

Some Future Events:

- **Wine tasting** on 26th March – see cut-off slip overleaf
- **From April**, weather permitting, the second Saturday of the month from 10 till 12, a pop-up tabletop sale on the green in St Thomas's Square – bring stuff to sell!
- **Neighbourhood social and AGM** 8th June
- **Coach Trip** in September – we have applied for a grant to cover half the cost so we can offer some free places. More details later.
- **Halloween** on St Thomas's Square

Some successes!

Pavements. £160,000 additional funding has been granted by the County Council and Birdwood Rd is one of the roads that has been included for work. Yippee! If you need to alert the County Council to any other highway problems in your road, call 0345 045 5212 (charged at local rate). Or on-line at <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

Review of City Council Ward Boundaries by the Boundary Commission. We put in a submission that the whole area covered by BARA should remain in Coleridge Ward. It will. We will continue to have three City Councillors and be in Coleridge Ward for City Council elections. As they were not looking again at County ward boundaries, we remain in Cherry Hinton Ward for County Council elections.

The Community Library in the phone box in Birdwood Rd (just near the Gray Rd junction) has been a great success. We have had books in several languages and non-fiction and fiction books for both adults and children. It provides a fascinating snapshot of the varied population here and its eclectic tastes. Please continue to bring and take.



And failures!

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In November Jane (Chair BARA) had a third meeting with Stagecoach and it was another waste of time. No more meetings are planned. They say they now have a full complement of drivers and all problems of reliability are outside their control e.g. through congestion. They will not revert to a 10 minute service.

If you want to give feedback to Stagecoach, contact Nigel Tarrant
Telephone: 01223 433 250 between 08:30 and 17:30, Monday to Friday.
Email: Nigel.Tarrant@stagecoachbus.com
Address: Stagecoach, 100 Cowley Road, Cambridge, CB4 0DN

An alternative for some could be **Cambridge Dial-a-Ride**. If you think you might qualify due to age, infirmity or disability, do contact Cambridge Dial-a-Ride. It is a non-profit organisation which provides local transport services that are safe, affordable and accessible to individuals who have difficulty in accessing public transport.

Call: [01223 506335](tel:01223506335)

Email: memberssupport@cambridgedialaride.org.uk



The Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme is a local charity which provides a service to older or vulnerable people by improving home security to reduce crime or fear of crime. If you are over 60 and have been a victim of crime the visit is free. If you are over 65 and have been fortunate enough not to have been a victim but want to upgrade your security, there is a small fee. Phone 01480 413311 for more details.



And on the subject of crime – we have had reports of cars being broken into on people’s front drives with thieves being on the lookout for valuables.

Cycling and students

Following some difficulties with teenagers on bikes on Birdwood Rd pavements, and some near-accidents, Sandra Crawford and Noel Kavanagh (County Councillors), Lewis Herbert (City Councillor) and the Head of St Bede’s are trying to find ways to reduce danger to cyclists and pedestrians both on the road and on the pavements. It is agreed that Birdwood Rd is a dangerous road for cyclists and there seems to be no simple solution. Work is ongoing to try to find solutions to this problem.

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

County Council, Sandra Crawford Phone: 01223 503061 Email: sandra.crawford@cambridgeshire.gov.uk	City Council, Jeremy Benstead Phone: 01223 351669 Email: j_benstead@live.co.uk
City council, Lewis Herbert Phone: 07748 536153 Email: lewis.herbert@cambridge.gov.uk	City Council, Rosy Moore Mobile: 07709 222026 Email: rosy.moore@cambridge.gov.uk

It is 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!

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.

Wine tasting, 7pm on 26th March

At 52 Birdwood Rd. There are only 12 places so book yours early!

Matthew Boucher – lately of The Cambridge Wine Company and Thirsty will lead us through a tasting of 8 wines which can all be bought locally.

£10 per person - to include all wine (plus bread and a variety of cheeses).

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Wine Tasting

Name:

Address:

Phone number or Email:

Please enclose £10 cash or cheque payable to BARA and post to 52 Birdwood Rd.

