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Kettles Yard and Care Network Cambridgeshire

Kettles Yard and Care Network Cambridgeshire have developed a project called Chatterboxes which aims to bring the University of Cambridge Museums to people in their own homes. You can discover the amazing objects and stories found in the University of Cambridge Museums' collections and try creative ideas and activities inspired by the museums and made by artists.

Each Chatterbox explores artworks, objects or ideas from the museums and includes art and creative activities to help our understanding. Volunteers will spend time with you talking about the objects and creating art together.

'Art at Home' is part of the Chatterboxes project. The project is for residents in **north Cambridge** who are **60 and over** who may be less mobile, no longer be able to access art as they once were or would just enjoy talking, discussing and creating art! There are six activity packs designed by local artists. Volunteers will go out to people's homes so they can access art.

To book a Chatterbox or find out more contact Karen Thomas, Community Officer at Kettle's Yard: 01223 748100 or Karen@kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk or Mirella on 01954 211919 or mirella.t@care-network.org.uk

Chesterton Community Carols

Thursday 15 December, 6.30pm

Come & sing your favourite carols with members of CSD Brass. Including this year 'Falling Angels' Aerial Performance Dance

Christmas Refreshments

St Andrew's Churchyard

Free entry, bucket collection all proceeds after expenses to Wintercomfort. (indoors if too cold/wet/windy; don't forget to bring a torch or lantern)

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

With the MAYOR

Chesterton Methodist Church

Thursday 8th December 6.00 - 7.00pm

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Chesterton Choral Society

The last concert, Over the Rainbow in June, brought the society together with City Singers: the children's choir of City Church. The young and not-so-young ones enjoyed going through all the colours of the rainbow in songs, once the thunderous sound of a hail storm on the roof had passed!

The members are looking forward to celebrating the festive season, by performing "Humbug!" a musical play by their musical director Quintus Benziger. "Humbug!" is based on Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol with melodies adapted from Sullivan, and will be performed for the first time in a 4-part choral settings.

This concert takes place at St Laurence's R.C. Church, Milton Road, on Monday 12th December at 7.30pm. There will also be carols such as Christmas Lullaby, Hark the Herald Angels, What Sweeter Music and Susanni. We'll be expecting the help of the audience on some of those items.

Tickets are £7 each (concessions for over 60's and unwaged £5), and there is a family ticket available for £15. All tickets can be reserved by telephoning 243190, or can be obtained at the church door before the performance.

We are pleased to announce that Macmillan coffee morning raised £203.98. A really big thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes and bought tickets.

The Electric Bike scheme based at Hundred Houses has been extended due to its success. They are free to use and available to the general public but you need to be over 16. Contact the office to book them.
Mairin Lennon 07795575003 or
hhresidentsassociation@hotmail.Com

The picture is of Mr and Mrs Rooney having an afternoon tea party with neighbours and friends to celebrate 50 years of moving into their home in Edinburgh Road.

Milton Road Library

A new set of plans has been developed for the replacement of Milton Road library. Those attached to the planning application at the end of June were subject to extensive criticism from local residents, from the Friends of Milton Rd Library, and from the city council's Urban Design and Conservation officers. In response there has been a radical rethink and the new plans are substantially different. More work has been done on them to reduce the scale and massing of the building; there are 7 flats rather than 10; the oblong block is now two elements with pitched roofs and the existing entrance now looks right on the changed facade.

The library and community facilities on the ground floor are smaller than previously proposed but slightly larger than at present. This includes a clear rectangular space unobstructed by the staircase that is now hidden in the back of the building. The original application, Reference 16/1130, is expected to be withdrawn and a new application made as soon as practicable.

Craft Club - Brag Book Workshop

Saturday 4 February 2017 10.30 – 3pm

What is a Brag Book? A photo album you can create from recycled materials to show off your pictures of your children (holidays, pets or anniversaries etc.) in a unique and personal way to show-case your pictures. A brag book is usually small (7x5) so an easy way to display and carry around your most treasured memories, just right to pop into a handbag.

We will provide all the appropriate materials. All you need to bring are copies (best to retain the originals intact) of your photos (suggest up to five, you can always add more at a later date), a pair of scissors, ruler, pencil, any embellishments you would like to use, and an apron.

If you would like to experience a quite relaxing morning and make your memories come alive, for a small charge of £5 (to cover incidental costs) join us on Saturday 4 February.

Venue: 51 Scotland Road. Chesterton. To find out more go to our Web site http://artcraftcameraclub.weebly.com or to book your place please email: AtaLooseEnd@mail.com or call us on 07795816625

Valerie Cutting

City Deal

Local residents associations are playing a leading part in examining the City Deal proposals that affect Milton Road and Histon Road and there has been a small concession that we hope will save most, if not all, Milton Road trees. At the time of writing there appears to be very little indication that the promoters of the City Deal are actually taking on board any of the many alternative ideas produced during their consultations. The fact is that there is no "congestion problem" that affects the city for most of the day. During the rush hours, there are too many people trying to occupy the same bits of road at the same time. Do all of the peak hour travellers really need to travel at the same time Monday to Friday in our 24/7 world? The City Deal process is coming under increasing criticism for its lack of any strategic vision. It is important that every resident of Cambridge makes their voice heard.

Pennywort threat to river

The pretty green floating pennywort (Hydrocotyle Ranunculoides) clogged up much of the River Cam near Grantchester last year. Cam Valley Forum, the Cam Conservators and many volunteers tackled it but this year it is back. Pennywort is an invasive species that invades the river margin then covers the river and stifles everything beneath it. For more information see their website: http://www.colc.co.uk/cambridge/cam.valley.forum/index.htm

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Entrance Fee: £2 for adults/Child: 50p
All Welcome.

Weekly

Mondays

Pilates 9.10-10.10am; 6-7pm & 7-8pm.
Call 07976 677540 (SAH)
ESOL Café 9.30-10.45am & **Just Talk English Class** 11.15-12 noon. Call 576110 (CCC)
Drop-in Coffee Morning 10.15-11.30am (SAH)
Chair-based Exercise Drop-in 10.15-10.45am.
Call 07976 677540 (SAH)
Playlanders Playgroup & Pre-school
9.15-12.15/2.45, Mon, Wed, Fri. Call 420954 (SGH)
The Sunshine Club (55+) 1.30-3pm, fortnightly (BF)
French Lessons for Children with La Jolie Ronde.
2.30-3pm & 4-6pm. Call 210900 (BF)
Chesterton Choral Society 7.30pm.
Call 420117 (CMC)
Chesterton Lacemakers 7.30-9.30pm.
Call 362961 (SAH)

Tuesdays

Little Music Makers 9.30 -10.15 & 10.45-11.30am (CMC)
Stay and Play 10am-12noon. Call Jo 420309 (BF)
Over 50s Folk Dance 2 - 4pm (BF)
Yoga 9.30-10.45am Call 07976 677540 (SAH)
Food4Food Café 12noon - 2pm (SAH)
Over 60s Club, 1.45pm, fortnightly. Call 423367 (SGH)
Tangueando 7- 8.30pm & 8.45-10pm.
Call Costa 01279 321344 (BF)

Saturdays

Pilates 9-10am. Call 07939603882 (SAH)
Chesterton Ballet School's Classes
3 - 6 yrs; 9.30 am - 10.30 am,
7 - 9 yrs 10.30 am - 11.30 am & for 10 - 16 yrs 11.30 am - 12.45 pm. (SGH)
Call: 366588 or chestertonballetschool@hotmail.com

Wednesdays

Coffee Morning 9.30-12.30 (CMC)
Food4Food Café 12noon - 2pm (SAH)
'Cambridge Online' Drop-In Computer Sessions 12noon - 1pm (BF)
Bee's Baby Massage 1-2.30pm
Call 07955568238 (SAH)
Children's Ballet Classes 4 - 5pm
Call 07471197282 (BF)
Girls Brigade Reception -Yr 6: 6.30 -7.30pm; Yr 7+: 7.30-9pm. Call 292781(CMC)
Cambridge Bridge Club
7.15-10.45pm. Call 927061 (SAH)
Adult Beginners' Ballet
8.15 - 9.15pm
Call 07471197282 (BF)

Fridays

Adult Art Group 9.30-11 (BF)
ESOL Café 9.30-10.45am &
Just Talk English Class 11.15-12 noon ,
Speaking English for Work 1-2pm and
International Singing Group
Contact sadams@chesterton.cambs.sch.uk (CCC)
Soft Play 10.15-11.30 (BF)
Eat and Meet (over 50s & friends)
10.30-12noon (BF)
Food4Food Café 12noon - 2pm (SAH)
Drop-in Table Tennis 3-5pm.
Call 464336 (SAH)

Thursdays

Church Mice
Baby & Toddler Group
9.15-11.15am (SAH)
Pram-Pushers
9.30-11.30am (term-time).
Call 564693 (SGH)
Thursday Together-Family Support
10am-2pm (BF)
Food4Food Café 12noon - 2pm (SAH)
English for Au Pairs
12-1pm (CCC) Call 576110
Rhymetime @ Milton Road Library 2.30-3pm Contact fmr.library@gmail.com
Zumba 7-8pm (BF)
Yoga Flow 6.30 - 7.45pm
Call 07929015580 or
rachaelarkle@gmail.com (SAH)
The Orlando Singers 8-9.45pm.
Call 504661 (SAH)
Adult Improvers' Ballet 8.15 - 9.15pm
Call 07471197282 (BF)
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Wreath making for Advent

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Saturday 3December 2016
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St George's Kettle Club

would like to welcome you to St George's Church Hall 10.30 – 12noon on the 1st Tuesday of each month. No membership fee.
£2 for coffee, tea, bicsuits and raffle.
For more details phone Gill on 314018.

Tuesdays

Kettle Club 1st Tuesday, 10.30-12noon for tea, coffee, a free raffle and lots of chat, all for £2.
Call 314018 (SGH)
Chesterton Local History Group 3rd Tuesdays, 2.30pm.
Call 368279 (SAH)
St George's Lunch Club 3rd Tuesdays, 12.30pm.
Call 425074 (SGH)
East Chesterton Women's Institute 4th Tuesdays, 7.30pm.
Call 07971004405 (SAH)
CAMDIG Archaeology Group 2nd Tuesdays, 7.30pm
Community House, 37 Lawrence Way, Call 07981 567097

Mondays

Cambridge Macular Society 3rd Mondays, 12noon-2pm. Call 420117 (CMC)
Cam Sight Monday Club
1st Mondays, 2-4pm. Call 420117 (CMC)
St Andrew's Church Healing Group 1st Mondays, 7-8pm. Call 525009) (SAH)
Knitting & Crochet every other Monday 2-3.30pm (HHS)

Wednesdays

Light Lunch Breaks @ Arbury Rd. Baptist Church
1st Wednesdays, 12noon-2pm. Cost £3. Just turn up!
Camera Club 2nd Wednesdays, 7-8.30pm (HHS)
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Monthly

Thursdays

Women's Health Project
2nd Thursdays, 12noon-2pm.
Call 07824499602 (BF)

Saturdays

Art and Crafts (HHS)
1st Saturdays, 10-30am-3pm
Email: AtaLooseEnd@mail.com

Fridays

St Andrew's Church Healing Prayer Group
3rd Fridays, 12noon-12.45pm. Call 525009

Sundays

St Andrew's Junior Church 2nd & 4th Sundays, 10am.
Contact Helen: 306150 (SAH)
Chesterton Methodist 'Young Church' 2nd & 4th Sundays 10.30am (CMC)
Resurrection Church 11am-1.30pm (BF)
St Andrew's Sunday Lunch Club 1st Sundays.
Call 510456 (SAH)
Turkish Kurdish Speakers 12.15pm (BF)
Yo! CFC (St Andrew's Church Youth Group, Age 11-18) 1st and 3rd Sundays, 5.30 -7.30pm. Call 306150 (SAH)

Please note; All land line telephone numbers listed are Cambridge Area Code 01223 unless stated otherwise. Due to space on the 'What's On' pages we can only list the name of your group, when you meet, where you meet and a contact telephone number OR email address. If you would like to give more details about your groups you might like to consider placing an advert by contacting Sue Richards on 353296 or chesnewsfest@gmail.com

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News from the Churches

St Andrew's Church

**'What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing.'**

Those words (set to music by John Rutter) will be sung by the choir at our Christmas Eve Carol Service. Music plays a huge part in the life of St Andrew's, not least at Christmas. We are blessed with different combinations of choirs that help to support our worship and give it wings. Our youth choir sung another Rutter anthem – a setting of 'All things bright and beautiful' – at our Harvest Festival; New Voices sung Duruflé's Requiem on Remembrance Day; instrumentalists and singers have been giving lunchtime concerts; a new worship band (involving our youth group) has been leading the music at a number of services; we recently celebrated the 30th anniversary of John Marsh being our organist.

Our Director of Music, Peter Wadl, is now working towards a performance of Benjamin Britten's 'Noye's Fludde' at the Chesterton Festival next year. We always welcome new singers and musicians – do contact Peter if you'd like to be involved or have a child or young person who is interested in joining the youth choir (dom@standrews-chesterton.org).

Nick Moir, Vicar

Chesterton Methodist Church

At Chesterton Methodist we are waiting for what we hope will be a dramatic Christmas Gift – the beginning of extensive refurbishment works on much of the church building! At the time of writing we are waiting to receive tenders from selected contractors and hope that work can actually begin on Phase 1 of our plans before Christmas. Please come and visit if you would like to learn more, or take a look at the redevelopment page on the church website. Hopefully we will be able to share some photos and greater detail in the next edition of this newsletter including the hopes for new facilities when we get to Phase 2.

We expect quite a bit of disruption during the winter as a result of the building work but we have plans in place to keep all our existing activities going. Included in these will be the annual event when the Mayor of Cambridge visits to switch on the lights on the Christmas tree outside which is installed by the City Council. We will also continue to provide a base for the foodbank distribution centre which is open every week on a Tuesday morning. If anyone has a donation for the foodbank, we can receive it at any time when the premises are open.

Wishing everyone a peace-filled Christmas and New Year.

Ian Murray, Deacon

St George's Church

As the days have got colder, St George's has moved its weekly services into the church hall. However coming up to Christmas we do have a few events that we will hold in the church. On Saturday 3 December we will be making advent wreaths together and we are hoping to show a festive film on Saturday 10 December (look out for more details on this nearer the time.) Our Christmas Eve services will both be in the church – our 4pm Christingle where we will dress up and retell the story of the Nativity, and 11pm Midnight Candlelight Communion with Christmas Day celebrated in the hall.

Ruth Adams, Vicar

Letter from a minister

It was 370 years ago that Parliament tried to abolish Christmas. They forbade church services, tried to make it a day of fasting not feasting, tried to insist that all the shops remained open. They weren't doing this for anti-religious reasons; they wanted more religion, not less, but religion of an austere, Puritan kind.

It didn't work. People have always loved Christmas and they probably always will. Perhaps that's one of the main reasons they turned against the Roundhead Parliamentarians and opted to have a king again. Christmas was restored and the joyous season returned (not that they had much luck suppressing it).

But it was never quite the same and perhaps that's because the Puritans had a point. Christmases were pretty drunken, lewd and adult celebrations, presided over by a bawdy master of the revels. He was banished, but the poetic memory transformed him into a tamed and wistful figure called Father Christmas. But he had nothing yet to do with either presents or children. Indeed, no-one dreamed of thinking that Christmas was for children until Charles Dickens reinvented Christmas again.

The 19th century saw children – before seen but not heard – become centre stage in our priorities. The first children's books were written; entertainments that were originally adult, such as Punch & Judy, were recast to a younger audience. And the modern Christmas emerged with children at the heart of it.

In fact, you could say that children saved Christmas. Gone was the misery of the Puritan fast but gone too was the certificate 18 Christmas with too much 'adult' material. Christmas now was geared for families and all ages: merriment, plenteous wine and food, but with a Christmas Carol morality.

And how beautifully that fits with the one whose Nativity we celebrate – a child at the heart of it all, one who grew to be a man who had a zest for life, who was told off for encouraging eating and drinking instead of fasting and praying; a man who pointedly stopped people pushing children away from him and taught that 'whoever does not receive the kingdom of heaven like a little child will never enter it'.

Perhaps Jesus had seen children receiving presents – all that excitement, joy and wonder. I rather think he would have approved of how Dickens brought them in to the centre of our Christmas celebrations. They can teach us what it's all about and how to receive the greatest gift of all, our Lord Jesus Christ himself.

A merry Christmas to you all.

Nick

Canon Nick Moir,
Vicar of St Andrew's

From the Registers

Baptisms

21.08.16	Hugo Thomas Stephen Calverley (StA)

Weddings

19.08.16	Peter O'Connor & Tara Asby (StA)
20.08.16	David Loveridge & Georgia Winter (StA)
27.08.16	Glenn Hollis & Michaela Childerley (StA)
03.09.16	Anthony Tribe & Emily Jones (StA)
18.09.16	Marcus Flack & Samantha Peachey (StA)

Funerals

02.09.16	Jack Cousins (StG & Crem)
13.09.16	Jane Fisher-Hunt (StG & Crem)
04.08.16	Kirsty Corrigall (StA)
15.08.16	Sally Barham (StA)
15.09.16	Rhoda Calladine (StA)
27.10.16	Pauline Sekyi (StG & Crem)

CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES

CHESTERTON METHODIST CHURCH GREEN END ROAD

Thursday 8 December
6pm Christmas Lights Switch On
Sunday 18 December
4pm Christingle Service - all ages welcome
Christmas Eve, 24 December
Joint service at Wesley Methodist Church, Christ's Pieces
11.15pm Midnight Communion Service
Christmas Day, 25 December
10.30am All-age celebration

ST ANDREW'S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) CHURCH STREET

Thursday 15 December
6.30pm Community Carols in the churchyard
Sunday 18 December
4pm Carols, Christingle & Crib Service followed by Christmas crafts in the Hall
Christmas Eve, 24 December
7.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols (not suitable for young children)
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist
Christmas Day, 25 December
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All-age Communion
Friday 6 January
7.30pm Epiphany Procession & Carols

ST GEORGE'S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND), CHESTERFIELD ROAD

Christmas Eve, 24 December
4pm Christingle Service (especially appropriate for families)
11pm Midnight Communion Service (both services are in the church, wrap up warm!)
Christmas Day, 25 December
10am All Age Communion

ST LAURENCES'S (ROMAN CATHOLIC), MILTON ROAD

Sunday 18 December
4pm Christmas Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve, 24 December
11.15pm Carols & Readings
12pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day, 25 December
9am Mass (with carols)
11am Mass (with carols)

Other local churches include: Arbury Road Baptist Church and the Church of the Good Shepherd (Church of England), Mansel Way. (These are members of the North Cambridge Council of Churches and details can be found at www.northcambchurches.org.uk.) City Life Church, which meets in St Andrew's Hall most Sundays, 3-4.30pm. See citylifechurch.net. St Luke's Church (United Reformed/Church of England), Victoria Road, which is part of the Church at Castle group of churches (www.churchatcastle.org).

Open Mind at St Andrew's Hall

Our next trip will be on Thursday 9 February to the Fitzwilliam Museum. There will be no coach this time (for obvious reasons) so you will need to find your own way there. **There will be a guided tour at 2pm followed by tea** (at an extra cost) **and a visit to Wren's chapel at Pembroke.** We will be welcomed by the Dean, James Gardom, (former vicar at St Andrew's). The cost will be £10. We will gather in the Museum's entrance hall by 1.50pm.

There will be an art appreciation class in St Andrew's Hall on **Fridays, 11am to 12.15pm**, led by Nick Moir and Ros Ayres (6, 13, 20 January; 3, 10 February). There are no experts (especially the leaders) but the idea is to share our enthusiasm! We will kick off (on Epiphany) with the Journey of the Magi, the frescoes at the Palazzo Medici Riccardi in Florence by Benozzo Gozzoli. In other weeks we will explore artists as diverse as Samuel Palmer and Damien Hirst. The cost is £3 per session.

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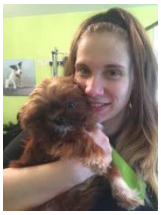

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