



It's Spring so we're coming out of hibernation!

Community Notice Boards – a success

They're up and running – one at the Perne Rd end of Birdwood Rd and one at the Birdwood Rd end of St Thomas's Rd. We change the contents regularly so do keep looking. And, if there is anything that you think other residents might like to know about, there are details on the boards to let you know how to go about spreading the word.

Advance notice of some dates for your diaries with more details in May:

1. Morning – Saturday 7th May

AGM, Coffee Morning, book and plant swap, raffle in aid of Headway Cambridgeshire (supporting local people with brain injury)

In St Thomas's Hall, Ancaster Way. Please do come to support us and to give us your ideas for what you want for our neighbourhood. There will be home-made cakes! And if you'd like to join our committee – we'd love to meet you. We're a happy, informal bunch who just want to help make our part of Cambridge a better place to live.

2. A joint event – 21st May in the morning:

The City Council and the Cambridge Community Church are holding their Community Day on 21st May. Although the church has moved to near Sainsbury's they have decided to keep the event in our area and have asked if we want to be involved. The council will be providing skips at the St Bede's Crescent area and the Tiverton/Ancaster Way area. The Church would love to have some local volunteers to help with rubbish collection and litter picking. **If you would like to help clean up your area on 21st May let us have your contact details by 7th May. birdwoodara@gmail.com or put a note through the door at 52 Birdwood Rd. It would be good if we could help in this clear-up.**

3. Saturday 4th June or, if wet, Sunday 5th June or if wet again Saturday 11th June

Yard Sale

An opportunity to sell your unwanted items without having to take them anywhere!

Imagine – selling all that stuff that's been clogging up your attic/shed/house. It will involve displaying a red balloon outside your front garden so buyers will know where to find you.

If you are interested in selling please email birdwoodara@gmail.com or put a note through the door at 52 Birdwood Rd. If you let us know, we can produce a map to show buyers where to find you.

And some events from other organisers:

1. The Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall are holding '**Pets in the Park**' featuring The Turbo Trust Dog Show on Saturday 20th June from 12 – 6 pm. There will also be stalls and arena demonstrations. Free admission.
2. **Cherry Hinton Yard Sale** is on 25th June.
3. **Free computer classes for beginners** We've had a few people mention how they're getting left behind with computer online stuff. There's a leaflet on the notice boards about free drop-in sessions to get online. We've contacted the organisers to try to get something locally.

Lakes opposite Burnside

Things have gone very quiet. The City Council is waiting for environmental assessments from Anderson (who own one-third of the site.)

Electoral Register

Some people have found that they've fallen off the electoral roll without their knowledge. If you want to check, you can contact the City Council elections@cambridge.gov.uk or 01223 457048 or Cambridge City Council Electoral Services, PO Box 700, The Guildhall, Cambridge, CB1 0JH

City Council Grant

We are only able to offer services free (newsletters, notice boards, events) because we get a grant from the City council. We have recently applied successfully for a further grant. So a big thank-you to the City Council.

From St Martin's Church:

Paula Preston is leaving as curate now that she has got her new post as vicar at a parish in Chigwell, Essex. Her last Sunday here is 3rd April with Services at the usual times of 9.45 and 6.30 at St Martin's and 11.15 at St Thomas's Hall in Ancaster Way. All welcome. Paula has been helpful to BARA and we wish her good luck in her new parish.

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

County Council, Noel Kavanagh
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Noel.Kavanagh@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

City Council, Jeremy Benstead
Phone: 01223 351669 **Email:**
j_benstead@live.co.uk

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

City Council, George Owers
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george.owers@cambridge.gov.uk

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

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