

NEWSLETTER #19

Carol Singing

Saturday 22nd Dec at 4.30pm

Get in the mood for Christmas!



With some seasonal singing for everyone led by the brilliant Helen Robbins.

Wrap up warm and join us at the corner of Hurst Park Avenue and Highfield Avenue for mulled wine and a mince pie or two, and half-an-hour of carols and Christmas songs. Song-sheets, mulled wine and soft drinks will be provided, but please bring some mince pies or Christmas cookies to share if you can. We'll be collecting for the charity Back Up (www.backuptrust.org.uk) which transforms lives after spinal cord injury. All welcome!

Do you play an instrument and could you join a scratch band to support the singing?

If so, please call Nicky on 07976-433649 or Ruth on 07739-331299.

E-mail Updates

Are you missing our regular email updates?

If so it might be that your details were cleared from our database and not restored when we went through a data protection exercise earlier this year.

To be sure that you are not missing out just visit our website www.hpera.co.uk and click on the **SUBSCRIBE** link on the home page.

Alternatively contact our secretary secretary@hpera.co.uk

Public Transport

Trains

Cambridge North now offers up-to twelve services per hour. New timetable 9 Dec 2018.

- Fast train to King's Cross – 2 per hour
- Royston / Kings Cross – 1 or 2 per hour
- To Ely and King's Lynn – 2 or 3 per hour
- Hourly trains to Liverpool St and Norwich

Services to Stansted airport do not stop at Cambridge North.

Buses

Improved train services have not been matched by any improvement in bus services for local residents to access the station. There are **NO buses on Sundays or Bank Holidays** except for the Citi 2 along Chesterton Road.

Busway 'C' – service has been withdrawn.

Busway 'D' – predominantly St. Ives to Trumpington P&R, via Cambridge North, New Square, Central Station and Addenbrooke's calling at all stops on request along Milton Rd.

It runs broadly every hour to the early evening, Mon to Sat. Most services depart Cambridge North towards the city at 44 mins past the hour and depart Ascham Road towards the station at 4 mins past the hour. A few of the early morning inbound buses terminate at Regent St.

Busway 'A' – runs 7 days a week via Cambridge North but does not stop on Milton Road. We are asking Stagecoach whether it could stop along Milton Road at least on Sundays.

Citi '9' – Drummer St to Ely and Littleport via Milton Road

This is broadly an hourly service, Monday to Saturday, calling at all stops on Milton Road but it does not go via Cambridge North. Science Park is the nearest stop. Approximately every two hours the service continues on from Ely to Newport.

The last Citi 9 leaves from Drummer St at 6.30pm. From then until its last departure at 8.39pm the Milton P&R bus will stop along Milton Road (no service on Sundays and bank holidays).

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Citi '2' - Addenbrooke's to Cambridge North via Chesterton

This is broadly a 10-minute service, Monday to Saturday, and half-hourly on Sundays/Bank Holidays from Addenbrooke's to Cambridge North and back. It can be accessed from bus-stops on Chesterton Road (near the Co-op and also the Spar/De Freville Ave) The service operates from around 6.00am to 11.00pm.

Campaigning for better bus services

One of our residents, Paula Heaney from Hurst Park Avenue, has joined the Cambridge Area Bus Users Group to help secure a better service for Milton Road area residents. She joins Richard Cushing from Highworth Avenue who agreed to be treasurer for the Group.

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/cbgareabususers/>

<https://twitter.com/cbgbususers?lang=en>

Paula would be interested to hear from anyone with constructive ideas for her to take forward. Please address emails to her care of secretary@hpera.co.uk

Combined Authority Bus Review

All eyes will be on Mayor James Palmer when the county-wide strategic bus review that he commissioned last summer is due to be made public next month. Will he use the opportunity to introduce a bus franchising scheme?

Smartphone user? Try this . . .

In our opinion the STAGECOACH APP available for android and iOS smartphones is the best way to find out routings and bus departure and arrival times. It's also possible to plan ahead unlike the Motion-Map App from Greater Cambridge Partnership which doesn't show intermediate bus-stops and only seems to work for immediate departures.

Job Opportunity

After 50 years of service with Stagecoach, Andy Campbell is retiring in December. We wish him a happy retirement.

Anyone interested in applying for the post of Managing Director, Stagecoach East, can do so here! <https://bit.ly/2qPaDJP>

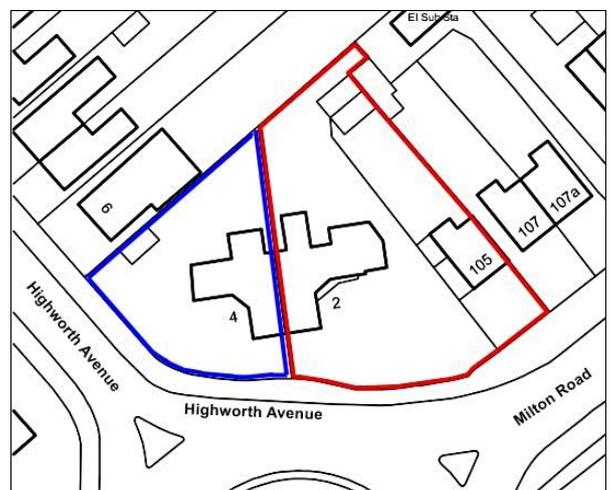
Ascham Parking Zone

Parking bays on the north-west side of Milton Rd between Ascham Rd and Westbrook Drive will not be removed until the Milton Rd project is completed. The rest of the Ascham scheme will be installed first half of next year, but there is now a possibility that streets in the 'Triangle' could be joined with it, subject to consultation.

Planning application

Last chance to comment on the proposed development of five houses on the site of a semi-detached house at 4 Highworth Avenue – deadline 30th Nov.

Planning Ref 18/1664/FUL details are at <https://bit.ly/2PSXjml> Comments can be made at <https://bit.ly/2ByMwVR>



The adjacent semi-detached house at 2 Highworth Avenue was the subject of a planning application last September to join it with 105 Milton Rd to develop 14 flats. That application was later withdrawn.

Diary Dates

- Thurs 6 Dec, GCP Executive Board - 4.00pm Guildhall, Committee Rooms 1&2
- Thurs 13 Dec, North Area Committee - 6.30pm North Cambridge Academy
- Wed 19 Dec, Combined Authority Board - 10.30am Guildhall Council Chamber - *Strategic Bus Review? CAM Metro Review?*
- Sat 22 Dec, Carol Singing - 4.30pm at corner of Highfield and Hurst Park Avenues
- Wed 27 Feb, GCP Joint Assembly - 2.00pm at the Guildhall Cambridge - *Results from latest Milton Rd consultation*