



## Time to get out and about before winter!

### 1. Seed and plant swap

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

Come and swap some seeds or plants or just pop along to have a chat. Garden advice on plants, solutions to common problems such as when to prune or cut plants back or how to improve the soil and growing conditions of your garden. Pick up a map to show you where to get free compost. If you have plants you no longer need, dig 'em up and bring some along (but do keep the roots moist in a pot or plastic bag). Swap them for something else or leave them with us and we will make sure they find a good home.

So far we have rosemary and pansies, alpine strawberries, erigeron (Mexican daisy) and some pond plants: hornwort, frogbit, brooklime. We have seeds of marigold, everlasting sweet pea, 4 o'clock flower, oxslip, californian poppy and bulbs of wild gladioli (*gladiolus byzantinus*). And we have a few indoor kits to get children started as gardeners. All free!

### 2. Autumn Social – Quiz night at St Thomas's Hall

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm**

Oops – I made a mistake in the last newsletter. Tables/teams will be of 4 people not 6. So you only need to persuade a few friends to join you. Or you can come on your own and make new friends. It's all low-key and friendly. Only £1 per person and sandwiches will be supplied. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Fill in the form below and join in the fun. And there will be prizes!

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

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Quiz Night – please post into 52 Birdwood Rd by 4<sup>th</sup> October and **include £1 fee per person.**

Please tick those that apply:

We will form a complete table/team. Names (4):

I/we want to be grouped with others to form a table/team Name(s):

Contact phone or email (in case we have to cancel and return money)....

## Lakes opposite Burnside

We've been sent some information about public guided walks around the Lakes.

Thursday 24th September 14.30—16.00

Tuesday 29th September 12.30—14.00

Saturday 3rd October 10.30—12.00

If you want to go, you must register to attend at [Parks@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:Parks@cambridge.gov.uk) or by calling 01223 458520 or 532

Access is predominantly along earth tracks which may be uneven

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

No dogs or cycles can be taken around the lakes

You will need to wear stout footwear and clothing suitable to the conditions

You will be asked to stay with the group and adhere to any on-site instructions

There are no toilet facilities on the site

## Community Notice Boards

YES! We are meeting with Council Officers to organise the installation of two quality oak notice boards – one at the town end of Birdwood Rd and one in St Thomas's Rd. Both will be lockable so contents can be organised. If you have ideas about what you would want advertised there – do let us know. Ideas so far are: small ads by tradespeople who live in our area, ads for people who organise local voluntary activities, for people who would like to organise a small local group (eg reading group, scrabble group, etc), activities in St Thomas's Hall. Let us know your ideas for making these notice boards useful to you.

**St Thomas's Hall / St Martin's Church Remembrance Sunday**, 8th November 11.15am at St. Thomas's Hall. During the morning service 2 minutes silence will be observed to remember those who have died in the service of our country. Please join us. That evening, at 6.30pm, at St. Martin's Church, Suez Road, there will be the annual **Parish Memorial Service** where the names of those in our community who have died and whose relatives have asked for them to be remembered are read out. This is a simple but moving service and **everyone is welcome**. If you have someone you would like to be remembered please feel free to contact the church; The Revd Paula Preston phone: 07722 737480, email: [paula.preston@ely.anglican.org](mailto:paula.preston@ely.anglican.org)

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

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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

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