



We are planning two events this autumn:

1. Autumn Social – Quiz night at St Thomas' Hall

Date for your diary – Wednesday 14th October at 7.30 pm (ish)

More news in September – but there is a tear-off slip below to register an interest. This is not compulsory – or binding – but will help us to start planning. And if you want to make up a table (6 people) now is the time to start organising your friends. We don't think it's going to be hugely competitive but hope it will be great fun. And there will be prizes!

2. Seed and plant swap

Saturday 26th of September Ancaster Way Car Park 10am till 1pm

Garden advice on plants, solutions to common problems such as when to prune or cut plants back, how to improve the soil and growing conditions of your garden. If you have a clump of plants that look nice but are taking over, dig 'em up and bring some along (just keep the roots moist). Swap them for something else or leave them with us and we will make sure they find a good home. Come along and pick up some free plants with advice on where to plant them and how! Take a look around the allotments with a tour by one of the senior allotment holders (TBC) Plus seed swap.

Skips and things

We know some people were disappointed that they missed the annual clear-up and skips in St Bede's Crescent organised by the Community Church. We are thinking that a similar event in Ancaster Way would be useful – possibly as part of your spring cleaning drive (if you have one!) More news in the spring.

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



Quiz Night – please post into 52 Birdwood Rd

Name(s).....

Please tick those that apply:

I am/we are interested in coming to the quiz night

I think we will form a complete table/team

I/we want to be grouped with others to form a table/team

Contact phone or email

Doors in Ward and Gray Roads

We were approached by a resident about the state of some of the front doors in these roads. We contacted our councillors and they have been extremely helpful. A review of the state of these doors is currently being carried out and some new doors are being fitted.

Lakes

We have a representative on the City Council group investigating possible "Next Steps" for opening the lakes as an Urban Country Park, and attended the first meeting on July 8th. Anderson Group, the landowner, is preparing its proposals, and the Council are preparing various assessments. It is hoped that carefully controlled visits into the site can be arranged, so that members of the public can become better informed about the actual possibilities for the site. We will keep you posted with any developments we hear about.

St Thomas' Hall in Ancaster Way

Daddy Day Care at St Thomas' hall 1st Saturday of each month starting in Sept 5th 10.30 to 12 noon. For dads and their children. Contact Shaun Byaruhanga 078990 53371
byaruhanga.shaun@yahoo.co.uk

HARVEST FESTIVAL, Café Style, 11 for 11.15am, Sunday 20th September at St. Thomas's Hall. Everyone is welcome. Further information from The Revd. Paula Preston email paula.preston@ely.anglican.org, mobile 07722737480.

Community Notice Boards

No final news but we hear that the grant application is going through the stages at the City council and we should hear soon.

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

County Council, Noel Kavanagh
Phone: 01223 511871 **Email:**
Noel.Kavanagh@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

City Council, Jeremy Benstead
Phone: 01223 351669 **Email:**
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City council, Lewis Herbert
Phone: 01223 721027 **Email:**
lewis.herbert@cambridge.gov.uk

City Council, George Owers
Mobile: 07833 012979 **Email:**
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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 This is our preferred contact point but if you would rather you can put a note through the door at 52 Birdwood Rd.