email address. **Send an email to birdwoodara@gmail.com** with your postal address in the subject

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