



Next Event: Saturday 18th March 2017

Mother's Day treats and more – St Thomas's Hall, Ancaster Way

Mums, dads, grandparents, carers – bring your children to make a Mother's Day present.

Plus tea and home-made cakes, our **AGM** and a swap-shop – plants, books, seeds and your stories of the area. Also, this time there will be a prize draw with the prize of a Co-op voucher – see cut off strip below. **All free!**

10 am – 11 am Making Mother's Day gifts
11 am – 12 noon Tea, **AGM**, where we ask you what you want us to do for you, the proposed Residents Parking Policy for the City (don't panic!) and swap-shop

Bring books, plants, seeds to swap. And you don't need to bring anything in order to take! All left-overs will be found a good home – books to charity shops, seeds and plants to Headway in Fulbourn where the clients tend a lovely garden.

As usual we will hold a paid raffle in aid of local charities. This time the two charities will be Red Balloon and the local branch of the RSPCA.

Your stories – If you have a story to tell about this area, please share it with us. **We really want to hear from you.** We have two lovely accounts so far. Can you add to:

The Barbara Leader dance school and the Leo Neaves concert party
The Ida Darwin and Fulbourn Hospital
Schooldays in Cambridge
Cherry Hinton Hall and the blacksmith's in Cherry Hinton village
Maloney and Rhodes and shops that have gone
Jubilee celebrations, police houses and nissen huts
Or any memories that you want to share – can be recent!

We need photos of the area and documents too – old and new. We are planning a couple of sessions to scan photos and documents so come to 52 Birdwood Rd on either **8th March** between 7 and 9pm or **10th March** between 3 and 5pm.



Fill in and bring to Mothers' Day and AGM to be entered into a free prize draw.

Name

Address / phone number / email (so we can tell you if you've won)



To be drawn at the Mothers' Day event on 18th March 2017

Front doors and pavements

When it was brought to our attention that the front doors of several Council owned properties were in a sad state, we raised it with our City Councillors and there are now many beautiful new doors in place. We're now looking down – as we've been alerted to the state of some of our pavements. This is a County Council responsibility. We'll be tramping the streets but, if you know of any places where the pavement is dangerous or badly eroded, please tell us.

We need you

We have a committee of eight members – and we need a couple more. If you'd like to join our committee – we'd love to meet you. We are informal and just want to help make our part of Cambridge a better place to live. We meet about four times a year and always start with tea and coffee and finish with a good chat and a glass of wine – or a non-alcoholic drink if you prefer. Talk to us on 18th to see what you think or contact birdwoodara@gmail.com or put a note through the door at 52 Birdwood Rd.

And please, please, get this by email!

It is so much easier for us to send newsletters out by email. Also, you'll be kept up to date by the (very) occasional email with information that is urgent and can't wait for a newsletter. If you can receive it that way **PLEASE** send us your email address. **Send an email to birdwoodara@gmail.com** with your postal address in the subject. Thanks!

Lakes

If you didn't manage to get to the lakes consultation, it is open until 10 March on-line at www.coldhamslane.co.uk or by phone to Lucy on [020 7399 2289](tel:02073992289). We have put in our concern about the possibility of problem parking in the Budleigh Close and Tiverton Way area.

If you need to contact our local Councillors, (Coleridge Ward) 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:**
j_benstead@live.co.uk

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

City Council, Rosy Moore
Mobile: 07709 222026 **Email:**
rosy.moore@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 and 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.