Dear Friends

Welcome to the first of our new newsletters. We have changed our email system so hopefully you will be getting them more regularly!



There has been a lot happening in Cherry Hinton Hall in recent months. New tree planting, new paths, work on the pond to improve the flow of Cherry Hinton brook and the planting of a beautiful new meadow in front of the main building. The Sequoia trees at the front of the building are to be left in place as they are only half their potential height, saving £10,000!

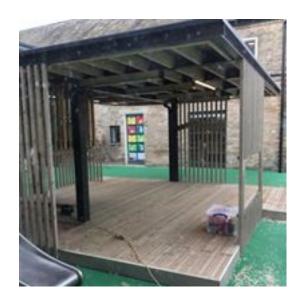


This photograph was taken last week and shows the meadow grasses at their best in the evening sun. The Council are maintaining path ways through the growth.

The meadow turf was laid having already been planted up with bulbs and plants and should see something in flower throughout the year. This option has been chosen to not only save money on the formal flowers beds that were originally planned for this area in the master plan, but to give a natural meadow area. This will not only benefit the wildlife but all park users who are enjoying seeing what grows next!

Photo: R.Tilley







The Cambridge International School have now finished the renovations of Cherry Hinton Hall and it looks stunning! All the work has been completed to complement the existing building and is in keeping with the period features, with no expense spared to get it right.

The old 60/70s extensions at the back of the property have been removed and a large outdoor covered play area added.

The school have also built a large community room behind the main building and have named it the Okes Room in honour of John Okes who built the Hall in the 1830s. They have kindly offered the use of it to us for our AGM.

Did you know that there is no defibrillator in Cherry Hinton Hall?

We have joined forces with the Cambridge International School to hold a Family Fun Day Fundraiser to buy a public defibrillator. This event will be on Friday 29th June from 2-5pm and will include a variety of stalls, arena demonstrations and workshops from local fitness and dance classes. Free admission. Stalls available @£15. To book a stall, please email me on the email address below.

If any of our local members are available to help on the day, it would be appreciated, even an hour would help at set up and clear away time!

AGM

Our AGM will be held in the Okes Room at the Cambridge International School, Cherry Hinton Hall on Wednesday 18th July at 7.30pm. Our speaker is Hilary Richie, Hospital Archivist, Cambridge NHS Foundation Trust, who will be telling us all about the history of Addenbrookes hospital. All welcome. Members free. Non members £1. Refreshments provided.

This is your chance to renew your membership: Annual - £2, 5 Year - £10 or Life Time for £25 or you can renew by sending your payment, name and address to FCHH Membership,

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The Cambridge Folk Festival

This year the Folk Festival is from Thursday 2nd August until Sunday 5th August and we have been offered a stall as in previous years from 12 - 6pm on Saturday and Sunday. This is our chance to raise awareness for our group and recruit more members.

There will be individual wristbands for our volunteers this year and we need to man the stall in 2 hour blocks with two people per slot. If you would like to help, there will be a rota at the AGM, otherwise you can email me if you are unable to attend the AGM. Your wristband entitles you to enter the outside arena but not in the main staged area. You will have access to the cafe and the pond area.

Please remember that the public access to Cherry Hinton Hall is restricted once the workman start to erect tents and lay the water pipes as it is deemed a workplace and comes under health and safety rulings. The City Council are not permitted to close the park for more than 6 consecutive days.

Community Action Day

The next community action day will be on Saturday 20th October from 10am until 2pm, where we will litter pick and generally tidy up the site. Please wear appropriate footwear. Black bags and litter pickers are provided. This event is subject to the weather and will be cancelled if its too wet.

November Meeting

This will be held on Wednesday 21 November in the CHub, in Cherry Hinton library on the High Street. Anthony French, Senior Asset Development Officer, Streets and Open Spaces for the Cambridge City Council, will be the speaker for our meeting, which will also be held in the CHub at 7.30pm. Anthony will be reporting on the progress of works carried out this year in Cherry Hinton Hall as part of the master plan. This is your opportunity to raise any issues or concerns.

All welcome, Members free, Non members £1.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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