

## Community Action Day – 15<sup>th</sup> June – 9am to 1pm

### The day with the skips and the rubbish collecting – plus things to do in St Thomas's Hall

Skips will be in Ancaster Way all morning. Please take your items there on foot or by car.

### Need large or heavy items removed from your home?

**Make a booking. This is vital!** Last date for booking is **10<sup>th</sup> June**.

We will need: **your name and address, what the item is and where it is**. Either email [birdwoodara@gmail.com](mailto:birdwoodara@gmail.com) or leave a note at 52 Birdwood Rd.

If the item is inside your house you will need to be home as we cannot guarantee timings of collections. **Please bag any dirty items.**

**No Fly Tipping!** If your item is not collected (ie you haven't made a booking) and it is outside your home after the clear-up has finished, the City Council may see this as fly-tipping! So please do ensure that all your items on the pavement have gone by 1pm.

We couldn't do this without Cambridge City Council and volunteers from the Cambridge Community Church who we will be working with throughout the morning.

### In St Thomas's Hall

Drop-in throughout the morning:

Swap shop – plants, seeds, books, CDs plus any items you want to bring – or take – that are surplus to your requirements but too good to throw away. Do come and look – everything is free – so every one is a bargain.

Raffle in aid of Camtrust.

### In St Thomas's Hall – BARA AGM – please come and support us

#### 12.00 BARA AGM

- Chair's and Treasurer's reports
- Adoption of committee – new members welcome!
- Amendment of constitution
- General update on progress
- Your views on what we could / should / might do next year.

We need to amend our Constitution to include what will happen to any money if we cease activity. We're not expecting to! The committee thinks any remaining money should be shared equally between the charities we have supported in the past. More details at the AGM.

#### **Volunteers needed!**

Can you make a cake or serve teas? Or are you strong – even just a bit? If you can help please email

[birdwoodara@gmail.com](mailto:birdwoodara@gmail.com) or leave a note at 52 Birdwood Rd.

#### **Coffee morning**

**Free refreshments:** cakes, coffee, squash.

Come and have a chat.

## Coach Trip – 21st Sept. Do put the date in your diaries!

We plan to return to Norwich as it was such a success with those who went last year. Sept 21<sup>st</sup> is one of their Heritage Open Days where city sights are free to enter. There is plenty to do in Norwich. It's not a long coach trip so we are hoping that families with children will join us this year. We have applied for a grant in order to provide some free places. More details and booking form in the next newsletter.

## Citi2 and Mill Rd bridge closures

Mill Road bridge will be closed for a rebuild in July – August for about 6 weeks. Stagecoach is planning to send the Citi 2 via Coldhams Lane and provide shuttle buses to and from the bridge going to Sainsbury's this side. Not ideal! A map of the proposed shuttle routes will be on our website and our two notice boards.

If you want to give feedback to Stagecoach:

Telephone: 01223 433 250 between 08:30 and 17:30, Monday to Friday.

Email: Michelle Hargreaves, [Michelle.Hargreaves@stagecoachbus.com](mailto:Michelle.Hargreaves@stagecoachbus.com), the new MD  
Ross Barton, [Ross.Barton@stagecoachbus.com](mailto:Ross.Barton@stagecoachbus.com) Traffic Manager

Address: Stagecoach, 100 Cowley Road, Cambridge, CB4 0DN

## Table Top Sales – St Thomas's Rd central reservation – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

A reminder of the dates – weather permitting!

8<sup>th</sup> June      13<sup>th</sup> July      10<sup>th</sup> August      14<sup>th</sup> September

## Past Event – wine tasting

Matthew Boucher, who led the tasting said we had lively neighbours and he wished his were as active! It was as a very enjoyable event. We'll try to repeat it some time.

## Friends of Cherry Hinton Brook

There is a talk and AGM at Cherry Hinton Library, on the evening of 1st July, time tbc (we'll put details on our notice boards). Speaker Steve Boreham "Water in the brook – water levels and abstraction"

## New City Councillor – Coleridge Ward

Welcome to Grace Hadley, our new City Councillor, who was elected on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

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

County Council, Sandra Crawford Phone: 01223 503061 Email: <a href="mailto:sandra.crawford@cambridgeshire.gov.uk">sandra.crawford@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a>	City Council, Grace Hadley Phone: 07940 074022 Email: <a href="mailto:grace4labour@gmail.com">grace4labour@gmail.com</a>
City council, Lewis Herbert Phone: 07748 536153 Email: <a href="mailto:lewis.herbert@cambridge.gov.uk">lewis.herbert@cambridge.gov.uk</a>	City Council, Rosy Moore Mobile: 07709 222026 Email: <a href="mailto:rosy.moore@cambridge.gov.uk">rosy.moore@cambridge.gov.uk</a>

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](mailto: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](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 Birdwood Rd.