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News from Rowan

Cambridge-based arts charity Rowan has raised £3,650, thanks to supporters who turned out to complete a sponsored walk in September. This year was the first time the public were invited to take part, and this proved a great success.

Rowan's next fund-raising event is an **art exhibition** this February – and you're invited to take part! The last exhibition raised over £6,000 for the charity, which provides a variety of arts workshops for adults with learning disabilities, including print, ceramics and textiles.

Artists – whether professional or beginners - are invited to buy a canvas from the charity, and then create an artwork on it inspired by the theme 'The Great Outdoors'. The exhibition will take place early next year at Rowan, with all artworks being sold anonymously and proceeds going to the charity.

Canvases can be bought and collected from Rowan at 40 Humberstone Road, Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm, or online at www.rowanhumberstone.co.uk/rowan-artwork. For more information contact ellie@rowanhumberstone.co.uk or call 01223 566027. Completed canvases should be submitted by 11 February 2022.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON WITH THE MAYOR

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Chesterton Community CAROLS



Thursday 16 December, 6.30pm

St Andrew's Churchyard
Organised by St Andrew's Church and Hall
on behalf of all in Chesterton.

Come & sing your favourite carols
with members of CSD Brass
followed by Christmas Refreshments

Free entry, bucket collection
all proceeds after expenses
to Wintercomfort.

(don't forget to bring a torch or lantern)



Fund your community project with a City Council Grant



Area Committee grant

Are you planning a neighbourhood activity taking place between April 2022 and March 2023 which will benefit people who are disadvantaged through social or economic exclusion?

This activity may be eligible for one of our Area Committee grants, covering North, South, East or West Central areas of the city.

Grants will be awarded to non-profit, voluntary and community organisations or groups of local residents. Grants can be for activities which are aimed at reducing poverty, or items which enable an activity to happen e.g. venue hire for local community, arts or sports activities, transport for trips for younger or older residents or people with disabilities, materials for art projects, equipment for local sports sessions and much more. The maximum award is £5,000.

We want these grants to make a difference to the lives of City residents with the highest needs.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration Grants

We are also making grants of up to £500 available for community groups, voluntary organisations and groupings of local residents, for events and activities being held between Thursday 2nd June and Sunday 5th June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

How do we apply?

The application process for both grants will be launched in mid-December and the application guidelines and other information will be available from www.cambridge.gov.uk/area-committee-funding

Groups based in the North Area (covering the wards of Arbury, East Chesterton, King's Hedges & West Chesterton) that would like to apply for an 'Area Committee Grant' and/or 'Platinum Jubilee Celebration Grant' will need to complete and return an application form by **Tuesday 25th January 2022**.

Make sure you start planning your activity and budget early enough to meet the application deadline.

Contact the Grants Team from December onwards for further information and to discuss your ideas by emailing grants@cambridge.gov.uk or phoning 01223 457857/457968/457855

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Lil Speed Walk

This morning I saw for the first time one of the “housing pods” that have been built for some of the homeless in the city. 4 little terraced, single storey units, between Eastfield and Scotland Road. They are well-designed, bright and neat, with a small garden complete with a rotary clothes line. What an excellent project. My pleasure on seeing them was increased when I read the street-name, 1 - 4 Lil Speed Walk. Those with long memories in the Chesterton area will recognise it. The redoubtable Lil Speed was frequently in the news (in those days usually the Cambridge Evening News) perhaps 25 years ago as the champion campaigner for community facilities, especially for young people, which were practically, as she saw it, non-existent in that part of the city. Her activities were in a large way responsible for the creation of Brown’s Field, the well-used and much appreciated community centre in Green End Road. It’s good that she is remembered in this way.

Rosemary Mathew

The Museum of Cambridge

The Museum of Cambridge at 2-3 Castle Street is an independent museum preserving and sharing the everyday histories of Cambridgeshire, from folk medicine to breweries, domestic needleworking to transistor radios. Through the breadth of our unique collections, the Museum reflects Cambridge's extraordinary and diverse stories. It does all of this housed in a characterful, Grade II-listed, 17th century inn, itself rich with centuries of stories. The exposed beams and crooked staircases are sure to make for a memorable visit.

This winter the Museum has an exciting series of events lined up - there's something for everyone. December sees the opening of our Celebrating Together exhibition, exploring winter celebrations. An exhibition by, about, and for the people of Cambridge, Celebrating Together charts all the wonderful ways in which people come together to celebrate at such a magical time of year. If you're stuck at home this winter, grab a blanket and a hot drink, and jump online for engaging talks on local history and art instead.

Visit the Museum's website (www.museumofcambridge.org.uk) to discover more and to begin your journey into Cambridgeshire's secret pasts.



The Resident's Association has been active throughout 2021 holding our meetings via zoom on the third Thursday of the month. If you would like to attend one please do get in touch with us as we are always looking for people to join our committee.

We have worked on rewriting our constitution which is our terms of reference, how we conduct ourselves, the aims of the committee and who is eligible to join the committee. Anybody that would like to receive a copy please get in touch with us.

The committee had decided not to hold any face-to-face activities in the light of the current situation with Covid. We would love to hear your ideas on how we can hold events in these Covid times.

The Sunflower room in Freeman House hasn't been reopened as it still going through a risk assessment to see how it can operate in the most secure way.

HHS continues to operate a full service, and repairs are being done as normal. Anybody who wishes to have a face-to-face appointment with a member of staff can request it now.

Wishing you a peaceful and happy Christmas and hoping that 2022 is a normal year for everyone.

Residents Association Contact Candy 07484731347 or hhresidentsassociation@hotmail.com

“What’s On”

Please see below for the contact details of venues who are opening up again and offering some activities in and around Chesterton.

Brown’s Field Youth & Community Centre
420309

Chesterton Methodist Church
424428 www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk

Hundred Houses Society, 51 Scotland Road
315036

St Andrew’s Church
www.standrews-chesterton.org

St Andrew’s Hall
306150
www.standrews-hall.co.uk

St George’s Church
St George’s Church Hall
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Chesterton Knitting/ Crochet Group Meets on the first Thursday in the month

at 2.30pm to 4.30pm at 1-2-1 Café
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for further details.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES

CHESTERTON METHODIST CHURCH GREEN END ROAD

For all Advent and Christmas service information please visit www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk

ST ANDREW’S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND), CHURCH STREET

Please check the church website (www.standrews-chesterton.org) or posters outside church in case of changes or the need to reserve seats

Sunday 12 December

4pm Christingle & Family Carols

Thursday 16 December

6.30pm Community Carols in the churchyard

Sunday 19 December

10am All-age Communion & Nativity

Thursday 23 December

4pm Crib service
(with younger children in mind)

Christmas Eve, 24 December

6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
(not suitable for young children;
you will need to reserve a seat)

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day, 25 December

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All-age Communion

Thursday 6 January

7.30pm Epiphany Procession & Carols

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

For all Advent and Christmas service information please visit www.facebook.com/ChestertonStGeorge/

Your care home experiences wanted!

Do you, a loved one, family member or friend live in a Cambridgeshire or Peterborough care home? Health and social care champion Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is calling out to local families to share their experiences of care homes over the last 12-18 months.

From communications and visiting restrictions to Covid testing and end of life care – they want to hear what it’s been like for you.

What you tell Healthwatch will help local health and care services prepare better for the future. If you’re not online, get in touch and they can send you a paper questionnaire and a pre-paid envelope. Call 0330 355 1285.

Share your views at:

<https://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/care-home-survey>

News from the Churches

St Andrew's Church

It has been a great joy to welcome so many back to 'in-person' worship. We are continuing to take care: most continue to wear masks and there is full social distancing in the side aisles. It is wonderful to be able to sing again and to receive Communion in both kinds (the bread and the wine), albeit in a slightly different way. Our rebuilt organ is sounding glorious (both for Sunday worship and for the monthly Friday lunchtime recitals) and the St Andrew's Singers are providing lovely leadership to our singing, both for traditional church music and for more contemporary worship songs.

So we are in good heart as we prepare for the Christmas season. We are planning our full range of services but please check the website or posters for any Covid-related changes. We will need people to book in to come to the Christmas Eve carol service (so that we can have control of the numbers) and that may also apply on Christmas morning – please

check before coming (see the church noticeboards or www.standrews-chesterton.org).

You may book online for the carol service (www.standrews-chesterton.org/services/) or phone the church/hall office (01223 306150) from 6th December (the office will be closed from 20th December).

The Monday coffee morning is now back in action every week (10.45am to 12 noon at St Andrew's Hall).

We now send out a weekly news bulletin on Fridays and a revived Chesterton Chimes bimonthly. Both can be downloaded from the church website; paper copies are available at the back of church, which remains open daily from 9am to 5pm.

Revd Nick Moir

Chesterton Methodist Church

The church recently received planning permission for proposals to establish a new facility on the church site - a community café. This is good news and a significant step forward in a vision which has been around for a few years now. There's much still to be done in collaboration with our partners at the New Meaning Foundation as we re-evaluate the costs of construction and look for funding to build on the significant sum we already have identified. I am hopeful that we will soon be able to share more detail and build support from the wider community.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find an advert for the xmas lights switch-on event that we are preparing for along with the Chesterton Festival Committee, ChYpPS and the city council.

There are lots of good initiatives and activities around the community offering support for people experiencing food poverty, enabled by churches and others. The weekly foodbank distribution centre continues to be open every Tuesday at CMC between 10 and 12.

As ever, you will find more information about worship and various activities on the church website, including our twice-monthly 'FEAST : Church around tables' which is offered with all ages in mind www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk

Ian Murray (Minister)



Minister's Letter

So here it is Merry Christmas, everybody's having fun!?

OK, so I know that some of you might not instantly make the connection with the title above? It's the first line of the chorus from the 1973 Christmas hit, 'Merry Xmas Everybody', by 'Slade'.

As I write I have no idea how the continued impact of the pandemic will be unfolding by early December. I really hope that this winter and festive season will bring us all a greater sense of togetherness and celebration than we were able to enjoy a year ago.

'Fun' is good, isn't it? We experience it in different ways, in different places and situations. With friends, family and strangers too. But we all know that fun doesn't necessarily come easily to all of us and this Christmas and New Year it's looking like there will be some particular barriers, for some of us, to finding it. There may be great concern about aspects of our lives including the cost of living and bills to pay, and the struggle to offer some fun and light to those we love most and care for. I sometimes suggest to people that it can really help if we at least share our struggles with others. If we make contact with friends, neighbours or organisations that want to hold out a supportive hand, and stand alongside us, with

us. At foodbank sessions people sometimes describe how difficult it was to make the first move to seek some support. It can take courage. But there is a lot of love out there!

Back to singing (though not just old 70's songs). Christmas Carols are an inescapable part of public life at this time of year. Whatever your culture, tradition, religious background ... they are around us every year. You may have heard of Christina Georgina Rossetti, who wrote poetry that became carols. 'In the bleak midwinter' was one. Another begins 'Love came down at Christmas' – a short carol that has the word 'Love' appear 12 times in its 3 short verses.

Retelling the Christian story of the Nativity each year points me back to the root of all joy (fun), peace and hope – in love. For me that love is a divine love – from God – with us always – revealed in the tenderness and struggle of the most natural and universal of events, the birth of a child.

My prayer for each of us is that love is revealed in our lives, and I hope some fun too.
Peace be with you.

Deacon Ian Murray

From the Registers

Weddings

07.08.21	James & Joanne Childerley (StG)
28.08.21	Kyle Hopewell & Tegan Jones (StA)
30.08.21	Mark Venturino & Rebecca Hunneyball (StA)
11.09.21	Arran Hornett & Chloe Grimshaw (StA)
05.11.21	Robert Jones & Sophie Linnett (StG)

Funerals

06.08.21	Esme Cousins (StG)
18.08.21	Peter Buckland (StA Church then Burial)
27.08.21	Janice Williams (StA Crem then Church)
27.09.21	Dorothy Mackay (StG)
05.10.21	Eric Barwood (StA Church then Crem)
06.10.21	Geraldine Spall (StA Church then Crem)
07.10.21	Walter Golby (StA Crem)
11.10.21	Donald Wiseman (StA Crem)
19.10.21	Heather Evans (StG)
21.10.21	Violet Ryder (StA Church then Crem)
22.10.21	Mike Saunders (StA Church then Burial)

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