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## The Village Diary

### February

- Sat. 1** **Girton Walking Group**, Fulbourn and Wilbrahams  
Meet 10am at Fulbourn Nature Reserve
- Sun. 2** **Music at Girton**, Stanley Library, 2.30pm  
Chamber Music for Clarinet, Violin and Piano
- Wed. 5** **Club 55**, William Collyn C.C., 12 noon  
Fish & Chips and Film: Downton Abbey  
**Girton WI**, William Collyn C.C., 7.30pm  
Malice Domestic – Mandy Morton & Nicola Upson
- Fri. 7** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon  
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sun. 9** **Music at Girton**, Stanley Library, 2.30pm  
Hannah Samuel, Musical Theatre Recital
- Wed. 12** **Keep Calm – It's Quiz Night**, Charity Quiz  
The George, High St., 7 for 7.30pm start
- Thur. 13** **Girton Garden Society**, William Collyn C.C.,  
7.30pm, Bulbs: Spring and Summer flowering –  
Peter Jackson
- Sat. 15** **Music at Girton**, Old Hall, 8pm, Girton College  
Orchestra, Mozart and contemporaries
- Sun. 16** **Music at Girton**, Stanley Library, 2.30pm  
Junior Prime Brass
- Tue. 18** **Parish Council Meeting**, 7.00pm  
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sat. 22** **Toy Swap Shop and Film**, 10.30am–1.30pm  
Storey's Field Centre, Eddington
- Thur. 27** **Girton Musical Theatre**, Pirates of Penzance,  
Girton Glebe School, 7.30pm
- Fri. 28** **Girton Musical Theatre**, Pirates of Penzance,  
Girton Glebe School, 7.30pm
- Sat. 29** **Girton Churchyard Volunteers**, Work Party  
St Andrew's Churchyard, 10am–12 noon  
**Girton Musical Theatre**, Pirates of Penzance,  
Girton Glebe School, 2.30 and 7.30pm

### March

- Sun. 1** **Music at Girton**, Stanley Library, 2.30pm  
Recitalists in Concert

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## Girton Parish Council

The following are amongst items discussed at Parish Council meetings and information received by the Parish Office.

The copy date for this edition precedes the January meeting, but items on the agenda included deciding the precept request to be submitted to South Cambs District Council for the financial year 2020–21. Also on the agenda is a proposal to consider installation of bollards alongside the footpath by the Recreation Ground Car Park to mitigate the risk of vehicles coming onto the footpath. Other agenda items include the Parish Council's response to South Cambridgeshire District Council's proposals for changes to the decision-making process for planning applications, and suggestions for possible projects for Local Highways Improvements grants for 2020–21.

The Council has also received news of 3 free trees offered by South Cambs District Council and the Council is keen to progress this with involvement of Girton Youth Project who have expressed interest in the project.

Installation of new MUGA lighting has been delayed by delivery issues with the new posts but is now expected to occur in February.

Readers will no doubt be aware of the sad passing of former chairman of GPC and husband of a current Councillor, Alan Rodger. We marked this with a suitable tribute at our meeting and send our deepest sympathy and best wishes to Mary and her family.

Residents are invited to a Crime Prevention Event organised by PCSO Tony Martin to be held at the Pavilion on Thursday 19th March from 6.00–7.30pm.

### Next meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held at St Vincent's Close Community Centre at 7.00pm on Tuesday 18th February and Tuesday 17th March. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings and to speak in the open session at the start.

*A full list of Councillors can be seen on page 38.*

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# From Our Councillors

## County Councillor Lynda Harford

### Roads

As we anticipate completion of the A14 project at the end of the year, a Council team is already working with Highways England (HE) to prepare for the handover of some of the assets. Once the upgrade is completed the County Council will be required to adopt approximately 27km of dual carriageway and 5km of slip roads which were part of the original A14, as well as sections of new or improved local roads, like the A1307, that will interface with the new A14. A legal agreement, part of the Development Consent Order, requires a handover plan to be agreed with the Council specifying the condition of the roads to be handed over. Following inspection to determine their current condition, HE will either carry out the necessary work or will provide funding for it to be done by the Council.

The Council is also concerned about the impact that diversion routes have had on the condition of local roads for which it already has maintenance responsibility. It is currently putting together the case for compensation for some of the damage this has caused and I shall be submitting details of local issues to be included. The Council budget for road maintenance requires £19m a year simply to maintain the current road network in a 'stand still' condition and this damage is already putting additional pressure on that budget. The way in which Department for Transport funding is allocated to local authorities is complex and presents various challenges to the Council as it seeks to secure adequate and fair funding to maintain its highways infrastructure, and the inclusion of additional assets adds to that complexity. Increasingly Shire County authorities like Cambridgeshire are highlighting the inequity of funding, and it has recently been reported that urban areas like London receive as much as three times the funding that rural areas do.

On 20th December Girton finally saw the long awaited resurfacing of the road adjacent to the Pavilion. This is a private road, so not the responsibility of County Highways. The challenge all along was to ensure that County Estates should deliver its responsibility for maintenance, which it has now done.

Work also began just before Christmas on bringing the roads at Wellbrook Way up to adoption standard. Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about different aspects of this and I do hope that the finished result will meet all expectations.

### Relocation to Alconbury Weald

Progress on the Council's relocation from Shire Hall to a new, purpose built building at Alconbury Weald continues. On 16th December, the Council's Chief Executive accompanied by both its Leader and Chairman participated in the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Civic Hub which will replace Shire Hall.

Construction of the new building is still on budget at £18.3m and the opening date is now set for Spring 2021. The predicted saving for the Council of its relocation is £1.5m every year.

### Planning

Although primarily a District Council function, please may I add my encouragement for you to input to the Greater Cambridge Local Plan consultation. This document touches so many areas of all our lives and helps to shape public services including those run by the County Council, [greatercambridgeplanning.org](http://greatercambridgeplanning.org).

I hope that you all had a very happy and restful Christmas. My very best wishes to you all for 2020.

Please do continue to contact me about the things that matter to you. Thank you to everyone who has been in touch recently. Your views and questions are very important.

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## A View from the District

By the time you read this a new Citi6 timetable will be in place. The formal notice, which I only received on 2nd January, seemed to suggest that the 'minor changes to improve reliability' entailed missing out the Girton stops altogether; an anxious phone call established that it is simply the timing points (where a bus will wait if it is ahead of time) which have been removed. Now the full new timetable is available it still looks as though the bus to Oakington no longer stops opposite the church; I am assured that this is not so.

Shortly before Christmas I was alerted to the fact that leaf fall along the northbound Huntingdon Road was causing a hazard to cyclists, pedestrians and those using the bus stop opposite the garage. I managed to bring forward the scheduled sweeping programme and I hope all users agree the work was well done.

On a walk I noticed that there are significant cracks on both sides of the Oakington Road Bridge. Images from Google Earth suggest that these started in 2018. I went to report this on the County's transport report web page [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults) or [tinyurl.com/CCCroads](http://tinyurl.com/CCCroads) to discover it has already been reported and is 'Under Investigation'. However I noticed while there that many of the reports in our area appear to have received no response at all, and I am investigating through our County Councillor.

I also noticed a small fly-tip which our officers have now removed. You may be aware of the Council's latest attempt to tackle fly-tipping: a poster which seeks to play on the conscience of the offender. Sadly I believe that most fly-tipping is done consciously and cynically and I doubt this campaign will meet much success. Meanwhile

please report any fly-tipping you encounter to [refuse@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:refuse@scambs.gov.uk) or to me.

Several consultations are open for your comments this month:

Network Rail is consulting from 20th January on a new station at the Biomedical Campus: details at [tinyurl.com/twl3sys](http://tinyurl.com/twl3sys) ([www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/anglia/cambridge-south-station/](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/anglia/cambridge-south-station/)).

Our own consultation on the issues and options for the new Local Plan is at [tinyurl.com/uev8y9h](http://tinyurl.com/uev8y9h) ([greatercambridgeplanning.org/greater-cambridge-local-plan/](http://greatercambridgeplanning.org/greater-cambridge-local-plan/)).

The Greater Cambridge Partnership is consulting on proposals for walking and cycling improvements on Madingley Road at [tinyurl.com/us6xjrx](http://tinyurl.com/us6xjrx) ([www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/MadingleyRdConsultation2020](http://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/MadingleyRdConsultation2020))

And the police are consulting on police funding, at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WSNKQL7](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WSNKQL7) – I have rarely met such blatantly skewed questions as the three which constitute this 'consultation' (and there is no 'any other comments' box). If you want to affirm your belief in motherhood and apple pie then this is the page for you.

If you would like a fuller monthly report emailed to you please contact me at [scdc@de-lacey.org](mailto:scdc@de-lacey.org) and I shall add you to the list of recipients. If you have any District Council issues you would like to discuss please don't hesitate to ask me.

*Douglas de Lacey*

## District Councillor Tom Bygott

### Consultation to prepare for the next Local Plan

The Issues and Options Consultation for the next Local Plan is now open and will run until 24th February 2020. A new website has been set up: [www.greatercambridgeplanning.org](http://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org) ('the Plan Website').

A series of consultation and discussion events has been scheduled. The largest, known as the 'Big Debate', will be held at the Cambridge Corn Exchange at 6.30pm on Tuesday 18th February. Tickets for this need to be booked online at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/greater-cambridge-local-plan-the-big-debate-tickets-88648697641](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/greater-cambridge-local-plan-the-big-debate-tickets-88648697641).

Other roadshow events are listed on the Plan Website, those nearest Girton are:

Date	Location	Time
Sat 1st February	Cambourne Morrisons	10am–12pm
Fri 7th February	Histon Tesco Express – in front of the store	12–2pm
Sat 8th February	Bar Hill Tesco – foyer	10–11.30am

Short comments can be made on the Plan Website. More detailed comments can be made through another website [cambridge.oc2.uk/](http://cambridge.oc2.uk/), or by a written form (see How to Comment on the Plan Website) and email to [localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org](mailto:localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org) or request one from 03450 450 500 and send to Planning Policy Team, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park,

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### Need for more charge points for electric cars

A resident of Dry Drayton recently asked me to look into the question of how easy it is to charge electric cars and suggested that much more needs to be done.

Planning permission is not required to install a home charging system, which are available from a variety of suppliers for several hundred pounds. Internet search: 'home vehicle charger'. The first step to owning an electric vehicle is to buy one of these, as it enables the car to be charged overnight, which is an easy habit to get into. Charging an electric vehicle costs considerably less than buying the equivalent amount of petrol or diesel, and it can be even cheaper still if you have solar panels installed. Home chargers can generally charge at up to 32 Amps (7.2kW) on a dedicated circuit, or more if you have three phase electricity.

The next step is to find electricity when you are somewhere else. Many cars now have in-built software to find charging points, or there is an app called zap-map which is quite useful. The best places are where you are busy doing other things, such as at work, eating in restaurants, shopping or going to the gym, and you don't need to wait around.

According to zap-map, there is in fact only one public charging point in Girton, Dry Drayton and Madingley ward, which is a Tesla destination charger at the Felix Hotel on Huntingdon Road. Nearby, there are two sites in Cambourne, one at the Madingley Road Park & Ride and one at the Extra Services on the A14. There is an immediate need to increase the number of charging points, and this is something that local councils should be encouraging. If you own a business, installing a charging point is a great way to encourage strangers to turn up unexpectedly and ask to buy your goods or services while charging.

There are three main types of electric vehicle that you can buy: full electric vehicles (which need to have a range of at least 300 miles to be practical), vehicles with a range extender (typical range 100 miles and a small petrol engine that starts when you run out of electricity) and plug-in hybrids (which are like ordinary hybrids with a battery that can travel up to 30 miles before the engine starts).

According to the SMMT (Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders), nearly 38,000 full electric and 35,000 plug-in hybrid vehicles were registered last year compared to 1.5M petrol and 583,000 diesels. Diesel sales are down from 1.3M in 2016 (a 54.6% fall over three years). Since petrol and diesel vehicles are more expensive to run and to maintain than electric vehicles, it is likely that their second hand values will fall much more rapidly than in the past.

More information is available from the Energy Saving Trust: [energysavingtrust.org.uk/transport/electric-cars-and-vehicles/electric-vehicles](http://energysavingtrust.org.uk/transport/electric-cars-and-vehicles/electric-vehicles).

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December. We welcomed Ciara Twomey of OffBeatGlass, who has a workshop in Girton. Ciara makes wonderful things out of fused glass. She brought along a selection for us to admire, buy or order if something caught our eye. Firstly, Ciara talked about the process of fusing glass, with accompanying slides we were able to get a good insight into how she works and how it all comes together. There were many purchases made of glass Christmas tree decorations, coasters, candle holders and jewellery. Ciara told us that when she first started fusing glass, she just used blue glass, now she works with a beautiful array of colours. We finished the evening with some festive goodies to eat and drink.

Our Christmas meal was held at The Old Crown, Girton. In total on the night there were 27 members attending. Unfortunately, there were a few cancellations due to illness, which is often the case at this time of year. The food was excellent, with a varied menu as well as the traditional turkey and accompaniments, something to suit us all. After the meal each member had brought along a Secret Santa present. Susie and Hannah played Santa and we dipped our hands into their sacks, out of which came presents of varying sizes. It was all very exciting to see what each member had received. A good time was had by all those members who were there.

The first meeting of the year was held on Wednesday 8th January. This was Members' Night and the committee had a night off, as the evening was organised by other members of Girton WI. First up was a Beetle Drive; some members hadn't a clue what a Beetle Drive was but for others it brought back fond memories of their youth. We were all sat on numbered tables roughly 6 to 8 at each. When the first Beetle was called there was much confusion and hilarity as the highest score on your table had to move up a table number and the lowest score down a table number. It all worked out in the end and prizes were given for members with highest and lowest score. This was followed by refreshments, while at the same time each table was given a quiz called 'Should have gone to Specsavers'. This consisted of four sheets with pictures of famous faces wearing glasses. Some faces were easy to recognise, while others proved much harder. Once again there was a prize for the winning table and lots of members shouting 'Oh yes, that's who it is'. We finished the evening with the draw for

the raffle, which had many lovely prizes. A big thank you and a round of applause was given to the members who put together such a fun, enjoyable evening.

Wendy Hall

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Thursday 13th February 2020 at 7.30pm  
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Full details in the March issue of the **Girton Parish News**

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# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## St Andrew's Church, Girton

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## Events at Eddington in February

**Sunday, 9 February, 10am**

*Free drop-in, 'Love Actually', Eddie's Café*

What is 'love actually'? Find out at Eddie's Café Valentine Special at The University of Cambridge Primary School in Eddington. This will be a special edition of the weekly Eddie's Café community café, where you will find music, crafts, activities and Eddie's Café's famous cakes and refreshments.

**Saturday, 22 February, 10.30am–1.30pm**

*Toy Swap Shop and Film Screening (Free event)*



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# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## Music at Girton

**SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)**

Stanley Library, Girton College

### Chamber Music for Clarinet, Violin and Piano

Madeleine Morris (clarinet)

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Sam Rudd-Jones (piano) and others

Programme to include Stravinsky's *Histoire du Soldat*,  
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**SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)**

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### Hannah Samuel: Musical Theatre Recital

Hannah Samuel (soprano)

James Mitchell (piano) and others

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**SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY at 8 pm (until 9.30 pm)**

Old Hall, Girton College

### Girton College Orchestra

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**SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)**

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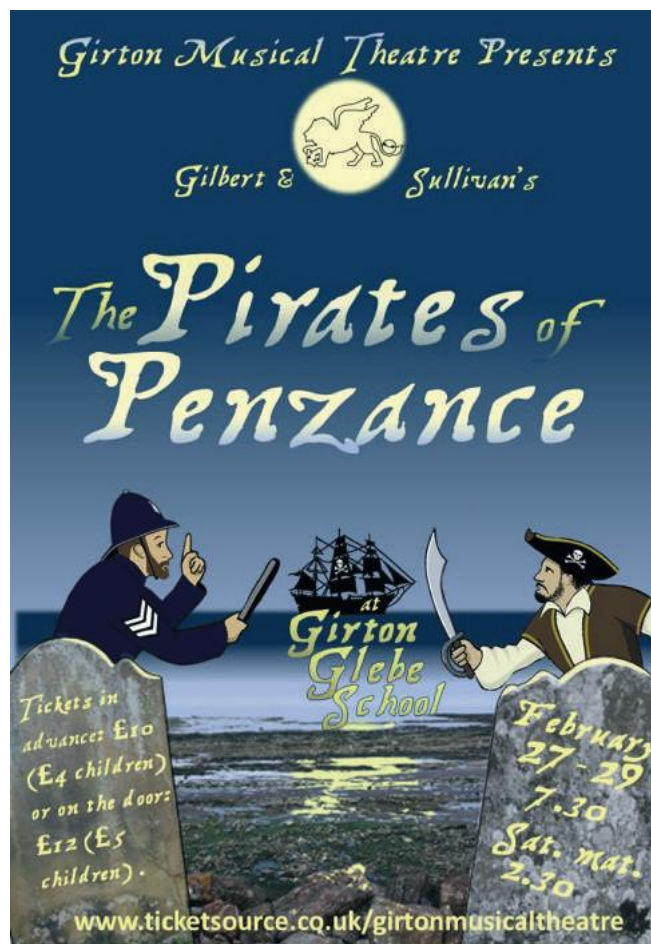
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**Saturday 7th March:** 'L Moor', Barrington-Meldreth-Shepreth circular walk, 5 miles. Meet 10.00am in the Riverside Walk car park at the western end of Barrington, on the road to Shepreth (free car park but no facilities). The road out of Barrington takes a sharpish left and crosses the river, then the car park is immediately on the right. L Moor is a nature reserve just under halfway into the walk. May be muddy. If the weather is terrible and/or you want more information, contact Angela or Simon on 01223 528278 or email [angela.blackburn@cantab.net](mailto:angela.blackburn@cantab.net).

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## GIRTON FEAST SUMMER FESTIVAL 2020

### FESTIVAL EVENTS:

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### PROMOTING AMATEUR SPORTS WITH OUR OLYMPIC THEME: (Summer Olympics in Tokyo 2020)



Would you like to help us put on amateur sports events this summer or help with amateur sports at the Village Fete?

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- Village fete day – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July

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**Wednesday 18 March**  
11am to 2.30pm

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## Cottontails Pre-School

This new year has brought with it many new and exciting changes for the pre-school. We've welcomed Sharon, our new Pre-School

Manager, and are now recruiting

new team members having seen a 54% increase in admissions compared to the previous term!



Sharon has been settling in well, which is no surprise as she's worked in early years education for 20 years and we are lucky to have her. She is highly qualified with a level 5 in early years management and a level 3 qualified forest school leader – which is the highest qualification available. Outside work Sharon is a mum to twin 9-year-old girls, and a keen baker.

Our forest school sessions on Tuesday and Friday mornings continue to be popular with more and more children attending. As winter draws on, we've enjoyed watching how the forest changes and this has enabled the children to do some fantastic seasonal activities. Under the watchful eye of our staff, the children have also been foraging and preparing their own snacks – mainly picking apples and blackberries. Interestingly we've seen an abundance of varied mushrooms this term so we decided to buy a book on the subject and have spent time finding and identifying them with the children. Whilst we are keen to continue to encourage discovery and identification of fauna and flora, we ensure that the children understand that not everything is edible and what to avoid.



With the generosity of last year's donations we're in the process of buying metal detectors and child-friendly torches for the children to use when they are out and about in the forest.

The children have also begun to help with a community project to lay a hedge, initially sawing lengths of wood to make the fence posts. We hope to continue to be involved in this exciting community project – so hopefully watch this space for photos of the finished fence!

The number of children attending our intergenerational sessions at Arlington Manor – which we now offer as a full day – has also increased. The children have been interacting with the seniors at the care home, dancing together and singing songs. The children have also been enjoying cooking and exploring the garden. These experiences have helped the children to develop in confidence, empathy and social skills.

If you would like to get involved at Cottontails and have a little or a lot of time to spare we'd love to hear from you. We currently have some opportunities available to volunteers – whether helping set up our materials/furniture for the day (8–9am), helping supervise lunch (12–1pm) or joining in with our sessions (9am–12pm or 12.30–4pm). Email [chair@cottontailspreschool.org](mailto:chair@cottontailspreschool.org) if you would like to join us as a volunteer or to join our committee.

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[science.sciencemag.org/content/365/6448/76](https://science.sciencemag.org/content/365/6448/76).

Prof Tom Crowther at the Swiss University ETH Zurich, who led the research, said, “This new quantitative evaluation shows forest restoration isn’t just one of our climate change solutions, it is overwhelmingly the top one. What blows my mind is the scale.” He also said, “Every one of us can get involved. Individuals could make a tangible impact by growing trees themselves, donating to forest restoration organisations and avoiding irresponsible companies.”

Evidence from the UK comes from St Paul’s School in Hammersmith London which was found to be the second most polluted school in London with very high levels of CO<sub>2</sub> and nitrogen dioxide from diesel fumes. They launched a campaign called ‘Grey goes Green’ which began in 2018 and the school is now home to an urban woodland and a greener, healthier playground. As a result pollution levels have fallen by about 25%. Read more here: [lbhf.gov.uk/articles/news/2019/05/hammersmith-school-unveils-new-greenery-beat-pollution](https://lbhf.gov.uk/articles/news/2019/05/hammersmith-school-unveils-new-greenery-beat-pollution).

If you live on a busy road there is evidence from a study by the RHS to show that planting an evergreen hedge such as privet, yew or cotoneaster will help to reduce air pollution in your garden and home. It found that plants with a dense canopy of oval or rough-textured leaves are best at capturing particles of dust from traffic and burnt fuel. The hedge should be pruned to keep the foliage cover compact, but allow the hedge to grow to at least 1.5 metres high and 1 metre deep to maximise the air filtering effect. Read more here:

[rhs.org.uk/press/releases/Hedge-your-bets](https://rhs.org.uk/press/releases/Hedge-your-bets).

So my message here is plant a tree (or two or three) if you have space or sponsor someone else like The Woodland Trust in the UK to do it for you! Trees offer

so much in a garden if chosen wisely, colour and blossom in spring (cherries, acers, amelanchiers and many more), foliage and shelter in summer, glorious colour and fruit in autumn (acers, liquidambar, crab apples, apples, pears and rowans) and structure in winter. They offer shelter and food for birds and insects all year round. Every garden should have as many as possible!

If you already have trees, especially apples, pears or quinces now is the time to remove overcrowded growth, crossing stems and dead, damaged or dying branches. Aim for an open centre, through which air can circulate, as this will reduce the risk of pests and diseases. Take great care not to damage the tree if you saw off larger branches. Remember that all species of deciduous flowering prunus (ornamental cherries, plums and almonds) are vulnerable to silver leaf disease if pruned before mid- summer and rarely need regular pruning anyway unless they have outgrown their allotted space. Late frosts can kill blossom so be vigilant and have fleece ready if you have small, young trees that can be protected.



Many summer flowering deciduous shrubs that flower on this year’s wood can be pruned between February and March. *Buddleja davidii*, *ceratostigma*, *Hydrangea paniculata*, *lavatera*, *perovskia*, hardy fuchsias and deciduous *ceanothus* all fall into this group. *Cornus sanguinea*, buddlejas and *Salix alba* are often cut back hard, as this keeps them manageable and improves the colour of the stems for the cornus and salix the following winter. Remove any reverted green shoots on hardy variegated evergreens otherwise they will take over. Do make sure that all wall shrubs and climbers are firmly tied onto their supports to prevent wind damage and, towards the end of the month, cut summer flowering clematis down to the lowest pair of healthy buds on each stem. Climbers such as ivy, Virginia creeper, ornamental vines and Boston ivy should be kept clear of windows, doors, gutters and roof tiles. After all this effort don’t forget to feed and mulch

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everything you have pruned. If you have planted young trees, do put guards round the stems to protect from rabbits or muntjac deer.

Elsewhere in the garden the first signs of spring will hopefully be around and clumps of snowdrops can be divided and replanted 'in the green'. If you grow vegetables then preparing the beds by adding manure or compost, removing weeds and raking to a fine seedbed is useful work on a fine day. Potato tubers can be put on windowsills to chit and some early vegetables such as broad beans, carrots, peas and salad can be sown under cover. In the flower borders, dead stems and flowerheads from perennials can be carefully removed before new growth comes through. Deciduous grasses can be cut back and evergreen ones combed through to remove dead growth.

Inside, many annual climbers such as ipomoea, eccremocarpus, *Mina lobata* and thunbergia can be started off in seed trays to get ready for summer planting. Late summer annuals such as cosmos, dahlias and rudbekias can also be sown indoors and if you overwinter cannas, dahlia and begonia tubers they can be potted up and kept somewhere light and frost free ready to go outside when all risk of frost has passed.

By the end of February the garden should be waking up, garden centres will be full of spring flowering plants and the promise of spring and summer will be in the air (hopefully). Enjoy the winter gardens of Anglesey Abbey and the Botanic Gardens and get inspiration for your own patch, however large or small.

Happy gardening – it always makes you feel better.

Kay Green  
Girton Garden Society

## Garden Tip of the Month – February

Some of the activity in February is dictated by the weather; if it's fine and open and not too wet it can be the best time for planting, to give plants a long spring. Mulches applied now will be easier to spread than when the plants are roaring into growth.

Whether the weather is fine or not February is a key month for getting on with pruning deciduous trees and shrubs. An opportunity perhaps to try out a new tool, or if not to service and then use your usual one, appreciating how well it cuts when adjusted,

sharpened and oiled! As usual remember not to cut into plums and cherries at this time of year to lessen the risk of Silver Leaf. Oddly, for them mid-summer is a safer time. Don't delay dealing with potential weepers like maple and grape.

If you have pots of bulbs going over, like hyacinths or narcissus, they can often perform quite well for several years if you plant them before they have dried out totally, or drowned!

George Thorpe

## Girton Musical Theatre presents "Pirates of Penzance" (see our ad on page 13)

Fed up with the cold weather? Let us whisk you away to the rocky coast of Cornwall in February instead, where there are unseasonably warm temperatures and a band of Pirates preparing a surprise birthday party for Frederic, their newest recruit, who has been apprenticed to them to learn a trade. This indenture runs out when he is 21, and he has reached this milestone – or has he? The date is 29th February, which causes all sorts of problems for his conscience and his heart. Men at this period of history had a tendency to fall in love at the drop of a hat, but it was never, or hardly ever, a straightforward affair. So ... Frederic, whose captured heart is troubled by his sense of duty to his old-ish nurse, the Pirate King and his erstwhile Pirate friends and colleagues, has a dilemma. How can he marry the beautiful Mabel if he continues his criminal activities, however reluctantly?

Meanwhile, Major-General Stanley, the father of many charming and delightful daughters and a local bigwig, is unaware that his entire brood is about to be taken off by the Pirates and entered into the state of matrimony, not entirely against their will. Will the rather inexperienced Police Force be able to foil the Pirates' plot to avenge the deceit of the Major-General, who pretended to be an orphan in order to evade capture, and is now troubled by his dishonesty? Can the less than courageous bobbies stop the Pirates' attempt to be respectably married and ensure they get their just deserts for their piratical behaviour? Will the rather soft-hearted Pirates suffer for their illegal way of life? And will the day be saved by a heroine – royal or otherwise?

To find the answers to these questions and hopefully enjoy the amusing production of *The Pirates of Penzance*, please join us in Girton Glebe School Hall on Thursday 27th, Friday 28th and Saturday 29th February. Evening performances are at 7.30pm, and there is a Saturday matinée at 2.30pm. Tickets are £10 (£4 children) plus booking fee from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/girtonmusicaltheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/girtonmusicaltheatre) or £12/£5 on the door. Please contact Helen (276940) for more information.

Girton Musical Theatre

## St Andrew's during the Interregnum

We are very grateful to the *Girton Parish News* for giving us an opportunity to show that despite having no rector at the moment and the postponement (but not cancellation) of our makeover plans, we are still carrying on as usual because everyone, but particularly Dugald Wilson and Christina Deacon, is working together to ensure that all our activities go on as normal. Below is a sample of the things we have been doing.

For this report we are also very grateful to Gransden Aerial Services which provided aerial photos of the church for the front cover – we have never seen the church from these angles before. These wonderful photos really show that the church is part of our community.

### Churchyard working party



A group of people, some from the church and some not, meet on the last Saturday of every month to maintain the churchyard, which has never looked so tidy. This is very important as the church and its graveyard are at the heart of the village and villagers would be disappointed if it were a mess. Many thanks go to them.

### The clock

It was reported in the *Girton Parish News* a few months ago that the church clock has been modernised over 200 years after it was first installed. Here are more details about its mechanism.

By the way, it seems the clock was originally on the west side of the church tower, presumably because it could be seen from the then rectory, which is now the language school.

Making a turret clock, which keeps good time, is no simple matter. The swing of the pendulum must be kept going by the same mechanism as drives the external



hands, and is therefore subject to outside influences such as wind, snow and pigeons. Our clock has an ingenious mechanism to isolate the pendulum from these effects.

It is known as a double three-legged gravity escapement, and other famous examples can be found in the Elizabeth Tower at the Palace of Westminster and at Trinity College. Detailed descriptions of its operation with animated diagrams can be found online and repay careful study. In brief, there are independently pivoted 'gravity arms' on each side of the pendulum. As the pendulum swings in one direction, a pin on the drive train lifts the gravity arm on the opposite side, and the escapement wheel locks it in an elevated position. When the pendulum swings back, it touches the elevated gravity arm, which is released to give it a small push. The key feature of the design is that the gravity arms transfer energy from the drive train to the pendulum without ever touching both at the same time.

Nevertheless, the clock can still be affected by changes in temperature and atmospheric pressure. When the automatic winder was fitted, we took the opportunity to improve the accuracy even further. The clock is now adjusted to run very slightly fast, and an electronic device counts the swings of the pendulum and compares the time with a modern quartz clock. Every so often, an electromagnet captures the pendulum for just long enough to get the timing 'spot on'. The same mechanism will also alter the clock automatically for summer and winter time, though this does mean that it will stop for 11 hours in spring!

Rest assured that these changes have been made to the highest conservation standards and are fully reversible.

### Social activities

Each year St Andrew's organises a social activity which is open to all residents. On 12th September 2019, 50 residents of the village were off to Grimsthorpe Castle in Lincolnshire organised by The Friends of St Andrew's Church. It was a lovely sunny day, what could be better. To start with we were treated to tea/coffee and biscuits in the café, then it was back on the coach for a tour of the 3000 acre estate with Ray, our guide, giving a very



interesting history of the park, which was designed by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown around 1771. Oak trees which were recorded in the Domesday book, 1086, were reportedly still alive in the twentieth century.

Arriving back at the café it was time for lunch before our tour of the castle in the afternoon. The earliest part of the house, known as King John's Tower, was built in 1140 and was begun by Gilbert de Gant, Earl of Lincoln.

There was just time for a quick walk around the gardens or a visit to the shop before we were back on the coach for our journey back to Girton.

By all reports the day was a great success, so watch out for our trip in 2020.

### War memorial



One of the most important things St Andrew's does in the year is to organize and host the annual Remembrance Service. We have noticed a very great increase in the number of people attending between 10.45am and 11am on Remembrance Sunday over the years and this year there were over 220 people gathered at the War Memorial.

A good website to find out more about the individuals on our war memorial is [www.roll-of-honour.com/cambridgeshire/girton](http://www.roll-of-honour.com/cambridgeshire/girton) and there is also the Imperial War Museum site: [livesofthefirstworldwar.iwm.org.uk](http://livesofthefirstworldwar.iwm.org.uk).

### Action Abroad Coin Trail and Art Exhibition

Every year our Action Abroad group collects small, and not so small, change and makes a coin trail round the church. All profits go the church's project, Action Abroad. We are supporting Domboshawa Theological

College, Zimbabwe via the UK based Domboshawa Trust. There is just one project at present.



Action Abroad also organizes an art exhibition each year which is a very successful event and raises a lot of money, giving much enjoyment along the way. As it was thought likely the church would be out of action it was decided to go ahead with the event in 2019 but as an auction on an evening in the Cotton Hall. Sadly, not so much money was raised but the huge talents of the community were well evident.



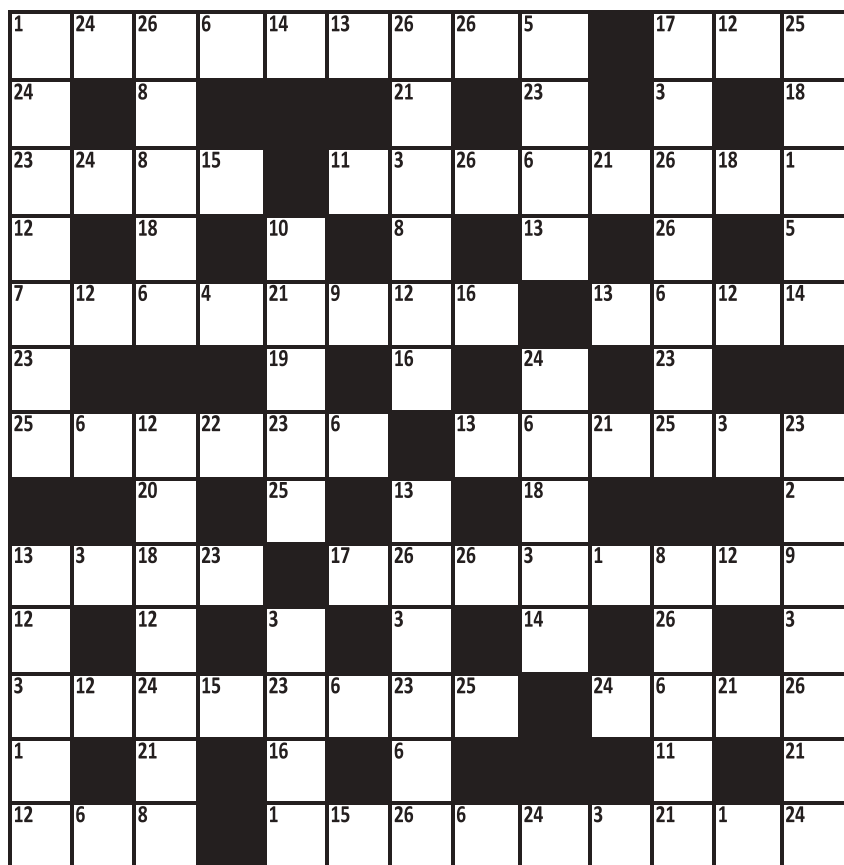
The coin trail made approx £130 and the art exhibition, £218.

### Christmas Fair

Our community activities also include taking part in the Glebe School Christmas Fair with a fruit machine game main hall and children's crafts in the big classroom.

*Geoff Burt, Sheila Hiley and Martyn Johnson*

# puzzle corner



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## CODEWORDS

Each number 1–26 represents a different letter of the alphabet. Can you work out which is which? Use your word skills and the clues included. Note that Codewords can include names or well-known phrases.

The solution is on page 32.

## WORDSEARCH – Theme: Girton Road Names!

Can you find all these words in the grid? They can read left to right, right to left, up or down or diagonally. Tick them off as you go.

BANDON	MANOR
CAMBRIDGE	MARKS
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CHURCH	NORTHFIELD
DODFORD	PEPYS
DUCK	REDGATE
GIRTON	THE BRAMBLES
HICKS	THORNTON
HIGH	WASHPIT
LAWRENCE	WELLBROOK
LEES	WOODLANDS

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# GIRTON scoreboard



## Girton Bowls Club

As the weather continues to be wet and windy and the evenings dark it is hard to believe that we will ever be out on the bowls green again, but play we will.

Although the indoor season is in full swing, members have already been invited to select which of the external outdoor competitions they would like to enter during the 2020 season, so lots to look forward to.

With promotion in the C & D league, we expect the forthcoming season to be challenging but also very enjoyable.

Discussions regarding our use of the William Collyn Centre in the new season are continuing and the hope is that arrangements acceptable to all can be reached soon.

We are always happy to welcome new members so if you would like to try your hand at bowls, please come and join us on one of our Thursday Club nights when the season starts again in April. You can also contact our Secretary Margaret McCall at [margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com](mailto:margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com) for more information or visit our website at [girtonbowlsclub.com](http://girtonbowlsclub.com) to keep up with events and see a photographic record of the Club's activities to date.

*Lynne McGill*



## Girton Golf Club

A new year at the Golf Club and the new Captains were introduced at the 1st January Captains Drive In when the handover from last year's to this year's Captains took place and we all went to the first tee for our initial drives of the year. With a

guaranteed inevitability my drive was a duffed effort but Sarah Pugh, the Lady Captain, Eileen Webster, her Vice, and John Creighton, my Vice, all made excellent starts just to emphasise my total embarrassment. However, we raised our first £84 towards the Club's Charity, Alzheimer's Research, as members and guests guessed the combined distance of Sarah's and my drives, so it was a good start to the year.

It seems that someone is determined to refill the water levels after the near-drought of 2019 and the course, whilst standing up well to the downpours, is pretty wet and muddy off the fairways. Congratulations and thanks go to our excellent greenkeeping team under Ian and Matt's leadership. Competitions don't start for a while

but the first is in February – our Valentines Mixed on 16th February – so some practice, and some sun and wind, is needed before then.

Our Junior Academy coaching starts in March with a wonderful programme of coaching on Sundays with age groups getting an hour 2 or 4 times a month from March right through to November at a surprisingly low cost. For more information see our website or Facebook account or call the Pro shop and chat to one of our golfing professionals.

We have many social events running this year for playing and social members, and non-members are also welcome to any event. The regular Wednesday morning 9.30am breakfasts, in conjunction with AgeUK, continue, so come along and chat to other locals with no rush and as much tea and coffee as you wish. The Valentine's Night dinner and Punjabi Party Night are coming up and you need to book quickly to ensure a table, as both will be popular evenings. See our advert for more details of these and other events.

Follow us on Facebook to see special events and offers during the year as we do promote the club on social media, and of course, on our website. The doors are always open to visitors during the day and the coffee is exceptionally good, as are our daily special lunches.

*Alan Henderson-Smith*

*Tel: 01223 276169*

*[www.girtongolf.co.uk](http://www.girtongolf.co.uk)*



## Girton Netball Club

### Netball New Year Quiz

Try this mental warm-up and find out how much you know about netball (no prizes, it's just for fun).

1. How many players in a netball team?
2. What is the nickname of the England netball squad?
3. For how many seconds may a player hold the ball during a game?

*Answers to these questions on page 27.*

Netball is a game that challenges the mind as well as the body and people who play netball often see improvements in their mental well-being. As a team sport, it can boost self-esteem and social confidence. Through match play, it can help with problem solving and dealing with adversity. But mainly it's just fun and physical. After training you return home stronger, fitter and better prepared to manage life's ups and downs.

Experience the health benefits of netball for yourself! Girton Netball Club meets on Monday evenings at 6.30pm at Girton recreation ground. All abilities welcome. Contact [girton.village.netball@gmail.com](mailto:girton.village.netball@gmail.com).

*Emma London*





## Girton Tennis Club

2019 was a very successful year for our teams. In the words of our captain, Mark Lawton:

“The Girton Men’s Tennis Team has enjoyed a great season in the

Cambs LTA Winter League. The final match in December was played on a cold, windy and wet Saturday morning at Chatteris. Thankfully we ended with a win. In total we played seven matches winning two, drawing two and ending mid-table.

“Our two summer league teams also had a successful season with the Men’s team winning two, drawing one, finishing again mid-table. The greatest result, however, was achieved by our mixed team. They did so well that they achieved promotion, with excellent play from the Girton Ladies section.

“I’d like to thank all of the team players, the Parish Council for the excellent courts, and all the members of the Tennis Club who work to support the club and enable these matches to be played.”

Due to copy dates we are a bit late publishing the picture from our final club night of 2019. The tradition of playing in festive costume was well supported and you may recognise a few of these festive players!



Tennis coaching proved to be popular last year and possibly contributed to the success in our team matches. Tennis lessons are now available to all members from a local LTA coach and these would suit adults and children of all levels. Details are on our website, and for enquiries please email [coaching@girtontennisclub.uk](mailto:coaching@girtontennisclub.uk).

The tennis club AGM will take place at The George, Girton from 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th February. If you read this before then and want to raise any issues – or maybe join our committee – please either come along or have a word with one of our current committee members. The minutes from last year are on our website and the new ones will be published there soon after the meeting. Thanks in advance to The George for hosting us again this year.

Our tennis club has use of the recreation ground courts and members who purchase a key have court access during most daylight hours. Club members meet and play from around 7.30pm to 9pm on Friday evenings. Potential new members are very welcome to come along to our Friday club nights for one or two free sessions to check it all out.

Details about our activities can be found on our website [www.girtontennisclub.uk](http://www.girtontennisclub.uk) or by contacting our Membership Secretary Kevin Keeves on 01223 276660 or by email at [info@girtontennisclub.uk](mailto:info@girtontennisclub.uk).

*Alan Franklin*



## Girton Colts Football Club

A frustrating start to the year in January, with the amount of water we’ve had postponing quite a few matches. Luckily our training on the new MUGA surface has really started to bed in now and is proving to be a

great success. Thanks to the Parish Council for resurfacing it.

The club is progressing well and our Under 6 team and girls’ squad are going to start playing some friendly matches over the next couple of months. The Under 5s are gaining momentum and if your child would like to give it a go, please do get in contact.

If you would like to be involved in either playing or as a coach/manager/referee/committee role, then please contact us at [info@girtoncolts.co.uk](mailto:info@girtoncolts.co.uk). We have many opportunities and would love more of our community to be involved.

### Member News

**Under 8 Team:** Our U8s were able to raise an amazing donation to help the homeless in Cambridge over Christmas. The donation was well received by Jimmy’s Night Shelter in Cambridge. (AH)



*U8 donation*

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## GIRTON scoreboard

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**Under 12 Team:** The U12s have had 2 matches since Christmas and have extended their unbeaten run to 9 matches. The first match was away at Haverhill. It was played on a small pitch which led to a high-scoring affair. Girton ran out 5–3 winners, with goals from Zaki, James and Charlie. That was the last game in the pre-Christmas league. At the break Girton have been promoted and played their first game in the higher division at Red Lodge. In a low scoring game, Girton probably had the better of it but went behind to a breakaway goal. Charlie got the equalising goal in the last minute to secure a 1–1 draw. Misha was man of the match for his sterling work in defence. (KW)

*Andrew Hawkes*

### Answers to Netball New Year Quiz

1. 7
2. The Roses
3. 3 seconds

## Greater Cambridge Local Plan: The First Conversation

Ever walked past a building and wondered how it got planning permission? Worried about climate change and how we are going to adapt? Trying to buy a house and finding it really difficult?

The Council's Local Plan is the document that shapes our area's future and answers these big questions. It covers the key themes of climate change, biodiversity and green spaces, well-being and social inclusion, and great places. It will affect what kind of new homes get built and where, where businesses can grow and how buildings, streets and spaces should be designed. As a result, the Local Plan affects all of us – yet most people have never even heard of it.

But things are changing and we want you to be a part of it. For the first time ever, Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are preparing a joint Local Plan for the Greater Cambridge area: and this time we want to do better than ever before at working with you all to make it happen.

We are starting a big conversation with the community, with many different ways to get involved, online and offline, from Monday 13th January. Please get in touch at [www.greatercambridgeplanning.org](http://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org). Help shape our future together!



As I write this article I have just about got through the last of the Christmas chocolate and am embracing the new decade! Business as usual has resumed at Girton Youth Project and it's great to see everyone again. We had a great trip to Activity World where we had free rein of the whole centre. Not sure who was having more fun, the young people or the staff!! We also had a lovely time at the FOGG tree shredding event with our 'New Year Wish Tree' craft stall. Now we are in 2020, it's time to get planning. We are in the process of planning our Easter half term trips ... so watch this space for more information and join us at the youth project.

We are always welcoming new people to join us on either a Monday or Thursday evening, so if you are a young person aged between 8 and 19 and want a place where you can hang out with your mates and have some fun, check us out on our Facebook page or website. [ymcatrinitygroup.org.uk/family-support/gyp/](http://ymcatrinitygroup.org.uk/family-support/gyp/) [facebook.com/girtonyouthproject/](https://facebook.com/girtonyouthproject/).

Club times are as follows:

**Monday** group: for ages 8–11, from 4.30–6pm.

**Thursday** group is for ages 11–19, from 5–9pm.

Please contact Frances:

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## News from Girton Glebe Primary School

It was lovely to welcome all of our children back to school on 7 January for the first day of the spring term and it is even more exciting to see the wonderful array

of engaging work they are taking part in as topics for the New Year get underway. Please read on for a round-up of some of the things which have been taking place in and around school since the start of term ...

### Tree Shredding – Thank You!

Many thanks to FOGG and members of the local community for hosting such a successful Christmas tree shredding event on Sunday 5 January. It was incredibly well-attended and raised over £500 for the school! Such wonderful support is always greatly appreciated. Well done to all who ran and organised this fundraiser and many thanks to members of the community for turning out in support of this event.

### Children's Mental Health

This year, Girton Glebe is proud to support Place2Be's Children's Mental Health week for the second year running. This event will take place between 3 and 9 February and will support the work we currently do in school to help our pupils develop their mental resilience.

This year's theme is Find Your Brave and is designed to help children find their bravery in taking small steps each day in order to challenge themselves. Throughout the week, our pupils will take part in a range of classroom activities to facilitate this theme whilst augmenting the great work that is already taking place within classrooms to encourage positive mental wellbeing.

More information about this event can be found via the following link:

[www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk).

### Assemblies around the World

Throughout the Spring Term, each weekly assembly theme will focus on a different country and its culture. The aim of this is to take the children on a trip around the world, exploring the geography and arts of a different country each week. We began the term by looking at Spain before the children travelled to Italy. Themes for the remainder of the term include Hungary, Norway, Russia, Japan, Sri Lanka and India.

### Powerful Words Project

We are incredibly excited to be involved with the Powerful Words Project through the Morris Teaching School Alliance based at Impington Village College. The project is designed to extend pupils' receptive and

expressive vocabulary through daily exposure to examples of rich vocabulary.

Our English lead, Miss Jolly, has taken part in a number of training sessions relating to this project and we are now implementing its practice and resources across the school. The classes in which this project has been trialled have already demonstrated huge impact and we are very excited about the outcomes for children across the school in relation to this work.

*Mr Andrew Simpson*  
Headteacher



## Girton Glebe Primary School School Caretaker

We are seeking an enthusiastic and conscientious caretaker, to provide a key role in maintaining our school site to ensure a well-managed and safe environment for the school community.

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- Key-holder for the school, unlocking and locking up, including after-hours lettings
- Experience of DIY and ability to carry out minor repairs, general maintenance and decorating
- Monitoring site stock, ordering supplies, managing tools and equipment
- Pro-actively managing daily/weekly tasks, including caretaking and cleaning duties
- Overseeing the cleaning team, delivering effective cleaning to a high standard
- Water testing and managing the swimming pool (May–August annually; training will be provided)

Previous experience is beneficial but training will be provided. If you have the skills, commitment and are keen to take on a role in maintaining and improving our school, contact the School Office on 01223 276484 or [office@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk) or visit [www.girtonglebe.com/jobs](http://www.girtonglebe.com/jobs) to apply.

Visits are encouraged, please call the School Office to arrange an informal chat and see the school.

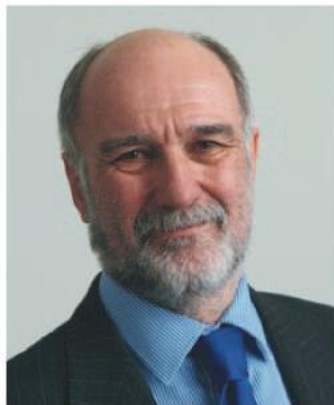
**Closing date: Monday 24th February, 9am.** Interviews will take place early March 2020.

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## Village owes huge thanks to Girton Town Charity Chairman

Dr Robin Hiley, who has been Chairman of GTC for over 20 years, is standing down from his role at the beginning of February but will remain a Trustee. Here we take a look at his huge contribution to the life of the Village and the many projects and developments which have been brought to fruition during his time at the helm.

The major change during Robin's leadership was selling a large area of land at Wellbrook Way for development, enabling GTC to make exciting changes and bringing in a substantial sum of money which is invested to give funds to use for the benefit of Girton residents. The charity's annual income underwent a step-change from less than £10,000 to over £500,000.



### Enhancing Village life

Under Robin's leadership, the Trustees have developed the innovative portfolio of projects and schemes to benefit Girton residents of all ages. These now include the popular Hospital Taxi Scheme with capped fares, CarePlus providing assistance over and above statutory provision, and the Educational Grant Scheme for students. Help is also given to individuals and groups and some support is delivered through successful collaborative partnerships such as those with the YMCA, Age UK

and Relate.

In 2004-7, this included refurbishing the Cotton Hall and upgrading St Andrew's Church and Baptist Church. In both cases, the churches made significant financial contributions of their own and this principle, that a group should feel that they truly 'own' the project, is one we believe is essential within the community.

### Almshouses

The enhanced income meant that in 2014, GTC completed a £1 million building project at Centenary Court to provide seven traditionally-built almshouses without having to use any of its endowment. In addition, it made available land for four social houses to be built by a housing association. The seven almshouses are for residents of Girton or those with family or close connections to the Village, who otherwise would be unable to afford to live here. Residents are appointed on the basis of a wide range of criteria and following an interview, carried out by the Trustees and assisted by housing professionals.

### Community Centre

In planning the sale of the land at Wellbrook Way, the Trustees had pledged to provide a major community facility on the site. The William Collyn Community Centre finally saw its official opening in 2019, following over ten years of planning. The £2.5 million Centre is now fully in use for Village activities and local groups, as well as corporate and independent bookings for meetings, training sessions and conferences from the wider community.

### Next phase

Robin said: "After 20 years as Chairman, it is time for me to pass on the baton but I am keen to remain a Trustee and play my part in steering our next phase of projects – the increase in almshouse provision at Suffolk Terrace and the High Street to meet future housing needs – through to a successful conclusion.

"It has been a huge privilege to have led GTC through these positive developments but they were a collective effort. I must thank the 19 Trustees who have served with me since I joined the Board in 1998 for their unstinting, enthusiastic and imaginative contributions and support to the work of GTC.

"Now I am retired from the Chair as well as from my academic work, I am looking forward to spending more time with my family and friends, and in pursuing my interests especially travel, opera and history.

### Enhancing Village life

"I am confident that GTC will continue to flourish and be innovative under its new Chair, Ann Bonnett. I wish her as much pleasure and fulfilment as I have had in the role."

Ann has been a GTC Trustee since 2012 and played a leading role in a number of projects including the creation of the Sensory Garden at Wellbrook Way, the Sculpture Railings and new Bus Shelter and the Community Art Project *Passing Through and Settling*.



Girton Town Charity exists for purposes which include the relief of need in Girton, either individually or collectively, or the support of any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Girton.

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[www.girtontowncharity.co.uk](http://www.girtontowncharity.co.uk)

## Educational Grants 2020

Applications for an Educational Grant are invited from young people over 18 leaving secondary education and moving on to higher education and some training schemes or NVQ qualifications Level 4 and above.

The Grant covers books, equipment, tools or other direct costs relevant to the course and is a maximum of £300\* per year for up to four years.

Next payment date for grant applications received will be July 2020.

Applicants must have lived in Girton for a minimum of two years immediately before leaving secondary education.

Contact the GTC office for an application form.  
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### Monday

10.00 – 12.00am Flukes Ukulele Group  
6.30 – 7.30pm Clubbercise  
7.45 – 9.30pm Whole Notes Gospel Choir

### Tuesday

9.15 – 10.05am Holistic Core Restore Workshop  
1.00 – 1.45pm Jungle Boogie Tots  
5.00 – 6.00pm Pilates based clinical rehabilitation  
6.15 – 7.15pm Wellbeing and Yoga  
7.30 – 10.30pm West Coast Swing

### Wednesday

9.15 – 10.15am Barre Class  
1.00 – 4.00pm Citizens Advice Bureau Drop In  
4.00 – 5.00pm Artatic Kids Art Class  
7.00 – 8.00pm Wild Warrior Contemporary Dance

### Thursday

9.30 – 11.30am Adult Sewing Class  
11.00am – 3.00pm Relate Counselling  
11.30 – 12.30pm Tai Chi  
5.30 – 6.30pm Yin Yoga  
7.15 – 7.45pm Strong 30  
7.45 – 8.45pm Body Control Pilates

### Friday

10.30 – 11.30am Indoor Kurling  
5.30 – 6.30pm Pilates Explore  
7.00 – 9.30pm New Life Church Youth Club

### Other regular groups:

Girton Bowls Club, Girton WI, Club 55,  
Girton Garden Society

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## William Collyn Community Centre

Wellbrook Way, Girton, Cambridge CB3 0GP

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The William Collyn Centre is provided and run for the benefit of Girton residents by Girton Town Charity.

## News for Older Residents



### Hope Again

This bereavement support programme begins again on Wednesday 4th March from 2pm to 4pm in St Audrey's Close in Histon. The group will meet each Wednesday for 6 weeks and so finish on 8th April. It is a good place for participants to explore together various aspects of loss and bereavement. Some Girton residents have found previous courses helpful.

For further information and/or to register please phone 07707 263 353 or email [HABG1@icloud.com](mailto:HABG1@icloud.com).

And, the **Worry Tree Café** continues to run on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from **5pm to 7pm in the St Andrew's Centre in Histon**. The café is for those experiencing mental wellbeing challenges, loneliness, isolation or memory loss.

### Let's Get Healthy and Moving

This important and interesting event will be happening during **Wednesday 18th March** in the William Collyn Hall. If you are interested in preventing a fall, having a health check, a Functional Fitness MOT, weight management advice and/or healthy eating advice this will be the place to come. There will also be taster sessions of various activities.

Hopefully, I will have more precise details for the March GPN, so please watch this space.

### Breakfast Club at the Golf Club

Just turn up on Wednesdays from 9.30am onwards for a leisurely breakfast. The small number of regulars are happy to welcome and include newcomers.

### What about trying Walking Netball?

The sessions are on Mondays from 2–3pm at Milton Community Centre (outdoor netball courts). For more information contact Carolyn Pallon on 07578 338 086.

*Patricia Johnston*

*Older Residents Co-ordinator*

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## Dr Rowan Williams Visits Girton Green



On Monday 13th January 2020, Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury from 2002 to 2012, revisited Girton Green after opening the development in 2012. The visit, accompanied by former Abbeyfield Trustees Peter Constable and Jenny Greene, involved a meet and greet with residents and lunch with managers.

Dr Williams, who now holds the post of Master of Magdalene College, said, 'It was such a pleasure to see how Girton Green is developing. The basic vision of preserving dignity and real choice for older people, in an environment where they have responsibility for creating community, supporting each other, and developing their own enthusiasms, has always been for me one of the great strengths and attractions of the Abbeyfield "brand", and it was a huge encouragement to see how fully this vision is being embraced at Girton Green. I hope it long continues to flourish and provide this unique environment.'

*Andrew Watson*

## Girton Community Choir



We began our Spring Term on Wednesday 15th January with a delayed Social Evening. It's good to talk (if you remember the old BT advert) and it's also good to sing!

Despite a few snuffles, we are looking forward to getting together to use our singing voices – polishing what we already know and beginning some new songs to extend our repertoire. If you would like to release some of those endorphins which help make you a happier person, as well as join some very friendly folk, you will be welcome to join us in the North Room at St Andrew's Church on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. We have room for all voices, but especially sopranos, and you don't have to be able to read music, although it obviously helps.

Please contact Jane on 01223 474667 if you need any more information.





## A review of our 2019 activities

During 2019 we made a few changes, most of which worked well with just a small minority that did not. Our biggest change was

moving our Film Club to the William Collyn

Community Centre. The electronic facilities there are undoubtedly better than our own projectors, audio and screens and there is much less work for us to do. We do not have the task of setting up all the equipment, moving chairs and tables and clearing up at the end of our sessions. That is a huge help to our age group. The kitchen is ideal for us, and we are able to make hot drinks and food easily. All this has not come without an extra cost but financially we managed to keep our heads above water and must count this move as a success.

Our Lunch Group was exceptionally well attended all through the year, and we visited some very good eating houses, one as far afield as Hilgay near Downham Market, Norfolk. Two of our local haunts closed and caused us a few problems but usually the local food has been very good. Our use of the Dial-a-ride bus may have to come to an end because of a large price rise for 2020. Our Christmas lunch at Girton Golf Club was particularly well attended with 57 people arriving to enjoy their meals. Not all the public houses we would like to visit could seat that number of people; one we made enquiries at limited the numbers to thirty. You will see that we are always on the look out for new places to visit.

The Monday morning computer group in the St Vincent's Close Community Centre will have been running for twelve years in June of this year. Although numbers fluctuate from week to week it looks like continuing for a while. We did consider and in fact tested a move to another location but this was unsuccessful – the Community Centre is our home.

We have enjoyed a very good relationship with our local Older Persons Co-ordinator, Patricia Johnston, and I am sure with our local eating venues. We try very hard to give good value for money but it is very difficult to keep prices down in the present financial climate. Do come along to one of our activities; it is easy to make new friends and that can only be a good thing as loneliness can cause many differing health problems. To end our review we would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy new year. We are looking forward to seeing you all during 2020.

## Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party took place on the 19th December in the William Collyn Hall. The event began with a good chat over a glass or two of mulled wine and was followed by carols led by our own St Andrews Church choir and their organist Richard. They did an excellent job for us, and we thank them very much for their performance. *See the picture below.*



Carols at our Christmas Party

The carols were followed by a Christmas themed buffet and a game or two of bingo, which turned out to be quite traumatic for the caller when some players were not sure of the rules.

Next came our home-made film 'Club 55 the Musical' which highlighted some of our 'famous' Members. This was followed by the presentation of our 'very prestigious' Golden Girties. This year's winners were Angela Blackburn, Patricia Johnston, Mavis Diss, Rod Eusden and Christine Gray.

Don't be afraid to contact us if you fancy coming to one of our functions. We will be happy to see you and help is always on hand if you need it. It's great to get out and about, particularly during these dull dark days of winter.

All in all 2019 was an excellent year for us at Club 55. Let's hope 2020 is even better.

## For your diary:

**Wednesday 5th February 2020 12noon:** William Collyn C.C. Fish & Chips plus film: Downton Abbey £10.

**Thursday 19th March 2020 12noon:** William Collyn C.C. Fish and Chips and Film to be announced.

**Wednesday 25th March 2020 12 for 12.30pm:** Lunch at Abbeyfield.

To see more details go to: [www.club55.wordpress.com](http://www.club55.wordpress.com) where you can see diary entries, menus, order meals and pay online.

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### All you need is love ...

... and some of us are old enough to remember the Beatles singing that song!

In a month containing Valentine's day, it might appear that the only way to love, is by buying some expensive gift to be accompanied by a large card. But then another Beatles song said, 'Money can't buy me love ...' The song asserts a willingness to buy anything, even a diamond ring; but acknowledges that money definitely cannot buy love. Somehow, this song seems to get closer to the nub of what love is really about.

Over the years, there must have been millions of songs, poems, paintings, and goodness knows how many letters, produced on the subject of love. So it is hardly surprising that in God's book, too, there is a great deal written about it.

One way NOT to have love reciprocated, is by coercion. No matter what we do, how many gifts are given, we cannot force another to love us. Likewise with God. He might want us to be his friends, to love him, but he will never force himself on to us.

I have come across a story about Benjamin Franklin. He had a great deal to do with improving street lighting (amongst other things!). Although I cannot verify the story, it does make a good point about not forcing people into something.

When Benjamin Franklin wished to interest the people of Philadelphia in street lighting, he didn't try to persuade them by talking about it – instead, he hung a beautiful lantern on a long bracket before his own door. Then he kept the glass brightly polished, and carefully hung it at the approach of dusk.

People wandering about on the dark street saw Franklin's light a long way off and came under the influence of its friendly glow with grateful hearts. To each one it seemed to say, 'Come along, my friend! Here is a safe place to walk. See that cobblestone sticking out? Don't stumble over it! I shall be here to help you again tomorrow night, if you should come this way.'

It wasn't long before Franklin's neighbours began placing lights in brackets before their homes and soon the entire city awoke to the value of street lighting and took up the matter with interest and enthusiasm. Example is always a strong motivation for doing the right thing in life.

Thus it is with God. For him love is a deep, constant and lasting attribute of the character. It is something to be nurtured, to be allowed to gently shine through. He

says quite a lot about it. He tells us that love must be sincere, it must think more of another than oneself. Further, God tells us that love is patient and kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. Jesus says love one another – as I have loved you, so you must love one another. All that is quite unequivocal. But also, it is not coercion. Once the shops have stopped marketing goods for Valentine's day, real love just keeps going on ... and on ... and on ...

And the Lord gives us the best example of all. Christ died on the cross for all of us, which reminds us that 'greater love has no man but this, that he lay down his life for his friends' – and that means you and me!

*Christina Deacon*

### Disciples on the Journey

A Lenten Quiet Morning of Reflection  
from the Gospel of Mark

**on Saturday 29th February 2020**

from 10.00am – 12.30pm

in St Andrew's Church, Gorton

led by the Revd Shirley Holder,  
curate at Great Saint Mary's, Cambridge

To reserve a free place contact Shirley  
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Contact details: Bookings via the Rector  
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## Girton Co-op's Member Pioneer



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the local people of Girton. My name is Sadaf Safian and I am the newly appointed Member Pioneer for our Co-op in Girton. My role is to bring local people together, to understand the needs of our community and to act as a communicator between local people, groups, Co-op members and our Co-op.

Co-op is actively involved in improving our local community by providing funds to different causes across the UK. The Local Community Fund was launched in September 2016. As a member, every time you use your membership card to buy Co-op branded products and services, 5% goes back to you and 1% is given back to the community. This year over £17 million will be shared by over 4000 causes! You can easily choose one of three local causes to receive the funds by logging into your account or phoning the membership help line. It takes only £1 to become a member. All you need to do is to go down the Co-op store today or join online here: [membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration](http://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration). I will be supporting our 3 current local causes (Cottontails Preschool, Girton Colts Football club and Friends of Girton Glebe) to highlight the work that they are doing and to help them to engage with Co-op members and the community.

Co-op is working for the well-being of our community. There are three main areas that I will be focusing on:

- **Protecting Endangered Community Spaces:** Community spaces are land and buildings that are valuable to a community for social, economic and environmental reasons. This includes parks, green spaces, libraries, community halls etc. Lots of community spaces have been sold for private use and nearly 16,000 community spaces are under threat due to lack of funding. If you know of any community space in or near Girton that you feel should be saved for the well-being of our community, get in touch.
- **Supporting the mental and physical health of people in of our community:** If you have an interest or

Girton Baptist Church



## Notices

### Tuesday Afternoon Friendship Group

**Come and join us at 2:15pm on  
February 11<sup>th</sup> – Ian Sinkinson, MAF  
(Mission Aviation Fellowship)**

**February 25<sup>th</sup> – Age UK  
Bring and Buy Sale**

*For more information or to arrange a lift please call*

Christine Kimmitt - 01223 575881 or Chris Whitby- 01223 276044

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experience within mental or physical health and you are able to spare some of your time to help people in your community to improve their lives please get in touch with me.

- **Helping people by developing their skills:** If you have any skills for example, IT, gardening, DIY etc, and would like to share your knowledge and help those who may find these skills challenging, please let me know.

By finding out what is important to you in your community, in my role as a Member Pioneer, I will be able to support you to communicate and connect with like-minded people, offer practical advice, and help get you started. Please feel free to contact me. My mobile number is 07970 050794 and my email address is [sadaf.safian@coopmembers.co.uk](mailto:sadaf.safian@coopmembers.co.uk).

*Sadaf Safian*





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### Sunday Services: February

<b>2nd</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Communion (CW) (Revd Chris Barter)
	<b>7.45pm</b>	Taizé Service in Girton College Chapel
<b>9th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	All Age Service (Archdeacon Revd Alex Hughes)
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Evening Prayer (BCP)
<b>16th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Communion (CW) (Revd Janet Glover)
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Evening Prayer (BCP)
<b>23rd</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) (Revd Tom Ambrose)
	<b>10.00am</b>	Morning Prayer (CW)

### March

<b>1st</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Communion (CW) (Revd Chris Barter)
	<b>7.45pm</b>	Taizé Service in Girton College Chapel

### Weekday Services: February

#### Wednesdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

**10.15am** Silent Prayer in the North Room

#### Tuesday 11th

**11.00am** Service of Holy Communion at  
Arlington Manor (Christina Deacon LLM)

**2.30pm** Service of Holy Communion at  
Abbeyfield (Revd Christine Barrow)

#### Wednesday 26th

**7.00pm** Ash Wednesday service  
(Revd Roger Greeves)

#### Thursday 27th

**11.00am** Service of Holy Communion at  
Gretton Court (Revd Christine Barrow)

## Girton Baptist Church



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### Sunday Services: February

We welcome families with children of whatever age. Classes with interactive activities are available for children each week during the morning service. Tea and coffee are served after the service.

All services are led by Revd Nick Lowe, unless otherwise stated.

<b>2nd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Evening Worship with Communion
<b>9th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Prayer Breakfast
	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Service
<b>16th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship with Communion
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Evening Worship led by John Searle
<b>23rd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Evening Worship (Open sharing)

### March

<b>1st</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship led by Girton House-group
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Evening Worship with Communion



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*Helen Wilson*

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