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The Village Diary

March

- Sun. 1** **Music at Girton**, Stanley Library, 2.30pm
Recitalists in Concert (1)
- Mon. 2** **Why do Volcanoes Explode?**
Storey's Field Centre, Eddington, 3.30–4.45pm
- Wed. 4** **Girton WI**, William Collyn C.C., 7.30pm
Annual Meeting
- Fri. 6** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sat. 7** **Girton Walking Group**, Barrington–Meldreth–Shepreth.
Meet 10am at Riverside Walk car park, Barrington
Friends of Girton Glebe, Spring Jumble Sale
Girton Glebe School, 11am–1pm
- Sun. 8** **Music at Girton**, Stanley Library, 2.30pm
Recitalists in Concert (2)
- Thu. 12** **Girton Garden Society**, William Collyn C.C., 7.30pm
What Can I Do with This Space? – Darren Lerigo
- Sat. 14** **FOSA Soup lunch**
St Andrew's Church
- Tue. 17** **Parish Council Meeting**, 7.00pm
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Wed. 18** **Let's Get Moving**, Health check and taster activities
William Collyn C.C., 11am–2.30pm
- Thu. 19** **Club 55**, William Collyn C.C., 12 noon. Film t.b.a.
Village Crime Prevention Event, 6–7.30pm
The Pavilion, with PCSO Tony Martin
- Wed. 25** **Club 55**, William Collyn C.C., 12 for 12.30pm
Lunch at Abbeyfield
- Fri. 27** **Eddington Beer Garden**, Eddington Market Square
From 4pm on the 27th to 11pm on the 28th
- Sat. 28** **Girton Churchyard Volunteers**, Work Party
St Andrew's Churchyard, 10am–12 noon

April

- Wed. 1** **Girton WI**, William Collyn C.C., 7.30pm
Making a Stand for Chelsea – Dr Tim Wreghitt
- Fri. 3** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sat. 4** **Family Movie: Frozen 2**, William Collyn C.C.
Doors open 10am for 10.30 start
Girton Walking Group, Reach, Swaffham Prior
and Devil's Dyke. Meet 10am at Reach village green

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Dementia UK Afternoon Tea

**Saturday 7th March
3pm - 5pm**

Arlington Manor is hosting an Afternoon Tea as part of Dementia UK's Time for a Cuppa event. Enjoy finger sandwiches, homemade cakes and live music with classical guitarist Daniela Rossi. Make a small donation for a fun afternoon and lets see how much we can raise together!

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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 February meeting, but items on the agenda included consideration of a budget for two new village signs at the boundaries on Huntingdon Road and Oakington Road, ideas for submission to Cambs County Council's Community Fund, plus approving contractors for play areas inspections and preparations for and approval of the launch of the new parish website in March. As you read this, the replacement lights on the Multi-Use Games Area will have been installed, together with the final addition of sand to the playing surface. This completes the refurbishment of the MUGA which began with the laying of the new playing surface late last year.

Staff Changes

After 18 ½ years of sterling service to Girton, Linda Miller is retiring from her post with the Parish Council at the end of February. I'm sure the village joins with us in grateful thanks to Linda for all she has done, and in wishing her a very happy retirement. Following interviews with excellent candidates, Laura Lawrence will take up her post as Assistant to the Parish Clerk during March, and we look forward to welcoming her.

Crime Prevention Events

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. Also, PCSO Martin will be holding 'Coffee with a Cop' on Thursday 30th April, 2.00–3.00pm at Abbeyfield Coffee Shop, Wellbrook Way.

Next meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held at St Vincent's Close Community Centre at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17th March and Tuesday 21st April. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings and to speak in the open session at the start.

Please see page 38 for a full list of councillors.

Village Crime Prevention Event

PCSO Tony Martin will be holding a Village Crime Prevention Event on Thursday 19th March 2020 from 6.00–7.30pm in the Pavilion at the Rec. At this event you will be able to meet your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, purchase security items and pick up free leaflets on various topics. If you have any concerns or issues that you would like to discuss then please come along.

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FROM OUR COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Lynda Harford

Finance

The Council has now set its budget for the coming year, April 2020/March 2021. The Administration's main objective in setting its budget is to balance any increase in council tax with the funding requirements of the Council bearing in mind that any increase in council tax directly affects many of its residents. Its prudent financial management in recent years now allows for it to start to invest in things that matter to so many people. It will invest a total of £16m in climate action-related proposals to support its already stated position on the climate emergency. It will also create a new £5m fund to help deliver a range of community based investments. In anticipation of the late announcement by Government of highways funding for the coming year, the Council will use prudential borrowing (£6m) to invest £6.366m in highway infrastructure. The popular Local Highways Improvement scheme will see increased funding of £200,000 for the coming year. Council tax will be raised by 3.59% to include 2% for Adult Social Care.

Health & Social Care

The Wuhan Novel Coronavirus (now officially named Covid-19) is very much in the news and the County Council's Public Health Directorate is being kept updated by Public Health England. Anyone who has travelled to China or other significantly affected area recently, or has been in close contact with anyone who has, and subsequently feels unwell should call 111 for advice and NOT go to either a doctor's surgery or hospital. Regularly updated advice and information for the public is provided by Public Health England at:
www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public

Every year the County Council undertakes a self-assessment of its Adult Social Care service – a 'state of the nation' look at how the service is performing and delivering for users. A very accessible summary document [the Local Account] is then published on the Council's website. For those interested in how the adult social care service is doing in Cambridgeshire:
cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccclive/meetings/tabid/70/ctl/viewmeetingpublic/mid/397/meeting/1112/committee/3/selectedtab/documents/default.aspx

Education

There has also been quite a lot of media attention in recent months to national failings in the care of those with special educational needs and disabilities. The County Council's strategy – 'SEND is everybody's business' – sets out its vision, principles and priorities for meeting these needs in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough's children and young people from birth to the age of 25:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer/about-cambridgeshire-s-local-offer/send-strategies-and-policies

Libraries

The Council has recently launched a new Reading Well for Children collection which is available to borrow from any of the county's libraries. Its aim is to support the mental health and wellbeing of children aged 7–11, providing them and their families and carers with information, advice and support for coping with feelings and worries. The collection contains 33 titles covering topics relevant to today's children such as grief, anxiety, bullying and staying safe online. The materials have been chosen and endorsed by leading health professionals including NHS England, Mind and the Royal College of GPs and has been co-produced with children and families.

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 to me.

Lynda

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A View From the District

The Joint Development Control Committee has had a briefing on the City Deal, the major part of the Greater Cambridge Partnership's brief. While peak rush hours are spreading, this does not offset either the congestion or capacity issues. GCP is pressing for a South Cambridge station and upgrades to all traffic lights, to help priority for public transport, pedestrians, and cyclists. There was some fairly aggressive questioning; I noted that there was still no awareness of the different needs of fast and slow cyclists (exacerbated by the rise of electric bikes), and no reference to the meteoric rise of invalid buggies which clog both highway and cycleway. Other comments were that, for many commuters, waiting for a bus is a miserable experience without adequate shelter; that buses need to accommodate more cycles if cycling is really to be encouraged; and that buses cannot scale up to the level of our problems. But we were told 'it is all about trade-offs', and the plans still focus heavily on buses to solve our woes.

That afternoon there was a JDCC Development Control Forum. These are comparatively rare events when significant objection has been raised to a planning application, and our officers attempt mediation. The objections focused on six specific concerns over the Darwin Green 1 development, and in the ensuing discussion it seemed to me that real compromises were reached and the developers will look again at their designs. A worthwhile event.

Our administration has moved from the model of Portfolio Holders, making decisions with or without consultation, to a collective cabinet which makes decisions in public meetings at which all Councillors may speak – and meetings where I have been able to influence the decisions. And before this the Scrutiny committee will have gone through the items with a fine-tooth comb. But it is an expensive model taking far more officer time. So after 18 months we are reviewing the

frequency of meetings. I hope also that Scrutiny will relinquish some of this work to enable them to do some post-scrutiny reviews, and to invite holders of public office to attend and be questioned.

A review group has put a huge amount of work into revising our Constitution and has now produced a very good draft. It removed many anomalies, though also to my sadness the description of the Chair as 'the conscience of the Council'. It may be difficult to define this role but it has enabled me to do many things which may otherwise have gone unheeded. I attended the final discussion of the group, and made a heartfelt plea for its restoration – successfully, I am delighted to report.

One anomaly related to planning decisions. The Constitution placed the authority for delegating them to the case officer upon the Chair of the Planning Committee. This would be illegal as a Council may not delegate power to an individual Councillor apart from members of the executive; so the power is now explicitly in the hands of the Senior Planner; and if the Chair, Vice-Chair and Senior Planner cannot agree the application automatically goes to the Committee. The change has created waves among those who perhaps do not understand the protocols, and some media suggest it is the reason for two legal cases being brought against the Council. In fact it simply brings the Constitution into line with practice, and the Council will robustly defend the cases, which predate these changes. The Planning Committee will discuss the revised wording for the Constitution on 12 February: tinyurl.com/sk5g6md has the agenda.

You may hear quite a bit about 'Zero Carbon Communities' from now on. Our Climate Emergency Advisory Committee (CEAC) is working to ensure that SCDC becomes net zero before 2050. To help achieve this, CEAC has set up a ZCC fund from which grants up to £15,000 are offered to groups with a well-founded proposal to educate or promote lowering our carbon footprint; and the first winners have been announced. Cambridge Carbon Footprint and Cambridge Sustainable Food were both awarded the full grant, with 17 others receiving lesser grants to encourage cycling, plant trees and hedges, install LED lighting and pursue other projects. We are now encouraging a second round of applications, so put your thinking-caps on!

In this the coldest quarter of the year many residents will have received a letter from Cadent Gas informing you that your gas supply will have to be cut off for a while. If you are anxious about this please contact me.

Stagecoach have just announced that they have purchased two new electric buses, and plan to introduce them on the Citi6 route through Girton. By the time you read this they may already be in service. It is the first really tangible result of the work of the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

If you would like a fuller monthly report emailed to you please contact me at 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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

St Andrews Church, Girton
Action Abroad

Art Exhibition 2020



Exhibition opening hours:
Friday 1st May 11 am to 7 pm;
Saturday 2nd May 10 am to 5 pm
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EDDIE'S CAFE
SPRINGTIME SUNDAY SPECIAL

Sunday March 8th
Cambridge University
Primary School
Eddington
10:00am - 11:30am

As Spring approaches we'd love to welcome you to a family friendly Sunday version of Eddie's cafe with a Springtime theme. There will be plenty of free cakes, drinks and friendly faces, as well as the usual mix of crafts, music and activities. It would be great if you could join us.

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Girton Walking Group

Saturday 7th March: 'L Moor', Barrington–Meldreth–Shepreth circular walk, 5 miles. Meet 10am 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 angela.blackburn@cantab.net.

Saturday 4th April: Reach, Swaffham Prior and Devil's Dyke, 5.5 miles. Meet 10am by the village green in Reach. Small village car park and roadside parking available. May be muddy. For more details, or for a list of members willing to offer a lift, contact Gina Lane, ginaklane@aol.com.

Music at Girton

SUNDAY 1 MARCH at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)

Stanley Library, Girton College

Recitalists in Concert

A selection of music taken from examination programmes to be performed by first-year Music students at Girton; the concert will feature compositions for piano, guitar and trumpet.

Admission free; retiring collection

SUNDAY 8 MARCH at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)

Stanley Library, Girton College

Recitalists in Concert

A selection of music taken from examination programmes to be performed by second-year Music students at Girton; the concert will feature compositions for flute, clarinet and Baroque violin, including works by Biber and Schmelzer.

Admission free; retiring collection

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Eddington Beer Garden

Friday 27th March 4:00pm – Saturday 28th March 11:00pm

A pop-up outdoor event in Eddington's Market Square is arriving for one weekend only.

Open to all, the Eddington Beer Garden will serve a choice of draft, craft beers, gins, spirits, wines and soft drinks within the surroundings of this fresh and intriguing space. The event follows the success of the autumn Eddington Craft Beer and Gin Festival at the Storey's Field Centre.

There will be a selection of Cambridge's finest independent food vans to satisfy those taste buds, and live musical entertainment for a fun atmosphere to shake off any winter blues.

Entry is free, please register your attendance for a free branded eco cup! Register at: eddington-cambridge.co.uk/whats-on/beergarden



Girton Garden Society

Thursday 12th March 2020 at 7.30pm
William Collyn Community Centre

**Darren Lerigo (Modern Mint):
'What Can I Do with This Space?'**

We will look at garden design ideas from around the world and how we can use them in our gardens. Advice will also be given on dealing with pernicious weeds and what to do about deer eating your plants.

Competitions:

A pot of flowering bulbs
Broccoli or spring greens

Mini Show 2020

**Girton Garden and Allotment Societies
Feast Week Village Fete
Saturday 11th July**

Open to the whole Village

Get planting now so that you have carrots, beans, potatoes, beetroot, onions, rhubarb, soft fruit and summer flowers.

For children, try planting some different coloured vegetables and enter your funniest carrot, your longest bean and an animal modelled from vegetables, fruit and flowers.

The full list of categories will appear in the May edition of the GPN

It is also on the GGS website on the Diary for meetings and events page at girtongardensociety.co.uk

Details before then available from either society:

Girton Garden Society - Kay Green:
01223 276819

Girton Allotment Society- Patsy Smith:
01223 575288

**Friends of Girton Glebe
Jumble Sale
Saturday 7th March 2020
11am – 1pm**

Girton Glebe Primary School

Café for tea, coffee and cake

Entry: 50p adults, children free

All proceeds go towards our school

We'll be selling:

Clothes & Shoes	Accessories
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Donations can be dropped at the school entrance from Monday 2nd March.

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Friends of Girton Glebe

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

GIRTON FEAST SUMMER FESTIVAL 2020



FESTIVAL EVENTS:

- Open gardens – 21st June
- Arlington Manor Summer Fete – Saturday 28th June
- Gretton Court Strawberry Teas – Wednesday 1st July
- CAE International Evening – Wednesday 1st July
- Girton Golf Club 'Open Day' for all the family – Sunday 5th July
- Outdoor cinema – Friday 10th July
- Village Fete – Saturday 11th July

More dates being confirmed

Other highlights:

- Programmes will be free
- Pizza Passione will attend the outdoor cinema and village fete
- Beer tent at the outdoor cinema and village fete with a selection of local real ales
- Prize for best dressed stall



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rowena@girtonfeast.org.uk or

helen@girtonfeast.org.uk or via our website:

www.girtonfeast.org.uk



The William Collyn Community Centre in association with Club55, present a family film showing of Frozen 2!

- Saturday 4th April
- Doors from 10am to start at 10.30am

Cost per child £5 (accompanying adults free)

Includes Ice cream & soft drinks

Fancy dress welcome!

Cushions, duvets, bean bags etc all optional

WILLIAM COLLYN
COMMUNITY CENTRE



News from Girton Glebe Primary School

The last month has been an incredibly exciting time at Girton Glebe Primary School and the classrooms have been their usual hive of activity. Please read on for a round-up of our recent highlights ...

Drumming Workshops

On the 4th and 5th of February our children took part in drumming workshops led by professional drummer, Malcolm Smith. All year groups watched Malcolm perform in an assembly and then had the opportunity to learn some drumming skills themselves, playing African drums called djembes and dun-duns.

Malcolm played some rhythms for the children to copy and gradually, each class built up a full piece of music. They learned how to create different sounds with the drums and how to hold and look after them. They also had a go at singing some traditional African songs alongside the drumming rhythms.

Many thanks to Malcolm for an inspiring and exciting workshop. We hope to see him again next year!

Art Scapers Project

On Monday 10th February, our Year 4 pupils walked to Storey's Field Centre to take part in their first Art Scapers project, in conjunction with children at Mayfield Primary.

The children have been charged with the task of creating settings for the Hansel & Gretel play that will be performed during the summer. During their first day, the children familiarised themselves with the story and then designed trees on large sheets of paper, which will form the basis of their designs to later be transferred to textiles.

Willow Class Dance Performance

On Thursday 13th February, Willow Class travelled to Impington Village College to take part in a Dance Share event with other local primary-aged pupils. Throughout this half-term, Willow have been rehearsing a dance with Lois Drayton, a PE teacher from IVC, and took part in this showcase on stage in front of an audience of parents, teachers and pupils. The children danced to a song called Timber and performed magnificently.

Our children were the youngest group taking part and were first to take to the stage – they did a fabulous job and we are incredibly proud of them! Well done, Willow!

Letters to The Queen

This month, Maple Class have been working exceptionally hard on writing letters to members of the Royal Family. They were inspired by an idea in their

class book: 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf.

Some children chose to write to the Queen, some to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and some to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. The children worked really hard on their writing and even added their own decorations and drawings to their letters as a finishing touch.

At the beginning of February, the children took a walk to the post box to send their letters and are now eagerly hoping for replies.

Mr Andrew Simpson
Headteacher

Friends of Girton Glebe say:

WE NEED YOU!



How you can help your village primary:

- 1. Lend your skills!** The school and grounds need upkeep; can you help? People with gardening knowhow needed for pond and gardens. We'd also welcome help to paint the pool area. Use contactfogg@gmail.com to reach us and we will let you know when our 'helping hands' days are coming up.
- 2. Sign up your Co-op card** to help local causes (including Friends of Girton Glebe). The Co-op gives 1% of what you spend on selected products and services to local causes. You can choose where your 1% goes to!
- 3. If you shop online, use Amazon Smile.** By going via Amazon Smile every time you shop, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to FOGG. Go to smile.amazon.co.uk. Log in using your Amazon log in details. Select 'Friends of Girton Glebe' as your charity.

Thank You!

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All this and more at Girton Golf Club in March and April



25th April – “All Glammed Up” East Anglia’s Great Glam Rock Band

70s Night – Dress up, or not, but come and have fun

Just £25 a ticket including food - £30 non members

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Girton Golf Club, Dodford Lane, Girton, Cambs CB3 0QE



Easter Activities

We have now, just about, finished planning our Easter half term activities and have

some great trips lined up. We will be kicking off the week with our infamous bouncy castle day which is open to everyone in the village free of charge, so we hope to see you all there! We also have some great new days out including the new water park in Coventry and the dry ski slope. So if you fancy joining us and seeing what youth group is all about get in touch – we are always happy to see new faces. Places on trips are limited so get in touch asap.

In the meantime, we have been busy at youth group designing and painting t-shirts and trainers as well as indoor games. The weather has been against us, and so we have really been making the most of the indoor space at Cotton Hall. We plan to make tons of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and finish the term with a mega Easter egg hunt. I'm getting hungry just thinking about it now!

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 8–19 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.

Club times are as follows:

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

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

Contact Frances: frances.roach@hotmail.co.uk

YMCA TRINITY GROUP

Monday 6th April			
12pm-4pm	Girton Rec	BOUNCY CASTLE DAY	Everyone
FREE	We have booked the biggest bouncy castles we could find to race over, time trial across and just sit on! Sorry, no food available, but we will provide refreshments and tuck shop. This event is open to anyone; age limits may apply.		
Tuesday 7th April			
8am-7.30pm	TRIP - Red Lodge	GO KARTING	14+ years
£10	30 Lap sprint race, including safety brief and safety equipment. Drivers must be a minimum of 147cm in height and have some experience in Karting.		
Wednesday 8th April			
9.30am-6pm	TRIP - Bedford	TWINWOODS ADVENTURES	8+ years
£10	A first for Girton Youth Group. We have booked exclusive use of the indoor surfing facilities. We will also have a choice of participating in either Rock Climbing or an Indoor Skydiving Experience.		
Thursday 9th April			
9.30am-6pm	TRIP - Coventry	THE WAVE	8+ years
£5	With Six thrill seeking slides, wave pool and rapids; this is definitely a trip for youth group. This waterpark has only been open since October and we cannot wait to check it out!		
Friday 10th April			
12pm-6pm	TRIP - Ipswich	DOUGHNUTTING AND DRIVING RANGE	5+ Years
£5	We will be heading to Suffolk Leisure Park where we will be doughnutting down a dry ski slope for an hour, followed by a session at the on-site driving range where the kids can release some energy!		

Calling All Gardeners

The very successful Girton Open Gardens will be held on 21 June 2020, 12–5pm.

No matter if your garden is large or small, wild or formal, please consider entering this hugely enjoyable village event. A chance to catch up with your fellow villagers, and meet other gardening enthusiasts.

If you'd like to open your garden or know more details of what is involved, please contact Mary Rodger on 277316 or mary.rodger32@gmail.com. Closing date for entries is 1 June 2020.



Cottontails Pre-School closes

After 47 years as a village institution, it is with great sadness that we announce the closure of the Cottontails Pre-School from February

half term 2020.

Formed in 1973 by a group of parents, it was managed by a committee of volunteers to provide a safe, stimulating, happy and caring environment where local children could learn through their play.

As a committee of past and present parents, we are simply heartbroken that the pre-school is no longer viable to deliver the childcare, development and high-quality standards we have come to expect here in Girton.

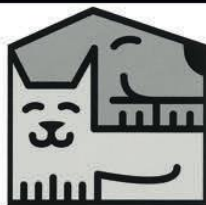
In truth, for some years we have been struggling to stay

afloat – despite our fantastic fundraising initiatives, leaflet drops around the village and successful grant applications. Put simply, the continued reduction in Government funding, an increase in running costs together with a difficult employment sector and of course the logistical and staffing challenges of being a pack-away setting (we have to get everything out of the cupboards and then put it all away again every day), has proven to be insurmountable.

To our current and past parents, staff and supporters, we thank you for the wonderful support and memories.

Whilst we are closing our doors for now, we have agreed to retain our charity status and our assets in the hope that we can work over late Spring/Summer with potential partners to identify a reconfigured pre-school for the new academic year.

The Cottontails Committee
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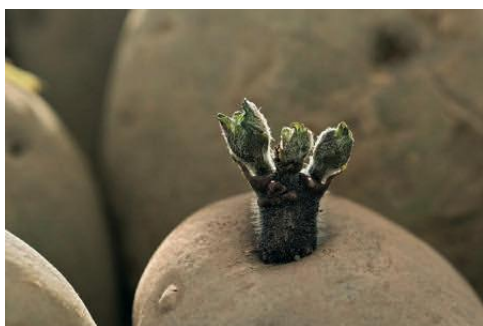
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Three days of sunny spring-like weather. But now it's Sunday 9th February and I'm writing in order to meet the deadline for submission of material for the March Parish News. Storm Ciara is battering the area, frightening gales and heavy rain. Needless to say, there's no-one out on the site; though I've just returned from securing my shed door which the wind found a way of opening, and from closing and weighing down a cold frame lid which the gale had flipped open; some damage to be repaired there. I cannot see any sheds or greenhouses blown over; perhaps over the years owners have worked on anchoring down their edifices. Just a few compost bins bowled over, lids scattered; fleece covers over plants are blowing wildly. Almost incredibly, my Aston Villa supporter friend was out digging earlier this morning; this is the grit and determination needed to remain a Villa supporter!

Last time I mentioned that a few members attempt to have new potatoes for Christmas dinner, but didn't know whether there was any success. I received this email: "... we had lovely new potatoes dug out of the recycle boxes in the greenhouse Christmas day, fried them next day. Had some more New Year's Eve with the venison and still have some out there to trowel up. Well worth doing. Because of the weather I was able to pick fresh parsley and mint to go with them." Success ... not actually on allotment soil, but nevertheless, success and very satisfying.

Potatoes are high on the list of members' thinking at this time of year, deciding on varieties to be grown this year, quantities to be ordered. Then the tubers are placed in trays, egg boxes etc. and put somewhere light, cool, but free from frost. This encourages the seed potatoes to sprout from the 'eyes' in the skin. This is not essential but gives a head start to growth when the tubers are planted out in late March or through April.



Chitting potato

Between 8,000 and 5,000 BCE the South American inhabitants of Bolivia and Peru found a number of tuberous wild plants, small and bitter to taste. By selective breeding from these plants, an edible tuber was domesticated: the potato had entered the local cuisine. (Modification of plants through breeding, whether or not we call it 'genetic', is millennia old.)

Spanish adventurers brought the potato to Spain in the late 16th century. It spread throughout Europe, including Britain. At first it was used as animal fodder, but by the 18th century the potato had become the most important new staple food for people. For example, it supported the burgeoning population through the Industrial Revolution; it could be grown in workers' small back yards. "The poor should be quite content with this foodstuff." The potato's advantages were its length of storage; its ability to satisfy hunger; its cheapness. The importance of the potato is shown in the calamity to the Irish population when the crop failed over successive years.

History presents the potato as commonplace and humdrum. But its profile has become more upmarket. Over a century, plant breeders have developed numerous varieties, with varying size, flesh textures, taste, disease resistance; different varieties for different cooking methods. There are more than 500 varieties, but about 80 are commercially grown and available to us amateurs. The professional plant breeders annually produce huge stocks of seed potatoes ... this is done by vegetative reproduction (asexual reproduction, growing new stocks from pieces of the parent stock). Seed potatoes are produced in disease free environments and are government-certified as disease free. We amateur growers pore over suppliers' catalogues with their intriguing varietal names. So now, whether home-grown, bought on the market, or named in recipes or restaurant menus, we can experiment with and learn potatoes' use, texture and taste.

From the Andes to the here and now! The crossing of continents by the potato suggests to me a final paragraph. I think we are all increasingly aware of the inter-dependence between allotment activities and nature, the environment, ecology, science of soil and plants. I'm reading around these subjects and finding a two-way enhancement of allotment activities (individual and the Society's as a whole) and the reading. May I recommend a couple of books: *Invasive Aliens* is the story of how innumerable species of mammals, birds, fish, invertebrates and plants have moved from their original homes to new homes around the globe; partly by the planet's own forces, partly by human activities. Don't assume all of our beloved 'British' species originated here (including many of our vegetables). Some recent invasions are of concern to us: the Asian hornet killing our honeybees; the harlequin ladybird preying on our aphid-eating ladybirds; the New Zealand flatworm eating our earthworms. These are a few recent invasions, but the fascinating story of species' transmigration covers centuries. The other book is *Wilding* by Isabella Tree, the story of returning an estate to its wild state before human agricultural activity drove away most of the wildlife. There's no suggestion that we are going to abandon horticulture and stock our site with deer, Dartmoor ponies, or long horned cattle, or allow weeds to grow rampant. (Though in a very limited way we have devoted certain areas to wildflower patches and areas of berry-bearing shrubs for wildlife.) But the book includes such subjects as the complexity of soil composition, the ease with which that composition can be destroyed, and generally the exuberance of working with nature.

Forgive me if you're thinking "No time for reading. Too much to do on the allotment". But for me reading ranks equally with horticulture, and one can enhance the other.

Graham Jones, Girton Allotment Society



Girton Garden Society

Spring Plant Sale

Saturday 2nd May 2020

2pm onwards

at 46 Cambridge Rd, Girton

Put the date in your diary now!

After another successful Spring Plant sale last year we have decided to keep doing it!

So do come along promptly at 2pm and pick up some of the many bargains available including large perennials, delicate annuals, bedding plants, herbs, vegetable seedlings (tomatoes, peppers, courgettes etc.), wild flowers and packets of seeds.

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On Thursday 13th February at the William Collyn Community Centre, Peter Jackson talked about 'Bulbs: spring and summer flowering'.

Do you ever think of throwing out pots of spent flowering bulbs? Mr Taylor of Taylor's Bulbs would love it if we did! However, with TLC they could brighten up our days for years to come. We certainly would not think of throwing out snowdrops changing hands at £60 a bulb! Those grown in a greenhouse are pleasantly scented. Mr Jackson has liners for his tubs, ensuring a succession of flowers.

One of the best known locations for bulbs is obviously Keukenhof in Holland. When the flowers are in bloom, there is a hop on/hop off bus to Keukenhof from Schipol Airport every 20 minutes. One favoured way of seeing the flowers is by boat. About 20 million bulbs are planted for the display each year. For that purpose, there is a bulb planting machine that is guided by satellite and which works day and night. It is an amazing looking machine. A bit later comes the similarly spectacular dead-heading machine.

One can always order bulbs that take one's fancy. Amongst the many spring bulbs coming into bloom, we will soon see bluebells: hopefully English ones, as opposed to the Spanish bluebells which grow like weeds, but still give a good show.

Apart from these spring flowering bulbs, there is a host of summer flowering ones, including Crown Imperial lilies, otherwise known as stink lily. Other summer flowering bulbs are freesias, which used to have a delightful scent. These can still be found with a bit of research.

One method of propagation worth trying is to take cuttings from shoots from bulbs or rhizomes.

Felicia Moor

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Garden Tip of the Month – March

As I write Storm Ciara is buffeting the garden out there, but so far the only damage is a branch torn off the Azara, and at least the strong wet wind is not freezing. Last year two storms really battered the gardens in March, particularly the icy Beast from the East. Events like these highlight the degree of exposure to gales our gardens (and allotments) suffer. It's a bit late now for me to realise that the Azara branch was too big to be stable, but I am forewarned for next year! Gardens can also afford a lot of sheltered environments where spring can make a start, under the wind.

Pruning in March is often a last-minute whizz round, with some shrubs already breaking bud. Even so it's worth having a go at reducing plants that are encroaching too much, to the relief of their neighbours.

I looked up Allium Leaf Miner, and if you are hoping to foil the adults landing on your leeks and onions you need to cover them with fine mesh in March/April and Oct/Nov. Now where did I put that mesh ...?

George Thorpe

Hedge Laying at the Town End Close Nature Reserve

(Girton Green Team, January Activity)

The Girton Green Team met three times in January to lay the hedge along the Woody Green side of the Nature Reserve. The hedge had been planted in 2009, and some of the plants were already 15 feet tall, and over 3 inches in diameter; a good size for the task. The key to the job turned out to be sourcing enough stakes to stiffen the lain-down stems, and binders to hold it all tightly together. We were very fortunate to be able to source these locally: we took some from the Millennium Wood (with the permission of the Woodland Trust warden



Paul), and others came from the churchyard and the allotments (many thanks to those donors). A number of the stakes were cut for us by Cottontails, as one of their Forest School activities. The slanting cut with a billhook, through the base of each stem in the hedge,

was a new experience to most; an odd mix of apparently futile whacking and some nervous moments when the whole thing nearly came off in our hands! Fortunately we achieved a reasonable success rate and over the three days 10 people had a



go at pleaching (cutting) the hedge plants, sharpening and hammering in the stakes, weaving in the horizontal branches, and binding in the tops of the stakes to stiffen it all up. Well done to all the volunteers for a good job done!



We finished about 55m of the hedge, just over half of the length, which leaves the rest to do next winter. If you are interested in having a go let me know and I'll let you know the dates.



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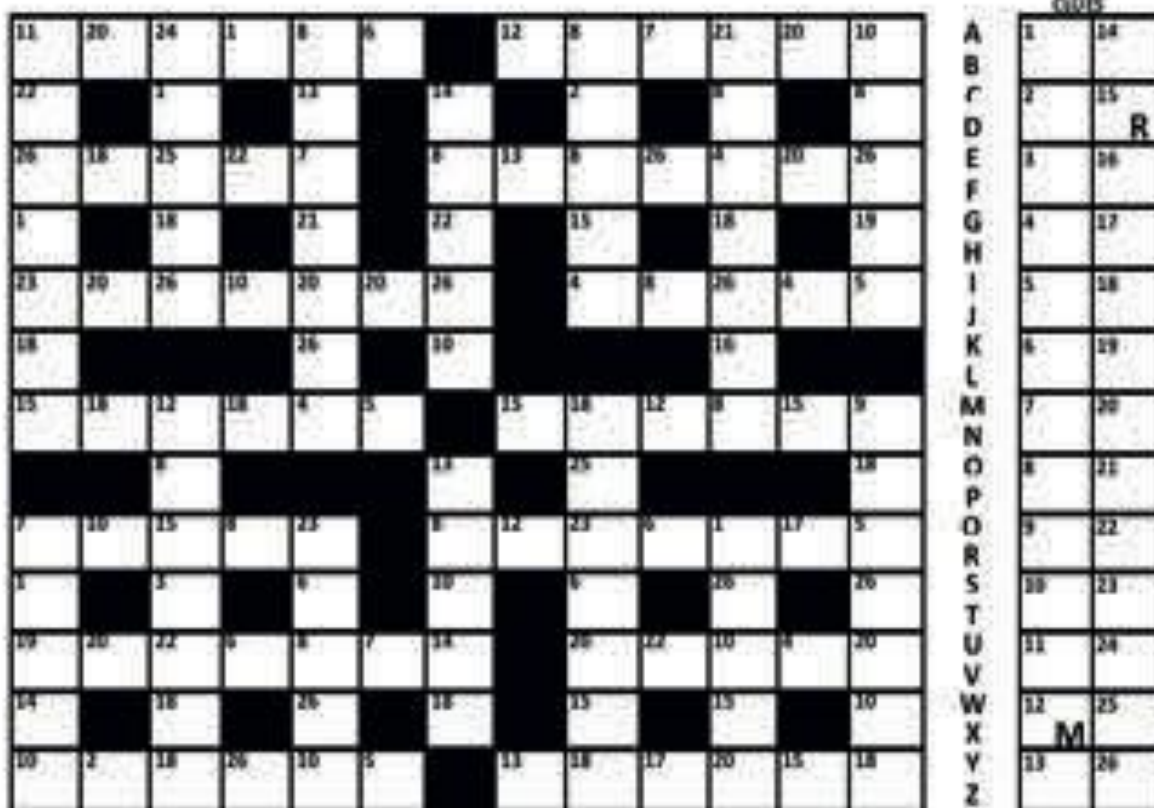
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Answers on page 27

WORDSEARCH

Theme – Look out for the signs of Spring!

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

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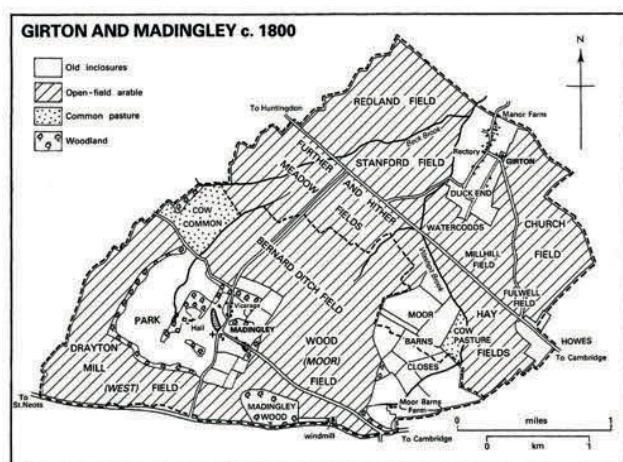
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The Cotton lands of Girton and Madingley c. 1800.

The Cotton Family were affluent and benevolent local landowners whose land stretched from Madingley Hall to Girton, and beyond, at a time when Washpit Lane led to an uninterrupted way between the two villages (who had Mayflower Founding Fathers in amongst their ancestors). Anna-Marie Cotton decided to build a school house to provide learning opportunities for all the local children and enjoyed inspecting their progress and even teaching sometimes herself. When she was visiting she would stay in the house next door. Her endowment paid for the staff for the first 100 years of its life and it was her regular prize-giving that developed into the

annual horticultural show that survives to this day. The school flourished, expanding into additional nearby buildings and then in 1951 moving onto the current Girton Glebe Primary School site

The Cotton Hall Foundation



Sketch of the old hall with external sandpit c. 1985.

Once the school had been taken over by the County Education Department, an independent charity was set up called Cotton's Educational Foundation and 9 trustees from the Church and Local Government decided how to use the endowment income. However, this scheme overlooked funding for the Hall maintenance, and so in the 1990s it was reformed into The Cotton Hall Foundation as an independent charity that is still managed by a group of 9 volunteer Trustees. These are currently all drawn from within Girton and will always include the current Rector of St Andrew's Church. Their remit is to rent out the hall to the general public and use the money to maintain it in a good condition for the benefit of the whole village population, thus making it ideal for parties, meetings, classes and celebrations of all sorts for both adults and children. Without a conventional church hall the village has made much use of this characterful former school.

The Girton Pre-school Playgroup (now Cottontails Pre-School) was soon established, in 1973 (as part of the burgeoning playgroup movement of the time), and made the Hall its home. Generations of children from the village and its surrounding area have had their first experiences of early learning at the hands of the various sets of enthusiastic staff, including Joan, Chris & Rose, Wendy & Val, Fiona, Sian & Sally, Emma & Laura, before moving on to primary school. The Hall currently hosts the collection of Harradine Quilts (two are on show at any one time). These masterpieces were created by Glebe children under the watchful eye of Mrs Janet Harradine every year. Several of them were submitted to the annual National Patchwork Competition and received high awards. Hundreds of children, boys and girls, will have poured hours of careful concentration

into these beautifully designed and researched examples of needlework.



The Columbus Quilt made 1992 – 2m square.

All sorts of other clubs and groups have used the Hall over its long history including the Sunday School, Youth Club, Finnish School, Tai Chi class, Art Show, Cubs & Scouts, Brownies & Guides, who have regularly met in the Hall since their foundation, and many residents have fond memories of their time there, set against the backdrop of the green railings right across the front of the building and the shared driveway, metal windows and the painted brick interior.



1996 in the old hall main room – with Rob celebrating a kind donation, in Victorian

Several people have managed bookings for the Hall over the years including Alison Meek and Natalie Stone, who was familiar to everyone in the village as she had been a willing volunteer for many clubs and groups over the years including the Church, Toddler Group, Pre-school and PTA. The Trustees have been most grateful for their efforts.

The New Hall

Around 2000 it was recognised that the Hall could benefit from renovation so an ambitious programme was planned and widespread fundraising began. Thanks to many people's efforts, especially Noel Knights, and generous grants from the Girton Town Charity and the Parish Council, extensive work was done and in 2007 the modernised New Hall was unveiled.



The new hall, back extension and new front door 2007.

With its new logo, layout, modern insulation, a rear extension, kitchen, new windows, underfloor heating and extra garden space the village gained a great facility to use into the 21st century.

The Girton Youth Project was then launched by the Girton Town Charity and has enjoyed a home in the hall ever since, conveniently central and near to the Recreation Ground, its car park and bus route.

Over its 175 years of life, having benefitted from the skills and generous time given by lots of local residents, especially its generations of Trustees, the Cotton Hall looks forward to many more.

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New logo – thanks to the Bonnetts, 2007.

Sian Franklin

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

It's that time of year again; whilst our publicity lady Lynne is sunning herself and playing bowls with Janet in South Africa we are currently covering under the storms of Ciara.

On the bowling front things are relatively quiet at the moment. Our green has wintered well and has recently been treated with lawn sand to try to control the moss. The results are already showing and will be removed during our first scarification planned for March.

The 2020 Club fixture list is in hand and will soon be sent to our sponsors Peasgood and Skeates for printing. We are looking forward to another successful season, having been promoted to the Cambridge & District Division 4, finishing runners up in the Ely & District Division 1 and consolidating our positions in both the Business House and Meldreth leagues.

The league captains will soon be meeting to select their teams for the first 6 matches of the season, and we will endeavour to implement the concerns of a few members who would like to play in more competitive matches.

The Winter Indoor/Outdoor league at Chesterton continues and with three good results recently we have now: P 14, W 7, D 2, L 4; points 41; currently 5th of 8 teams.

The use of the William Collyn Community Centre is unfortunately still proving to be of concern to the club, and whilst discussions are still ongoing with the Town Charity and their management company ACRE, it is now quite apparent that we cannot expect to be given priority over other hirers who offer a better commercial business option. For the coming season it has already been necessary for us to hire the Abbeyfield facilities for over 30% of our requirements.

The likelihood is that our position at the WCCC will possibly become more and more vulnerable, so with this in mind at the AGM, our members unanimously instructed their committee to carry out a feasibility study into what alternatives there might be to the WCCC, which could include our own purpose-built clubhouse at the bowling green.

We have subsequently informed both the Town Charity and Parish Council of our intentions and will undertake to keep them informed of progress before we outlay any unnecessary expenditure.

We hope to open the green for our first roll up and club night on Thursday April 16th, and as always we would

welcome new members, so if you are interested please contact our Secretary Margaret McCall on margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com for more details. You can also visit our website at www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com to catch up with events and photos of our activities to date.

David Fryer



Girton Golf Club

Well, here we are in February and despite the rain and high winds the course has been open almost continuously this winter, with only the odd day when closure has been forced through 'Health and Safety' concerns, when excessively windy, or when the rain has been so heavy our drainage has not had time to rid the fairways and greens of the deluge. Our Greens Staff have worked heroically to keep the course open whilst also doing much of the work needed through the winter months to ensure that it looks pristine for the start of the playing season. Looking at the schedule for the coming year of matches for all sections, men, ladies, seniors, mixed and juniors, and the Scratch, Greensome, Burridge Cup and Jock Stewart teams as well as innumerable internal competitions for all, and lots of fun and social games, it will need to be resilient as well.

Last year's nominated Golf Club charity was the Arthur Rank Hospice and the photo shows 2019 Captains Brian and Pat presenting Arthur Rank with a cheque for an incredible £7524.84! This was generously donated by members throughout the year.



We have some brilliant opportunities coming up for newcomers to golf with Junior Coaching Sessions being run on Sunday mornings from March to November at really low cost and age group splits from 5 years old upwards, so contact the Pro Shop for details of how the youngsters can get involved and have fun, whilst

learning a new life skill. There are also classes for ladies on a Wednesday morning, just turn up at 9.30 for an hour of fun and learning in a group situation and enjoy a coffee and chat afterwards, again call in, or phone, the Pro Shop to learn more.

Just a note to remind the over 55s in the village that along with AgeUK we hold a breakfast morning on Wednesdays. Just turn up at the club house and enjoy a bacon roll or equivalent plus as much tea or coffee as you wish and chat to friends and those friends you have yet to meet. No rush, no hurry and only £4.50.

Mother's Day Carvery is getting booked up so if you would like to join us on 22nd March then you need to get moving and see if there are still tables available. By the time you see this it might be too late to get to the Punjabi Party Night on 7th March, but don't miss the 70s night on 25th April. We have East Anglia's favourite Glam Rock Band, All Glammed Up, so put on your old glad rags and come down for a night of fun, frivolity and fantastic food. Bookings are taken at the bar.

The weather forecast is again predicting more rain so I hope to play as much as possible before rain stops play, even for the hardened early morning seniors, and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible either on the course or enjoying the hospitality in the club house.

Alan Henderson-Smith
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Girton Tennis Club

Due to copy dates we cannot report anything here that happened at our AGM on Wednesday 26th February. However, I am sure we will have had another successful meeting by the time this is published and the minutes should

be available to read on our website. Thanks 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 or by contacting our Membership Secretary Kevin Keeves on 276660 or by email at info@girtontennisclub.uk

Alan Franklin



Girton Netball Club

Members of the team visited the Copperbox Arena in London last month where we saw The Roses (England) play in the Netball Nations Cup. We were inspired by the fast pace and explosive play but

disappointed to see England crash out to Jamaica in a dramatic semi-final. We cheered ourselves up after the game with some post-match analysis and Mexican food at Wahaca, Westfield.

All fired-up and in possession of new ideas from watching England, the team secured a nice victory against Trumpington Tigers in this week's league game, winning 23-17. Kitted out in black with gold stripes, the Tigers took an early lead but some rushed passing allowed some incisive interceptions from our defenders Mollie and Sally. Shooters Clare and Mel scored with reliable ease while mid-court maestros Caty, Paula and Lucy passed and moved with agility despite the slippery February surface which saw a few players down.



A game of four quarters. Girton look confident at half-time against Trumpington Tigers

Training continues on the recreation ground courts on Mondays with our lovely coach Helen. Please come along if you fancy a go, we'd love to see you there. Contact girton.village.netball@gmail.com.

Emma-Louise Longde



Girton Colts Football Club

And we are off ... loads of games for all the teams and everyone is getting really stuck in, which has been excellent.

Our **Under 5 team** is now taking shape with two parents going off for formal training in the next couple of months, which is brilliant to see the progression of the club keep growing. We are

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getting a lot of interest in our U6 and U5 squads so if your son or daughter wants to play then please don't leave it too late. Contact teamsec@girtoncolts.co.uk

Under 4s. I can't believe I am already talking about another new team, but if your son or daughter would like to be involved in or have a go at football starting in September 2020 then do let us know. This is for children born between September 2015 and August 2016. Contact teamsec@girtoncolts.co.uk

Girls – would you like a go at playing football? Our U7–U11 girls-only Saturday morning football session is at risk of stopping at the end of this season as our numbers of players will reduce as they will be too old to take part in the session. We are especially looking for players that are born between September 2009 and August 2013. The sessions run from 10am to 11am every term time Saturday. For information, contact teamsec@girtoncolts.co.uk

Referee. We need to try and train another person to be a referee for the club. Are you interested? We will fund your training, then once qualified you will be paid a fee per match. Our matches are term time and Saturday mornings at the moment, but we need to have access to more referees to make sure we have flexibility in allocation of our matches. If you're interested, please email chair@girtoncolts.co.uk

If you would like to be involved in either playing or as a coach/manager/referee/committee role, then please do get in contact. We have many opportunities and would love more of our community to be involved. Email info@girtoncolts.co.uk

Member news

Girls Development Team. The team have played their first match against Cambourne and although we were beaten, the second half you could see all the players getting to grips with playing a match and revelling in the opportunity to play competitively. All of the team played really well and you could see the benefit of the team receiving skills tutoring from Norwich City Football Club, who have been working with them every week. The team – Cordelia, Coco, Penny, Lot-tie, Cate, Emily, Sophie, Ellie and Sofia – played with great sportsmanship and I can't wait for our next match coming soon. (AH)

Under 8 Team. The team are continuing to play great football on the field and with our new training tops they look great off the field as well. They are scoring lots of team goals, which is always welcome, and although the likes of Max, Brea, Parsa and John often score, the team always appreciate the hard work and assists by other members of the team like Owen, Calum and Vincente. (SD)

Under 9 Team. What a start to the new year, our first victory and two close games. The team are really starting to come together and playing some great football. Lucas has scored himself not one but two hat tricks, with some fantastic goals coming from across the team: Denford, Jessica, Fred, Arthur, and Jasper! The U9s are really looking forward the rest of the season! (KS)

Under 12 Team. The U12s were promoted at the Christmas break and the higher standard is proving to be very challenging. So far the team has drawn 2 and lost 1. They also went out of the Cup at the hands of Thurlow from the new division. In the last three games the U12s have lost 3–0 at Witchford, lost 5–2 at home to Thurlow and drawn 3–3 at Steeple Morden. There were some positives to take from the Witchford game where Girton restricted them to 3 goals, having conceded 6 or more in their 3 previous meetings. The team also achieved a battling draw at Steeple Morden, where they twice came from behind to get a point. (KW)

Andrew Hawkes



Girton Cricket Club

Winter nets have started at Fenners Cricket ground on Sunday evenings from 8–9pm. The entrance can be found off Gresham Road, CB1 2EL. The cost is included for those who pay (or have paid) a club

membership of £15, for those who just want to try it out we ask for £2.50 per session. These are some of the best facilities available in the Cambridgeshire area, a great reason to come along, and it is always nice to meet new players.

We have also started a new non-league mid-week 20/20 team. This will allow those not available on Saturdays to enjoy some cricket this summer in the increasingly popular quick fire format of the game. The first fixture is against RAF Whyton, date to be confirmed. The first CCA league games take place on Saturday 2nd May, the 1st team away at Coton and the 2nds home against Sutton.

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Girton Community Choir



Here is proof Girton Community Choir doesn't just sing – members have a social life, too!

Unfortunately, some of us had succumbed to the Girton Winter Bug, so we were a smaller group than anticipated, but we still managed to eat, drink and be merry, as can probably be seen. And now we are back in The North Room each Wednesday evening from 7.30–9.00pm, honing our skills by singing a variety of songs. We have just begun learning our spring/summer repertoire and would be pleased to see anyone who would like to join us. We have one new member for 2020 and would welcome more. You don't have to be able to read music – many of us don't – just come along, give us a try and make new friends.

If you would like more information, please ring Jane on 01223 474667.

Girton College Spring Ball

Girton College will be holding its biennial Spring Ball on the evening of Friday 13th March 2020. The event will begin at 21:00 on Friday 13th March, and will end at 05:00 on Saturday 14th March. There will also be sound checks conducted for brief periods during the 2 days prior to the ball.

Under the guidance of South Cambridgeshire District Council, the Ball Committee has put measures in place to minimise inconvenience to village residents. We have arranged a 'silent disco' to replace amplified music from 01:30 onwards. Before this, amplified music in outdoor areas will be restricted to walled courtyards in order to reduce disturbance. From experience of previous balls, the Committee expects that traffic disruption will be negligible.

Our aim is that there will be little impact on village residents. However, if you wish to contact the Ball Committee for any reason, you can write to vp-logistics@girtonball.com. If you need to contact the Ball Committee on the night of the event, please call the Porters' Lodge on 01223 338999.

We look forward to inviting all village residents to the annual Girton Garden Party, which will be taking place later in the year, on Sunday 14th June.

Shaking Off The Winter Blues at Girton Green



On Wednesday 22 January staff at Abbeyfield Girton Green over 55s joined residents and spa members from the local community in a motivating 'Dance To Music' class delivered by in-house Fitness Instructor Lou Carter. Each weekday morning Lou carries out a range of fitness classes including Gym and Aqua Fit, Strength and Balance and Seated Exercises promoting health and well-being. Lou said, 'Maintaining fitness and mobility are key to both physical and mental wellbeing. Movement to music is an enjoyable and social way to exercise and is especially popular with those who are less keen on a traditional workout. I love working at Girton Green with such dedicated staff, friendly residents and Spa members.' Spa member Jane Bower added, 'Girton Green is a marvellous resource for the local community and I have been a spa member for three years. Lou is an inspiring tutor, giving us over 55s cheerful, varied and manageable classes that are enjoyed by residents and non-residents alike. I am now doing more exercise than I have ever done in my life. I'm the one in the spotty tights – it was suggested that we wear silly clothes that morning but I think everyone else sensibly went for comfort and practicality!'

Girton Green offers spa membership to people over 55 years of age living in Girton, which includes the use of a fully equipped gym, sauna, jacuzzi, hydro pool, steam room and access to some fitness classes.

Andrew Watson
Operations Manager

Codeword Answers (See page 19)

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A positive start to Spring in our Village

The arrival of March and lighter, brighter days brings progress on a number of fronts for Girton Town Charity – here are some of the Spring headlines.

Longer opening hours

From 2nd March the GTC Office at 22 High Street will have extended opening hours, from Monday to Friday, 10.00am-2.00pm.

A new Administrator, Rachel Allchorne has recently joined Gilly O'Brien in the Office, helping to provide additional support in dealing with residents' queries and requests. An introductory piece on Rachel's arrival will appear in a future GPN.



Suffolk Terrace

A piece of history

Plans for the three new almshouses on the former WI Site are progressing well. Godfrey & Hicks has now been appointed as the contractor for Suffolk Terrace and already started initial work to clear the site and make it secure.

These three terraced almshouses have been named Suffolk Terrace to commemorate a special piece of Girton history. The original First World War building was initially located in Cherry Hinton for the 11th Suffolk Battalion before being purchased at a Ministry of Munitions sale by the WI and moved to Girton by horse and cart in 1920.

In recent years, GTC gave a grant for the WI Hall to be dismantled by the Great War Hats Charity and transported to Hawstead in Suffolk where it has been reassembled as part of a museum dedicated to the Great War.

The three cottages comprising Suffolk Terrace will be named Pond, Parsley and Searle after the original Trustees of the WI.

Complementary in character

These two and three bedroom homes will have one parking space per house and a private garden with its own amenity area incorporating recycling and refuse bin storage. All include high levels of insulation and energy efficient heating systems.

Great care has been taken to ensure the materials used will be complementary to the existing character and colour palette of the area, with the exterior featuring red brick and neutral render with Tuscan clay tiles.

The second development in the Village, at High Street, is also progressing with boarding erected around the site and low-level asbestos being removed prior to demolition.

Activities for all ages

The start of the year has seen additional bookings at the William Collyn Centre, which is now being used for an even wider range of activities for all ages.

Private hires are also increasing, with companies and organisations seeing the benefits of using the Centre's excellent facilities for their own meetings and events.

Enjoying the garden

Last but not least, Spring always heralds new life in the Sensory Garden at Wellbrook Way. The garden has been maintained throughout the Winter months by the Sylvia Newman Garden Design team who ensure there is always something interesting to enjoy. They often receive compliments and thanks from residents who use the garden and stop for a chat.

It's a wonderful facility on our doorstep, appropriate for all users – from parents with pushchairs and prams, through to young children, teenagers and families and our older residents who may have wheelchairs or mobility scooters.



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11.30 – 12.30pm	Tai Chi
5.30 – 6.30pm	Yin Yoga
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7.45 – 8.45pm	Body Control Pilates

Friday

10.30 – 11.30am	Indoor Kurling
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The Winter Appeal for Sleeping Bags for Jimmy's Night Shelter

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Thank you all so much...

I have been able to pass on 70 blankets and rugs and 42 sleeping bags to Jimmy's this Autumn/Winter so far. This is mostly from individuals but Arlington Manor gave me two loads (10 of the blankets and 5 of the sleeping bags) in addition to some toiletries. I see from last month's GPN that the Under 8's football team also took a car load of things to Jimmy's but I don't know the details of that.

Many people also passed on to me warm clothing and toiletries, all of which Jimmy's gratefully received.

Jimmy's need things all year round so I shall be more than happy to receive your donations throughout the year. Please contact me and I am happy to come and collect them from you. If you are unable to get hold of me then please leave your donations in the back of St Andrew's Church, clearly labelled, and I will collect them from there. Arlington Manor have also kindly offered to take in any donations so, if that is easier for you, please leave them there.

N.B. Sadly Jimmy's, and it seems other charities, can't take in pillows or duvets because of fire regulations and lack of storage space. If you do know of anywhere that could use them then do let me know so I can pass that information on to people.

Thank you too to the Christmas Carol Singers as they also raised money for Jimmy's. I have also been told that there will be some fundraisers for them in the village soon so keep your eyes open for details in the GPN.

If you are interested in doing any volunteering at Jimmy's I can chat to you about who to speak there.

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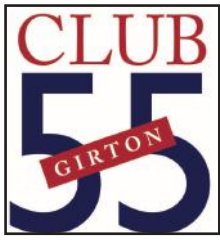
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Don't mention the Jam Roly Poly

Our trip to the Three Tuns public house at Fen Drayton on the 29th January 2020, although totally successful, was marred to a very slight extent by a rogue Jam Roly

Poly. Forty-nine members made it to the pub, through, or by avoiding, the A14 roadworks, and were rewarded when they entered the rather romantic venue to enjoy very good food. However, a very few members fell foul of a rogue Jam Roly Poly pudding that was a little under par. The landlord was quick to offer a solution to this very rare occurrence leaving all our members to speak very highly of the food that they had had – with the exception of that rogue Jam Roly Poly.



The two pictures above show members waiting for their food to arrive,

Cyber Safety

Members listen intently to Nigel Sutton, Fraud and Cyber Security Advisor at Cambridgeshire Constabulary. Nigel, a retired police officer, worked detecting and dealing with cyber crime during his time in the police force and is now using his vast experience and knowledge to help and warn people about the pitfalls of using the Internet.

We were joined at the computer group by several members of our local Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and it was also open to anyone else who may have wished to pop in and listen. It was an extremely interesting meeting with many questions from the audience and many anecdotes from our speaker.

Graham Clare had organised this very well worthwhile visit and we felt that it was so successful that we will try and organise a second visit which will be open to all. When this happens we will advertise it in this newsletter.



Members listening to our Cyber Safety talk.

Downton Abbey

Our film show on the 5th February saw our largest audience ever with sixty people watching our main film 'Downton Abbey'. What a mixture, a re-run of our homemade Christmas film 'Club 55 the Musical' followed by Fish and Chips, Black Forest Gateau and the main event, the film 'Downton Abbey' and surprisingly no-one was sick.

David and Graham collected the Fish and Chips from Histon and it was quite amusing to watch them struggling with the vast number of little parcels on their arrival back at the William Collyn Hall. A little bird told me that they had each secretly eaten a large sausage in the fish shop whilst waiting for the chips to be wrapped. Some people get all the perks! Thanks to all our spontaneous helpers on the day – great job. Fed up and lonely, why not come out and join us?

For your diary:

Monday 9th March 2020 10am: St Vincent's Close Community Centre a talk by Sarah Bellow from Care Network Cambridgeshire who provide information, guidance and practical support to help you stay at home and connect with your local community. I suggest that this will be well worth a listen. All welcome.

Thursday 19th March 2020 12noon: Film 'The Good Liar' starring Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen at William Collyn C.C. Includes Fish & Chips (must pre-order) £10.

Wednesday 25th March 2020 12 for 12.30pm: Lunch at Abbeyfield. This is a great day for you to join us, it's local, easy to get to and there will be a great welcome from both Club 55 members and the Abbeyfield staff.

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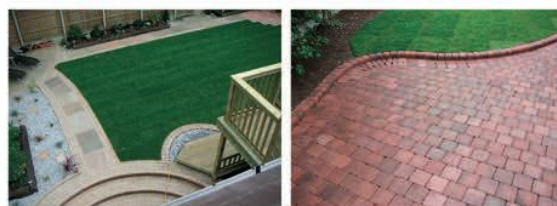
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UPWARD and ONWARD

Christina Rossetti's poem 'Up Hill', sometimes recited as a farewell, envisages a conversation between two companions on a journey, the one cognisant of heavenly ways, the other anxious to know more.

*Does the road wind uphill all the way?
Yes, to the very end.
Will the day's journey take the whole long day?
From morn to night my friend.*

*But is there for the night a resting place?
A roof for when the slow dark hours begin.
May not the darkness hide it from my face?
You cannot miss that inn.*

*Shall I find other wayfarers at night?
Those who have gone before.
Then must I knock, or call when just in sight?
They will not keep you standing at that door.*

*Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?
Of labour you shall find the sum.
Will there be beds for me and all who seek?
Yea, beds for all who come.*

This year, post Brexit, we will find ourselves as a nation, on an up-hill way, to find our modern identity and place in the world. Whatever our personal viewpoint may be on our future prospects, we travel together. Some have a spring in their step, eager for new horizons and fresh opportunities, whilst others come with dragging feet, bearing a burden of separation, loss and uncertainty. We pray that the up-hill way may prove to be less arduous and less divisive than some had fearfully predicted. One thing is certain, we are heading for a different vista and are in need of the heavenly companion who speaks peace and reassurance, answering our call for guidance throughout the necessary negotiations and legalities. As past and future merge, we find ourselves still linked to the Commonwealth of Nations, hopefully now with the benevolence of a mother who enduringly loves her family whilst blessing their progress as they find their independent place and purpose in global terms.

Traditionally, the upward way may lead to vistas of insight, inspiration and higher perspective, a view of landscapes far beyond the present stance. Hills and mountains have been symbols of eternal continuance and stability. Their influence on rainfall made them

symbols of fertility, giving refreshing springs for grazing places, food crops and hunting grounds. They were places of refuge and advantage, but accessed by difficult paths and rugged ways in life that challenge our progress but reward our effort.

The mountains named in Scripture have witnessed momentous events. On Horeb, the mountain of God, Elijah received divine instruction. On Sinai, Moses obtained the Ten Commandments. Rising 9000 feet above sea level, Mt Hermon set the scene for the Transfiguration of Jesus, illuminated and presented as the anointed Son of God. Here his glory was revealed, not only through his deeds, but in a purely personal way. The Mount of Olives became a place of teaching in the Beatitudes and the Mount of Calvary revealed God's plan of redemption through repentance, forgiveness and faith, when Jesus offered his life as a ransom for souls.

We may each have our treasured memories of mountaintop experiences, recalled with deep thankfulness.

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*Christ of the upward way
My guide divine
Where Thou hast set Thy feet
May I place mine
And move and march wherever Thou hast trod
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.*

*Give me the heart to hear
Thy voice and will
That without fault or fear I may fulfil
Thy purpose with a glad and holy zest
Like one who would not bring
Less than his best.*

Iris Niven



Notices

St Andrew's Church needs a person to spend up to 2 hours a week mainly in the parish office at the Rectory, Church Lane.

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Sunday Services: March

1st	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) (Revd Chris Barter)
	7.45pm	Taizé Service in Girton College Chapel
8th	10.00am	Morning Prayer (CW)
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
15th	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) (Revd Janet Glover)
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
22nd	10.00am	Mothering Sunday All Age Service
29th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) (Revd Tom Ambrose)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) (Revd Megan Duffern)

Weekday Services: March

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th, 1st April

10.15am Silent Prayer in the North Room

Tuesday 10th

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

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

Thursday 26th

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

Easter at St Andrew's

After Christmas, Eastertime is the other great festival of the Christian year. We have approached Easter through the period of Lent, which is a time for prayer, reflection and preparation. We now look forward to celebrating Christ's resurrection on Easter Day. During this period there will be several special services held in St Andrew's. More details will follow.

Girton Baptist Church



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Secretary: Mrs Virginia Rootham-Smith

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Sunday Services: March

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.

1st	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Girton House-group
	6.30pm	Evening Worship with Communion
8th	9.00am	Prayer Breakfast
	10.30am	Morning Service
15th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by John Searle
22nd	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by Iris Niven
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Abbeyfield	10.05 – 10.50
Cotton Hall/Church	11.00 – 11.30
Orchard Close	11.35 – 12.00
St Vincent's Close	12.05 – 12.30
Gretton Court	12.35 – 13.00
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