

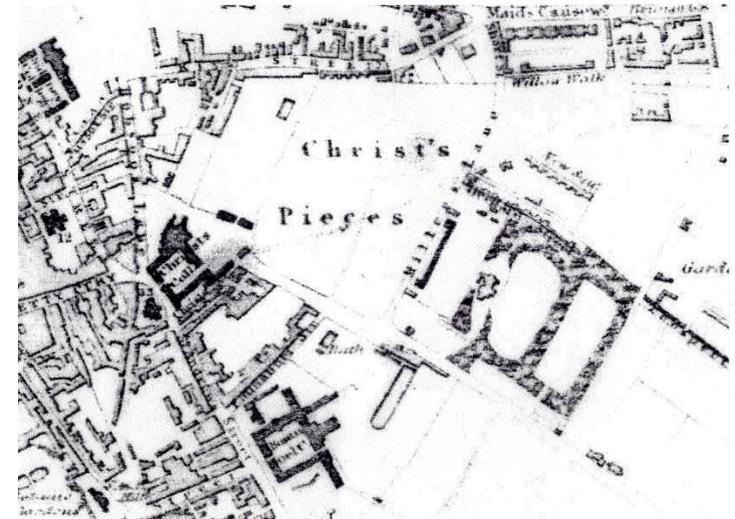


What Charles Humfrey built: South range of New Square



**Christ's Pieces
Residents' Association**

Newsletter June 2018



1836 map of Christs Pieces and Charles Humfrey's estate

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on **Tuesday 26 June 2018** in
the **Unitarian Church**, Emmanuel Road at **7.30 pm**
followed by a glass of sparkling wine and refreshments.

Our speaker this year will be James Palmer, **Mayor of
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**. The title of the Mayor's
address will be **'What is the solution to the traffic congestion
in Cambridge'**.

Committee members: Margaret Tait (Chair), Nick McCave (co-Chair), Sue Isley,
(Treasurer), Richard Ames-Lewis, Susanna Brown, Tina Green and Mike Phillips.

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James Palmer was born and raised in Soham, Cambridgeshire. He was first elected as a Conservative councillor on East Cambridgeshire District Council in 2007, representing the Soham North Ward. In May 2013 he was elected Leader of the District Council. Under his leadership solutions were found for many of East Cambridgeshire's infrastructure challenges. Between 2009-2017 James represented Soham and Fordham Villages on Cambridgeshire County Council.

Central to James's vision as Mayor is connecting the north of the area he represents to the south in order to ensure that the socio-economic benefits associated with the rapid growth around Cambridge are spread across the whole of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Outside of politics James used to run a development company with his wife and also ran dairy business.

Report from the Co-Chairs (MT & NMCC)

Since last July your committee has met four times, most members attending on all occasions, and has communicated frequently by email. Part of our business is to receive reports from the Hon. Treasurer about our finances, to be alert to local issues and to prepare for our talks and for the AGM. Our finances, thanks to your subscriptions, your donations at talks and funding from the City Council's West/Central area committee, are stable. Our annual Talk was given by Dr Anthony Bowen on '**What Charles Humfrey Built**'. The talk, accompanied by a number of photographs of local buildings, was very well received and well attended. This succeeded admirably in fulfilling the objectives of the City Council, which provides funding specifically for these events, in bringing our local community together. In the autumn, Dr Nick Feast will speak to us on the NHS on November 27th; (a flyer will be circulated).

Christ's Pieces/New Square and the Green Flag Award.

Christ's Pieces is rightly held up by the City Council as a 'Victorian park design with tree-lined avenues ...' for the benefit of all.

(www.cambridge.gov.uk/christs-pieces)

We are therefore pleased to note that the City Council has put forward Christ's Pieces and New Square for a Green Flag Award. The Green Flag Award is the national standard for publicly accessible parks and green

spaces in the UK. The scheme was set up in 1996 to recognise and reward green spaces in England and Wales that meet certain standards. The residents association engaged with The City Council in the summer of 2017 to have input into a Management Plan for the park which provides a 10 year vision with identified outcomes. The plan will be available on the Residents Association and City Council website later this year.

The judges visited Christ's Pieces and New Square in late April and we eagerly anticipate hearing the outcome in July. Parks must apply each year to keep their Green Flag Award, and winning sites may fly a Green Flag in the park for a year.

Those who regularly cross the park will have noted recently cultivated areas. These areas have been seeded with floral meadows which should be looking their best from late June onward and help to deliver an action from the plan, to increase biodiversity on the open space.

The children's playground has a new climbing frame especially designed for younger children which is proving a great success, and the playground is now attracting lots more young children. The resurfaced tennis courts are also attracting more players.

Open Gardens Afternoon.

We are holding an Open Gardens Afternoon on **Saturday 7th July** when five gardens in Emmanuel Road, Parker Street, Victoria Street, Orchard Street and New Square will be open to visit. We had several offers for next year, so if this year's is successful we will run a larger event in 2019. The Unitarian Church, Emmanuel Road, will act as "booking office" for the afternoon where tea will also be available. Visitors will be invited to buy a ticket for all five gardens for a modest £5. Any profit will be donated to Jimmy's, the Homeless Charity on East Road.

Grafton Centre (now known as 'The Grafton').

The Fitzroy Street entrance and The Mall are now open, completing Phase 1. Legal & General has increased its investment by approximately £10 million which will go towards the two remaining phases of the project involving reconfiguration of the former BHS unit and introduction of a food quarter.