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Girton Parish Council

The deadline for submission of this article falls before the July Parish Council Meeting, but items for discussion will include traffic implications for Girton of the Northstowe Phase 3 development, and support for additional links to Girton Interchange. The Council will also reconsider a response to new advisory cycle lanes in the village, and will look at suggested amendments to the approved Parish Council's Local Highways Improvement plan to introduce a 20mph speed limit in the village. These relate to extending the area to include all roads between Manor Farm Road and Weavers Field. The status of the Pavilion Refurbishment grant application, and the next steps to be taken should this be successful, will also be agreed. The Council will also consider the location of replacement trees in Bandon Road and adoption of the unregistered land adjacent to Duck End/Woody Green.

Thanks are due to County Councillor Lynda Harford and County Highways department for road surface repairs to Washpit Lane. With our full support, Lynda is also pressing for work to the footway at Woody Green and to the road and pavements at Bandon Road and Sterndale Close.

It is good that some outdoor sporting activities are now resuming at Girton Recreation Ground and courts, in accordance with government guidelines. After unavoidable delay in procuring outdoor antiseptic gel dispensers and signage, the latter kindly provided by SCDC, the play areas are scheduled to open from the 18th July. The Council is working to put measures in place so that some indoor activities can resume at the Pavilion in early autumn. Risk assessments and protocols for working at the Parish Office are in development but it is not envisaged that it will be open for regular use until later in the year. All enquiries should continue to be made by email or telephone.

Fly tipping continues to be a problem particularly recently along Washpit Lane. All residents are urged to report any they see via the SCDC website. Such reports have to date met with very rapid and commendably efficient response. Well done to them!

As a result of coronavirus restrictions, Girton Parish Council meetings are being held by video-conference until further notice. Residents are encouraged to contact Parish Councillors directly if there are concerns they wish to raise (please see the listing of Parish Councillors elsewhere in this edition). Any member of the public who wishes to attend any meeting may do so by prior arrangement with the Clerk. The next meetings will be on Tuesday 18th August and Tuesday 15th September.

As the Parish Office remains closed the Clerk can be contacted on 01223 526013 or clerk@girton-cambs.org.uk.

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I am stepping down from the Editor's role at the end of this year.

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From Our Councillors

County Councillor Lynda Harford

Many thanks to those of you who have shared with me your views on the temporary cycle lanes. Cambridge Road is due to be resurfaced shortly and this will provide a very cost effective opportunity to make any necessary adjustments. I have listened very carefully to all your feedback on this subject, both positive and constructively critical and I, in turn, have fed back to officers. To everyone, I have maintained a consistent view that it is our behaviour as road users that ultimately determines how safe the roads are. There are always hazards but it is every road user's responsibility to be aware of them and take action to mitigate the risks they present. Many of the concerns raised about the safety of the temporary cycle lanes are based on factors that in reality reflect road users' behaviour and there is good and a few bad in every category of user. Sharing road space benefits everyone whether it be through exercise, less congestion or cleaner air. Thinking about road safety generally, some of you may be interested to read the newly approved Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Road Safety Partnership Strategy. I am very supportive of its approach. Whilst the previous strategy saw in its early years a notable decline in casualties, the rate of this decline seems to have reached a plateau indicating that

something needs to change. If you want to read it, you can access it via the council's website *council/meetings and decisions/meetings calendar/Highways & Transport committee*, agenda item 7.

Working with the Parish Council to address highways issues that are high priority for local residents is starting to bring results. Feedback from a public meeting and from the Annual Parish Meeting last year resulted in a successful parish council application to the County Council's Local Highways Improvement (LHI) scheme. This will provide funding for a scheme that will include an extensive 20mph zone and provision of a mobile vehicle activating sign that will provide a reminder about the speed limit. It also has a useful vehicle counting facility. A second application submitted this year seeks to install a crossing close to the Co-op. These were the top two priorities of the majority of residents attending the two meetings. The almost completed improvements to the crossing at Girton Corner are the result of much lobbying and very inventive efforts by highways engineers to overcome the usual budgetary constraints. The result of the energetic efforts of residents and councillors and a lot of collaboration from different officers, is quite impressive I think. I am hearing that the recent work done by the Dragon Patcher on Washpit Lane is approved by the many of you who use that road.

There is though more to do to encourage more people to walk and cycle safely and I don't forget, too the horse riders among us. I am continuing to press for further cycle / bridle / footpath improvements. These include safer access to the bridleway on Oakington Road and much needed maintenance work to the Duck End / Woody Green area. Greater budget requirement is more of an obstacle to getting an improved connection to the NMU (provided as part of the A14C2H project) but I am working on this. My thanks to Girton Parish Council and all of you who continue to provide challenge, support and encouragement for our shared objective of making Girton a safer place.

Please do continue to contact me with your comments and questions.

Lynda

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Follow me on Twitter: @2whit2whoo

District Councillor Tom Bygott

Coronavirus update

More than four months have now passed since the UK was put into lockdown on 23rd March. Sadly there have been, up to 8th July, 43 deaths in South Cambridgeshire – a rate of 270 per million inhabitants.

Although less than half of the UK average, if South Cambs District were an independent country, it would have the nineteenth highest death rate, at nearly four times the world average. Despite this, the virus is only 8.8% of the way through what would have been its natural progression in the UK had there not been a lockdown. So, it is worth remembering that until there is a vaccine, we are still vulnerable to further waves of infection.

Our economic recovery will come from finding technological solutions to resuming operations with fewer staff or customers in a given physical space, rather than waiting for a resumption of the way things used to be. As one of the world's great technology centres, it is local people who should be thinking of what these technologies should be.

Natural Cambridgeshire Survey

Natural Cambridgeshire is running a survey to find out the role of nature in supporting people through lockdown and how people's attitudes to nature and green open space have been affected by lockdown. The survey can be found at:

naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk/news/valuing-nature-and-open-space-survey/

One of the questions in the survey is how easy it is to access the countryside and natural areas from your house. Hopefully most people in the village should find access easy, but I am always happy to hear ideas on how things can be improved.

Swavesey Memorial Garden

A Memorial Garden to serve as a tranquil hub for the community to meet and remember its wartime fallen has been created in Swavesey, thanks to the support of the Parish and District Councils and other partners.

The £8,500 project has transformed a neglected piece of land next to the Memorial Hall into a public retreat featuring a refurbished BT phone box as a central information hub. Equipped with solar-powered lighting and a leaflet dispenser, it houses details of the many clubs, societies and events that take place in the hall and wider community – and will reopen after lockdown.

Central to the garden are two specially designed memorial benches donated by Swavesey Parish Council and the Royal British Legion's Swavesey Branch, one depicting soldiers going over the top and the other doves carrying olive branches as symbols of peace. Both are adorned with striking red poppies and sit next to paving in the shape of the cross of St George.

More information can be found at:

www.swavesey.org.uk/swavesey-memorial-garden/

Girton Interchange

I have been working with our MP, Anthony Browne, on bringing forward a project to add additional slip roads at the Girton Interchange in order to reduce traffic through the village. I will report on this next month, once I have heard back from all of the Parish Councils in the ward.

Cllr Tom Bygott
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A View From the District

A quiet month, though with briefings on developments from the Huawei planning application to the plan for the site currently dominated by Cambridge Water's treatment plant in Milton. Huawei's application had to be assessed in accordance with the law irrespective of who put in the application, so it was deemed to be acceptable. It will be a great consumer of water but we could not take that into account; however we are looking at ways of addressing water supply issues as the Local Plan progresses.

The Milton site was on Cabinet's agenda on 29 June. I repeated my concerns that more attention needs to be given to electric bikes and scooters on the one hand and mobility scooters on the other, and the very great difference between leisure cycling and commuting by bike; the Leader agreed this needs more thought.

The Joint Development Control Committee has had its last meeting because County has decided to leave. The City and ourselves will form a new Committee, which initially was to be a slimmed-down 'Greater Cambridge Joint Planning Committee', with a membership of just 3 from each Authority. However, both Councils had had a re-think, and it is now to be called the JDCC as before, and have 6 members from each. I have been very honoured in that the Liberal Democrats asked me to take one of their seats, with the possibility if not the likelihood of being re-elected to the chair. Hugely tempting, but my present domestic situation means I had to decline.

Council had a motion before it prompted by the Black Lives Matter campaign, and I had worked hard with the proposer to ensure that its wording could attract universal approval. A pity, then, that one inflammatory speech led one member to vote against, meaning that the press coverage was all about that rather than the proposals we shall now put in place.

The agenda for our next Scrutiny Committee includes a report we commissioned on the effect of homeworking on SCDC staff. A superficial reading indicates that in general productivity has if anything increased with staff accommodating the new regime

remarkably well; but that there is a trend towards staff taking fewer breaks from their screens during the course of the day. As we move towards re-opening South Cambs Hall it is likely that we shall encourage some officers to continue to work from home.

It doesn't happen often, but I recently received an anonymous complaint. May I remind you that I can pay no attention to anonymous correspondence. I shall preserve your privacy but I must have contact details before I can act.

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

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If you are enthusiastic about keeping our village safe and you have some time to spare, do please get in touch and have a chat about how you might be able to contribute.

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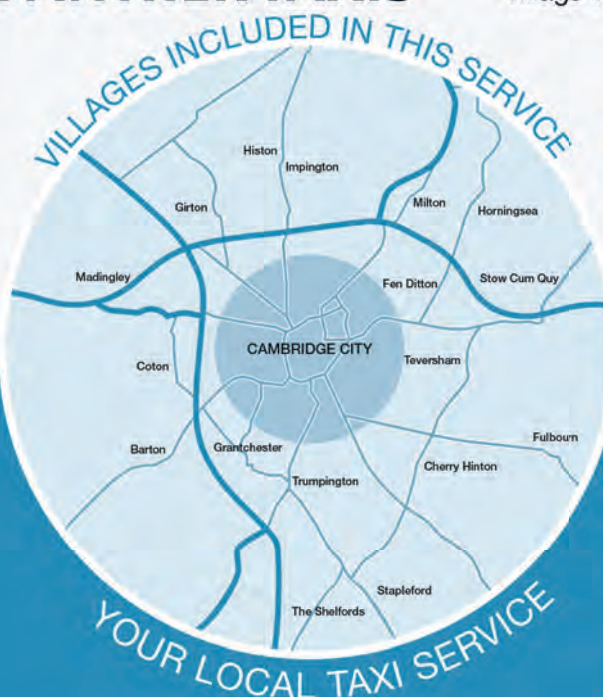
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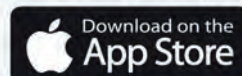
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The Eddington Number is a way of measuring your cycling and walking progress and mileage. It is the largest number of miles you have cycled or walked on the same number of days. The days do not need to be consecutive.

If you cycle or walk five miles a day for five days, you will have an Eddington Number of 5. But if you only cycle or walk one mile a day, you will have an Eddington Number of 1 whether you cycled for one day or 100 days.

You can calculate your Eddington Number on our dedicated website and also join the Eddington Number community on Strava to get inspiration for local rides and see how other riders are taking part in the challenge.

Whether you're starting out or speeding off, there is an Eddington Number for everyone. If you are new to cycling, you might try to increase your Eddington Number by 1, or if you already cycle or walk a lot you could try to increase it by 5.

It is easy to calculate your Eddington Number, simply create an account and off you go!

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Re-opening libraries



Libraries started to reopen from Monday 6 July. The Mobile Library service will not resume due to the challenge of creating a safe environment in a confined space. The Library at Home Service has partially resumed and we will resume the full service later this summer. Meeting rooms, library events and activities will not resume in July and August. These services will be reintroduced when it is safe to do so.

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Loans, renewals, reservations and charges

All items borrowed prior to lockdown have had their due date extended until 30 September. The loan period will be temporarily extended from 3 to 6 weeks for items issued in July and August.

- All existing loan charges remain frozen until 31 August. We will continue to review this date.
- Reservation charges suspended until 31 August. We will continue to review this date.
- Reservation collection dates for existing reservations will be extended indefinitely so they should be available when libraries reopen.

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News from Girton Co-op

Hello Everyone! For those who do not know me, I am Girton's Co-op

Member Pioneer and my role is to

bring together Co-op members, colleagues and local causes to make communities a better place to work, play, live and learn. It's been over 6 months since I was appointed to this role, and I have enjoyed every second of it. It's an amazing feeling doing something for our fantastic community and giving something back.



Although Covid-19 made me change my original plans, I have been using different ways to connect the community. For the last 3-4 months, since the lockdown, three events were held. One was the 'Good Egg of the Community' where community members were invited to vote for someone who has been helpful. Three winners received a Co-op Fairtrade Easter egg. The second was a drawing competition which brought smiles to the children of our village. Three winners and two runners-up received Co-op chocolates. Recently I set up a raffle at the Co-op store to raise money for the charity MIND, and with the help of our amazing community we raised £212. Thank you so much.

Our next upcoming event is 'Lockdown Bunting'. I would like to ask every one to contribute to our bunting. You can write, draw, paint, knit or do arty-craft bunting of any size. It should represent your lockdown memory. At the end of August we will connect and hang the bunting outside the store. You can also take part in a lucky prize draw. For further details please see the advert below.

Our amazing staff at the Co-op also volunteered to deliver essentials to vulnerable or elderly customers

until the lockdown was eased. The Co-op has also started a community shopping scheme whereby individuals can purchase and top-up a Co-op gift card over the phone. The card can be used by family, friends and volunteers to shop for that individual. For further details please contact me or check out the website.

As a Co-op colleague, I would like to assure you that the store is doing everything to make sure that we all follow the social distancing rules: there are clear floor markings to maintain your distance; a sanitising station outside the store; colleagues wearing masks; shields at the till and our friendly staff to guide you.

This unprecedented time put a halt to face-to-face meetups, but it certainly doesn't mean that we cannot meet. With the aid of social media apps we can reconnect again. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to join me on my online chat forum for a cuppa on Zoom on Thursday 20th August 2020 at 3pm. If you are interested please call me or message me for further details.

I would also like to say thank you for welcoming and accepting me in my new role. This has been a challenging time for us all and, having just started in this role, I had not been able to work for our community in the way I would have liked but, as things slowly return to some sense of normality, I will try my best to help our wonderful community.

I look forward to hearing from you all. Let's meet up on Zoom to connect – 3pm, Thursday 20th August. Don't forget your cup of tea!

Sadaf Safian, Girton Co-op Member Pioneer

For regular updates please follow me on Twitter @Sadafsafian. I have also been posting on Girton Coronavirus Support Facebook page.

My contact details are: Phone: 07970 050794;

WhatsApp: 07970051777;

Email: sadaf.safian@coopmembers.co.uk

Calling all residents of GIRTON!

Let us celebrate our community spirit throughout this lock down!

We at the Co-op would like to celebrate the strength, spirit, solidarity and selflessness shown by our wonderful community by creating and displaying our Lockdown Memories Bunting throughout the Girton store. Each flag will represent a memory you hold of the lockdown period.

Express your memory in whatever format you like: a few words, a drawing, a poem, artwork, patchwork, whatever you like; the more creative the better!

Please drop it off to the Girton Co-op by 16th August 2020.

To enter the prize draw, add your name and contact details to your bunting.

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Elena wins the Queen's Knickers!

Girton author and artist Elena Arevalo Melville has been named as the inaugural winner of the *Queen's Knickers Award* for her book *Umbrella*. This new prize – awarded to an outstanding children's original illustrated book for ages 0–7 – is funded by Nicholas Allan, and is part of The Society of Authors Annual Awards.



Alexis Deacon, one of three judges, said: 'It is a book that makes you feel like it is your discovery, like it belongs to you. At first glance *Umbrella* can appear quiet or small. It is a book that might easily be overlooked on shelves packed with bolder shapes and brighter colours. It doesn't deserve that. Like the umbrella in the story it deserves to be found and opened. Opening the book is like opening that umbrella: You do it and something wonderful unfolds. It is my hope that this award will allow *Umbrella* to reach a wider audience than it otherwise would and help its creator to make more books like it. In a world where it seems like you have to scream just to be heard, *Umbrella* talks to you in its own clear voice, as a friend. It is a very worthy winner.'

Born in Guatemala, Elena has made her home in Girton over 20 years with her partner Gary. She runs art clubs and workshops locally and internationally, and loves spending time with their children Oli and Sylvia growing weeds in the allotment among some occasional vegetables.

Overjoyed by this award, Elena wanted to share the good news with all her Girton neighbours.

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GIRTON GREEN FINGERS

So August is with us. We did think it had arrived early, as May was such an incredible month weatherwise ... sunshine all the way, although, of course, as gardeners, a rain shower would have been welcome. The winter, too, was mild and this has seen an excellent fruit crop produced. My Victoria plum tree is in need of props so great is the weight of plums, even though I have been trying to thin them out. This is the same with the gooseberries – I've been thinning out and freezing regularly for some weeks.

It is not too late to have a late sowing of salad. A pot planted with lettuce such as Lollo Rossa, underplanted with tender pea shoots, will give both colour and flavour late in summer and early autumn.

Hanging baskets are starting to look rather sad as flowers begin to fade, and so to extend the colour replace the plants with a selection of heuchera. These are hardy plants requiring little maintenance, mainly watering on warm, dry days so they are not allowed to dry out. An upright heuchera called 'Shanghai' planted in the centre of the basket with trailing varieties such as 'Glacier Falls' planted around the sides.

This has been a summer very different from ones we have known before and those with gardens and allotments are thankful for that space. With social distancing, at least our allotments give us a meeting area and we can still have a conversation regarding our crops and a walk around in the fresh air. I am sure I am not the only one who has planted far more in the garden than usual. I have an abundance of tomatoes, lettuce, potatoes, courgettes (sharing space in the fruit cage under a gooseberry bush!). The vegetable cage has colourful carrots and beetroot, purple French beans and Shiraz peas and a stool is needed to pick runner and climbing French beans.

The local wildlife has benefited from the better weather and we are lucky to have two hedgehogs visit at night ... a low bird bath is essential for them in the hot weather so they can drink easily. The noisy tawny owl sweeps over in the evenings and sometimes sits atop the telegraph pole in front of our house calling for a mate. The early mornings bring a muntjac into my neighbour's garden to the delight of the children ... luckily my fence keeps him there!

A little something to tease the taste buds with:

Beetroot and Spring Onion Quiche

500 g fresh beetroot trimmed

350 ml double cream

5 spring onions shredded lengthways

1 tbsp oil for brushing

450 g oatcakes

4 eggs

200 g unsalted butter

Sea salt and black pepper

In a bowl, crush oatcakes until fine. Melt butter in a bowl in microwave 1 minute. Add to the oatcakes and mix. Press into greased 23 cm loose bottom tin, smooth up the sides and the bottom of tin. Leave to chill 30 minutes.

Meantime put beetroot in pan of cold water and bring to the boil, simmer 30 minutes. Cool slightly and blend till smooth.

Preheat oven to 170°C. Whisk eggs and cream together, and then stir in the blended beetroot when completely cool. Season with salt and pepper. Transfer mixture to base, arrange all but one spring onion in a circular pattern on the top. Brush spring onions with oil.

Bake 1 hour until set, allow to cool before removing from tin. Garnish with remaining onion and sea salt. Serve warm or cold.

This year sadly we have no Feast Week or produce show. I was thinking of this while picking my fruits, etc. Here is to 2021! Enjoy the produce from your hard work, take time to sit and read a book, plan next year's planting, drink a glass of wine and have a happy holiday at home.

Judith Addison, Girton Garden Society

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

Our in-house handicap singles tournament is progressing well and we are now on the third round with a total of 25 players making up 5 groups of bowlers. The handicaps are adjusted once the

results are known for each round. This has resulted in some dramatic changes in the positions of players who originally were top of their league finding themselves languishing at the bottom, which certainly keeps the games interesting and allows some of our new members to compete on a more equal footing.



Social distancing bowls

The Club has received a generous donation of a storage shed from Club members Eileen and Roger Webster on behalf of Eileen's late mother Jeanne. She was a keen bowls fan and wanted her shed to be put to good practical use. The Club will certainly be able to do that, so a big thank you for this generous gift.



The Shed

And, once again, a big thank you to our hard-working maintenance team, without whom no play would be possible.

We have two friendly matches arranged against the Willingham Bowls Club. The first will be played at Girton, with the return match to be played at Willingham; both matches to be played strictly observing the social distancing guidelines.

If you are interested in finding out more about joining

Girton Bowls Club, please contact our Secretary Margaret McCall on margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com or visit our website at www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com.

Lynne McGill



Girton Colts Football Club

And we're back! The committee reconvened in July to ensure preparations for a return to football training in August can occur. We appreciate all the patience that the

players, parents and community have given us and cross fingers we can get back to competitive football at the Rec again in September.



Our season was cut short due to lockdown, but we have managed to still have our presentation of season awards even if we couldn't all meet up at our annual ceremony. This year we decided that each team would present via online methods and it was great to see all the young faces again.

The winners were:

Players player of the year: Mark (U7), John (U8), Tia (U9), Joachim (U10) and Ethan (U12).

Supporters player of the year: Romeo (U7), Charles (U8), Shane (U9), Albie (U10) and William (U12).

Most improved player of the year: Ethan (U7), Valentino (U8), Lughan (U9), James (U10) and Mikhail (U12).

Managers player of the year: Dylan (U7), Owen (U8), Lucas (U9), Bobby (U10) and James (U12).

Congratulations to those named above and also to all of our players who took part last season. As a club we are improving every game and our players' commitment is what drives us forward.

Our club shield, given to the most outstanding player in a season who represents the best team player, was not given to any player this year. Instead we chose to remember this unusual time with a tribute to our keyworkers in recognition for everything they have done and continue to do.



At our presentation we would normally have the opportunity to say thank you to those that volunteer for the club. We weren't able to do that this year, but I would like to thank the members of the committee for keeping the club's admin in order, the managers for their outstanding contribution not only to our club but to the whole village community – without you we wouldn't have teams or the club and we all really appreciate everything you do. All the parent helpers, tuck shop staff and referees, thank you too. And our funders Girton Town Charity, who funded external professional training for each team and some official training courses for our managers. The Co-op for their contribution from their village fund which went towards the purchase of new kit and equipment. And last but by no means least Girton Parish Council, who prioritise our club in the village, especially Chris who maintains a fantastic recreation ground and facilities for us to play and train.

Most of our teams are currently full, however please contact teamsec@girtoncolts.co.uk to be added to the waiting list.

Current opportunities are:

- U12 girls team players (Year 6 and 7 in September)
- U5 girls and boys players (Year 1 / early years in September)
- U5 potential parent managers
- Referees ... training available ... Paid per match once trained

Please contact teamsec@girtoncolts.co.uk if any of these are of interest.

Andrew Hawkes
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Girton Netball Club

England Netball are still negotiating our safe return to the courts, but we hope to be playing again from September.

Meanwhile, we'd like to thank Girton Tennis Club who have allowed us to use our netball session to play tennis instead. Hitting instead of catching. Running instead of jumping. You could say it's a whole new ball game! It's been a good way to stay fit and agile and learn some new skills. Plus a number of us have joined the tennis club as a result and hope to continue playing over the summer. Thanks to the tennis club, the Parish Council and Mel and Sally from Girton Netball Club for making this happen.

Enquiries to girton.village.netball@gmail.com.

Emma-Louise Longden



Girton Golf Club

After a very difficult time for golf, along with the rest of the population, we are slowly seeing life returning to our club. We now have our club house open during the day (currently Wednesday to Sunday but that is certainly likely to change); we are allowing 4 balls to play again, even if initially it is only for 3 days a week; we are allowing visitors again to play our course; and competitive golf has returned. The first major competition of the year, the Johnson Trophy, was won by Jason Gordon with a brilliant net 63 (playing off 18) and the first Stableford by Zac Cooke with 40 points off a handicap of 5. Interest in our competitions has been so high that we have had to extend the tee times allocated to enable the additional members to play.

The golf course is looking wonderful with the weather helping hugely with alternating sun and rain – it's a real pleasure to be out there, no matter what your golf capability. We have signed another 57 new members so far since reopening and they all seem to be having fun, with 20 of them joining 10 Council and Committee members to play 9 holes and chat, find new playing partners and learn more about the club, our history and the idiosyncrasies all clubs have. A number of them are now taking lessons with our coaching professionals and membership is still open for all types should you wish to play.

Our Lady Captain, Sarah Pugh, scored a hole in one on our 8th hole on 3rd July. Unfortunately, it was just before we reopened the clubhouse, so it was a very

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cheap round for Sarah – her timing was immaculate! Sarah is running many competitions for the ladies during the week, a great way for new members to meet other golfers whilst playing with a competitive edge.

The newly opened again club house is serving a limited menu and hot and cold drinks including a range of alcoholic beverages, whilst observing strict social distancing with tables indoors and outside and a one-way system through the club house to protect everyone. No cash sales, of course, cards only. It does feel as though our club is coming alive again, so if you would like to play, or fancy a coffee during the day, then please come along and see us at the end of Dodford Lane.

During August we will be part of the Eat Out To Help campaign so all food and soft drinks will attract a 50% discount subsidised by the government. A baguette or a sausage roll and a coffee at half-price for lunch sounds attractive, doesn't it?

Stay well, stay safe and we hope to see you at the golf club soon.

Alan Henderson-Smith

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Girton Tennis Club

The club is delighted with the number of people who have joined us since we started operating again post-lockdown.

To date we have over 100 members and this includes 18 family groups. It is also good to see so many members wanting to play and booking a suitable slot via our website.

One of the courts is showing some sign of surface wear at one end. This may be related to incorrect footwear use. Please ensure that you have soft, flat soles on any shoes worn on court and definitely NO STUDS.

The Lawn Tennis Association continues to work with the Government to find appropriate ways to open up tennis facilities safely. This creates a frequent flow of guideline updates and our committee then quickly arrange a 'Zoom' meeting to discuss how to apply these locally. It seems an appropriate time to publicly say a big thank-you to our committee members who give their time and expertise to keep our friendly club

operating so successfully. A lot of careful consideration and work goes into writing things such as our formal Risk Assessments that help us to make sure we are acting in the best interest of our members and the Parish Council (our landlord).

At the time of writing (mid-July) we are able to start considering how we might be able to introduce Club Nights and Junior Sessions on Friday evenings. By the time you read this, we may have more activities operating but, as always, it is best to check for the latest information on our club website as things may change quickly.

Details about our activities can be found on our website www.girtontennisclub.uk or by contacting our Membership Secretary Kevin Keeves by email info@girtontennisclub.uk.

Alan Franklin



More Wartime Memories

I was born on 24 November 1939, the same day that the British Overseas Airways Corporation was created from the merger of Imperial Airways and British Airways Ltd. Over the next 5 years, Dad was away on RAF service, and apart from short leave visits our lasting father-son bond had to wait.

Apart from the constant noise from RAF stations, Wyton, Oakington, Waterbeach, Bourne, Alconbury, life began to revolve around a daily routine, with help from evacuees, neighbours and relatives. With so many people around, I had my education kickstarted.

The winters in the 1940s were cold, houses had no insulation, and gas provided lighting downstairs and was used for cooking. Candles saw us to bed. There was cold water only, and an outside toilet meant rapid visits before bedtime. Food rationing, dried milk powder, American powdered egg, and, occasionally, just a boiled onion for lunch! Chickens gave us eggs and occasional dinners, and wild rabbit was also popular. With homegrown vegetables we survived.

Apart from air raid sirens warning of possible raids, I don't remember bombs. The All-Clear allowed us to come out of the downstairs cupboard. RAF Wyton was our closest station, and early morning returning bombers sometimes flew low as they returned, often damaged, limping home.

It was a case of getting on with life and enjoying the lighter moments. In 1944 I took the part of page boy, to my sister's bridesmaid, at our next door neighbour's daughter's GI wedding. Blue velvet trousers, yellow 'blouse', white gloves. Parachute silk wedding dress for the bride. With the American groom around, chewing gum and American comics were a familiar source of interest. At 4 years old, riding pillion on his motorbike was 'hairy'!

In September that year I started school. I had already learned numbers and some sums, and also the alphabet and 'The Gingerbread Boy', so Miss Scott's class became a second home. Whilst in that class I was attacked by another boy who buried his teeth in my bicep, hanging on. After the commotion, and being collected by Mum, we started home and she said, 'We'll pop in to see the boy's mother.' When the mother saw the large bruise and teeth marks, she was filled with remorse. I think the boy realised he had hurt the person he loved, more than he had hurt me, and had damaged her love and trust in him. After more quiet apologies, the matter was finished. In a close community, problems are more easily solved. No ASBOs in 1944!

My best moment came on my 5th birthday in November 1944, when I received my first letter from Dad, expressing love, and looking forward to coming home. I still have that letter, from my best friend and teacher of practical skills.

With our close proximity to bomber stations during World War 2, we need to remember that despite the illuminating efforts of Don Bennett's Pathfinder force, occasions such as a sortie to bomb Hamburg on one night resulted in about 94 bombers failing to return (Lancasters and Wellingtons). And also saw Arthur 'Bomber' Harris's sorties on Berlin result in the dropping of 25,000 tons of bombs, destroying thousands of homes per night over about 4 months.

So to 1945 and VE Day. A street party at Darwood Place, St Ives. And later a Fancy Dress Competition and my tribute to wartime radio entertainment favourite Tommy Handley's I.T.M.A. ('It's That Man Again'), and Mrs Mopp with her familiar phrase, 'Can I Do You Now Sir?'

Philip Noble

**Do YOU have memories to share?
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Are You Ready for Lunch?

Well here we are, after weeks of lockdown things are beginning to open – but are you ready to go out for lunch?

I have been making enquiries and have approached two of our usual eating establishments to see if they would be prepared to deal with a group booking while still complying with all the Covid 19 rules. Firstly my visit to The Three Tuns at Fen Drayton proved to be an enjoyable experience and I can report that every precaution is in place there to comply with the law. Hand gels, one way system and appropriate spacing were clear to see as were the rules relating to the service of food. Importantly there were spaces where one could eat outside in the garden either completely in the open or under cover in a Pagoda.

Our Club 55's first visit would be to the Three Tuns at Fen Drayton in late August if our members wish to come along. Let me make it clear that the club would take no responsibility for your health during or after such a visit. Should you wish to join us transport may be arranged but we would prefer you to make your own way to the venue. Rules regarding how many people may sit at one table also apply and I believe that to be six at the time of writing this article.

I accept that some people will have doubts about a venture such as this. However, we are prepared to organise a lunch for a date towards the end of August to be held outside under cover of the Pagoda at the Three Tuns, that is of course, if enough people wish to attend. As yet I do not have a menu but if you allow £20 per head for a two course meal and £5 for transport then you will have an idea of cost which could be a little more or less.

It is **important** that we know how many people would like to venture out with us at this time, so if you would like to come along please email or telephone using the details set out below. We will then assess whether or not it is worth organising and/or how we can get you there and will bear in mind changes to the Covid rules.

In the event that our first venture is successful our second visit will be to the Olive Tree Café at Oakington in September which also has al fresco eating facilities and has geared up to deal with the Corona virus. Abbeyfield has also been in touch. You **must** let us know if you are interested. Contact us by email at samclift@ntlworld.com or telephoning 07850740721.

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Stan Shepherd

An original Abbeyfield Girton Green resident, Stan Shepherd, was 100 on Saturday 27th June.

During WW2 Stan served as a radar operator in the Royal Navy on battleships escorting merchant convoys plying the cold and inhospitable waters of the North Atlantic. It was dangerous work and, in recognition, he has received many medals from both the British and Russian governments. He was recently honoured by the Russian government with the Ushakov Medal for Arctic Convoy Veterans. On demobilisation he joined the Post Office Savings Bank where he served until retirement. Stan is a loyal Welshman with a love of rugby. Much of his active retirement was spent enjoying golf.



Although celebrations had to be muted at this difficult time of Covid-19, Stan, his son and grandson and fellow residents enjoyed a drink and a slice of delicious birthday cake at Abbeyfield's Whispers Restaurant. The photograph shows Stan enjoying the card from fellow residents, which was designed and made by Jo Luxton, and the greeting card he received from the Queen.

Brightening the lockdown

I read with pleasure Trish Peroni's article about her painted 'garden guests' in the July GPN. I carried out two projects to brighten my lockdown: finally got round to painting several pieces of old and second hand furniture which had been waiting for attention for months, and wrote to each family with children in my road, asking if they could make a rainbow to brighten my window – many thanks to the three that so readily responded!



On another note, residents may recall that I performed my solo show *Daddy's Diaries*, about my father's remarkable war story, in aid of St Andrew's makeover. For the lockdown, and to celebrate my father's 100th birthday in June, I made this available on YouTube. Go to my website www.janebower.com and scroll down the homepage to the bright pink announcement – the link is there.

Jane Bower

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'Thank You' Message

Girton Social Club would like to thank Wendy Ripley for the sterling work she did at the club over a number of years.

Her work as our Secretary during that time is much appreciated. We wish her well in any future projects she undertakes.

Garden Tip of the Month – August

August can be a quiet month in the garden, with that rush of spring and early summer growth levelling off.

Deadheading helps keep the flowering going, particularly roses, sweet peas, and several herbaceous favourites like penstemon. A firm cut on Shasta daisies and clump forming herbaceous geraniums can reward with a second flowering in September. Other plants reputed to benefit from a firm cut down are delphiniums and lupins, but I haven't had much luck with them myself. Alstroemerias can be plucked from the ground when going over and will probably have another go later.

Taller herbaceous plants, dahlias, and climbers may need some support, it's a good idea to have a look round. If you can't push in a stick for support, try soaking the spot.

August is a good time for hedge trimming, for practically all plant types, from beech to yew, and a recut for some like privet and lonicera that generally need another cut. The trimmings are often soft enough to compost, although yew and conifers take too long to be worth it unless shredded first.

Patches of wildflowers can enhance a garden, particularly in early summer. There are a variety of ways to approach this, with some requiring a prodigious amount of physical work. A rather simpler way to slip into a prototype meadow is to designate a patch of the lawn, preferably a bit that is rather bald and stop mowing it. You can enhance it by adding seeds scratched into the soil or planting plug plants, bought or raised by you. Popular plants include cowslips, oxeye daisies, birds foot trefoil and knapweed. Just cut twice a year, in June and in winter, and remove the cuttings. Kept moist enough they should rot down ok on your compost heap, but don't add too thick a layer at a time.

George Thorpe

Georgian sour plum sauce

This recipe was sent in by Carol Huxley:

600 g plums, ripe or unripe or a mix

120 ml water

¾ tsp coriander seeds

¼ tsp fennel seeds

3 garlic cloves, minced

Fresh chilli to taste, finely chopped

30 g finely chopped fresh herbs – dill, coriander, mint

Salt to taste (½ tsp)

1. Cook the plums in a pan, covered, until soft – 15 minutes. Then pour into a sieve placed over a large bowl.
2. Crush the seeds in a pestle with half the salt.
3. Add the garlic and chilli and the rest of the salt and crush with the spices.

4. When the plums are cool enough, push/stir them through the sieve until just the stones are left behind.
5. Stir the spice and garlic paste into the plum pulp and add the chopped herbs and mix well.
6. If the sauce is too sour, add sugar/honey to taste.
7. Store in the fridge or freeze.



The sauce can be used as an accompaniment to or dressing for salads, especially beetroot, and will add zing to soups and stews.

BHS 2026 - Historical Researcher
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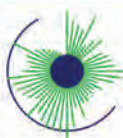
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Girton Town Charity welcomes new Trustee

A new Trustee has joined GTC, strengthening the skills and expertise of the Charity as it embarks on a number of new projects ahead of its 500th anniversary in 2021.

Debbie Macklin has lived in Girton since 2013, returning to the city where she was a student at New Hall (now Murray Edwards College), back in the late 1970's and early 1980s.

After graduating, Debbie trained as a journalist, and writing and editing became the focus of her working life. This became more freelance as her husband's career took them to Brazil, Japan (where their two children were born) and then to France, where they spent almost 17 years.

Voluntary work

In all these countries, and in the UK, Debbie worked in a voluntary capacity: for environmental NGO's, as school governor, and for local charities and associations.

Debbie says: "I first heard about GTC from Ann Bonnett - now Chair of Trustees - when we got talking while walking our dogs, soon after we arrived. It was a real surprise to learn that such a significant fund existed in a single village community.

"What an amazing opportunity - and responsibility - to have this resource to provide housing for those who most need it, and also to support a wide range of other services and benefits to residents. Among the things which impress me about GTC is the clear sense of purpose, and its pioneering nature as an almshouse charity: enabling young people and families - as well as older residents - in need of help to have a home.

Commitment

"When a Trustee vacancy came up earlier this year, I was interested to find out more, and in doing so, I realised just how much commitment, experience and care is embodied in the Trustees. These are dynamic and challenging times for GTC, with new projects underway to increase the number of almshouses

significantly, and the impact of COVID-19 to manage. I'm looking forward to doing my best to help GTC meet its goals and respond to evolving needs, and hope that my experience in communication and working in a range of voluntary organisations will be useful."



Virtual meetings

Ann Bonnett added: "We are delighted to welcome Debbie to our team of Trustees and to see how quickly she has got up to speed with our projects at such a challenging time. For the last few months our office has been closed so Trustees have been unable to hold face-to-face meetings with our partner organisations. However we have continued to have virtual monthly Trustee meetings and regular ad hoc sessions to address specific strategic issues."

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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News for Older Residents

Battering from the storm

Whilst we have been experiencing the same storm we have not all been in the same boat, as some have suggested. For many reasons our boats are different, not least because our personal circumstances, personalities, health, mobility and coping strategies etc are different. Previous difficult life experiences have helped some of us cope better in this storm, for others they have made coping even harder. For some people old difficulties have got worse as new challenges have materialised. Life has not been easy.

I am unsurprised by research conducted in the UK during lockdown which showed that the over 70s have been the most resilient grouping with the lowest levels of stress and anxiety. The same research also highlighted that loneliness has increased as a specific issue for older people. This too, is not a surprise.

We are now in the so-called Recovery Stage and it will be interesting to see the research findings for this time. As we move forward, hopefully upward and onward, please be aware that helpful resources on all aspects of life and living are available. Let me know if I can help you access relevant information and support.

TV Licences

You probably already know that the BBC has now decided to end free licenses from 1st August 2020 for everyone over 75. Only those on Pension Credit are excluded. Everyone affected by this change will get a letter with guidance on how to pay the £157.50 fee.

My work pattern

I have reverted to my usual working days of Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with flexibility as necessary. I am sorry if my response to your phone message or email takes a little time, but it will come.

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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 30.

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WORDSEARCH – Theme – Garden Features!

Can you find all these words in the grid? They can read Left to Right, Right to Left, Up or Down or Diagonally. Tick them off as you go.

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BENCH	PERGOLA	TROWEL
BIRDBATH	POND	URN
CHAIN	POT	WALL
CHAIRS	SHED	WATER
FENCES	SOIL	WATERBUTT
FORK	SPADE	WINDCHIME
FRAME	STATUE	
GATE	STONES	
GREENHOUSE	SUMMERHOUSE	
LAWN	SUNDIAL	
LIGHTS	TABLE	
MULCH	TERRACOTTA	
PATHS	TRELLIS	



Wait, hope and change

Already 2020 has been strange beyond all measure! And Covid-19 is to blame. People have died, or have lost friends or relatives due to this virus, and this is truly awful. People have recovered from Covid-19, yet still are suffering its terribly long-lasting damaging effects on their bodies.

When the Christmas round-robin letters come to be written, what will we write? 'From March to July we stayed at home.' Does that cover pretty much one third of your year? It does ours. Thank goodness for neighbours who shopped for each other, or went to the pharmacy for other more house-bound people. Thank goodness for those local businesses that continued to serve us with deliveries of bread, milk, groceries and take-away meals. And thank goodness for the street and village support networks that have sprung up to try to ensure people are not left wanting. All this while we stayed at home, waiting and hoping. *Waiting* for life to return to some semblance of normality. *Hoping* for a time when we can visit friends and families, or go to the cinema or theatre, or go to a stately home on a whim.

Very slowly and *very* carefully life is returning, but not as it was. However, in the depths of the pandemic, there were glimmers of hope. There was hope that we would build a better neighbourhood. Being locally confined, we became aware of our neighbours, we learned their names and something about them. For those able to work from home, there was a new perspective on the life of work. Commuting and office life could be reassessed. 'Is this what makes me truly happy?' And nationally, there was hope that there could be a major change in the structures and organisation of the country. Could we change to be a more democratic, a more just and caring nation than we were before? Could we become a greener nation with less flying and polluting transport? Can we resist the pressure to return to the pre-Covid-19 status quo? There was hope. Is there *still* hope for a different world? Can we personally change? Can Girton or Britain change? Have we the *will* to change?

You will be aware that St Andrew's church has been without a Rector for a year now. Before the Covid-19 lock-down, we were managing pretty well while *hoping* and *waiting* for a new Rector. We had got into the swing of inviting clergy to lead services, and

continue pretty much as before the Revd Mandy Maxwell left. At the beginning of March the church wardens chose someone to become our next Rector. (Unfortunately, because of various things, Covid-19 being one, the Revd Michael Bigg will not be with us until mid- to late August.) And then there was lock-down, when all church services immediately stopped.

When the Israelites were taken into captivity in Babylon, their Temple-based worship in Jerusalem ceased. As they pined for their homeland 'by the rivers of Babylon', their religious practices were reassessed and out of that period the use of local synagogue worship increased. They changed, while waiting and hoping to return to their Israel.

Following lock-down, things had to change for our village church, as for all churches. While we hope and wait for the arrival of our new Rector, we have had to find other ways of 'worshipping'. There have been online services at other churches which we have attended remotely; we have continued with a Zoom monthly Taizé service; we have produced a weekly podcast; and a mid-week said Morning Prayer has recently started.

After lock-down, will we go back to the way we were? I suspect not. Nationally, it has been noted that the online streamed services are reaching more people than those who normally attend each Sunday. We can attest to that fact here in Girton. And when we are able to meet again on a Sunday, the nature of the services will undoubtedly change, possibly using technology to include those who are not able to be with us physically. There is obviously a need, which we must continue to satisfy.

Out of this strange time of waiting and hoping, positive changes in our lives have a chance to spring up. Let's embrace them!

Dugald Wilson

LLM St Andrew's, Girton



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St Andrew's Services

St Andrew's is now open daily for personal prayer. All care must be taken regarding cleanliness and touching any surfaces. If there is anyone else in the church, please respect social distancing. And may you find peace and comfort in this sacred space.

Unfortunately, we have no date yet for restarting Sunday services. However, on Wednesdays at 10am there is a spoken Morning Prayer. There is no speaking or singing: you are welcome to just sit, listen and pray.

The Taizé service is now being held remotely using Zoom on the first Sunday of each month. Anyone is welcome. Please email Kay Barrett at singing.kay@gmail.com and she will send the link to you in order to join in. Any problems, please do contact us via the website.

On our church website you can listen to a weekly podcast: click on *Services*, then *Podcasts*. The text of this message is also there. You can also listen to the podcasts by telephoning 01223 755091. If you know of anyone who cannot access things online, please do print off a copy of the text for them. There are also links to other helpful websites, so please do explore them. Just click on *Sacred Links* or *Useful Links*.

We pray for those in the health professions and those researching for a cure.

‘Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
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Amen.’

Girton Baptist Church



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Sunday Services

We are continuing to hold online services each Sunday at 10.30am using Zoom for the time being. If you would like to join us, and all are welcome, please ring 07751 748757 so we can send you the link for the service. There are further details on the website at www.girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk and opportunities to listen to the sermon online.

A Bible verse:

‘I will sing of the LORD’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.’ (Psalm 89:1)

Verse 1 of the Hymn ‘Great is Thy Faithfulness’:

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

Thoughts and prayers from members of the congregation:

‘I had my bedroom windows open and I was listening to the rain early this morning. There was also a lovely blackbird singing as dawn was breaking. These sounds reminded me of God’s creation.

‘Old age does not come alone ... every day brings another ache, pain or problem. But God promised “to your grey hairs I will carry you,” and praise His name, He does. Thank you Lord for another bonus day. The first day of the week, resurrection day, when we gather together, albeit electronically, to praise and worship our Great Triune God.’

‘Help me live today to the full,
being true to you in everything that I do.
Help me give myself to others,
being kind to everyone I meet,
and help me to love the lost
in all I say and do.

Amen’

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Rubbish Collection

Covid-19: Please note the following important information:

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 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.

Bin collections August–September

Thursday 6 August	Black bin
Thursday 13 August	Blue and Green bins
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Thursday 27 August	Blue and Green bins*
Friday 4 September	Black bin
Thursday 10 September	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 17 September	Black bin

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 CODEWORDS puzzle (p.27).

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