

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Regrettably, we have still not found a replacement for the member of our Committee who retired two years ago; this means we need at least one new member (preferably two). Please help!

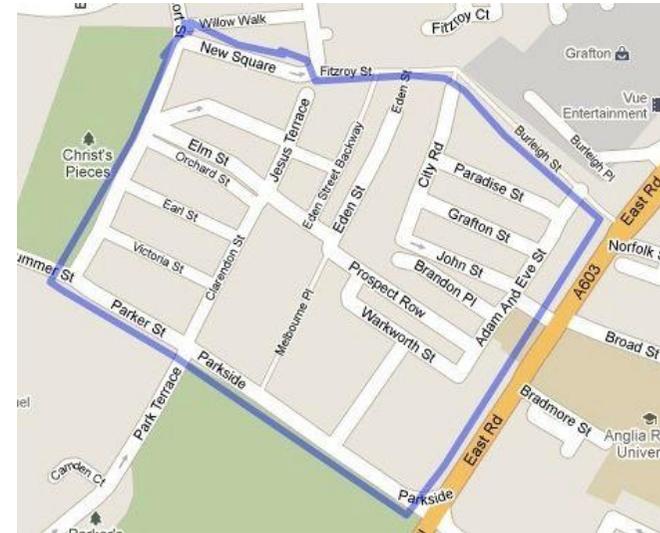
Our Constitution states that the Committee shall consist of ‘not less than 6 members and not more than 12.’ Being a member is not an arduous task, it means attending a Committee Meeting once every two months, attending the occasional Council meeting and delivering flyers. Additional skills, such as IT, would be a bonus. CPRA has been very beneficial to our area over the years, preventing Stagecoach from turning Christ’s Pieces into a bus park, preventing North Pole from turning it into an ice rink, securing more residents’ parking spaces, and in other ways.

If you are prepared to join us on the committee, please speak to a member of the Committee at the AGM, or send us a message via our webpage, www.christspieces.com.



**Christ’s Pieces
Residents’ Association**

Newsletter June 2017



The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on **Tuesday 27 June 2017** 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 Chris Tunstall, Director of
Transport for the City Deal. **“The City Deal Transport
Strategy: the proposals and its impacts.”**

The 2017 subscription remains a minimum of £5 per person

Name

Address

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I enclose a cheque payable to “Christ’s Pieces Residents’ Association” for
£

I am willing to stand for office in the CPRA Yes/ No

Please return to
The Treasurer, CPRA, 2 Emmanuel Road, Cambridge CB1 1JW
or to the Treasurer at the AGM

Committee members: Margaret Tait (Chair), Nick McCave (co-Chair), Sue Ilsley,
(Treasurer), Susanna Brown, and Richard Ames-Lewis, Vacancy.

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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 and to your donations at talks and to funding from the City Council's West/Central area committee, are stable. Our talks this year included a well attended talk by Prof Peter Clarke, former Master of Trinity Hall, on "John Maynard Keynes of Harvey Road". 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, our former Chairman (and former City councillor), Anthony Bowen will speak to us on "What Charles Humfrey Built " (November/early December a flyer will be circulated later).

Cambridge TV: There is a website and TV channel on Freeview Channel 7 and Virgin Media Channel 159 for Cambridge TV online which some may find useful. See <http://www.cambridge-tv.co.uk/>

Pollution: Following the talk last year by Jo Dicks on monitoring of local air quality we alert local residents to the reports of monitoring available at <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/air-pollution-levels> and http://www.airqualityengland.co.uk/local-authority/?la_id=51 The position currently for Parker Street is 'low', which is good news.

Electric Cars; There is a show room for TESLA, in the Grand Arcade, opposite The Pen Shop, They are interested in promoting use of these vehicles in our polluted city centre. There are charging points at Queen Anne Terrace car park, and Grafton East car park.

Grafton Centre. The £18.5M redevelopment proceeds apace. the Burleigh Street entrance has now re-opened and the Fitzroy Street entrance and The Mall, will be finished this summer (2017). There are plans for a 'phase two' to include improvements to the Great Court and new restaurant spaces.

Bollards to Cameras

The rising bollards on Emmanuel Road have been replaced by number plate recognition cameras but the hoped-for reduction in the speed of taxis and buses has not materialised.

A consequence of this change was the proposed erection of large signs facing down Victoria, Earl and Orchard Streets and blotting out the view of the park. The signs were to alert motorists not to turn right towards the cameras (but if not needed when there were bollards then why now?). Prompt action by members of your committee and local councillors has led to a rethink by the traffic authorities, and the 10 ft high posts (that would have carried the signs) are now marked 'out'.

The Bus Station and Mr Andy Campbell (MD of Stagecoach): The suggestion by Mr Campbell in the Cambridge News (Jan. 10th) that the southern end of Christs Pieces could profitably be used for an extension of the Bus Station was vigorously denounced in a letter to CN which pointed out the loss of amenity (to say nothing of the legally protected nature of the space). Mr Campbell's objective is for 'more buses and be easier for the buses to use'. But Christ's Pieces is rightly held up by the City Council (www.cambridge.gov.uk/christs-pieces) as a 'Victorian park design with tree-lined avenues ...' for the benefit of all.



Morning view with the sun creeping across the Bowling Green