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The Village Diary

November

- Fri. 1** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sat. 2** **Girton Walking Group**, Wimpole Woodland Walk, Meet 10am at Wimpole Stable Block
- Sun. 3** **Music at Girton**, Stanley Library, 2.30pm
Freshers' Concert
- Wed. 6** **Club 55**, 12 for 12.30pm
Lunch at Oakington Garden Centre
Girton WI, William Collyn Centre, 7.30pm
Shabby-Chic Wreath Making – Jill, Hannah & Janet
- Sun. 10** **Music at Girton**, Chapel, 2.30pm
Peter Martens (cello)
- Mon. 11** **Quiz Night**, The George, 8pm
- Thur. 14** **Girton Garden Society**, William Collyn CC, 7.30pm
Winter Colour in your Garden – Geoff Hodge
Music at Girton, Fellows' Drawing Room, 8.00pm, Elgariade
- Sat. 16** **Deep Blue** – Soul, Blues and Funk band
The George, 8.30pm
- Sun. 17** **Music at Girton**, Chapel, 2.30pm
Olivia Jarvis (Baroque violin), Josef Laming (harpsichord)
- Tue. 19** **Parish Council Meeting**, 7.00pm
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Thur. 21** **Club 55**, William Collyn Centre, 12–3.30pm
Fish and Chips and film 'The Lion King'
- Sun. 24** **Music at Girton**, Stanley Library, 2.30pm
Louie McIver (piano)
- Fri. 29** **Girton Craft Club**, 2–4pm
Orchard Close Community Centre, all welcome
Music at Girton, Stanley Library, 6.45pm
Mateusz Borowiak (piano)
- Sat. 30** **Girton Churchyard Volunteers**, Work Party
St Andrew's Churchyard, 10am–12 noon
Family Film, 'The Lion King'
William Collyn Community Centre, 10am
Friends of Girton Glebe, Christmas Fair
Girton Glebe School, 2–4pm

December

- Sun. 1** **Music at Girton**, Chapel, 6.00pm
Advent Carol Service

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Girton Parish Council

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

At the October meeting, Girton Town Charity attended and in the public participation session at the beginning of the meeting gave a brief presentation to Councillors on their new plans for the Michael's Close development. The layout of the buildings has been redesigned to be less imposing and remove any potential for overlooking of neighbouring property. Immediate neighbours have been consulted and information is to be distributed to the village via a leaflet drop. Outline information is already available on the GTC website and any questions, concerns or indeed letters of support should be directed to GTC. The planning application is expected to be lodged in November and any observations may be logged on the planning website at that time or via the Parish Council Planning Committee meeting when it will be considered as a matter of course.

The Council also discussed new signage to guide dog-walkers on the Parish recreation ground, the 10-Acre Field and woodland.

We've been made aware that pigeons are nesting under residential solar panels in the village, so residents with solar panels may wish to check their properties.

Linda's retirement

Girton residents will be sad to hear that later this year Linda Miller is leaving the Parish Office after 18 years of sterling service. We are very grateful for all the work she's done. We know all users of the Parish's recreation facilities will miss Linda very much and will join with her Parish colleagues and Councillors in wishing her a very happy retirement.

An advert for the position of Assistant Parish Clerk appears on page 38 of this issue of the *Girton Parish News*.

Remembrance in Girton

Remembrance Sunday's Ceremony of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial by St Andrew's Church at 10.45am on Sunday 10th November, followed by the church remembrance service. All residents are invited to join us.

Villagers are also invited to join a short Ceremony of Remembrance at Girton War Memorial at 10.50am on Monday 11th November, together with Girton Glebe School pupils.

Next meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Tuesday 19th November and Tuesday 17th December, both at St Vincent's Close Community Centre at 7.00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend

all Parish Council meetings and to speak in the open session at the start of the meeting.

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



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From Our Councillors

County Councillor Lynda Harford

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Additional Government funding for social care

The County Council’s share of Government’s additional £1.5bn short term funding for social care is expected to be worth £9.6m and will be used across both adults’ and children and young people’s social care services. Whilst this is welcome news and reflects the hard work that has gone into lobbying, it doesn’t address longer term budget gaps and the continuing underfunded position of Cambridgeshire. £500m of the allocation is expected to be raised locally through the extended option for local authorities to raise 2% from the adult social care precept. Meanwhile the Council continues to innovate to deliver quality services and manage its financial situation to provide value for money for all those needing care and support. It is currently piloting a scheme called Neighbourhood Cares in Soham and St Ives. More information: www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvyE1HqCMJk&feature=youtu.be.

Consultation – Adult Social Care Charging Policy

The Council is consulting on proposed changes to its policy and has written to all those who may be affected by the changes to seek their views. The consultation closes 15 December 2019. Please do respond if you or someone you care for is affected:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/adults/adult-social-care-charging-policy-consultation/.

Household Recycling Centres – e-permit scheme

The new van and trailer e-permit scheme is now operating. Almost a thousand applications for permits

were received in the first few days of the scheme’s launch and all 9 household recycling centres, using specially provided mobile devices, have successfully registered the attendance of vehicles under the permit scheme. Permit applications can be completed online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/hrc-permits or by telephoning the Customer Contact Centre, 0345 045 5207.

Closure of Footpath 48 (Girton/Huntingdon Road adjacent Felix Hotel)

Concern was expressed about the proposed length of time that this well-used route was due to be closed (possibly till March 2020). It now seems possible that the work will be completed by Christmas. I will continue to monitor.

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.

Lynda

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A View from the District

The Joint Development Control Committee has had an update on Darwin Green which is at last under construction. We looked at the current proposals for Phases 2 and 3 which bring the development into South Cambridgeshire, and indeed will include one small field in Girton which is currently intended as school playing field and part of the Country Park. I shall be keeping an eye on these plans.

The Local Plan is moving apace and we had another workshop on 23rd; it is a disappointment that only about half the Council’s Members took part. It will be increasingly important as the Plan develops that Members are there to speak for their communities. At present we are still looking at issues and options, and the hundreds of developer proposals for new sites have not yet begun to be assessed. As a result I do not even know what sites if any in Girton have been proposed. If you are a member of any community group which would like to have input do let me know: we can arrange a briefing and discussion for you. Please get involved!

Before Council on 26th we were briefed on the Combined Authority’s Local Transport Plan. I noted that, for the kind of modal shift they want, passengers need to be able to take their bikes with them, and asked why there was no concept of significant cycle carriage on either buses or trains. There was no answer. We were given preliminary analysis of the consultation responses: ‘On average, respondents considered social and environmental objectives as more important than economic objectives’. It will be interesting to see how that one plays out. Meanwhile it is limpidly clear that the Plan takes no account at all of the national 2050 carbon-zero target – in stark contrast to the goals of our Local Plan.

At the Council meeting there was a motion to try to encourage more youth involvement in the Council. The approach was perhaps wrong and was rejected but I am keen to work with the proposer to see what can be done. The final motion was to request the government to change its policy to allow for small-scale wind proposals to be treated like any other planning application. Opposition Members immediately began talking of wind farms and the iniquity of imposing them on our residents; one argued that saving the future of our climate lies in increasing coal use. It was a miracle that the meeting was over very shortly after 5pm.

Although the new ice rink has been in use for some time the official opening was over the weekend of 28–29 September. My role was small but I watched the arcane art of ice hockey and some splendid figure skating.

It was good to see local resident Stephen Tomkins headlined in the Cambridge Independent recently, not just once but twice. Not quite such good news is the story behind the headlines: his warning, as Chairman of the Cam Valley Forum, that the Cam is drying up as a result of our ever-increasing water extraction. As I am writing this in a week of downpours perhaps the problem will recede.

Cottontails Preschool has received a £648 grant from our Community Chest. I'm always pleased to encourage applications from this source, but if you are putting in an application please let me know and discuss your ideas with me.

Did you know that you can now recycle crisp packets? The nearest locations are Dry Drayton Primary School, Madingley Rise, Orchard Community Centre, Shire Hall and South Cambs Hall. You can also recycle contact lenses at Lion Yard Boots and DH Thomas. If you know of other recycling projects please let me know.

Finally, if you are planning a picnic, please take your litter home. A bag of drinks cans, crisp packets and a takeaway container was left on the Washpit Lane a few weeks ago: our keen enforcement officers traced the culprit who has paid a fixed-penalty fine. Be warned.

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.

NOTE: The above version of the report has been heavily edited for reasons of space. – Angela Blackburn

Douglas de Lacey

District Councillor Tom Bygott

Consultation to prepare for the next Local Plan

I have been appointed to a new body called the Joint Local Plan Advisory Group, comprising Cambridgeshire

County, South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councillors. In early October we reviewed the wording of a consultation to be held early in the new year on the Issues and Options for the next Local Plan. When the consultation is complete, the full list of sites that have been suggested will be published. The Plan itself will be drafted next year.

One of the key questions in the consultation will be where new development should be concentrated. The options are:

- Option 1: Densification.
- Option 2: Edge of Cambridge.
- Option 3: New settlements.
- Option 4: Existing villages.
- Option 5: Public transport corridors.

Building more at the Edge of Cambridge would harm some of our best countryside as well as cutting the City off from its historic semi-rural setting. It also risks building on land that is needed to build new transport infrastructure such as the Metro and railway lines. In the next plan we need to tie transport and development more closely together, and reserve strips of land through the centre of every new settlement for fast transport links. Space for these links should be reserved even if the money can't be found to build the links straight away.

Renewable energy debate

During a recent Council debate about wind farms, a member of the Independent Group made an impassioned speech about why we should be burning more coal. This individual is not affiliated in any way to the Conservative Group, which maintains its commitment to clean energy.

The UK has only six coal-fired power stations remaining, with two scheduled to close next spring. The remaining four, being no longer economically viable, are unlikely to last much longer. The day that the last of our coal-fired power stations shuts down forever is fast approaching and will be the cause of much celebration.

In the third quarter of this year, electricity from on- and off-shore wind farms, solar panels and renewable biomass plants surpassed fossil fuels for the first time since electricity generation began in 1882. The cost of installing off-shore wind turbines has fallen by 30% over the last two years, with one operator offering electricity at £40 per MWh at a recent auction, making it more competitive than fossil fuels. These are some very exciting developments on the road to clean energy.

Additional leave for Council staff with premature or unwell babies

All SCDC employees (regardless of gender) will now be entitled to additional paid leave after the birth of a child who requires an extended stay in hospital. The Cabinet

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EVENTS 2020

3TH JANUARY QUIZ NIGHT	10TH JANUARY FISH & CHIP SUPPER	17TH JANUARY QUIZ NIGHT
19TH JANUARY SUNDAY ROAST	25TH JANUARY BURNS NIGHT DINNER	30TH JANUARY DEMENTIA FRIENDS INFO SESSION
31ST JANUARY QUIZ NIGHT	14TH FEBRUARY QUIZ NIGHT	15TH FEBRUARY VALENTINES NIGHT DINNER
7TH MARCH PUNJABI PARTY NIGHT	13TH MARCH QUIZ NIGHT	22ND MARCH MOTHER'S DAY ROAST DINNER
27TH MARCH QUIZ NIGHT	5TH APRIL SUNDAY ROAST	25TH APRIL 70S PARTY NIGHT 'ALL GLAMMED UP'
8TH MAY VE DAY 40'S NIGHT	13TH JUNE CAPTAIN'S DAY	21ST JUNE FATHER'S DAY ROAST DINNER
4TH JULY FISH & CHIP SUPPER	18TH JULY BEACH BBQ WITH PIP BROWN	8TH AUGUST CARIBBEAN BBQ WITH ZIGGY
22TH AUGUST MEXICAN NIGHT	5TH SEPTEMBER TAPAS NIGHT	19TH SEPTEMBER COMEDY & MUSIC NIGHT
2ND OCTOBER QUIZ NIGHT	9TH OCTOBER CHINESE NIGHT	16TH OCTOBER QUIZ NIGHT
24TH OCTOBER ITALIAN NIGHT	30TH OCTOBER QUIZ NIGHT	7TH NOVEMBER ANNUAL DINNER
13TH NOVEMBER QUIZ NIGHT	27TH NOVEMBER QUIZ NIGHT	8TH DECEMBER CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
	11TH DECEMBER QUIZ NIGHT	

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From Our Councillors

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agreed the premature birth and neonatal birth policy on Wednesday 4th September 2019, meaning that mothers with premature or unwell babies will not have to cut short the time they had planned to spend at home with their babies before deciding whether to return to work. The policy will grant mothers employed by the council whose babies are born unwell or before 37 weeks 100% of their salary either until the baby is released from hospital or until 28 days after their expected due date without affecting their normal maternity leave or pay entitlement. This was the initiative of my Conservative colleague, Cllr Heather Williams, who raised it as a motion to Full Council.

New cycle stands installed

The GCP (Greater Cambridge Partnership) has been installing 79 new cycle lockers across the Park and Ride sites and 77 new cycle stands around the city to make it easier for people to securely lock up their bike in the city when they have cycled in from outside. This was done as part of Cycle September:
www.greatercambridge.org.uk/news/new-cycle-stands-installed-in-time-for-cycle-september/.

Cllr Tom Bygott
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Girton WI

It was difficult to hear above the buzz of conversation in the William Collyn Community Centre, but the noise soon abated as Susie Cumming introduced our

speaker Dr Julie Bounford to talk about: *Heffers of Cambridge 1878–1999*

This was the story of Heffers bookselling, stationery and printing, enriched by the recollections of former employees, customers & authors; further enhanced by a fascinating collection of nostalgic photographs. As the City streets are familiar to most of us, it was remarkable to see them as they were 100 years ago.

William Heffer, the founder of the business, did not have a privileged education, but through hard work and determination built up a successful and much loved business which for its first 120 years was run by the Heffer family. It was taken over by Blackwells in 1999 but they sensibly did not change the name. Julie recounted many tales illustrating the affection many customers and visiting authors have for Heffers. By the 20th century it had become a Cambridge institution and was known around the world. In fact, John Simpson, whilst on assignment, reported seeing a member of the Mujahideen carrying a 'Heffers' emblazoned bag.

Dr Julie Bounford has recently published a book recounting the history of this famous Cambridge Institution. It was a fascinating tale, particularly as most of us still visit the store today.

Naturally, we rounded off the evening with tea, coffee, delicious cake and more conversation.

Gilly Gibson

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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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Lets Get Quizzical!

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Chapel, Girton College

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Cottontails Preschool

It's been a fun-filled month at preschool with painting and playing musical instruments being very popular. The children have been thinking of the different words they can use to describe the sounds that the different instruments make. With so much rain, we have been making the most of all the mud we can create! Our mud kitchen has been very busy and many mud cakes and cups of mud tea have been made!



Mud kitchen

conkers in. The children named it Petal the pumpkin!

At our inter-generational sessions at Arlington Manor, we have continued our exercise sessions with the residents. During this, the children have been learning some of the residents' favourite songs from past times and they have all been enjoying singing and dancing to them together. The Lambeth Walk has been a particular hit with everyone.

Cottontails are taking part in two recycling projects and we would really appreciate the community's support with these. We are collecting used inkjet cartridges, as part of the Recycle4charity scheme, and we are also collecting confectionery wrappers as part of Terracycle.

Please bring your used inkjet cartridges into the Cotton Hall – there is a collection box on the table in the entrance area. For your sweet and chocolate wrappers, I am delighted that we now have a few collection points around the village, so you can drop them off in any of the following locations: Girton Glebe Primary School, Girton Co-op, Arlington Manor Care Home, Huntingdon Road BP Petrol Station, and of course you can bring them into the Cotton Hall when we are in session too! Both of these schemes not only help us do our bit to save the planet, but also raise vital funds for Cottontails.

At Forest school the children have discovered a wonderful tree and it has been a challenge to see how many of them can fit onto it at the same time. We also decorated a pumpkin with the children practising their physical skills to hammer in sticks and scoop out holes to put



Pumpkin decorating

Cottontails Preschool is open to children from the term after they turn 2. We currently have children's space available and we accept fee paying and both 15 hour and 30 hour government funded children. If you would like any further information about Cottontails, please visit our website www.cottontailspreschool.org or contact us on 07935 224607 or info@cottontailspreschool.org.

*Laura Norman, Cottontails Pre-school Manager
manager@cottontailspreschool.org*



Girton Garden Society

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On Thursday 10th October at the William Collyn Hall, Nigel Start told us how self-sufficiency from your garden can be achieved. Judging by his vigorous, healthy vegetable plants, Nigel has truly mastered the art – hens, eggs and all.

In times gone by, the community shared the use of common land, keeping pigs, cows and hens. However, after the Enclosure Acts of the 1790s, the common land disappeared and much of the populace drifted to the West Midlands cities. There, small gardens became the order of the day. Cadburys and Rowntrees gave their workers greenhouses and small plots of land. In 1821 William Cobbett wrote Rural Rides and Cottage Economy, encouraging assorted activities to help the workers. Later, in 1908, the Allotments and Leisure Gardens Act was passed, ensuring that gardening facilities were available to all. Certainly, during the two world wars, "Dig for victory" was a common slogan.

Nowadays there are many enthusiastic allotment gardeners who can ensure that their produce has minimal spraying. There is much to commend their work, with freshly grown meals and healthy exercise and fresh air as a bonus. And greenhouses do an excellent job in extending the growing season.

More of us should be considering growing our own vegetables!

Felicia Moor

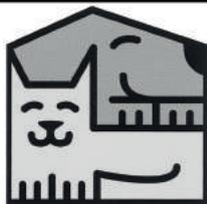


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The Girton Allotment Society Annual General Meeting was scheduled for Monday 30th September. The agenda, and subsequently the minutes, was headed “27th AGM”. This was a reminder that the Society is a long-established part of Girton activities, formally constituted 27 years ago but active as an allotment site long before that.

The evening saw heavy rain. To cross Church Lane meant treading through floods in the gutters. However, the weather did not prevent a good attendance, with 32 members assembled in the Cotton Hall.

The year saw a large turnover in membership, which is to be expected as people move from the area and work and family commitments increase realisation of the effort required. But on the other hand, there has been increasing enthusiasm for good fresh food and outdoor activity. Eighteen members gave up their plots, but 28 new tenants were welcomed (if you think you detect a discrepancy, the explanation is that tenants may hold multiple plots). The enthusiasm and hard work of new tenants has been an encouragement for future seasons.

The meeting did have a sad note. Peter Seaber served as an excellent chairman of the society until 2 years ago, and until very recently cultivated 7 plots! Pam, his wife, was always with him on the site, and if one felt miserable when coming through the main gate, a conversation with dear Pam cheered one up. Pam died recently and Peter’s health has made him give up his plots. Lovely people. We shall miss them.

After the usual matters of an AGM were concluded, the meeting was opened up for an open forum. The range of topics was wide and varied. How to protect cabbages from caterpillars; the quality of modern watering cans versus those of the ‘good old days’ (I can vouch for my 60 year old galvanised steel one); the likelihood of regular hot summers and droughts; the contemporary big issue of the use of chemical controls (including slug pellets); the replenishment of our soil’s fertility with imported manure and our own composted material. It was agreed that the committee should issue a policy paper on the use (or non-use) of chemicals. The chairman agreed to investigate possible sources of horse and cattle manure.

The AGM is always a reminder of the continuing excellent voluntary hard work by the officers and committee. As customary, the evening concluded with refreshments, the cakes provided by a staunch member, with ingredients of allotment produce such as courgettes and beetroot. Sounds unlikely, but delicious.

I have spent a lot of this month’s article on the AGM in order to consolidate October’s featuring of the Allotment Society as a highly active and relevant part of Girton life.

As you walk past the gates and look in to see an orderly and well-regulated (on the whole) site, contributing to the ecological health of our village, you will know it doesn’t happen by chance, but with planning and hard work.

As I write in early October, what is the Autumn scene I am seeing as I look out across the site? Late remnants of the season’s crops ... tomatoes, red ones and green; straggling climbing beans; even late sweetcorn; and more. Crops which will develop during the winter ... leeks, Brussels sprouts, cauliflowers, cabbages. A few growers plant seed potatoes now in the hope of new potatoes at Christmas. There are swathes of green manure such as field mustard to be dug in soon. Clean brown dug or rotovated plots. Yellowing raspberry canes with some unpicked fruit, blackened and shrivelled. And dotted around the site, colourful dahlias, marigolds, cosmos. Activity is winding down now, but there is always plenty to do – clearing and tidying what is passed; preparations for what is to come. Only in the worst weather will there be no-one out there.

A final thought: after 20 years of working my plots, I continue to marvel at the huge bulk and weight of vegetation we clear as the growing season ends. All beginning from tiny seeds, infinitesimal in volume compared to the final vegetation which, ideally, we compost and return to our soil. I think this is relevant to carbon capture. I must read up on this and perhaps bore you with it in future articles.

Graham Jones
Girton Allotment Society

Garden Tip of the Month – November

November is often a good time for planting, so if you have some perennial plants still in the pot you bought them in, plant them now. Have you got a place in mind for them that won’t involve too much upheaval? If you plant them well now they should develop their roots and will be ready for spring growth. As a bonus that’s another plant in a pot you don’t need to look after! Actually, a stocktake of plants in containers would be a good idea, so you know roughly how many to move into which winter quarters. You may discover some you haven’t seen for a while, or realise they are too wet, and remove the saucers. In cool conditions, with limited airflow, keep the compost fairly dry and pick off dead bits to minimise the risk of mould.

Leaf fall is, as I have said before, a great opportunity to amass some useful organic matter, and it goes much better if you have a plan and a designated receptacle. Ponds work better if they don’t get filled up with leaves, so if you have a pond not yet netted it’s probably worth the time spent stretching a net over to keep the leaves out.

If you haven’t got far yet with planting bulbs or bedding, work out when you crack on with it. The growing season is ebbing away.

George Thorpe

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Girton WI at 100

In 2019 Girton WI were invited to commemorate their 100th anniversary by joining Girton College's 150th Anniversary celebrations and with a visit to the Great War Huts Project. This provided a unique opportunity to commemorate both the legacy of some of the pioneers of university education for women and to discover more about the history of the Girton WI Hall, one of the oldest surviving Great War Huts in the United Kingdom.

The Fight for University Degrees for Women

In 1897, the same year that the first Women's Institute was formed in Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada, the University of Cambridge held a vote to determine whether women should be allowed to receive degrees.

That such a vote was being held at all was a victory for the students and Fellows of Girton College, Cambridge, the UK's first residential institution for women offering degree-level education and examination. Founded by suffragists Emily Davies and Barbara Bodichon, with the help of Lady Stanley of Alderley and Henry Tomkinson, and funded by donations raised by public subscription, the College opened at Benslow House in Hitchin in 1869. There were just five students. In 1873, with students numbering thirteen, the College moved to Girton. The aims of the College from the outset were controversial and pioneering. From the beginning the 'College for Women' was to be fully residential and to provide an education equal to that given to men. The women would sit the same examinations as their male peers at other Cambridge Colleges, they would study the same courses. The founders wanted full membership of the University of Cambridge for Girton and its students. Their goal was for women to have University degrees that were exactly the same as the men's. But until 1881 the female students had to rely on the personal goodwill of men in the University to be able to enter examinations and to have them marked.

By the time of the 1897 vote over one hundred female students were in residence. Men would travel up from Cambridge to witness the sight of them going to the village church for services on Sundays. When the students formed a Fire Brigade, it was discussed in the *New York Times*! Curiosities they may have been but there was no doubting their academic merit. In 1880 Girton student Charlotte Angas Scott received the eighth highest mark across the University in the Mathematical Tripos. Then, in 1887, Agnata Ramsay placed in the first class of Part I of the Classical Tripos, her marks setting her above all the men who had sat that examination.

Yet on 21 May 1897, after 18 months of campaigning, the members of the University voted by 1,707 to 661 to reject a proposal to allow women to receive degrees. The fight for parity in University education was only just beginning.

Undaunted, Girton College continued to grow, both in student numbers and in the size of the College buildings (which housed not only accommodation but laboratories and the only indoor swimming pool in a Cambridge college). The College's alumnae began to make their mark on the world around them. Girton students and alumnae joined the fight for women's suffrage and students from Girton and Newnham (another Cambridge Women's College, founded in 1871) worked together to produce the Cambridge Alumnae Banner. The banner was carried at the 1908 Women's suffrage march. Emblazoned across it were the words 'Better is wisdom than weapons of war'. By 1915, when the first British Women's Institutes were being formed to help to increase the supply of food to the war-torn nation, Girton's students too were raising pigs and growing vegetables in the College's gardens.

The University of Cambridge finally voted to grant women degrees in 1948. It had taken 79 years for Emily Davies's main aim to be fulfilled. She had not lived to see it, although she had lived to be one of the oldest women to vote in the 1918 General Election. In the years since World War I Girton College, and Cambridge's female students, had flourished, despite the repeated failure of applications to the University Senate for full admission to the University. By 1921 women in the University of Cambridge had gained the formal right of admission to University lectures and laboratories. In 1924 the College was granted a Royal Charter. The College began to admit male Fellows in 1976 and in 1979 started to admit male undergraduate students (finally achieving the equality that its founders had worked so hard for). The College now has around 500 undergraduate students and 280 postgraduates and admits around 140 undergraduates each year. It remains committed to widening access to the University of Cambridge for talented students from all backgrounds. Girton College's alumni have gone on to achieve in many fields, and include the first female judge and president of the International Court of Justice, the first female president of the Supreme Court of the UK, the composer of the Dr Who theme tune, award winning scientists, mathematicians, medics, engineers, authors and a presenter of *by the Great British Bake Off*.

One of Girton College's early and pioneering alumnae was scientist and suffragist Hertha Ayrton (who had read Maths at Girton from 1876 to 1881). In 1906 she became the first woman to be awarded the Royal Society's Hughes Medal for her research on the electric arc and on sand ripples. In 1915 Hertha Ayrton invented a fan to help soldiers disperse poisonous gas from the trenches when they encountered it. She fought for its production and its use by the War Office. The Ayrton Fan, as it was known, began to be distributed to soldiers in 1916. By the end of the war 140,000 had been produced.

Members of the Suffolk Regiment may have been amongst the soldiers that her invention helped. One of



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the huts in which the Suffolk Regiment were barracked in before leaving for the Front was to become the Girton WI Hall.

From WWI hut to WI and back again ...

Girton WI was founded on the 27th June 1919. Within a year membership numbered 121 women, and a permanent home was needed. The old war huts at Cherry Hinton Hall Park, complete with their tables and chairs, were the perfect solution. Mr Searle, husband of the then Girton WI Secretary, Rose Searle, purchased the 'cleanest hut available'. The hut was dismantled and then transported by eight horse-drawn farm carts through Cambridge, up the Huntingdon Road and into Girton. Mrs Lilley, a Girton Resident, donated land for the hut to stand on. The Hall was officially opened in 1920 by Mrs Wood, Vice President of the Suffolk Federation.

to improve rural maternity and bus services. The hall was requisitioned by the War Office in World War II, eventually being used by the Home Guards, while the WI helped find homes for evacuated mothers and children (some of whom were unaccompanied), invited them to Monday afternoon social gatherings and found bedding and clothes where needed. The maximum number of children billeted at any one time in Girton was 190. Dances, Whist Drives and sales of work were also held to raise money for the Red Cross and for the troops. Girton WI even formed an 'Onion Club' to tackle food shortages.



1936

In the following years the Girton WI Hall was at the heart of the village. Here you might attend a dance, you might hold a birthday party. You would bring your baby to be weighed at the Infant Welfare Clinic. You could even have your smear test! From its metal-clad walls Girton WI sponsored a girls club, then in the 1920s a Girl Guide Company. The Brownies met there. As part of the Cambridgeshire Federation, members of the WI supported the County Council in establishing Village Colleges in Cambridgeshire, campaigned for 'clean milk', to improve the state of the public lavatories in the Cambridge Market Square, to bring mains water supplies, electricity and modern sewerage to Girton and



Christmas 1950

Every Christmas, and every major anniversary, celebrations were held in the WI Hall.



2009

By 2013 the hall was in need of considerable repairs, and the decision was taken for the hut to go to the Great War Huts Project. Over the next few years the former Girton WI hall was once again dismantled and transported (though not by horse and cart!) and rebuilt in its original form in Bury St Edmunds.



The WI hut in April 2013



Dismantling the WI hut in September 2017 - photo by M. Pearce Higgins



Demolition of the WI hut in October 2017 - photo by Graham Jones

Based in Hawstead near Bury St Edmunds, Great War Huts at Brook Farm Camp is working to create a groundbreaking First World War museum and visitor centre. Initially the project planned to create eleven replica wooden barrack huts that would be used as a lecture theatre, exhibition and display space. But the discovery of an original Recreation Hut in Ipswich, which was due to be demolished, has meant that the project will now be the home of eleven original buildings, constructed over a century ago to house the servicemen and women who served during the war. The huts are all different, and have come from across the country. All are being restored using the methods, tools and materials of the time. The former Girton WI Hall is one of the oldest huts on the site.

A Very Special Celebration

The 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the founding of Girton WI took place in both Girton and in their old hall's new home at the Great War Huts Project. The WI were also invited (along with Girton Glebe Primary School and the University of Cambridge Primary School at Eddington, who also produced banners) to produce a banner for the Girton150 Festival. This banner was to be carried as part of a parade around the College grounds intended to celebrate the generations of Girton College's alumni (both male and female, as 2019 is also the 40th anniversary of the College accepting male students) who had worked to challenge injustice from 1869 to 2019. Girton WI's banner was to reflect not only the history of Girton WI but also to honour the ways in which the Women's Institute as a whole has successfully campaigned for change since 1915. Here then was the perfect opportunity to link these two important parts of the history of Girton Village together but also to create a fitting tribute to the soldiers who had originally used the Girton WI Hall.



Photo by David Johnson and Girton College

That was not all, however. Dr Simone Maghenzani, Fellow in History at Girton College, spoke at the June meeting about the history of Girton College. A number of Girton WI members also volunteered to help the College run the festival, meeting and greeting the College's alumni and other guests, and helping with the smooth running of lectures by prominent academics as well as with children's activities. As well as lectures and panel discussions, activities over the weekend included demonstrations of suffragette jiu jitsu, the recreation of the turn-of-the-century Girton Fire brigade and the unveiling of South Cambridgeshire's first blue plaque. One of the highlights was the parade around the College's grounds on 30th June 2019, when members of Girton WI carried their banner as part of a parade of over 100 individuals. Led by a replica of the Cambridge Alumnae Banner, the parade also involved school children from Girton Glebe Primary School and the University of Cambridge Primary School at Eddington (who had produced banners based on the issues of

today that they felt needed addressing), historical re-enactors and even some penny farthings. Marching with them in the parade was a Girton alumna who carried her suffragette grandmother's original protest banner.



Photo by David Johnson and Girton College

The banner, created by eight members of Girton WI, included images of the old WI Hall, evacuees and a fighter plane flying over the village (to represent the important role of the WI in WWII), a goose feather to represent the village's role in providing geese feather quills to the University, knitted bees to represent the national causes the WI as a whole has championed over the years, poppies to remember the fallen soldiers, and of course, some Jam and Jerusalem. All on a recycled tablecloth from the old hall.

On 20th July 2019, Girton WI made their first trip to see their old hall in its new setting and celebrated their 100th anniversary in the hall that had been their home for the majority of those years. Taff Gillingham gave a talk about the history of the hall and about the soldiers who had used it. There was a birthday cake, and a presentation of archival photographs to the project. Then current Girton WI President Susie Cumming presented the banner to the Great War Huts Project. It will hang in the hut for many years to come, a visual representation of the hut's history.

*Hannah Wyborn (Treasurer) and
Susie Cumming (President)
Girton Women's Institute*

Further information about the history of Girton College can be found at Girton150.com

The College hosts the Royal Society of Portrait Painters People's Portraits Exhibition, which is open to members of the public every day between 9am and 5pm. The Lawrence Room, Girton College's own museum collection, is open to members of the public every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm. For more information please see www.girton.cam.ac.uk

An exhibition covering the experience of being a woman at Cambridge University 'The Rising Tide: Women at Cambridge' is currently open at the Mstein Exhibition Centre, Cambridge University Library. www.vlib.cam.ac.uk/using-library/whats

Further information about the Great War Huts Project can be found at www.greatwarhuts.org/

Girton WI meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the William Collyn Community Centre, Wellbrook Way, Girton. Meetings feature talks on a wide range of topics, craft sessions and quizzes. All women over the age of 18 are welcome. For more information please contact girtonwi@gmail.com

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There is now a vacancy for a Trustee – so please get in touch if you would like to know more.

The time commitment includes 5 or 6 x 2hr meetings a year plus some other occasional hours that include the annual spring-clean day – and last for 4-year terms.

Would you be interested in helping our local community by volunteering your skills and time to this good cause and joining the current group?

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- Please get in touch!**



Abbeyfield Girton Green Macmillan Coffee Morning

A very successful party was held on Friday 27th September to raise funds for Macmillan. It was well attended by people from the village and Abbeyfield residents. Thanks to the generosity of those attending we raised a total of £967.60. The fundraising activities included coffee, cake stalls and a donations box all manned by residents.

A well-stocked hamper was made up by Abbeyfield management as a prize for their raffle, and was won by Jillinda Tilley, a good friend of Abbeyfield. Colin the Chef made cakes and residents donated or made cakes for sale.

‘Guess the number of Berries in the Pie’ was won by Margaret Burniston, a resident, and the prize was a delicious strawberry and cream cake given most generously by Sainsburys Eddington (see photo). It was enjoyed as a ‘bonus’ dessert by those residents and non-residents who came to the Fish & Chip supper in the evening. This is held every Friday from 6.00pm, and is open to non-residents.



Special donations were made by Tanya Hill and Sue Fifer with contributions made from their private events. Special thanks also to Helen Wickham who made all the arrangements and to all the residents who helped to serve coffee and man the various stalls. The

Flukes Ukulele Band gave a rousing performance of their mix of jolly songs with the audience joining in the choruses with great gusto. A similar event will be held next year and to which visitors will be most welcome.

At the end of the morning a non-resident was heard to say ‘Isn’t it nice to see so many happy people’.

That’s Abbeyfield Girton Green!

Geoffrey Burniston

Eddington Names

We are inviting local residents, neighbours and University members to give suggestions for place names as Eddington continues to grow. We would very much value suggestions that will inform and enhance our strategy of natural naming.

Natural naming ideas may include:

- Naming after physical features of the site, drawing closely on the characteristics of their location and the existing natural landscape.
- Naming after people with a strong connection with the University.

Please send your suggestions to us by completing a very short online form with your suggested name and a brief rationale for the suggestion. We hope that members from all communities can have interesting and insightful suggestions, whether you are a local resident, alumnus, staff member or student.

You can submit your suggestions by completing the form here: surveyMonkey.co.uk/r/5TR3ET

This is a fantastic opportunity to help shape the sense of place and community at Eddington and impact the future of this new part of Cambridge.

Any road names would be subject to the approval of the University Council, Post Office and the Emergency Services, and Cambridge City Council or South Cambridgeshire Council as appropriate, depending on their location.



Scallywags Founders Retire

So after 25 amazing years we (Ian and Alison) are retiring from our wonderful nursery and saying goodbye to our Scallywags family. It has been an amazing journey and one that we have enjoyed every minute of. We wish our outstanding team all the very best for the future and we truly appreciate everything you have done for us – we simply couldn’t have done it without you!

We also pass on our most sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all the children and their families who have supported us over the past 25 years. It truly has been our pleasure to serve you. The new owners, Busy Bees, will continue to provide the best possible childcare for your child, carrying on our legacy and our unique Scallywags ethos. Wishing you all the very best for the future.

Ian and Alison Bradley

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

Just before the autumn rain set in, a party of volunteer members, with guidance from our Bowls Green consultant Steve, spent the day carrying out a thorough overhaul of

the Bowls Green. This involved a major scarification, then spreading tons of topsoil and grass seed across the



whole of the Green. I am sure all this work will pay dividends next season and thanks go to our team of volunteers for all their hard work.

End of season maintenance

Our presentation dinner, held at the Girton Golf Club, was a very enjoyable evening and we extend a big thank you once again to the Chef and all the staff who helped to make the evening a great success.



2019 Finalists with their trophies

As the outdoor bowls season has now finished some of our members have again

been enjoying a country ramble led by Paul Tippett. Our first walk of the season started from Weston Colville and took in the surrounding area of beautiful countryside, finishing up at the local pub for a delicious lunch. There will be a monthly walk, weather permitting, during the winter months as the rambles have proved very popular.

The Indoor Bowls league, played at Chesterton Bowls Club, is progressing well and to date Girton have won their first two games, 4-2 and 5-1. A great start to the season.

The Short Mat Bowls games are being played at the Cottenham Club and are proving to be a very sociable and enjoyable afternoon.

The AGM will be held this year on 25th November at 7.30pm at Abbeyfield Retirement Home. All welcome.

Please contact our Secretary Margaret McCall by email at margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com for more details or visit our website at www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com to catch up with all our results and view photos of our activities to date.

Lynne McGill



Girton Golf Club

Wow, into late October and the weather has turned into cool and wet, and wet and wet. The golf course is suddenly back to being green and lush, and the waterproofs are getting worn again. It is that odd time when you have to make a decision whether

to be too warm and dry or the right temperature and damp – warm and dry is winning regularly.

Our Wednesday morning Breakfast Club, supported by AgeUK, for the Senior Citizens of Girton, and beyond, is now up and running with numbers increasing slowly but surely. So, if you fancy a chat with friends, or those friends you are yet to meet, then come down to the Golf Club after 9.30am, any Wednesday morning, and enjoy a bacon, sausage or egg roll and unlimited tea and coffee for £4.50. We offer a relaxed and easy environment that welcomes members, visitors, friends and strangers, but don't expect to be a stranger for long.

Our Christmas lunch and dinner offering at only £23 for 3 courses is again proving very popular, so if you haven't booked a table for your company, society, club, family or group get-together then you had better hurry because places are going very quickly and after last year's 1200 bookings we are expecting a great end to the year again. Menus are available from the clubhouse or on our website: go to www.girtongolf.co.uk and select 'Functions & events'.

Ninety people really enjoyed our Italian Night in October – a great turnout, and a tribute to our chefs and catering staff who are now recognised as producing excellent food, with wonderful service and extremely competitive prices. Social membership is still open so it may be a good idea to join now and get the discounts on food and drink that it attracts.

A coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses held by the ladies and led by Caroline Turner raised in excess of £650 – a brilliant result and a good return on all the hard work of the ladies in creating such great cakes, and also a tribute to the male members for eating so many of them. Our delightful bar and catering staff member Emma, and her friend Claire, had their heads shaved in October and raised a stunning amount of in excess of £2100 for our

Captain's Charity, The Arthur Rank Hospice. They still look beautiful, just in a different way. Our Charity Day this year raised another £2733 for the Hospice so this year looks like being a bumper year for charity fund raising at the Golf Club.

Alan Henderson-Smith

Tel: 01223 276169, www.girtongolf.co.uk



Girton Netball Club

Kit Design Competition 2019

There were some wonderful designs entered into our kit design competition in the summer and we would like to

thank everyone who took the time to send in entries. After creating a



shortlist of six designs club members each voted for their favourite three and, although the results were extremely close, we ended up with a definite overall winner, Megan, 12, who is now the proud owner of a World Cup Netball. We are now looking into getting sponsorship for our club and hope to get the kits created soon.



Back to-/Try-Netball Sessions

South Cambridgeshire District Council and Girton Netball Club are working together to offer the opportunity for local women to come along and try netball again or get back into it after a break. As I write this there will be 3 further special sessions of Netball led by Netball Coach Helen Stepney (who also works for SCDC in Heath & Wellbeing).

Day and time: Monday 6.30–7.45pm

Dates: 4th, 11th and 18th November 2019. If you cannot attend all sessions, it's not a problem to come along when you can. Just let us know.

Venue: Outdoors on the netball court next to the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Girton CB3 0FH.

Wear: Come in comfortable clothing suitable for activity and weather conditions (layers), wear sports trainers and a good pair of ankle socks.

Valuables: Please leave any jewellery at home as Netball is played jewellery free. Tape can be used for rings you wish to keep on.

Registration and Medical form: Please contact Mel for a copy or fill one in on your first visit.

Cost: £5 per session pay and play.

The sessions will start with a gentle introduction to some of the skills and rules of netball through small group

practices and game play. Over the 6 weeks further skills and rules will be added. All activities will be specific to the requirements of the group. There will also be Girton Netballers joining the sessions to help and support everyone attending. Following these sessions Girton Netball Club will hope you have got the netball bug, and you will be keen to continue and come along to their club nights on Mondays at the same time.

Please contact Mel using girton.village.netball@gmail.com if you would like any further information.

Mel Gulston



Girton Tennis Club

This year the Tennis Club are returning to The Old Crown in Girton for the annual Christmas dinner, which will take place on the evening of Saturday 7th December. Members are reminded to contact the membership

secretary as a matter of urgency in order to reserve places at this festive event.

Current/previous members who are also LTA British Tennis Members (BTMs) who have not yet 'opted-in' to the 2020 Wimbledon Ballot should do so in order to avoid repeated reminders from us and the LTA. Members who joined Girton Tennis Club for the first time this year should visit the LTA website www.lta.org.uk and click on 'Join' in order to become LTA BTMs (this is free for Girton Tennis club members; just specify Girton Tennis Club as your 'place to play'). BTMs should then 'opt-in' to the 2020 Wimbledon ballot in order to be in with a chance of being offered Wimbledon tickets from this club. Every Girton tennis club member that 'opts-in' to the LTA Wimbledon ballot counts towards the number of Wimbledon tickets that we get allocated by the LTA, thus increasing your chance of attending the greatest tennis championship in the world. This is a significant benefit so do please take action soon.

A further reminder that, as we are now over half-way through our membership year, our membership fees, for new members only, are reduced by 50%. Please visit www.girtontennisclub.uk/membership for further details.

We play on the Girton recreation ground courts and members who purchase a key have court access during most daylight hours. 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. Adult club members play from 7.30pm on Friday evenings. Please note that our supervised sessions for junior players have now stopped until the weather improves next year.

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 info@girtontennisclub.uk.

Alan Franklin

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Girton Colts

November will see our new MUGA surface come alive and we are all looking forward to using this. The club has welcomed some new players this month and we are all looking forward to our new

GCFC raincoats! We need more players for our U5 and U6 teams as well as our all girls squad, so please do get in touch or pass the word around. Most teams in October had lots of postponements, but November looks rammed full of games every weekend.

We have lots of opportunities for anyone interested in football fun U5–U11, girls and boys, so please do get in touch at teamsec@girtoncolts.co.uk.

Member News

Under 7 Team: The U7s are now a full squad of 12 and have all been busy training and playing matches every week resulting in their being unbeaten so far this season ... may the winning streak continue!

Under 8 Team: The under 8s are continuing to make great progress and beginning to receive very nice compliments from the opposition teams on how the children play as a team. We are looking forward this month as we have two development friendlies lined up designed to play against kids of equal ability, a very enjoyable watch.

Under 9 Team: We have some new players and in October we scored our first goals as a team this season. Great work everyone and looking forward to adding to that tally this month!

Under 10 Team: The team continues to improve and grow and we're looking forward to November being full of matches.

Under 12 Team: The U12s are now sitting comfortably in mid-table in their league. In their last two games they've suffered defeat at Chatteris, despite a spirited fight back from 4–1 down, but then an encouraging 2–2 draw at top-of-the-table Cambourne, where 2 goals from James had given Colts the lead for most of the game.

Andrew Hawkes



Youth Group Needs You!

Can you make something, teach something or show something? If the answer is yes ... then Youth Group wants to hear from you! We are hoping to run a series of guest sessions which will teach our young people new skills. This could be anything from cooking to craft to an exercise class. We think it would be great to connect with the local community and share our skills. Please get in touch and email me at frances.roach@ymcatrinity.org.uk.

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 18 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/.

Club times are as follows:

Monday group is for ages 8–11, from 4.30pm–6pm.
Thursday group is for ages 11–19, from 5pm–9pm.

Frances Roach

YMCA TRINITY GROUP

GIRTON COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB

We need players for our UNDER 6 & UNDER 5 TEAM

We train Saturday morning in term time from 9-10am and we are a friendly, fun football club!

We urgently need to recruit players (boys and girls) for our U5 and U6 squads. Players birthdays need to be between 1st September 2013 - 31 August 2015.

We have an U6 team manager ready to lead the team next year into the league, but he needs more players...

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News from Girton Glebe Primary School

We have had a range of exciting activities taking place in and around school over the last four weeks which have enriched the wonderful work that has been taking place within the classrooms at Girton Glebe Primary. Please read on for a round-up of the last month's news and events.

Jumble Sale Success

On Saturday 28 September FOGG (Friends of Girton Glebe) hosted the autumn jumble sale in the school hall, selling clothing, toys and games, books, bric-a-brac and cakes and refreshments.

Thank you to all FOGG members and school staff who helped organise this event. Your dedication is hugely appreciated and you helped to raise over £1100 for Girton Glebe Primary School – an amazing achievement!

Thanks also to parents, carers and members of the local community who came out to support this event by purchasing items from the jumble sale, funds from which will help us to provide further opportunities for the children attending our school. The jumble sale was incredibly well attended and it was lovely to see so many people out in support of Girton Glebe Primary School. Thank you!

Our Year 6 Pupils Visit France

On 14 October, our Year 6 children departed for a week in France led by four hugely dedicated members of staff. The coach left school just after 8am and our pupils made the journey to Criel-sur-Mer where they spent the week staying in the gorgeous Château de Chantereine.

The itinerary for the week included a visit to WWI battlefields, a guided tour of Rouen, croissant making, a trip to Nausicaa (the National Sea Centre) and a tour of an orchard. The children also went to Dieppe where they were given a guided tour of the town before enjoying some downtime and a picnic.

Huge thanks to Mr Austin, Miss Jolly, Ms Mansfield and Mr Simpson for accompanying the children on this trip! The pupils were fabulous ambassadors for Girton Glebe whilst they were in France and, during their stay, we received glowing feedback from Kingswood (who run the château) about the visit.

Harvest Festival

On Friday 11 October we held our harvest festival in the school hall, welcoming parents, friends and family members from Ash class (Foundation Stage) to share the event with us.

During the assembly, Ash class performed in front of a whole-school audience for the first time. They sang 'Way up High in the Apple Tree' in the middle of a packed programme of food-related songs and poems performed by children from across the school.

All food donated by Girton Glebe families has, as in previous years, been sent to support Jimmy's in Cambridge.

Open Evening – An Invitation

I would like to welcome you all to the Open Evening and Afternoon we will be hosting on Thursday 7 November (2–3pm and 6–7pm) where you will have the opportunity to talk to staff, meet our governors and experience the wide range of activities taking place around school.

The sessions will begin with a presentation by the Headteacher before you are free to visit classrooms. We will also be joined by Ryan Kelsall, Principal of Impington Village College. Our Year 6 ambassadors will be giving guided tours of the school if you wish to join them. I look forward to seeing you there!

Mr Andrew Simpson
Headteacher
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Girton Glebe Primary School is committed to the welfare
and safeguarding of children and young people and expects its staff,
governors and volunteers to share this commitment.

New Trustee joins Girton Town Charity

Michael Aston has joined Girton Town Charity's Trustees, enhancing the considerable expertise and experience already in the team. Here Michael tells us his reasons for becoming a Trustee and highlights the areas in which he is keen to make a contribution to current and future projects.

Michael says: "I grew up in Cambridge, and after leaving school and working in London and overseas for more than 20 years, I found myself returning in 2015 to work for Cambridge University, helping them to develop their land holdings for academic and commercial buildings. Outside work, my time is largely devoted to running around after my children – two very energetic small boys!



life in finance and property will be useful to GTC. I've spent a lot of time over the last 20 years working on projects where social and not-for-profit organisations interact with business, ranging from urban regeneration initiatives to partnerships between commerce and universities and hospitals.

Support

Of course, given my professional interests, I am looking forward to helping GTC with its exciting programme to deliver a new generation of almshouses, but I'm also very interested in the Charity's work in supporting people at an individual level. Even over the last couple of months, I've noted how many

residents GTC has helped in a bespoke, thoughtful and discreet way.

Care and consideration

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High Street Development update

GTC Review 2019 will be delivered to every household in Girton during November and includes an outline of our revised plans for new Almshouses on our High Street/Michael's Close site.

A full presentation document is available to view on our website www.girtontowncharity.co.uk

If you do not have access to the internet then you can see the document at 22 High Street during our office hours 10.00am - 1.00pm Tuesday-Thursday.

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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Open 10.00am – 1.00pm Tuesday-Thursday.

01223 276008

email: gtc@girtontowncharity.co.uk

www.girtontowncharity.co.uk

Educational Grants 2019/20

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 December 2019.

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

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

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3.45 - 4.45pm Artatic Kids Art Class

4.45 - 6.15pm Kids Sewing Class

7.00 - 9.00pm Adult Art Class

Thursday

9.30 - 11.30am Adult Sewing Class

11.00am - 3.00pm Relate Counselling

11.30 - 12.30pm Tai Chi

6.00 - 7.00pm Yoga

7.15 - 7.45pm Strong 30

7.45 - 8.45pm Body Control Pilates

Friday

10.30 - 11.30am Indoor Curling

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, Flukes Ukulele Group

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William Collyn Community Centre

Wellbrook Way, Girton, Cambridge CB3 0GP

01223 279587

info@williamcollyn.co.uk www.williamcollyn.co.uk

Save the date



Saturday 21 December 2019

Girton Town Charity invite you to a Christmas Celebration at the William Collyn Community Centre from 1.00 - 4.00pm.

More details to follow in the December issue of Girton Parish News.

News for Older Residents



We are invited ...

... for tea, cake, chat and to make a Christmas decoration with the members of the Monday Youth Club who are 7–11 years old. This will be on **Monday 2nd December from 4.30 to 6pm** in the Cotton Hall. If you enjoy spending time with children (perhaps you seldom can do so), please do join us. Transport will be organised for all who need it. **RSVP to me.**

Breakfast Club at the Golf Club

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast of a bacon or sausage bap and unlimited drinks (for £4.50) every Wednesday morning from 9.30am onwards at the Golf Club. It is a time to sit and chat.

Important advice for all those who use emollients

They have been implicated in fire deaths including in Cambridgeshire. Here is the (shortened) advice for using them safely:

- **Keep emollients away from fire, flames and cigarettes.**
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- **Tell your relatives or carers about your treatment.** Ensure they are aware of the fire risks.
- **Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you normally smoke.**

Also, of importance is The Big Conversation which runs until Friday 20th December. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS is currently overspending by £75 million and has to make cuts. The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has set up The Big Conversation to give us the opportunity to contribute to the decisions that need to be made about local services. There is much information on their website which is bit.ly/NHSBigConversation as well as a questionnaire to fill in.

Stay Stronger for Longer

If you cannot attend either of the morning **Strength and Balance** classes in Girton, perhaps an afternoon class would suit you better? A class has now started in the Baptist Church in Histon from 1.30–2.30pm each Thursday. Phone Jessica on 07834 006 924 for more information.

Christmas Party

This will be on Thursday 19th December from 12noon to 3.30pm in the William Collyn Hall. Join us for lots of festive fun for only £5.

Patricia Johnston
Older Residents Co-ordinator
Tel: 07469 660 866

Email: patricia.johnston@ageukcap.org.uk



Hug Day at Arlington Manor

Arlington Manor Care Home in Wellbrook Way shared the love with residents, team members and relatives on their celebration of Hug Day on Friday 11th October. Residents and visitors to the residential, dementia and nursing care home on Wellbrook Way gathered to hug it out at the care provider's annual, company-wide event, which encourages physical interaction and celebrates the comfort that a simple hug can bring.



Nurse Nynke Holtrop with resident Hazel Freeman

During the exciting day, team members at Arlington Manor Care Home dressed up in their favourite animal onesies and gave out hugs to the residents. Team members, residents and relatives

also took part in a whole home group hug, followed by entertainment from Paul and Wally, who sang the residents' favourite songs.



Lifestyles Assistant Ella Mathieson, General Manager Julie Prevet, Lifestyles Assistant Jack Coupar, Care Assistant Georgina Olson, Senior Carer Kelly Houston and Care Assistant Claudia Godhino

Customer Relationship Manager at Arlington

Manor Care Home, Lisa Vile said: 'The residents, families and friends all had a fantastic day embracing the power a simple hug can have. It was a joy to see so many smiles and to hear the laughter of the different communities. What a great way to spend the day!'

Amy Dobson

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Puzzle Corner

Codeword Answers - see page 11

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Filming at Abbeyfield

Members attending our October lunch at Abbeyfield were asked to wear a hat for their walk down the catwalk. Most took up the challenge and some even turned up specially dressed. We didn't actually have a catwalk but members were filmed as they walked in and we have some great video and photos for our Christmas Review which is replacing our annual pantomime this year.

Not everyone took the time to go that extra mile with their dress as you can see in the picture below. It



appears that Jean had spent a night in a haystack or maybe it was Abbeyfield trying to scare the crows away. It was great to see so many members taking part in our little bit of silliness which not surprisingly added to a very jovial atmosphere in the restaurant. The lunch served up by the friendliest of staff can only be described as excellent. Clearly the

chef should be congratulated on his preparation of the food and the way he was able to fine tune our changing requirements. Well done Abbeyfield, let's hope our excellent relationship continues for a very long time.

We are preparing for our annual Christmas party to be held in the William Collyn Community Centre on 19th December. I have explained above that we have

For your diary

Wednesday 6th November, 12 for 12.30pm

Lunch at Oakington Garden Centre.

Thursday 21st November, 12 to 3.30pm

William Collyn CC, Fish & Chips with dessert followed by the film Lion King and preceded by a Tai Chi demonstration by George Thorpe. *Must pre-order for this £10.*

Wednesday 11th December, 12 for 12.30pm

Christmas Lunch at Girton Golf Club. Dress for the occasion, here's your chance to wear that horrible Christmas jumper.

Thursday 19th December, 12 to 3.30pm

William Collyn CC, Annual Christmas Party, singalong carols, mulled wine and the usual festive fun including the Golden Girties – £5 per person.

been filming for our Christmas Review and we have carol singers lined up ready for a good old singalong.



There will be the usual mulled wine, mince pies and buffet and we have a little surprise up our sleeves for you. Hazel (*in the picture on the left*) looks quite concerned but she shouldn't worry as I'm sure all will be well and she won't be made to sing if she doesn't want to. Put this date in your diary now. It's good fun and

excellent value at only £5 per person.

Computer Group

Our computer group has been running for 12 years and still regularly meets every Monday morning from 10am to 12 noon (except on bank holidays). Just drop in and see us if you have a problem operating your laptop computer, iPad or iPhone we will do our best to help you. Maybe you would like to know about emails, word processing, use of spread sheets or other programs or applications. There is no charge and tea, coffee, biscuits and chatter are always available in this very friendly group.

Just looking for friends

Loneliness can cause health problems and there are many articles in newspapers and magazines as well as television adverts pointing this out. Our Older Persons Coordinator Patricia Johnston can help if you are having problems but if you just fancy getting out and about to make new friends give us a call on the telephone number below.

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The Reaping

Back in the days when it was still deemed safe for teenage girls to go in pairs down back streets of our home city distributing Christian literature, there was a particularly notable tract called ‘Safety, Certainty and Enjoyment’. Its contents have, in the main, dissolved into the haze of memory, but oh, how we long for these precious elements nowadays, to settle like healing balm over our troubled world.

The late news could be renamed ‘Disturber of Sleep’. Question Time and political analysis programmes degenerate into verbal warfare. Those who have authority over us engage in power games for personal recognition, distracted and diverted by rumours of past misbehaviour and the compensation culture. We search in vain for leadership with altruistic motives that can be trusted, and we wish that common sense might prevail as once we thought it did.

Threatened with human extinction from global warming, our young people build barriers in city centres and demonstrate against the powers that be. It is not always easy to discern, historically, whether some youthful minds truly grasp the authenticity of their cause, or whether some will join a good protest for any reason to leave their mark on society and to enjoy the adrenalin rush of battle. May they seek wisdom. What can we tell them? How many have ever heard that ‘the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof’, and as we push aside His guidance and precepts, we pay a heavy price in misused resources, neglect and greed?

An old man sat breaking stones when a friend passed by. ‘Well, George,’ he remarked, ‘that pile doesn’t seem to get any less.’ ‘No Sir,’ replied George, ‘them stones is like the Ten Commandments – you can go on breaking them, but that don’t get rid of them.’ Instead of good stewardship, we have embraced the misconception of ownership of the earth and its plenteous resources.

As long ago as the Reformation times, Martin Luther offered a note of solace and encouragement in trouble.

*A safe stronghold our God is still,
a trusty shield and weapon;
He’ll help us clear from all the ill
that has us now o’ertaken.*

A paraplegic minister recently wrote, ‘Though life is full of challenges, remember this one truth, and don’t let go of it – God is faithful. He has this world in his hands!’ This comforting reminder does not exempt us

from personal, national and global responsibility, but it does offer a light upon the pathway back to humility, reverence and the safe-keeping of the Sovereign Lord who still sends goodness and mercy in our stumbling wake. A large billboard outside a church building reads TRY PRAYING. It does not advocate ritual repetition but the true supplication, repentance and re-commitment of those who are in earnest about changing their ways under God’s watchful care.

The voices of those who are suffering and displaced cry out to us in fear and helplessness, but we struggle to differentiate between those who simply cannot stay where they belong and those whom we fear intend to cherry-pick our economic benefits. Doubt subsumes compassion.

Then, we have also to contend with the invisible hordes who take pleasure in dispatching anonymous messages of hate, insult and threat, dislodging the peace of anyone from schoolmate to politician and celebrity. C.S. Lewis once urged respect for each soul with this viewpoint: ‘There are no ORDINARY people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilization – these are mortal and their life is to ours as a gnat. But it is IMMORTALS whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit.’

Booker T. Washington, who founded the Tuskegee Institute when racial prejudice was at a peak, stated, ‘I will permit no man to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him.’

Safety, Certainty and Enjoyment – impossible aims?

Here is a prayer-hymn:

*Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame
until Your justice burns brightly again;
until the nations learn of Your ways,
Seek Your salvation and bring You their praise.*

Iris Niven



Notices

Remembrance Day – Sunday 10th November

Over the last few years we have noticed an increase in attendance at the Remembrance Service at the village War Memorial. This year we would like to make the following church service more of a village celebration and recognition of the sacrifice that our villagers have made and are making for our freedom.

We would like to invite everyone, especially family members of any of the names on our war memorial to come and remember with us on this poignant day. We would also like to invite those currently or formerly in our services to join us. This invitation is extended to members of Girton College who are in the University Officers' Training Corps.

The service at the War Memorial will be at 10.45am, proceeding into the church.

Vacancy

St Andrew's Church needs a person to spend up to 2 hours a week at the parish office in the Rectory, Church Lane. The primary duty is to produce printed materials for church services.

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Please contact rector@girton.church.

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Notices



Tuesday Afternoon Friendship Group

Come and join us at 2:15pm on
November 5th – Nepal, an update
Speaker: Alison Craven
November 19th – Christians against poverty
Speaker: Johanna Scoones

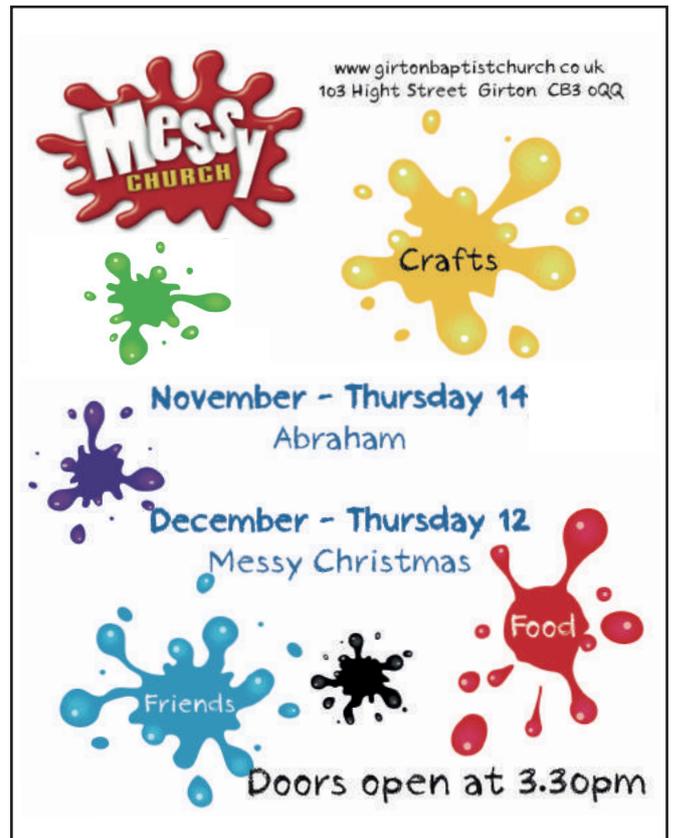
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Girton Baptist Church



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Mrs Christina Deacon Tel: 525337

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Mr Bruce and Mrs Wendy Hunter

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Sunday Services: November

3rd	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) (Revd Julie Norris)
	7.45pm	Taizé Worship (at Girton College Chapel)
10th	10.00am	No Service
	10.45am	Remembrance Service
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
17th	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) (Revd Janet Glover)
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
24th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) (Revd Tom Ambrose)
	10.00am	All Age Service (CW)

Weekday Services: November

Wednesdays

10.15am Silent Prayer in the North Room

Tuesday 12th

11.00am Service of Holy Communion
at Arlington Manor

2.30pm Service of Holy Communion
at Abbeyfield

Thursday 28th

11.00am Service of Holy Communion (BCP)
at Gretton Court

Please Note:

With the interregnum and the impending reordering of the church, during which the church building will not be usable, please consult the church website for up to date information about any changes to listed services (www.girton.church).

Girton Baptist Church



Minister: Revd Nick Lowe

219 Wellbrook Way, Girton CB3 0GL

Tel: 279289

Secretary: Mrs Virginia Rootham-Smith

Tel: 926807

Website: www.girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk

Sunday Services: November

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.

3rd	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship with Communion
10th	9.00am	Prayer Breakfast
	10.30am	Morning Service
17th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by John Searle
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For further details please contact: *clerk@girton-cambs.org.uk* or to apply please write with a CV to the same address or by post to:

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as soon as possible as we intend to interview in early December 2019.

Mobile Library

Thursday 28th November

Thornton Court	09.40 – 10.00
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
Churchfield Court	13.05 – 13.30

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