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The Village Diary

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all of village activities for April have been cancelled.

Web-only edition

This edition of the *Girton Parish News* will only be available via the Village Website (see below). If you have a printer, and know of any neighbours without access to the internet, please consider printing off a copy of any relevant pages for them.

New Girton Village Website

We are delighted to announce that the new website for Girton village is live. The website can be visited at www.girton-cambs.org.uk

Please see page 11 for more information.



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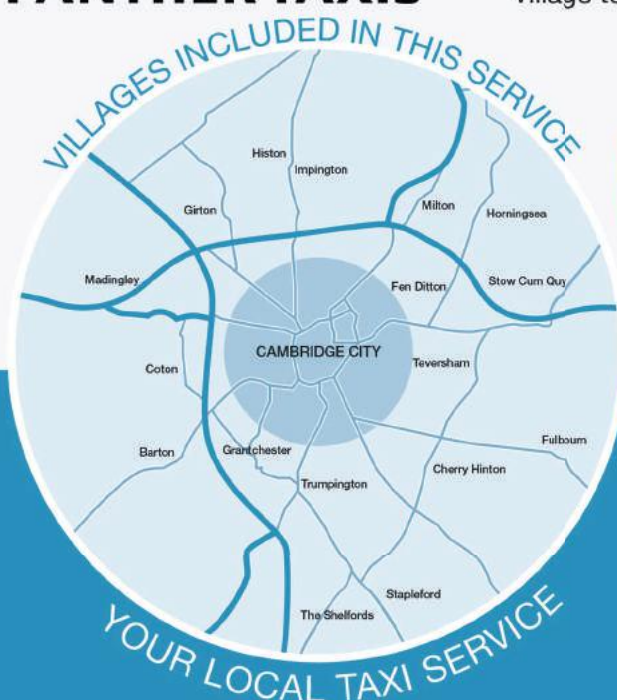
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Girton Parish Council

The March Parish Council Meeting was curtailed because of the coronavirus crisis, and comprised approval of the payments schedule and the delegation of powers.

During the pandemic, The Pavilion, all sports facilities and the Parish Council Office will remain closed until further notice. The Parish Clerk and Assistant to the Parish Clerk will work from home and may be contacted on clerk@girton-cambs.org.uk / admin@girton-cambs.org.uk or (01223) 526013. The schedule of Parish Council meetings is suspended, decision-making having been delegated to the Clerk and two Councillors, one of whom is either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

Regarding the coronavirus outbreak, many villagers have been forthcoming with suggestions for organisation of volunteer resources to help the isolated in the village. We are very grateful for these but would like to manage the situation through one central coordinator. This will help to avoid duplication and the possibility of exploitation of the vulnerable.

Residents should please refer to the Girton village website, where there are details of how to offer help, or to report that help is needed, at www.girton-cambs.org.uk, or via telephone.

There is also a printable leaflet available on the website (reproduced below), for those who can offer help or need help during the coronavirus outbreak. If you could please print off this leaflet and put it through the door of anyone suspected of being alone, that would be a great help at this time.

In the current rapidly changing environment some details may well change but we shall try to keep matters up to date on the website.

Details of measures we should all take to minimise risk during the outbreak are to be found elsewhere in this edition.

Let us all take great care of ourselves, our loved ones and our community over the coming months.

NHS Advice for avoiding the spread of Coronavirus

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often. Do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- avoid close contact with people who have symptoms of coronavirus
- only travel on public transport if you need to
- work from home, if you can
- avoid social activities, such as going to pubs, restaurants, theatres and cinemas
- avoid events with large groups of people
- use phone, online services, or apps to contact your GP surgery or other NHS services

Don't

- touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- have visitors to your home, including friends and family

DON'T BE ALONE

If you need help in the current Coronavirus crisis
please either visit the Girton website

www.girton-cambs.org.uk

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and a local contact will be put in touch to provide assistance.



COVID-19 FRAUDS

Recently the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) reported a new trend in fraud related to Coronavirus, or Covid-19. Updated figures show there have been 105 reports to Action Fraud since 1 February

2020, with total losses reaching nearly £970,000.

The first report relating to Coronavirus, or COVID-19, was received on 9 February. There were 20 more reports that month. Since then, there have been 46 reports between 1 March and 13 March, and 38 reports in just four days (14 March – 18 March).

What scams are we seeing?

The majority of reports are related to online shopping scams where people have ordered protective face masks, hand sanitiser, and other products, which have never arrived.

Phishing emails

We have also received over 200 reports of coronavirus-themed phishing emails. These attempt to trick people into opening malicious attachments which could lead to fraudsters stealing people's personal information, email logins and passwords, and banking details.

Some of the tactics being used in phishing emails include:

- Fraudsters purporting to be from a research group that mimics the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organisation (WHO). They claim to provide the victim with a list of active infections in their area but to access this information the victim needs to either: click on a link which redirects them to a credential-stealing page; or make a donation of support in the form of a payment into a Bitcoin account.
- Fraudsters providing articles about the virus outbreak with a link to a fake company website where victims are encouraged to click to subscribe to a daily newsletter for further updates.

Doorstep fraudsters

Fraudsters may use the fact more people are staying at home as an opportunity to operate doorstep scams. A video from Age UK explains how to protect yourself: youtu.be/0IyOymAhEJs

Remember, someone posing as a good samaritan and offering to help those in isolation with things like buying shopping, then keeping the money, is committing theft. This should be reported to local police by calling 101 or in the event of an emergency, call 999.

In Girton, please route requests for help via the Parish Clerk: see the Parish Council report on Page 5 for details.

Rubbish Collections

Covid-19: Please note the following important information:

Green bin collections have been suspended until further notice.

If you're experiencing the main symptoms – a new, continuous cough and/or a high temperature – please be very careful when disposing of your personal waste (including used tissues and disposable cleaning cloths/wipes) at home. The advice for disposal of this waste is as follows:

1. It should be put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full
2. The plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied
3. It should be kept separate from other waste in a suitable secure place on your property for 72 hours before being placed in the black bin as normal

The principle behind this method is that after 72 hours outside the body, the virus is no longer viable. This approach will help keep bin collection crews as safe as possible.

For bin collections in April see page 34

Notice from Stagecoach

During the current coronavirus crisis, Stagecoach will be taking Bus Passes at all times of day, to allow people to go into Cambridge.

Mobile Library

Our latest information is that the Mobile Library service has been suspended until further notice and all Libraries are closed. All events in Cambridgeshire Libraries have been cancelled at least until the end of April. As of 17 March 2020 all library charges are now suspended and the due dates of items extended at least until the end of April.

For up-to-date information please visit the Libraries website by going to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk and following the links.

Cleaning and disinfection guidance

If you have a



new and
continuous cough

or



high
temperature

stay at home for 7 days, if you live alone

stay at home for 14 days, if you live with others, including all household members

Only use **NHS 111** if your symptoms get worse or are no better after home isolation

Stop the spread of coronavirus



**Wash your hands
more often
and for 20 seconds**

Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue away straight away



Cleaning an area with regular household disinfectant after someone with suspected coronavirus has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people

The amount of virus living on surfaces will reduce significantly after

72 hours

If an area can be kept closed and secure, wait until this time has passed before cleaning



Wherever possible, wear disposable or washing up gloves and aprons for cleaning. These should be double bagged, then stored securely for 72 hours then thrown away in the regular rubbish after cleaning is finished



Using a disposable cloth, first clean hard surfaces with warm soapy water

Then disinfect these surfaces with the cleaning products you normally use. Pay particular attention to **frequently touched areas and surfaces**, such as bathrooms, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells and door handles



If an area has been heavily contaminated, such as with visible bodily fluids, from a person with coronavirus, **consider using protection for the eyes, mouth and nose** as well as gloves and apron

Wash hands regularly with soap and water, **and after removing** gloves, aprons and other protection used whilst cleaning

From Our Councillors

County Councillor Lynda Harford

Health & Social Care

The likely progress and impacts of Covid-19 are now becoming clearer and as I write this report new advice has just been published with regard to the need for social distancing. This will have a profound effect on life for many in the community. The Government has talked about community support and even prior to that, there was evidence on social media of a willingness by many local people to offer help to those who may need it. Particularly those in isolation at home with symptoms or mild/moderate illness and many more in the highest risk groups needing to manage their risk by staying at home will be grateful for any support that others can offer. If you can help, please do but do also take steps to manage your own risk. Please continue to heed the advice to wash your hands with soap and hot water for 20 seconds and to use a tissue (or the crook of your elbow) to catch a cough or sneeze. Remarkably, despite this advice having been given not just for this latest virus but for many years as a precaution against spreading colds and flu, there are people who are still not doing this as I discovered when making a bus journey recently. The best source of up to date advice about Covid-19 is: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Good news for those residents who are registered with the Maple Surgery at Bar Hill. The contract has finally been offered to and accepted by a replacement provider. I recently met with CEO Andrew Harrington and some of his team, and was impressed by his expressed commitment to deliver the service that local people need. He said that to be able to deliver that service, the organisation will need to hear from local people. Among the ways that it will achieve this will be through active support for the local Patient Participation Group. A drop-in event at the surgery after it takes the practice over on 1 April 2020 was also being planned at the time of our meeting but, in view of the current Covid-19 guidance, I would think it likely that this will have to be postponed. However, the practice website is being redesigned and the new team will be making key contacts within the community to provide information.

I continue to meet regularly with the team that is working to deliver the new Regional Children's Hospital. At the meeting we had earlier this month their latest update included news about relocation from the old Fulbourn Hospital site. This is targeted for completion by November 2023 when some new accommodation will have been provided on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. Currently our diverse and extensive region is the only one in the UK without a purpose-built children's hospital and this will be the

first one that seeks to integrate rather than just co-locate physical and mental health services for the 1.5m children and young people it serves. A unique combination of ground-breaking research, mental and physical health expertise and collaboration with local GP practices and hospitals and other community partners will provide better futures for our young people and in some cases prevent hospitalisation entirely. More information:

www.cambridgechildrens.org.uk

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. Meanwhile please do keep yourselves safe.

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District Councillor Tom Bygott

Coronavirus pandemic

Infectious illnesses go through three phases: an epidemic, where the illness is localised to certain geographic areas, a pandemic, where there is widespread sustained transmission throughout the general population, after which it becomes endemic, remaining present in the background with a stable but low rate of infection. Pandemics of contagious diseases occur on average three times every century; our forebears have dealt with similar situations before, so in that sense we are not alone.

It is important to take sensible precautions, neither panicking nor being complacent; being 'alert but not alarmed'. Follow official advice, either at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19 or www.gov.uk/coronavirus. The former deals with the medical advice about how to avoid catching the virus and what to do if you start to experience symptoms. The latter has a broader range of advice from the Government, covering travelling, social distancing, employment and economic issues, advice for businesses and how to self-isolate if you need to stay at home. Apologies for not repeating it here in full, but the official websites will be updated as the situation changes.

The most important thing, however, is not to go in person to the GP's surgery or to the hospital if you are concerned that you or a member of your family may be ill. If you are in any doubt, it is better to check online or make a telephone call first. The 111 service exists for the most serious enquiries. Remember that the telephone is the first line of defence against infectious disease.

The District Council has produced a toolkit, called the COVID-19 Community Pack, which it has circulated to each of the councillors and parish councils in the District. Over the coming weeks, parish councils, local charities and other organisations active in the community will be putting together plans for how to support the most vulnerable and isolated members of our community with projects to help local people. They will devise ways of identifying and contacting people who need support and will advertise how people who want to help can become involved.

The elderly are the most vulnerable group, and looking after elderly relatives, friends and neighbours should be our priority. Making sure that they have enough groceries and telephoning regularly to ensure that they don't feel lonely are two ways that younger people can help. A key principle is to 'be kind'. Being kind will make a big difference to people who test positive for the virus, are self-isolating, are simply really worried about the impact of the virus. Do you know anyone who may not have a local support network and who could benefit from being checked on? Contacting them via the phone rather than in person can safely help them not to feel isolated.

We are very fortunate to live in a village such as ours. The population density is lower and there is less need to mingle with large crowds. We have plenty of space and fresh air. Even more importantly, there is a much stronger sense of community in the village than there is in a city. If we all work together and take care of one another, we will get through this crisis.

Combined Authority's £100k homes initiative

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority has developed a £100k Homes initiative. It will create one-bedroom homes available to buy at £100,000. These will offer an affordable step on the property ladder for people who live or work in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

A new website has been launched, www.100khomes.co.uk, which explains the initiative and allows the public to register their interest for £100k homes when they become available to buy. The website will also allow those not interested in buying a £100k home, but who think this scheme is a good idea, to add their support. There are currently no £100k homes available; the first are expected later in 2020. The more interest and support from the public, the greater the case will be to start delivering £100k homes on the affordable element of new housing developments.

These £100k homes will mean owners having an increased ability to save compared with the rental market for a similar or equivalent property and, like owning any home, owners will build equity in the property through mortgage repayments. They will be owned 100% by the buyer and have affordable deposit

and mortgage payments. There is no rent to pay and they can be put up for sale at any time. Owners will benefit from any house price growth which may occur as and when they decide to move on. £100k homes are effectively discounted from their full market value via a legal agreement which remains with the property. The next purchaser of the property would have to be someone that qualifies for a £100k home and they would also benefit from the same percentage discount to the open market value of the property.

The Combined Authority will work with house builders and developers to bring forward this initiative. £100k Homes Scheme will be defined under affordable housing in the National Planning Policy so importantly would count towards affordable home requirements that may come with planning permissions.

Cllr Tom Bygott
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A View From the District

For family reasons I have had to step back a little from Council activities, but I have helped to steer the revised constitution to a form which, with a few tweaks, should soon be ready to present to Council for approval.

Scrutiny received a review of the Community Safety Partnership (formerly the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership). The committee was a little sceptical as to its value but we were assured that it was doing well in its limited job. We also looked at the provision of community land at Northstowe for faith-based activities, and the criteria which will be used in assessing applications for it. Finally, it emerged that the fuss over charging for a second green bin has publicised the possibility of asking for one and this has proved very popular. The March Scrutiny meeting had another long hard look at our ICT business plan; we are still not getting satisfactory answers to some of our questions.

Cambs police launched another consultation (see last month's report) throughout February, this time focusing on the desire to replace Parkside Station. The questions again were strongly skewed but at least there was an opportunity to comment on one's answers.

The Combined Authority has also been consulting on the Cambridge Autonomous Metro scheme (CAM). It looks like an absurdly expensive non-solution to our problems since in both options there is a major bottleneck at its heart, and it uses buses which simply cannot scale. A former City councillor has written that it looks more like a punishment for Cambridge than a solution.

The Combined Authority and the Greater Cambridge Partnership are at each other's throats again. The CA's

Mayor dropped a bombshell on the GCP's plans for a commuter route between Cambourne and Cambridge (C2C), effectively vetoing them, and indirectly putting the whole of the new Cambourne and Bourne developments on hold – and with them our 5 year housing land supply, which could spell disaster. And with local elections cancelled we cannot hold him to account for a further year.

CLlr Bygott has explained our approach to Covid-19 in detail; but anything we say is likely to be out of date by the time you read this. Those of us who are self-isolating will need entertainment: perhaps through social media the village could arrange a jigsaw swap?

On 11 February I had a meeting with Heather Topel, the head of the Eddington development. We discussed the Local Plan and the University's likely moves over Eddington Phase 2; and also the problems which disabled drivers are having at Eddington, and the replacement of the Girton boundary sign. I wait to see how the discussions develop into active changes.

Owing to my family situation I had to miss the Council meeting on 20 February, with its over-full agenda and some complex issues. With the usual 2pm start it ended at 8.15pm; the minutes will be published at tinyurl.com/wdu52ln where you can also find the agenda.

I was able to chair the 3 March Civic Affairs Committee, which as well as the Constitution looked at a governance review for Northstowe. A consultation in all the affected villages had been rather spoiled by a well-publicised rumour claiming that the issue had already been decided, and a very late response from Homes England, the government agency which owns the Northstowe land. I managed to bring some consensus to the meeting and we agreed the options to go forward to a second consultation, together with an offer to mediate between Homes England and the parishes.

In Eddington Sainsbury's recently I was bemused by a notice proudly announcing the end of single-use plastic bags in the vegetable department, over mountains of pre-packed veg in – you guessed it – single-use plastic bags. This strikes me as a cynical attempt to promote the sale of their own multi-use bags and I complained; I hope others will do so too. The manager removed the notice but I suspect it returned the moment I left.

I have enjoyed using Stagecoach's new buses, but am disappointed that the Thornton Road stop is advertised as being in Cambridge. I am told that this is because they use the County's GIS data, and am investigating.

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

Obituary: Alan Rodger 1951-2020



The packed attendance, including many Girton residents, at the funeral of Alan Rodger on 24th January at Cambridge Crematorium was itself witness to the huge contribution that he made to the village and the wider community, and the affection in which he was held. Alan served on the Girton Parish Council (including being Chairman), and with two sons

(Chris and Alex) going through the local schools he served on the Glebe PTA and Impington Governing Body, the latter appointment expanding to becoming a founder member of the multi-academy Morris Education Trust. In all these bodies his diligence, common sense, tact and high principles were widely recognised and appreciated. Those of us with children at IVC in particular remember his successful battle to get bus passes for all Girton pupils, which included persuading a Councillor to try, and fail, to walk from Girton to Impington with a typical 'load' that a pupil would have to carry! Another of Alan's passions was cricket, to which he brought his usual enthusiasm and skill playing for Cambridge St Giles, in particular as a wily and formidable spinner. He also enjoyed a good game of golf.

This remarkable contribution to his community was all in addition to a distinguished international scientific career as an atmospheric physicist for the British Antarctic Survey, which was recognised not least by being awarded the Polar Medal from the Queen in 1987, an honorary doctorate from Manchester University in 1999 and a visiting professorship at Aberystwyth University in 2007. In his latter years at BAS he took on major administrative roles including Interim Director during a very difficult period in the organisation's life, and the tributes paid at his funeral to his diligence and tact in this role showed that his professional life was as accomplished as his life in the community. Alan's kindness and thoughtfulness were eloquently illustrated by his BAS nickname, 'Florence', bestowed on him because of his care of an injured colleague whose journey back to the UK he oversaw. And the moving tributes at the funeral from his family further enhanced the picture of a remarkable individual who generated warmth and admiration in every part of life that he touched. Such a very busy and committed man could not do all that he did without support, and his wife Mary, who also worked at BAS, took on this role with unwavering strength for more than 40 years.

Alan fought cancer with courage and panache for several years, continuing to work for science, education and as a volunteer for the National Trust at Wicken Fen until his last few weeks. To everyone's joy he lived long enough to hold Chris and Fay's daughter, Verity, in his arms.

Robin Irvine

New Girton Village Website

We are delighted to announce that the new website for Girton village is live. The website can be visited at www.girton-cambs.org.uk.

This website is the result of a long-term project undertaken by the Girton Parish Council and *Girton Parish News*. Village resident Alison Giles, *Girton Parish News* webmaster Andrew Haylett, and Girton Parish Councillor Rachel Thomason, have brought the new website together as a new digital hub for the village. The project was started not only to modernise the old website, but also to provide a dynamic central online space for village news, updates and information.

More specifically, three aims were agreed to underpin the creation of the website: to provide a digital information source for residents of Girton; to act as a digital record for issues of the *Girton Parish News* and Parish Council minutes and meetings; and to better engage with residents and visitors and enhance the communications in the village.

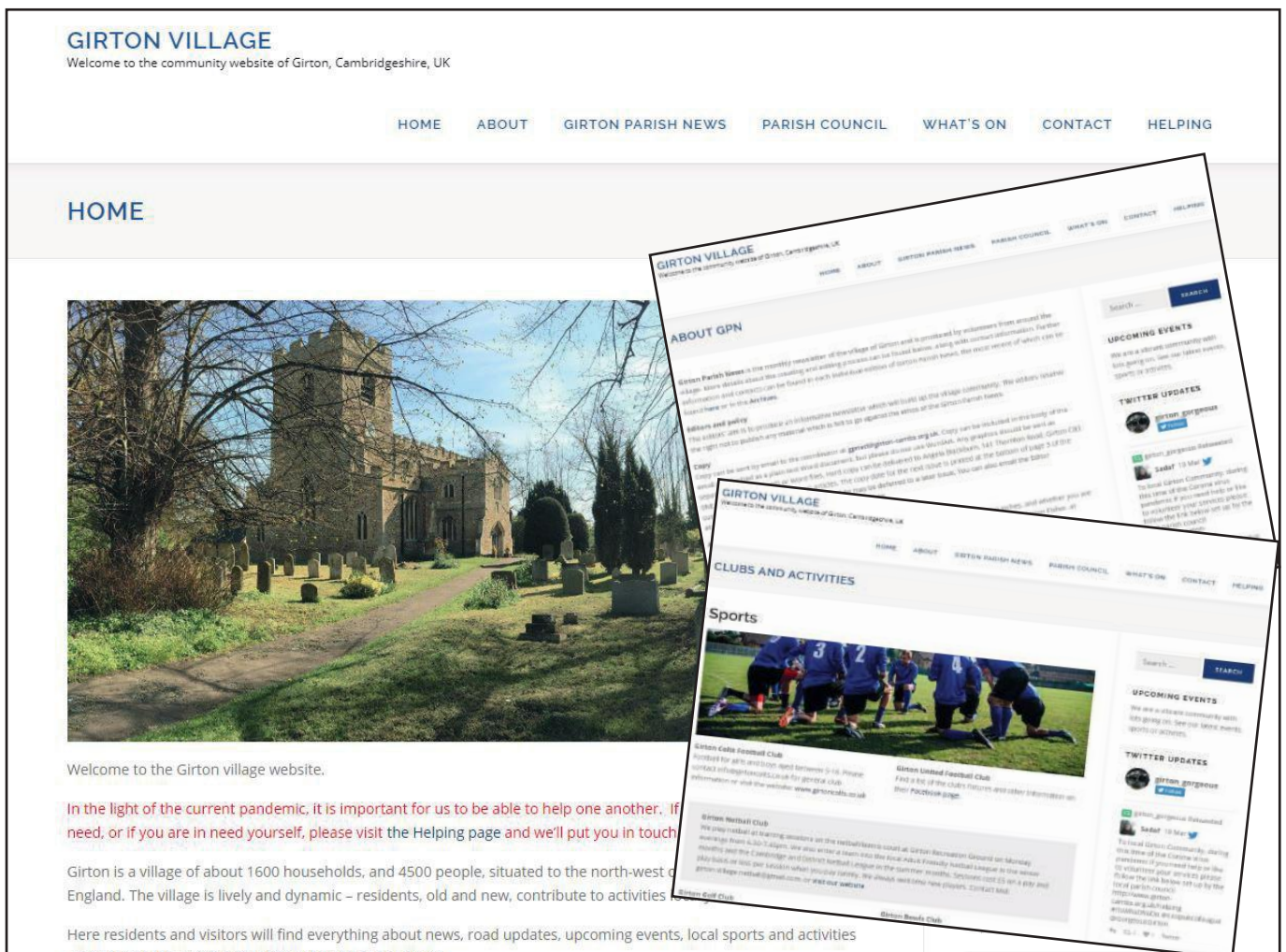
Given the huge variety of people who live in our community, of all ages and all with different interests and talents, it is incredibly important to bring a digital presence to Girton to raise awareness of and accessibility to the latest news and information. In the

last year, a Twitter page for Girton has also been created (@gorgeousgirton) that will be linked to the site and will also interact with any Girton residents or those within the locality, tweeting about interesting, fun or useful information. Improving Girton's digital presence is an exciting step towards a more united and connected village.

On the website, you'll find issues of *Girton Parish News*, along with the upcoming agendas for the Girton Parish Council meetings and all previous meeting minutes. The site will also be a source of community information, including but not limited to details on Girton clubs and societies, local services and businesses, village updates, venues for hire and a place to promote upcoming events. Long term, our objective is that it becomes a key central point of information for villagers looking for the latest news.

We therefore encourage everyone to use the 'contact' facility on the website, or email clerk@girton-cambs.org.uk directly with any requests to be featured on the website or any ideas for news pieces.

It would also be helpful to have many more photos of our beautiful village, so if you have some good pictures of Girton or have a talent for photography, please do get in touch with us if you would be happy to share your photos so they can feature online.





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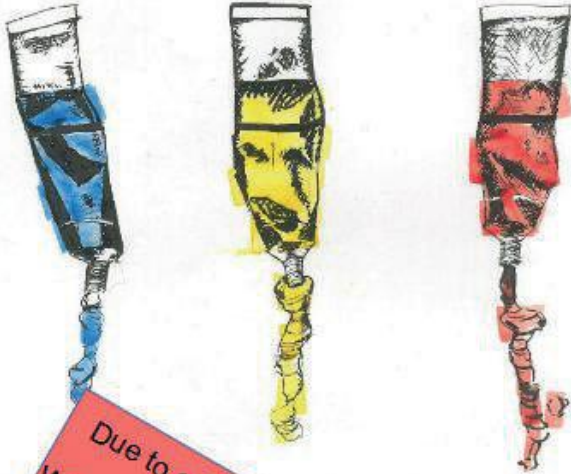
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The full list of categories will appear in the May edition of the GPN

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:

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Kay Green 01223 276819
Girton Allotment Society
Patsy Smith 01223 575288

Music at Girton

[Please check the College website girton.cam.ac.uk that these events are going ahead]

SATURDAY 25 APRIL at 7.00pm (until 8.00pm)
Chapel, Girton College, Cambridge

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SUNDAY 26 APRIL at 2.00pm (until 3.30pm)
Chapel, Girton College, Cambridge

JAMES MITCHELL (Organist)

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CALLING ALL GARDENERS

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

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Please stay safe and we hope to see you in the summer

Ways in which you can take part:

- Volunteer to help at the Village Fete weekend – 10th & 11th July
- Local businesses – please provide sponsorship and / or donate a raffle prize
- Book a stall to sell goods or promote your local club, charity, society or business

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Add cheese or bacon	1.00
Penne pasta with homemade Bolognese	8.50
Penne arrabiata sauce, garlic, chilli & olives	8.00
Lasagne with beef, tomato & béchamel sauce	8.50
Mix Vegetable lasagne, tom & béchamel sauce	8.00
Spaghetti Carbonara, bacon, black pepper & cream sauce	8.50
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News from Girton Glebe Primary School

We have had a range of exciting visitors in school over the last four weeks who have enriched the wonderful work which 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

Many thanks to our ever fabulous FOGG committee for their work in organising the Spring Jumble Sale which took place on 7 March. The event raised an amazing £1000 for Girton Glebe and I must extend our thanks to all members of the local community who came out in support of this!

Mental Wellbeing Workshops

On Tuesday 25 February, we welcomed Mike Mullen from BMX Academy back to Girton Glebe for a third consecutive year.

Mike is a former BMX world champion who has visited school in previous years to talk about growth mindset and resilience. This year, he returned to Girton Glebe to deliver a whole-school assembly on resilience and how, in order to be successful, we need to embrace mistakes and failures. Mike then did a demonstration on the playground, showing the children some of his skills on the BMX before jumping over a line of staff!

Following this, Mike spent the day leading resilience and mental wellbeing workshops with some of our Key Stage 2 children. The children completed a range of teamwork activities and learnt numerous strategies for developing mindfulness.

World Book Day & Author Visits

During the week of 2 March we were visited by two children's authors to support World Book Day, which took place on Thursday 5 March.

On the Monday of that week, Mark Lowery visited school to lead a whole-school assembly before working with our Key Stage 2 pupils on a number of story writing tasks.

Mark's books include *The Jam Donut that Ruined My Life* and *The Chicken Nugget Ambush*. His assembly covered the things that inspired him to become an author and the process he goes through when creating characters and plot.

On the Friday we were visited by Pippa Goodhart, author of *The Great Sea Dragon Discovery* and *Ginny's Egg*.

Pippa led a whole-school assembly on the books that had inspired her through her childhood and told the children about the time that she met Roald Dahl. Pippa then spent the remainder of the day working with children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 to develop their story writing skills and inspiring our young authors!

The Thursday also saw our pupils and staff arrive in school dressed as their favourite book characters in support of World Book Day. The array of costumes were truly staggering and the corridors and classrooms looked fabulous!

Mr Andrew Simpson
Headteacher
[@GirtonGlebePS](mailto:MrAndrewSimpson@GirtonGlebePS)

Girton Glebe Swimming Pool



Were you among the army of parents and supporters of Girton Glebe who helped dig out the foundation for the school's swimming pool? This would have been during the winter months about 65 years ago. Can you tell us about it and do you have photographs? Are you in touch with others who were involved?

This is in preparation for the school's 70th anniversary next year. The pool is still used by pupils in the summer months and is available for hire. If you can share your memories please contact Margaret Hyde at Margaret.hyde@gmail.com or phone 01223 276886





Girton Glebe Primary School Spring Jumble Sale

Friends of Girton Glebe (FOGG) would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated, helped at and came along to our spring jumble sale held at the beginning of March. We very much appreciate the support we receive from the Girton community and are delighted to report that we raised over £1000 for the school which will be put towards resources and activities for the school's pupils.

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Cottontails Preschool to Re-open in September See next month's GPN for details!

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Girton Youth Project – UPDATE

Well, this isn't quite the article I was expecting to write for Girton Youth Project. I hoped to be advertising our fantastic Bouncy Castle Day and activity programme for the Easter holidays, but the current health crisis has meant this is not the case. As of Tuesday 17th March, YMCA Trinity and other organisations all made the decision to suspend all youth provision until further notice. This will include youth sessions, outreach and holiday trips. We are all gutted that this is the case, but it is the right decision to make and we must remember it is not forever!!

In the meantime, it's time to plan as much as we can. If you are a young person in the village, or know someone that is, please get in touch. We want to know what YOU want from youth group. What would you like to do, learn and where would you like to go? We want to hear it all. We will use what you say to shape the future of youth group.

We send all our thoughts and good wishes to everyone in Girton. Please follow us on Facebook for regular updates and we hope to be up and running again as soon as possible:

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Girton Bowls Club

On Saturday 22nd February the Cambridge & District Bowls League held their Annual Presentation Awards Dinner. Over 100 guests attended the function held for the first time at the Girton

Golf Club. Our Club was there to receive their award for winning Division 5 last season and the photo shows



our Captain Paul Tippet accepting the trophy from the League President Sally Ann Purvis.

At the time of writing this article, following the advent of the COVID 19 virus, things are becoming very uncertain as to what the coming season will hold for us all. We are currently waiting for guidance from the various league authorities to which we are affiliated. My guess is that by the time you

are reading this article a decision is likely to have been made to delay the start of the season.

Regardless of the forthcoming uncertainty the grass on the green continues to grow, we have already started cutting once a week and have just met with our greenkeeper Steve today to discuss our pre-season maintenance programme.

Another casualty of the virus, the Winter Indoor/Outdoor League has been terminated with still 3 weeks left of the season. As a result, all the outstanding matches have been declared as draws, which means we have finished a creditable 4th, having recently beaten the 2nd placed team 6-0. It has been a good season, so well done to all of our players.

The Club has now formed a sub-committee to look at the feasibility of having our own clubhouse. This action has been considered necessary by our members because of the existing problems of hiring the WCCC for some of our after-match refreshments requirements. Initially two possible options were considered: a building on the site of the bowls green or building an additional room within the WCCC by extending the

current roof to cover the changing rooms and toilets area. However, I can already report that, after initial discussions with the Town Charity Chair and their original architect, it was found that there would probably be too many technical issues involved in adding a room to the existing WCCC, and accordingly this option has now been dropped. The study will include building specifications and necessary planning requirements, estimated project costs and a financial plan that would look at the availability of any grants.

With all the uncertainty of what the coming season will hold, we will undertake to keep our members fully informed of any future developments. In the continued absence of our publicity lady Lynne, who continues to enjoy her South African holiday, this is your Chairman Dave signing off.

David Fryer



Girton Cricket Club

Indoor nets have now concluded for the winter. We will be using the outdoor nets at the Recreation Ground throughout the summer months, dates and times to be confirmed.

Alex Rodger



Girton Colts Football Club

The Colts got off to great start in March, which was then subsequently cut short by the FA who have suspended all play while we get through this outbreak. The current situation is that all training

and matches are suspended until further notice. Hopefully we can re-evaluate before the end of Easter holidays, but the completion of this season (16th May) looks to be rather bleak!

Luckily the continued support since last season from Girton Town Charity with our Norwich technical training sessions had come to an end literally the week we closed. The benefit of this funding from the charity has been very useful for the club and all players that have taken part in the sessions have definitely shown improvement.



U12 Norwich City FC technical training session

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.
info@girtoncolts.co.uk

Andrew Hawkes

Colts Member News

Girls Development Team: The Girls team had a great match against Chesterton in March, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. Great commitment was shown by all players, which hopefully we can pick up again after Easter.

Under 8 Team: The team have really benefited from the support from Girton Town Charity's generous donation to pay for extra training from Norwich City Development program. This has been a huge success and so rewarding when you see how well a number of players have developed in such a short time, such as Samuel, John, Charlie, Dylan, Valentino, Wilf, and Robert. SD

Under 9 Team: The U9s have had two very close fought games over the past few weeks, demonstrating resilience, determination and great team spirit. They have made great improvements especially in their defence which has been a particular focus of recent training sessions. We're looking forward to getting back out on to the pitch! KS



Girton Netball Club

At this week's training we practised getting 'ball-side' – ensuring that the attacking player has their opponent behind them and is receiving the ball in open space. Coach Helen taught us this new skill through the game of 'two-minute netball', a quick-fire exercise of continuous play where each team has just two minutes to score as many goals as possible. Blues played reds with Aamina as the magic player dodging between both sides. Play was evenly matched and lots of fun.



Social distancing in action: club members demonstrate the two-metre separation rule

Sadly this is the last report until further notice as we have had to suspend play due to the current health crisis. We hope to resume as soon as possible. Come and join us when we do. Contact girton.village.netball@gmail.com

Emma-Louise Longden



Girton Golf Club

A dramatic time for the golf club and everyone else in our village and world. The issues which we face as a members' club pale into insignificance when compared with what is going on all around us but the impact is still there and we are working to manage it in very difficult and trying circumstances.

Currently we have had to cancel all matches and social events at the club including our 70s Night and the last of our quizzes for the year and have put on hold every other gathering of any size looking forward into the year. The clubhouse and course are now closed until further notice. Our home delivery lunch service has also been cancelled.

I have no idea what the state of our club, village or nation will be when this is published but whatever position we are in, stay safe and look after each other.

Alan Henderson-Smith

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Girton Tennis Club

The Wimbledon Championship is a major highlight on the tennis calendar and is currently still scheduled to start on 29th June.

Each year our club is allocated tickets to ballot and this year we had six pairs of tickets to offer to interested members. To ensure this is done fairly, we held a public ballot at 'The George' in mid-March and Michelle did an excellent job pulling names out of the bag at random (see picture).

The ticket allocation includes the men's semi-finals and several other days on either Centre Court or Court Number 1 this year. Our Membership Secretary will be in contact with you soon if you have been successful in our ballot.

The Club membership year starts in April and, although much remains uncertain due to the Covid-19 virus, we would encourage you to join our friendly club soon. Our fees are very good value and, as a member, you can purchase a court key which enables you to access the courts whenever there are no prior bookings. We also offer a fee discount to those joining before the 18th April. Please see our website or the Advert on this page for details of 2020/2021 fees.

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. At the time of writing, the LTA advice is that playing tennis is fine for those not exhibiting any



symptoms but do check current government advice before deciding whether to come along and play.

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

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Evacuation Memories by Mary Alice Ruby Parker (née Branch)



I was born on 14th August 1929 at 8c, Grand Parade, Haringey. My mother died at my birth. I lived with my father and maternal grandmother at that address for two or three years until my grandmother died and I was sent to live with a Mrs Edith Kerr and her husband in Tottenham, where

I went to school at Elsmead Road in 1935. Mrs Kerr worked for my grandmother so I was quite used to having her around. We had come home from holidaying in Weymouth and a letter was waiting, asking for me to be ready for my new home.

My stepmother was lovely and I loved her. She had been married before, but had no children. I was allowed all the neighbourhood children in to play. Next door to us lived her niece, Joan, nicknamed Jo-Jo. We became almost like sisters, being the same age. All the clothes we wore were identical – one or other parent made them. We had a very nice life and went to Stamford Hill School until 1939 when war was declared.

Up till then we had long summer holidays at Jo-Jo's grandmother's on the coast at Dovercourt. There were a lot of children in that family, and we were allowed to roam the beaches as long as we stayed together. Very often we were away all day.

Several days before the war was declared Jo and I, with the rest of the school, were evacuated. We had been going to school at the crack of dawn for a week before this with our large green haversacks on our backs and our gas masks slung round our necks. Everyone had a gas mask, even babies; and we had to take them everywhere with us. We were marched up to Manor House underground station en route for King's Cross railway station. It must have been terrible, all those children going out of London on one day. Mothers were crying and nobody knew where we were going. It's rather funny really; it all seemed to blow over us. We thought, or had been told, it was a holiday. As we were lucky, having been away from home quite often, we weren't too bothered. Some of the children were heartbroken, having never been anywhere outside their own street, and never having seen a field or a cow. The organising of all this must

have been fantastic. It had never been done before, or since.



We arrived at Peterborough station and were taken in coaches to a school where we were given a carrier bag filled with chocolate, tins of fruit, etc.; so we weren't going to starve! Then off again in coaches, being dropped at villages along the way. Jo and I were told we must stay together, and as we were *nice* girls we were picked by Mrs Waterworth to go and live with her at Alwalton Manor (lovely and very lucky). It was a continuation of a lovely childhood. We also had the added supervision of the maid, who was herself all of sixteen at the time.

We learned to play tennis on the tennis court in the garden (great fun) and were given an old hut at the bottom of the garden where we kept rabbits which we bred and sold in the market (quite lucrative). Nobody ever stopped us or told us we couldn't do it.

In Summer we spent most of our time swimming in the river, or roaming around the countryside. Eventually, when there were only a handful of evacuees left, we were integrated into the village school where I met my future husband, sister-in-law and brothers-in-law (none of us knowing at that time what the future held). We were taught first-aid and how to deal with incendiary bombs with a stirrup pump (and in our gas masks!).

We were allocated certain houses from each of which we collected all the old newspapers every week in a wheelbarrow. 'Helping the war effort,' they called it. I remember knitting a balaclava helmet at school for a soldier. (I always felt so sorry for the poor soldier who had to wear it.) We were all very industrious, doing our bit, knitting, crocheting and sewing. It was fun.

In Winter we went skating on the ponds. We had sledges made for us, with barrel iron over the runners which we candle-greased to make them go faster. The field was always lit up at night with the searchlights

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from the army battery up the road. It used to snow and freeze like mad in those days. Everywhere in the village was very dark; nobody was allowed to show any light, not even a chink. The Air Raid Precaution men used to come round and one got into trouble if there was a glimmer anywhere. On a Sunday morning we would go and sit on the fence and watch the Home Guard drilling: that was even funnier than 'Dad's Army', shown on our TVs years later.

We stayed at the Manor until 1943 when we came home to London, and soon afterwards the Doodle Bugs or Flying Bombs started to fly over the city. We went back to Stamford Hill School for a while. And then in 1944 we were sent to Pitmans College for a two year apprenticeship (not that this did much good). We spent a considerable time up and down to the cellars as the Doodle Bugs were becoming quite frequent. Jo managed to fall downstairs in one mad rush and covered herself in red ink. I remember she had on a new grey coat at the time and we spent the rest of the day trying to get the coat clean. One could not buy coats easily: everything was on coupons.

After college, I did nothing for a while. I really wanted to go into the Land Army but my father would have none of that. Instead I eventually went into a factory, testing thermometers. My father hit the roof! I stayed for a while and then moved on to make radar equipment at another firm. That was the end of my working days in London.

Leisure-time through my teens was something I wouldn't have missed for the world.

Everything in the entertainment world was starting up again (1945–1946). As I lived near Haringey Arena and Alexandra Palace we did not have to travel far. There were lots of exhibitions held in the bomb craters along Tottenham Court Road, roller-skating at Alexandra Palace, ice-skating at Haringey, speedway, circuses, concerts, theatre, and of course the cinema. We really had a good time on very little money. We could still get on a tram and go for a ride along the Embankment from Manor House. There were no petrol buses; they were all trolley buses.

[When Mary wrote this memoir many years ago, she was writing it for her children. You need to know that in order to understand the final paragraph.]

In 1949 I went to your Father's twenty-first birthday party, and from then on that's the end of this story.



Girton WI News

Our February meeting saw the arrival of not one but two lovely authors: Nicola Upson and Mandy Morton,

who are also partners and live together in Cambridge and Cornwall. They both write crime fiction, but in very different ways. Nicola writes the Josephine Tey Mysteries and has written seven books in this series. Her latest book is *Nine Lessons* and its setting is from 1930s Cambridge to the bleak Suffolk Coast. Now Mandy – that's a different story. She writes books about feline detectives, yes – cats. She is author of the series *The No. 2 Feline Detective Agency* and she has written eight books in this series. Mandy, previously a musician, journalist and radio presenter, started writing *The No. 2 Feline Detective Agency* after she lost her beloved long-haired tabby cat. She published her first book herself for charity, but when it raised over £2000 it came to the attention of a London publisher who asked her to write a series. They are set in the 1970s and in a street that we all recognise – Mill Road. Her latest book has just been published, *The Ice Maid's Tale*. What fabulous speakers, they read from both their latest books and many books were sold and signed on the evening.

March brought our AGM which seems to come around quicker each passing year. It was very well attended. Two of our present committee stepped down this year: Margaret Pearce Higgins, who was Vice Chair and previously President, and took us through the tricky negotiations of our beloved Hall; and Gilly Gibson, who has been our wonderful Secretary for the last two years. They were both thanked and presented with flowers. Also thanked were Ev Fryer who stepped down from the committee earlier in the year, and Jane Chapman who has been our interim Secretary since December. A new committee was formed, with the remaining six with the addition of Janis Killick, whom we all welcomed. Our President is still Susie Cumming and the other five have retained their roles from last year. Janis will become our new wellbeing officer. Unfortunately, on the evening we did not have a new Secretary come forward, but much to our relief a phone call to Susie from Elsie Evans corrected this and we are all raring to go for the coming year.

Our new programme will be out soon. Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 virus we will not be holding our planned meeting on 1st April. We will keep you posted, as soon as we know that is safe to resume our monthly WI Meetings.

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Writing this in the second week of March, it is difficult to predict what state our gardens will be in by April this year. Our wet, windy, but generally mild, winter has resulted in some very early displays of flowers and blossom which we would usually not expect to see until next month.

Daffodils, aubrieta, and small bright bulbs like chinodoxa, scilla, iris reticulata and anemone blanda have been flowering for several weeks already, and daphnes,



camellias, forsythia, skimmias, magnolias and some flowering cherries are in full bloom in many gardens. The mature magnolias which are a feature of the front gardens on the odd numbered side of Thornton Road (Girton Road end) are already starting to flower and are looking magnificent.

However, all this early growth may cause some problems if we have extreme winds or sudden frosts in late March or early April. Pieris, magnolia blossom and camellias are particularly susceptible to browning from frost and wind, and fruit trees such as apples, pears and peaches can lose an entire crop if the flowers are frosted. Horticultural fleece thrown loosely over the plant can avoid some of the damage, but this is quite difficult with mature shrubs and trees.

Magnolias, flowering cherries, forsythia and flowering currants (ribes) are all examples of Spring plants which were immensely popular in the nineteen forties to sixties, and they are a reminder that gardening has always been subject to fashions. Some modern trends are fuelled by the displays at the Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows – alliums, tangerine geums, camassias and lupins are all recent examples – and some result from the promotional efforts of producers like Sarah Raven or plant breeders like David Austin, Peter Beales (roses) and Raymond Evison (clematis).

At present plants like hydrangeas, gladioli, paeonies, chrysanthemums and dahlias are all experiencing a huge revival in popularity, partly because they look spectacular in effervescent flower arrangements, but mainly because our milder winters mean that they can be left in the ground

over winter with much less likelihood than in the past of them being killed by frost. Traditionally these were seen as fussy, labour intensive plants, as they had to be taken up in the autumn and stored in a cool frost-free place for replanting in late spring. Nowadays a deep mulch or covering of straw in the garden will often enable them to survive. Now is the time to be planting all these varieties and the range in garden centres expands every year, so we can now all be ‘fashionable gardeners’ with relatively little effort!

Janet Sheard, Girton Garden Society

Soup is cuisine's kindest course*

The generosity of Girton folk was realised so clearly when the *Friends of St Andrew's Church* (FOSA) provided a **Soup Lunch** on Saturday 14th March. FOSA usually use their events to raise funds for the village church, but on this occasion all guests were invited to donate to Foodbank or Jimmy's Night Shelter, instead of paying an entrance fee.

The North Room at the church became the Soup



Kitchen, and tables were set up and laid to offer a café-style feel. A number of soups were provided, along with a generous supply of bread rolls – and many of the guests were seen seeking a refill!

The success of the lunch was proven by the wide range of donations to both Foodbank and Jimmy's – ranging from towels, blankets, shaving items, and underwear, to foodstuffs, toothpaste and treats. There were even some cash donations.

Such was the success of the lunch that many felt that it is worth repeating, especially since the number of people turning to Foodbank through poverty, or to Jimmy's through homelessness, is forever growing.

For more information on FOSA's activities through the year, please email us at girtonfosa@yahoo.co.uk

* *Quote from Virginia Woolf.*

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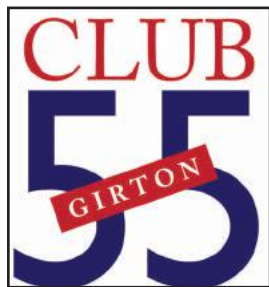
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All Club 55 - Girton public activities cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

I regret to announce that all our public activities have been cancelled and closed until further notice. Our age group is

the one most at risk of coming to harm if we catch this new and nasty coronavirus. We have made the decision to cancel all forthcoming activities until we are assured that the health risks have returned to normal.

At the time of writing this article, people over the age of 70 years are being asked to socially distance themselves and this restriction could last for months. Clearly we must listen to all the latest advice being given as it seems to be changing from day to day and may well be different even before this article is published. In my view distancing means not going to crowded public places like restaurants. Contact with relatives is also something that should be looked at carefully, depending on what contacts they make during their working day. See the paragraph below for more details of social distancing.

Social distancing:

Social distancing measures are steps you can take to reduce the social interaction between people. This will help reduce the transmission of coronavirus (Covid-19). They are:

1. Avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19). These symptoms include high temperature and/or new and continuous cough.
2. Avoid non-essential use of public transport, varying your travel times to avoid rush hour, when possible.
3. Work from home, where possible. Your employer should support you to do this. Please refer to www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response for more information.
4. Avoid large gatherings, and gatherings in smaller public spaces such as pubs, cinemas, restaurants, theatres, bars, clubs.
5. Avoid gatherings with friends and family. Keep in touch using remote technology such as phone, internet, and social media.
6. Use telephone or online services to contact your GP or other essential services.
7. Everyone should be trying to follow these measures as much as is practicable.

For those who are over 70, have an underlying health condition or are pregnant, we strongly advise you to

follow the above measures as much as you can, and to significantly limit your face-to-face interaction with friends and family if possible.

This advice is likely to be in place for some weeks.

Self isolating

Self-isolation is for those with any symptoms of Covid-19 and comes with much more stringent rules on what and what not to do.

Online coffee mornings:

Loneliness is a health problem; social distancing or self-isolation is not going to help that, especially if it remains in force for a long period. There is little we will be able to do about helping our own age group as most of us will be in the same boat. We will be able to keep in contact with each other by telephone or social media to help prevent loneliness associated with any restrictions.

At Club 55 - Girton we will happily contact anyone finding that loneliness is a problem. If you would like to be placed on our contact list, let us know on the number below. We have also set up a virtual Coffee Morning on our website via Skype. You will be able to join us from there and can find our site details below. Make yourself a cup of coffee, join our video group chat, and chat away to your heart's content. How else will you be able to hear all the gossip? You should be able to join us from your laptop, tablet or iPhone provided that your machine has the capabilities.

If you would like to chat, try joining our Coffee Morning from our website below. If you have problems in doing so, contact us for help or get someone to help you set up your computer. Hopefully this link will always be open for you to join and will be a place to meet as and when you wish. You should be able to join the meeting and wait even if no-one else is there. Our first virtual Coffee Morning meeting will begin at 10am on Monday 6th April but you should try to log in before then so that we can chat easily on that day. Make yourself a coffee, get comfortable and join us.

Telephone contacts can also be arranged; so if you have problems setting up your computer contact us for help.

Patricia Johnston, our Older Persons Coordinator, gives out good advice in this newsletter so please read her article. Finally, I wish all our members and indeed everyone, good health for the coming months hoping that we will get through this 'war' unscathed.

Contact us at:

<https://club55.wordpress.com> where you can see our 'Coffee Morning' link, diary entries, notices, and when we are up and running, forms to order meals.
Contact: Sam Clift Tel: 07850 740721

75th Anniversary of VE day

By Sam Clift

This may sound a little boastful but early in 1945 I was promoted to the higher echelons of power. I had become 'milk monitor' for my class. It was an important position that gave me complete control over the number of paper straws that I could issue to my classmates, thus allowing them to drink their daily bottle of free milk with safety. I was allowed to issue two straws should it be necessary. I could replace bent or 'sucked flat' straws or I could simply issue an extra straw to allow a smoother, faster, downing of that one third of a pint so necessary for our wartime health.

It was important to be fair about the issue of these paper straws – after all the war was on. It was equally important that the second straw was not given out willy-nilly, thus allowing the 'playground marble moguls' to stockpile the straws for use as bargaining chips. They would use them to acquire other kid's sick notes to use for their own benefit. Those schoolyard black-market marble spivs never got two straws from me – let me tell you that – nor did any of the girls in my class. I didn't want to be surprised by an unwanted kiss behind the bike shed as a thank you from any of those young females – that wasn't acceptable for a boy aged seven. Mind you, in hindsight, that probably wasn't the best decision I've ever made.

Born just before World War II began, by 1945 my whole memorable life had been spent under the wartime restrictions of Identity Cards, Ration Books and having to carry gas masks to school each day. I have vivid memories of sitting in our school's Air Raid Shelter with my gas mask on singing 'Run Rabbit Run' – I assure you that that sound was not worth recording.

I consider that I was extremely lucky to be born, bred and living in the Fens at that time – the war seemed a long way off and was, in my opinion, not much of a hardship to the Fen people actually living there at that time. Hitler didn't waste his bombs blowing up fields and we could live well: vegetables, wild fruits and fungi, pheasant, partridge, duck, rabbits and hares from the land, not forgetting pike from the drains and rivers. Keeping a few chickens kept us in eggs, a goat kept us in milk and it was easy to breed rabbits for the table. Father, as an agricultural worker, was of 'reserved occupation' which meant that every now and then we received extra rations because of his physical work and the need to keep him fit.

The nearby American bases occasionally dropped off a tub or two of chocolate powder which was issued out by our school. We simply took an empty tin or jar to school and returned home with it full of chocolate powder. A mixture of that, dried milk, and a little sugar

and water made a very tasty chocolate spread. Our sweets were rationed so mother made us toffee in a pan from Tate and Lyle's treacle and a little left over sugar. What a menu – the mouth waters!

It was 8th May 1945 when Victory in Europe was declared – VE Day – and later, on 15th August of that year, Victory over Japan was announced – VJ Day.

My lasting memories of VE Day are of the evening's celebrations that took place in the centre of our village. Three roads met there, making a large triangular area capable of holding many people, and a huge bonfire had been built in the middle. Until that time blackout was enforced. German bombers could home in on any lights seen below so it was important that no lights gave away the position of our homes and settlements. Now it didn't matter and the huge bonfire was lit.

The place was crowded, beer was flowing and the crowd was in a jovial mood. The flames of the bonfire lit up the people and the village, and to a boy of my age, seemed to reach up to the sky. People were singing and dancing in the street. I had never seen such activities; wartime restrictions on life had never allowed such frivolity. Bang, crack, bang – the crowd momentarily hushed, parting in the area of the sound of those bangs – was this an attack? Bang, bang again – someone had set off a Jumping Jack firework which was dancing dangerously through the crowd. Where such a firework had come from in those times is anyone's guess. The relieved realisation from the crowd that it was just a firework brought even more mirth and joviality to that night.

It did not happen immediately, but after our victory over Japan in August of that year things began to improve and gradually we were able to get back to our peacetime activities. Rationing came to an end and I remember that the sweet shop shelves were cleared in the rush to buy large quantities of sweets – something that we were unable to do during rationing. It took quite a time for things to settle down and before the shops could be re-stocked. The blackout was lifted, streetlights came back on and our men gradually returned home.

I am not making light of the war, only of my experiences as a young lad. Many of our soldiers did not return to see the better times that they had so gallantly fought for, and for their sacrifice we should be eternally grateful.

It is the seventy-fifth anniversary of VE Day this year and I wondered if any of our readers have memories of that day. If you are lucky enough to be able to recall those days maybe you could drop us a line about your VE Day experiences. What happened in Girton?



Girton Garden Society

Girton Garden Society

At our last meeting on Thursday 12th March Darren Largo talked to us on the topic 'What to do with this space'.

To start with, we were each given a little clay ball, to be thrown in a suitable place, containing 30 to 50 wild-flower seeds, including marjoram and foxgloves for the bees, along with the suggestion that weeds can be seen as flowers – not everybody's thought! Darren then showed us garden designs from around the world, including contrasting gardens from Scandinavia (floriferous) and desert vegetation (architectural), and explained how we can use the ideas in our gardens. His top priority is to reduce maintenance. Other suggestions for good gardening practice were:

- try not to use chemical fertilisers;
- disturb the soil as little as possible – weed like a cow!
- be frugal with water;
- don't whinge!

Darren's design suggestions included:

- a welcoming plant, such as a rose, by the front door;
- while mulching bare soil is recommended, filling the beds instead with a colourful assortment of plants, preferably perennials, would be best;
- and with that in mind, we should all take cuttings and share them out;
- topiary adds interest to any garden; we were shown some imaginative examples;
- child-friendly gardens could feature a tree house or a secret garden.

There were plenty of ideas for us to mull over.

Felicia Moor

Garden Tip of the Month – April

April is a good month to trim lavender. Whether or not you have already cut back the dead flower stems, trim the tops of the shoots, but always leave a bit of stem with leaves on as they like other 'Mediterranean' plants are not good at breaking from lower bald stems. April and May are good months to cut back broadleaved evergreens, such as laurel, bay, griselinia and sarcococca.

As plants start growing, they appreciate extra feeding, most notably plants in containers, but also in the ground. Plants in large containers can be daunting to re-pot, but by using an old bread knife to cut all the way round the inside of the pot they can be easier to lift out. I usually just slice off the bottom couple of inches and trim a bit off round the sides, before adding fresh compost to the pot and carefully prodding some down the sides to firm it.

Although 'crocking' the pot, by adding bits of broken pot or stones to aid drainage is still done by traditionalists, most modern nurseries use a potting compost with more grit, and don't 'crock' at all! Hungry plants in the beds include clematis, dahlias, and of course roses. Some have particular diets that help them do them best, roses in particular like extra iron and magnesium and peonies like some organic matter. If your plants are under-achieving year after year try them on a new diet!

George Thorpe



Dear Girton Parish News,

Telephone booth at Girton Corner

I am a frequent user of the lending library and appreciate the cheerful, changing floral arrangements in the other repurposed phone booth. There was a notice in the *Girton Parish News* a while ago about what to do with the telephone booth on Girton Corner which is in my neighborhood. It's a bit of an eye-sore at present and in a location that poses different challenges than the other ones in that there is no pavement and no place to park, but there is frequently a traffic jam there in the mornings.

Since this booth is located adjacent to Girton College and marks the entry to both the village and the college, why not ask Girton College if they would like to adopt it? Or work with some community members to curate it? Having just celebrated their 150th anniversary, they have a wealth of illustrated displays that highlight the history of the college.

Another idea is to have big reproductions of some of the People's Portraits that are on display in the College mounted on three sides of the structure, and information on the portraits inside the booth. That would do a nice job of advertising a wonderful community resource housed at the college that is open to the public. The people represented come from all walks of life. The portraits chosen could be changed periodically.

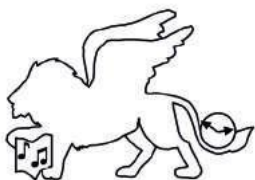
Another Girton College related idea is to have a full-length picture of Hermione, Girton's mummy, on the 3 sides, and information about her and the days the public is invited to visit her inside. She certainly is eye-catching and a unique member of the community.

If the parish is interested in any of these, I'd be happy to act as liaison.

An alternative might be to move this booth to a location near to the allotments and use it as a seed sharing location, much like the lending library.

Linda Layne

46 Girton Rd.



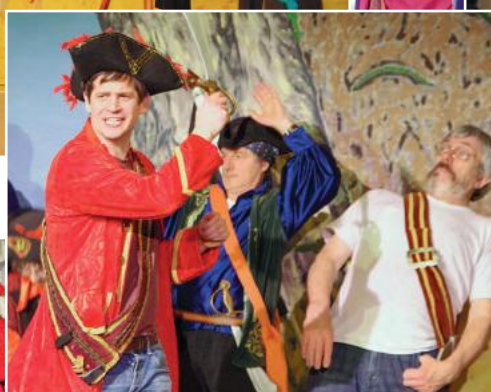
THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE Performed by Girton Musical Theatre at Girton Glebe School
 Directed by Clare Richards; Musical Director Patricia Davies
 There is a full review on NODA website or GMT website.
 Photos by Vish Chandrasekaran.



The stunning scenery constructed and painted by the cast and production team always impresses and the opening scene of a rocky sea shore brought spontaneous applause.



The band of Pirates obviously enjoyed their chance to do a bit of swashbuckling



In a fine performance Simon Fitch led from the front as The Pirate King supported by Glynis Ellis as Samuel



Steven Aronson seeking romance as Frederic all the time trying to escape the attentions of Ruth (Jane Williams).





Led by Diane Hincks, Helen Wilson and Nirupa Desai as Isabel, Kate and Edith, the ladies' chorus was very good



Vic Olphin gave a first class performance as Mabel



Øistein Anderson made a very good Major General indeed



Sergeant Jerry Harrison and Officer George Thorpe gave us a great rendition of the famous "When a Felon's Not Engaged in his Employment".

The Act 2 set of a ruined chapel also deserved applause but I think everyone was so busy reading and chuckling at the very clever names on the tombstones the moment was lost.



The orchestra, under the direction of Patricia Davies, played well. The sound balance was just right so that every word said and sung on the stage could be heard.

Costumes were beautiful, particularly the ladies' elegant evening dresses



Good support from the ensemble of Daughters, Pirates and Policemen complemented the principals.

Providing help in these difficult times

As we all deal with the impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) on our daily lives, we thought it would be useful to provide an update on how Girton Town Charity is helping our Village residents. Clearly this is a fast-evolving situation and so the information given here is correct at the time of submission to *Parish News*.

In line with good practice, GTC has closed its office to personal visitors but Gilly or Rachel will be available to deal with telephone enquiries or respond to emails during normal opening hours, Monday-Friday 10.00am-2.00pm. Call 01223 276008 or email gtc@girtontowncharity.co.uk if you need help.

GTC is working to current guidelines from the Government and Public Health England and as part of its duty of care to Almshouse residents, has asked everyone to consult these websites for the latest advice and information on all aspects of COVID-19.

gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response

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Changes to arrangements

In terms of Schemes and Grants, please note the following changes:

Age UK Warden Scheme – the Wardens have been asked to limit home visits to essential tasks such as shopping and picking up prescriptions. They will therefore reduce the number of face-to-face visits, but will increase telephone contact so that all Warden service users receive a daily call.

Age UK Older Residents' Co-ordinator – will also continue to support residents and other Age UK services by telephone and/or email.

Hospital Taxi Scheme – Nelsons is following Government advice and will continue taking residents to appointments as required. The service provided by Wendy Barrett has been suspended for the time being.

Prescription Delivery Service – this will continue as usual as long as the taxi people and pharmacist are able to support the service. It may be extended if more people are confined to home and unable, or not allowed, to visit the dispensary at Pepys Way.

CarePlus Scheme – the Scheme care providers, Avall and Home Instead, are offering a reduced service as a result of a fewer carers available due to

children at home or their own health concerns.

CAB, Relate and Cam Sight

– all three have closed their face-to-face outreach services but telephone support is available.



Rachel



Gilly

William Collyn Community Centre – this has closed for the time being. If you need to discuss existing or future bookings please call Helen, the Centre Manager, on 01223 279587 or make an online enquiry at williamcollyn.co.uk/booking

YMCA Youth Group – this is closed for the time being.

Financial implications

Ann Bonnett, GTC Chair said: “In addition to the day-to-day challenges caused by COVID-19, GTC is experiencing a financial impact too. The sharp fall in the Stock Market where our Endowment Fund is invested means that the income which funds our activities – and is used for Schemes and Grants – will probably be significantly reduced. Money for our primary purpose, Almshouse building projects, has been protected from the Stock Market fall.

“Although the Charity has invested wisely and securely, in the next financial year we anticipate that our income will fall by more than 30% which means that we will not be able to support our major grant recipients to the level we anticipated before this current crisis. We are currently letting these organisations know at an early stage to enable them to put contingency plans in place. Regrettably grants to Girton residents and organisations may also be affected.

“These are unprecedented times and we hope that all our Village residents will stay safe in the weeks ahead.”

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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Educational Grants 2020

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

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

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

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

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* Terms and conditions apply

Girton Walking Group



Pausing for reflection at an old water mill in Shepreth.

Ten of us set off from Barrington across very soggy fields for a walk on Saturday 7th March that took us via the outskirts of Meldreth and Shepreth and back to Barrington. Highlights were ‘L Moor’ at Meldreth, where coprolites (fossilised dinosaur dung) were mined in the 19th century for fertilizer, and the smell of Tiger as we passed the back of the Shepreth Wildlife Park. There were some tense moments crossing ditches full of water and one member of the party who elected to walk in wellies thought she had made the right choice!

In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are not currently planning walks for April and May. However, individual walks or with members of your own household are still permitted at the time of writing. If you want a list of walks, please email ginaklane@aol.com

Angela Blackburn

News for Older Residents

I am very concerned that we all stay as well as we can physically and mentally as well as avoiding getting Coronavirus during this difficult time. Here are just a few things to consider:

- **Avoid stress and anxiety as much as possible as they lower our immune systems and make us more susceptible to illnesses.**

It is really important to do the things that help us to relax and avoid the things (e.g. constantly watching the news) that only increase our stress levels.

- **Keep as active as possible so our muscles keep strong, bones retain as much of their density as possible and falls are prevented.**

Walk around our homes (and gardens if you have one) much more than we normally do. Try to increase the number of times we do this each day. Do the Super Six exercises daily, or perhaps morning and evenings. (Get in touch if you haven't got a leaflet.) Challenge ourselves to be as active as we possibly can be.

- **Drink plenty to avoid dehydration, so our internal organs work better and lower our risk of falling.**

The drinks can be anything non-alcoholic e.g. tea, coffee, juice or water, whatever we like best. It will mean more visits to our bathrooms but regularly getting up and moving around is also a very good thing for us all. Alcohol dehydrates our systems so more water needs to be drunk to counter this.

- **Eat a balanced diet**

Avoiding sugar rushes and too many foods with high levels of calories is good for us all. Now maybe a good time to consider using the companies who deliver frozen meals.

- **Look after our mental health**

There is a lot of help on the internet; let me know if you want details of relevant websites. It is good for us to help other people by getting in touch with others by phoning, emailing, messaging, whichever is appropriate for us. Can we think of ways to treat and reward ourselves e.g. for increasing our water intake or doing laps of the garden (though preferably not in drinking too much alcohol!)? We can distract ourselves with a good book, doing a jigsaw and/or trying something new e.g. a Sudoku or joining the Club 55 Virtual Coffee Morning.

For the present I will be checking my phone and email regularly and not just on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. So, please feel free to contact me about any of the above or anything of relevance to you.

Take care, keep well and I hope I will see you before too long.

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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.

Answers can be found on page 38.

23	15	22	18	21	7		25	2	25	13	21	4
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WORDSEARCH – Theme – How many colour names can you find??

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.

P	S	Y	K	S	Y	E	L	L	O	W	H	V
I	I	S	X	H	V	M	R	N	H	G	I	J
N	L	N	A	E	A	D	G	I	E	O	A	K
D	V	E	K	R	N	K	T	S	L	D	C	Y
I	E	S	O	W	G	E	I	E	E	A	E	R
G	R	O	O	B	D	O	T	M	L	U	C	R
O	N	R	M	L	U	C	D	B	I	R	L	E
R	B	A	O	Q	J	R	L	A	E	Q	U	B
A	O	G	R	E	Y	I	G	A	C	N	R	M
N	T	U	P	G	L	M	M	U	Y	O	I	A
G	T	W	A	R	T	S	B	K	N	O	V	T
E	L	E	E	F	F	O	C	Z	S	D	R	A
A	E	L	E	M	O	N	E	E	R	G	Y	N

AMBER	GRASS	ROYAL
AVOCADO	GREEN	SILVER
BERRY	GREY	SKY
BLACK	INDIGO	STRAW
BLUE	JADE	TAN
BOTTLE	KHAKI	TURQUOISE
BRONZE	LEMON	VIOLET
BROWN	MAROON	WHITE
BURGUNDY	NAVY	YELLOW
COFFEE	ORANGE	
CREAM	PINK	
CRIMSON	RED	
GOLD	ROSE	



The Stations of the Resurrection

At normal speed, it takes a fully loaded supertanker/oil tanker approximately 20 minutes to perform an emergency stop! They cut their engines some 15 miles away prior to docking. It's all to do with momentum – the resistance to changes in speed and direction.

The famous writer 'Anon.', a close relative of 'Trad.' and his musical cousin 'Trad. Arr.', wrote a parody of the well known hymn 'Onward, Christian Soldiers'. Titled 'Backward, Christian Soldiers', the song contains the lines: 'Like a mighty tortoise moves the Church of God; / Brothers we are treading where we've always trod.'

It might often seem that the church, especially the Church of England, is like some supertanker that has so much momentum it cannot change direction that quickly or respond to issues as nimbly as some other organisations. Society is moving so quickly, and the church is always responding to the condition and needs of the current generation, and unfortunately it does indeed seem to respond too slowly.

The church's divine calling is to present the message of salvation through the name of the resurrected Lord Jesus in such a manner that is relevant to, and understandable by, the age in which it finds itself. This implies a continuous appraisal of the Gospel message and its application to the situation at the time. The church's response to contemporary issues should be viewed through the triad of scripture, tradition and reason, but what feels 'right' or 'modern' might not be right from the scriptural point of view.

Returning to 'Anon's' parody, the church is not 'treading where we've always trod'. It is forging a new path all the time. Formulating the Christian message for the present age means for ever considering the aforementioned triad while preserving that constant message of hope and redemption of Easter-time. Tradition can be questioned; scripture can be reappraised. And in response the church will innovate.

There are several services and festivals that the church celebrates which are relatively recent: the Christingle service at Christmas dates back to 1747 though only became really popular in the 1960's. And the last 50 years has seen an explosion of the types of service available to the churchgoer since the days of Mattins and Evensong according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

If you visit Catholic churches, and some High Anglican churches, you might see a series of images on the walls around the church representing the Stations of the Cross. The 14 images are based on the Via Dolorosa, or the Way of the Sorrows, walked by pilgrims in Jerusalem. They form a visual reminder of the final events on the route Jesus took to his death on the cross. The images or stations provide the believer with something to focus on and on which to meditate and pray.

In 1988, Father Sabino Palumbieri proposed the creation of a new set of stations, centred upon Christ's resurrection and the events following it, to emphasise the positive, hopeful aspect of the Christian story which, though not absent from the Stations of the Cross, is obscured by their emphasis upon suffering. This became the Via Lucis, the Stations of the Resurrection.

This idea has since been adopted by the Church of England. There is now a liturgy with 19 stations covering the well-known events from Easter morning, right through to the appearance of Christ to Saul (later named Paul). The stations include finding the empty tomb, the road to Emmaus, Jesus commissioning his disciples, the incident with 'Doubting Thomas', the restoration of Peter and the Ascension. There is a lot of art and iconography of many of these events, and there is a lot of devotional writing to help the faithful.

Although all church services have been suspended, St Andrew's will place several prayer stations around the church based on this new liturgy of the Stations of the Resurrection. You will be able to meditate, pray and give thanks for that wonderful message of Easter, the message of Christ crucified and now resurrected to new life!

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Sunday Services

All Church Services have been cancelled until further notice. Please consult the website for up-to-date information.

There are worship resources available on the Church of England website at
www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer

Notices

Due to the rapidly changing Covid-19 situation, please keep up to date by visiting our website at www.girton.church



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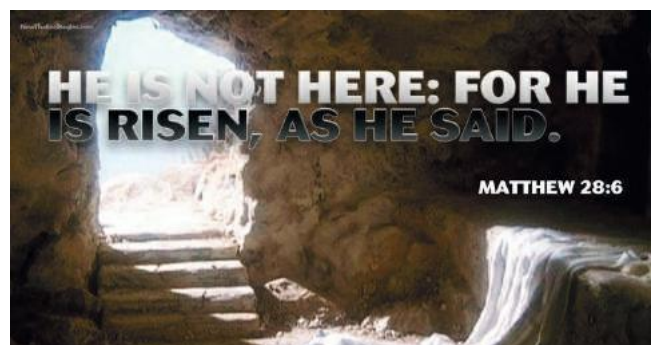
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Due to the Covid-19 pandemic Girton Baptist Church are sadly suspending all services and activities, including Messy Church, until further notice. The sermons will continue to be put online each Sunday. In due course we hope to put other resources on our website. We are focusing on prayer at this time and we would invite you to join us in praying to the good Lord for His help at this time of crisis. We suggest the following prayer by Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali who was Bishop of Rochester.

‘Good Father of all, we thank you for your good creation and are sorry that we have not been good stewards of it and have abused it along with ourselves and our bodies. Please forgive us and protect us, our families and our nations from the worst effects of this virus. Stretch out your healing hand towards those who are ill with it. Restore them to the wholeness of your will for us all. We pray for those who have been bereaved and ask for your continuing and reassuring presence with them. We ask all of this in the name of the one who came to heal and to save, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.’



*This Easter may we remember
Jesus who died and rose again.*

If you would like to discuss any Parish Council issues, please contact the following:

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 The Pavilion, Girton Recreation Ground
 Cambridge Road, Girton, Cambridge, CB3 0FH



Advice about equipment for deafness is available to all; in addition NHS hearing aid wearers can exchange batteries and have hearing aids re-tubed.

Sessions are from 2pm to 4pm on the third Wednesday of each month at Girton Baptist Church. These are free sessions and no appointment is necessary. Should you require a home visit please telephone 416141 between 9.30am and 12.30 pm Monday to Friday.

More information can be found on our website www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk

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Mobile Library

There will be no Mobile Library visit in April. See page 6 for more information.

Next visit: tbc www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Rubbish Collection

See page 6 for more information

Thursday 2 April	Black bin
Thursday 9 April	Blue bin only
Saturday 18 April	Black bin
Friday 24 April	Blue bin only
Thursday 30 April	Black bin



Answers to this months
 CODEWORDS puzzle (p.35).

1	U	2	J	3	Z	4	S	5	O	6	F	7	Y	8	Q	9	G	10	P	11	X	12	K	13	C
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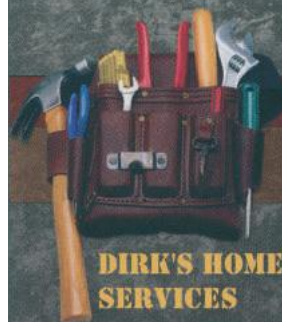
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