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Girton Parish Council

The copy deadline for this edition comes before the October Parish Council meeting, but items for discussion will include arrangements for the contractor procurement process for the Pavilion refurbishment and extension works, and GPC involvement in the selection of a Parish Council-appointed Trustee of Girton Town Charity. The Council will also be looking at options for litter-picking in the village and the idea of re-wilding grass verges – residents' thoughts about the latter are very much welcomed.

The formal Highways consultation on the 20mph zone through Girton (advertised on the parish website), is currently ongoing but will have ended by time of publication. The PC consultation on this began in early 2019 where, in a public meeting organised with County Councillor Lynda Harford, the opinion of villagers was canvassed on proposals for improved road safety in Girton. Introduction of a 20mph zone met with wide approval and plans for this were outlined and approved at the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2019 and have been regularly reported in PC minutes and the GPN. Councillor Harford continues to negotiate on our behalf for new cycling priority road marking and pedestrian safety improvements at Girton Corner.

Steps are being taken to refurbish elements of the Trim Trail. A new Log Lift has been ordered and should be installed shortly. Attempts to obtain an economic repair to the broken seesaw at the Recreation Ground continue. Should this prove not to be possible we shall need to replace it. Cost quotations to install safety bollards along the Recreation Ground car park footpath are proving frustratingly difficult to obtain but we hope to complete this as soon as possible.

The publication of the list of submitted sites in the South Cambs Local Plan development 'Call for Sites' has led to some misunderstanding in the village. At this stage it must be remembered that no sites have been assessed in any way and have no standing as development sites until thoroughly evaluated against all development criteria. They are only suggestions by interested parties, some of which have been put forward and rejected in earlier Local Plan evolution. It should be noted that in the Greater Cambridge area sites for 220,000 houses have been suggested while only between 5,000 and 30,000 are actually required.

This year's Remembrance commemorations are to be held mainly on the Recreation Ground, with details provided elsewhere in this edition. Wreath-layers are requested to please contact the Clerk about picking up wreaths stored at the Pavilion, and to consider a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in lieu of the cost of purchasing a new wreath.

Girton Parish Council meetings are currently being held via 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 17th November and Tuesday 15th December.

A full list of Councillors can be seen on page 34.

Appeal for Sleeping Bags for Jimmy's Night Shelter

Jimmy's Night Shelter would like to offer you their appreciation for all the donations you have given them this last year, since October 2019. Since then we have been able to pass on an amazing 88 blankets and 67 sleeping bags from Girton – let's see if we can do as well this year!

What a marvellously generous village we live in!

Jimmy's are asking for sleeping bags, blankets, rugs, new underwear, warm winter clothing and toiletries to hand out to their 'guests' and to rough sleepers over the winter months. If you can help by donating any of those that would be marvellous.

NB. They can't take in pillows or duvets unfortunately.

Please contact me and I am happy to come and collect your donations from you. If you are unable to get hold of me then please leave your donations in the back of St Andrew's Church and I will collect them from there.

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From Our Councillors

County Councillor Lynda Harford

Health

As the days shorten and the weather is increasingly less supportive of outside activities, as we all recognise that Covid-19 is still among us with restrictions on our social lives having to continue, I'd like to thank those who are continuing to work on sometimes quite simple ideas to prevent people feeling lonely or to support mental health and wellbeing. We are all aware that nationally numbers of Covid-19 cases are rising and hospital admissions are also increasing. The figures for South Cambridgeshire, whilst rising, remain lower than the national average and certainly much lower than in some of the areas of the country which are, as a consequence, now experiencing much greater restrictions. Now more than ever we need to remember the basics instilled into us from the start, neatly summarised by the government as 'Hands – Face – Space'.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other $% \left(\mathbf{r}\right) =\mathbf{r}^{\prime }$



Wash hands

keep washing your hands regularly



Cover face

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



Make space

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

Flu Vaccination

Please can I urge everyone who is eligible to have a flu jab this year and to encourage others to do so. A lot more people are eligible this year but we have been advised that there is no shortage of vaccine.

I have also been made aware that some parents are concerned that if their child develops a high temperature after having the vaccine, they won't know whether or not to isolate and book a test for Covid-19. The nasal spray flu vaccine can cause a mild fever which should respond to paracetamol. This symptom does though make it difficult to distinguish from Covid. The important thing is the timing. If it occurs soon after the vaccination, it is more likely to be due to the vaccine. Giving a child the flu vaccine can mean that the family is less likely to get flu so less likely to need testing/self-isolation. It is important to get the flu vaccine. There is a lot of helpful information at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/.

Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)/ Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA)

The GCP board met on 1 October for what has been described as a 'milestone' meeting, with the mayor having been invited to attend and participate. The

meeting went well with the mayor stating that a possible alternative Cambourne to Cambridge route would be announced at the next CPCA Transport committee meeting at the beginning of November, and that joint officer working between the two organisations would be ongoing.

Household Recycling Centres

A reminder that opening times from October to March are: Monday to Sunday 9am—4pm (or dusk if earlier) and you still need to book an appointment to visit the recycling centres. Bookings can be made on line at: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/booking-system-for-household-recycling-centres.

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch with me recently. Please do continue to contact me with your comments and questions.

Take care. Stay safe.

Lynda

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A View from the District

At Council on 24 September we were pleased after national negotiations to be able to raise our earlier 2% pay award to staff to 2.75%. It is still a poor reward for the sterling work our officers have performed during this testing period.

The leader of the opposition had a motion to oppose bullying, with a number of resolutions to it. The administration put forward an amendment which to their annoyance I had to rule inadmissible. They proposed an alternative amendment to refer the matter to Civic Affairs Committee which was put immediately to the vote thus removing the opposition's opportunity for a debate. I guess a Chair who annoys both sides might be seen as impartial. And we do already have a Code of Conduct which outlaws bullying.

We also approved a motion to explore the possibility of taking over from the police the authority for imposing fines for parking offences; and one to support a parliamentary private member's Local Electricity Bill.

The Centre for Public Scrutiny (now the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny, CfGS) has investigated our scrutiny processes; its members spent some time with us before Covid struck, and we have only just had a response and a Webinar on their findings. Their comments were very helpful and I hope in time will lead to better scrutiny, though the subsequent meeting of the Scrutiny Committee was very similar to its predecessors.

I have had a long meeting with Warren Forsyth who is now in charge of the Eddington development. The consultation on Phase 2 has just ended, although the University has yet to consider whether Phase 2 should go ahead at all. We discussed the roadside verges: the planting of them as wildflower sites has been a great success and I am hoping that Girton may emulate it. Eddington will be happy to help. I also raised the question of whether the much-vaunted water saving built into the design of Eddington has actually been realised, but am told that this will not be known for at least another year.

The District Council is offering all staff and Councillors a free flu vaccine, a sensible step as our exposure to Covid in South Cambs is significantly increasing, though Girton Ward remains one of the safest places. Let's keep it that way: please remain vigilant with facemasks and handwashing and distance.

Last month I mentioned that the Call for Sites for the Local Plan has resulted in a very large number of proposals: some seven times the need; and that officers are now sifting through the result, weeding out the manifestly unsuitable. Opposition members have accused the administration of creating unnecessary fear by releasing the figures so early, although this is an officer issue, not an administrative one. It makes a change from previous charges of a lack of transparency. Meanwhile we are preparing a robust response to the Government's White Paper on a complete overhaul of the planning system, and assessing how it will affect the way we proceed with our Local Plan. I shall also be responding separately, but the consultation will have closed by the time you read this.

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

District Councillor Tom Bygott

District Council unlawfully withheld Parish Precepts

It has been confirmed by South Cambridgeshire District Council's Administration that in April this year, when parish councils were contacted to be told that the District would need to delay some of the payments to the parishes, the District Council had no legal powers to do so. The legislation states that 50% of a parish's precept must be paid to the parish within one month of the start of the financial year. Opposition District Councillors were informed after the parish councils had been contacted.

Some of my colleagues raised the legality of this but never felt that they had a satisfactory answer. This led to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance making a statement at September's Full Council meeting on the matter. This can be viewed on the SCDC website. Whilst I appreciate we are all living through difficult times, if we as non-executive members of the council could see that what was happening was unlawful then there is no reasonable excuse for cabinet members not to have been aware. Below is a link to The Local Authorities (Funds) (England) Regulations 1992 for more information about the payment requirements and interest on late payment of funds: www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1992/2428/contents/made.

Civil Parking Enforcement

At September's full council meeting, a motion was passed for the District Council to look into taking over parking enforcement. South Cambridgeshire is one of only 13 authorities in England that does not have Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE). With the level of serious crime that our police force is dealing with, it is understandable why they cannot devote a large portion of their time to parking problems. If the District Council were able to enforce parking within its area, it would have a real chance of tackling local parking problems.

This motion had cross party support and it gives the possibility that something can be achieved to reduce the parking misery faced by many of our residents, improving the lives of those most seriously affected. The Government is also consulting on extending CPE powers to include parking that obstructs the pavement. The consultation, which closes on 22 November 2020, can be found at: www.gov.uk/government/consultations/managing-pavement-parking/pavement-parking-options-for-change.

Note that the enforcement of existing laws and the creation of new parking restrictions are separate issues. We will need to pay close attention to ensure that having a civil enforcement power does not create an incentive to introduce new restrictions purely to raise revenue or to extend the reach of the 'nanny state'. The point is that having regulations that are not enforced creates a situation of lawlessness, and this erodes the civic fabric of our society.

National Test & Trace support scheme

Residents receiving certain benefits can now apply for a new Test & Trace self-isolation support payment of £500 if they lose income as a result of not being able to work.

The Government recently announced the new payment, aimed at helping make up for any lost income people face due to having to stay at home and self-isolate, and tasked local authorities to have this in place by 12 October, with payments backdated to 28 September.

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District Councillor Tom Bygott

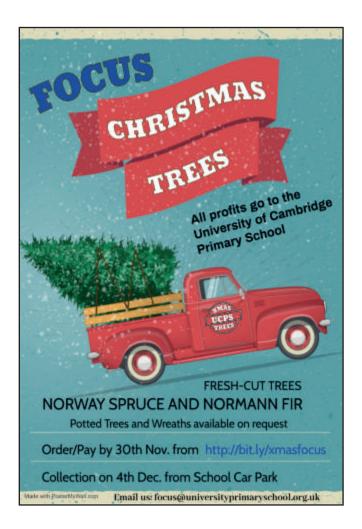
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An NHS Test & Trace ID number, bank statement, and proof of employment or self-assessment returns will need to be provided. Payment is sent within three working days. Applications can be made at: www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus/self-isolation-payment.

More information can be found at: www.gov.uk/ government/news/new-package-to-support-and-enforceself-isolation.

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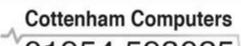
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All of the children have settled into preschool very well and they are learning many independence skills. The children are all changing their own shoes, putting on their coats, helping to tidy up and

washing up themselves after snack.

Last week, we made pizzas. The children chose from a variety of toppings and we discussed our likes and dislikes and trying new things.

At Forest School, the rainy days have created a muddy slide which the children were very keen to try out! We have been learning about safety regarding items found in the woodland such as berries and mushrooms. We have also been delighted to see many squirrels and hear the frequent birdsong. We seem to have some very friendly robins who visit us at Forest School every week!

At Cotton Hall, the trustees have provided us with some wonderful new children's coat hooks which are in rainbow colours. As rainbows were a symbol used widely since the coronavirus pandemic began and we re-opened the preschool during this time, it seems appropriate and hopeful that we have some rainbows in the setting. We may even continue the rainbow theme by adding them to other things too!



We have received many donations of resources since we opened including role play toys, books, art and craft supplies and even a cardboard campervan! We are very grateful for all the resources, and we would like to let all of the kind donors know that the children are making use of

everything they have received. Pictured is some of the artwork created with some of the lovely art and craft supplies.

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We are delighted to announce that we will be re-starting Bobtails Baby & Toddler Group's Monday sessions at the Girton Pavilion in November. In accordance with Government guidelines, we will be stringently following all precautions so we reopen safely. The number of attendees will be limited and all tickets must be booked online before the session. There will be a number of changes to the set up and running of our sessions as the safety of all our attendees is paramount. However, the essence of Bobtails will remain the same – a friendly, welcoming group that gives parents, carers and young children a space to meet and play in the heart of our village. We will be detailing all of the safety measures and changes to the running of our group on our Facebook page, website and in our emails.

We totally understand that some people might not feel ready to attend our sessions again yet and we look forward to seeing you again once you do. For those babies, toddlers and carers who would like to come along, we can't wait to see you and we look forward to continuing to build a supportive community for young children and their families in Girton.

For further information, please visit our website www.girton-bobtails.org.uk, our Facebook page www.facebook.com/BobtailsGirton, and if you would like to sign up to our email group, please email girton.bobtails@gmail.com. Please note that Thursday sessions are under review and will not be re-starting at the moment.

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GREEN F NGERS

I finished my last article 2 months ago on a pessimistic note: we had been warned that blight was about to strike, threatening the ruination of potatoes and tomatoes. I was about to set out for 2 weeks' holiday, and not wanting to return to rotting potato tops and tomato plants and fruit, I lifted and stored potatoes, and picked all tomatoes, red through to green. These were spread on trays indoors and we returned to huge quantities of ripe tomatoes. And in fact the blight alarm was fake news. The site here in Girton escaped the fungal disease almost entirely. (And to think, Monty Don suffered it even in his greenhouses!)

My reason for starting on a personal note is that it leads me into one of my themes this month. I cleared my plot and sowed field mustard (green manure) by the end of August. But a month and a half later many plots are continuing to contain healthy plants and their fruit. In particular all over the site trusses of ripened tomatoes, free of blight, still hang from their parent plants. Pickings of runner beans are still to be had. The growing and producing season does seem to have been a long one. One factor was that by mid-March, with lockdown restricting other activities, some members were drawn to the allotment and started operations early. That's certainly why I was able to clear my plot by the end of August (and enjoy Girton-grown tomatoes, courgettes and potatoes while looking out over the River Fowey estuary, with no worries about blight-infested plants back home).

And on the subject of the seasons, a fellow member and I had been discussing the many manifestations of



A confused pear tree

climate change and seasonal shifts. He sent me a picture taken in October, in his garden. A pear tree with beautiful white blossom. To mis-appropriate Band Aid's famous Christmas song: "Does it know it's autumn?"

Returning to the allotment site: wandering around, there is a real harvest festival. In addition to all the tomatoes and late beans, laying on plots, waiting to be taken home into store, are many varieties of exotic squashes, pumpkins and butternut squashes. Remaining in the soil, to over-winter and provide fresh vegetables between now and the spring, are leeks,

broccoli, kale, cabbages, sprouts, carrots and beetroot. Each time I list the range of vegetables, I feel a pang of regret that I severely reduced my plot holding last year. I would like to pay tribute to an enthusiastic couple who took a plot bordering mine; they took it over well into the season when the previous holders had to relinquish it for personal reasons. The new members threw themselves into the challenge with admirable gusto, each evening bringing and planting all sorts of young plants; erecting frames and supports and protections. Their plot was soon teeming with growth and by now has produced a splendid harvest.

Occasionally I like to feature a particular vegetable. Looking back to my first ever article (7 years ago! Time to hand over for some fresh ideas?) I found that I recommended ruby chard, as much for its lovely red stems as for culinary merits. I never actually grew it

myself (though I did get a few plants this year from a packet of outdated seed). There are some fine stands of it around the site. The red stalks, braised or steamed, have the edge over the white Swiss chard. And the attractive red stems could grace a garden's herbaceous border amongst the flowering plants.



Ruby chard

From the start of Covid times, there has been much discussion on radio and TV and in magazines about the contribution of horticultural activities to physical and mental wellbeing. I would like to suggest a book for your Christmas lists (receiving or giving): The Well Gardened Mind: Rediscovering Nature in the Modern World by Sue Stuart Smith. Here are some selections from reviews. "This is a glorious book of science, insight and anecdote that shows how our understanding of nature and its restorative powers is only just beginning to flower." And "An important and timely book ... Beautifully written, drawing on a lifetime's experience as both a clinician and a gardener, and I urge everyone to read it." And "A compelling and deeply moving account of how profoundly our wellbeing can be affected through contact with gardening and the natural world."

P.S. Since completing this article, I heard from a couple of members. Not everyone escaped tomato blight. They were destroying their diseased crops. The virus seems to have been selective. The lesson is probably: harvest early.

Graham Jones Girton Allotment Society

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News for Older Residents



Armistice Day Walk

I hope there will be plenty of interest in this event from 10.30am on Wednesday 11th November. Walks of different lengths will be planned, all of them pausing at 11am for 2 minutes to remember the fallen in both wars and in more recent conflicts.

In line with Government restrictions, the maximum number of participants will be 30, in groups of up to 6 people. At all times, walkers need to keep more than 1 metre and preferably 2 metres apart. Booking with Sam Clift is essential and can be done by phoning Sam on 07850 740072 or emailing him at *samclift@ntlworld.com*. Much more information is given in the Club 55 article on page 29.

Feel free to keep yourself safe by wearing a mask or face covering and/or by regularly using hand sanitiser. And, as the saying goes, 'There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing.'

Talking Together

The Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise (COPE) discussion groups are proving popular. This is not surprising as each series has a choice of six interesting topics and the groups are accessible to anyone who has a phone, whether landline or mobile. So, no technical knowledge is necessary.

The next series will be in January 2021. I may not have the topics and dates in time for the January magazine (I didn't for the October series), but if you give me your contact details, I will make sure you get the information as soon as possible, either by email or with a leaflet.

The Talking Together organisers are looking for future leaders, particularly in the areas of music and history, but they are also keen to have suggestions of other possible topics. Group leaders do not need to be experts, rather they are guides encouraging participation in the group. They are given training beforehand and supported appropriately. Do get in touch with COPE on 01223 364303 or email them at cambridgecope@hotmail.com if this is of interest to you.

Research Participants wanted

Researchers at the University of Kent want to know how well social care services are supporting people with a dementia and their family and friends. They are keen to hear from carers of people with dementia who live at home and use at least one type of service, e.g. home care, day activities etc. Participants will be asked to fill in an on-line survey. I can email you the leaflet or for more detailed information contact Dr Barbora Silarova on 01227 816166 or by email at b.silarova@kent.ac.uk.

Jigsaw puzzles

Jigsaws are a good way to pass the time. It is surprising how absorbing they can be. I have one old jigsaw (500 pieces) to pass on and will possibly have more in coming weeks. I am very happy to facilitate a jigsaw exchange over the winter.

Patricia Johnston, Older Residents' Co-ordinator Tel: 07649 660866

Email: patricia.johnston@ageukcap.org.uk



Garden Tip of the Month – November

Last month I tackled the dark and mysterious world of roots, but as soon as I'd sent in my copy, I regretted excluding a lot of other facts about roots, so I thought I'd share a few more now. Generally, grasses and other monocots quickly abandon their tap root in favour of a network of finer fibrous roots. The overall length of a wheat plant's roots measures tens of kilometres! Most broadleaved plants establish a tap root and a branching system of lateral roots, which in time can provide strong support and anchorage: remember how hard it is to pull up a dandelion! The youngest roots arrayed with tiny root hairs absorb water and salts in solution, which are synthesised and circulated through the plant. Roots need to breathe to grow, and consequently suffer when the soil is too compacted or waterlogged, unless they have adapted to challenging situations, such as the aerial roots of mangroves and some others which delight in the name of pneumataphores. Where conditions are particularly harsh or lacking nutrients (obviously not in your garden) plant growth may be given a boost by a symbiotic relationship with mycorrhizal fungi. Plants may exchange some of their stored energy for nutrients, particularly phosphates, which the fungi can source through their extensive nets. It's easy to buy these now, but as there are so many variables, they are not always helpful.

Lastly on roots, they can be used for propagation. I haven't tried many but they do work for perennial poppies, phlox and many alpines. Apparently, the reason they are so little used by gardeners is that until the mid-20th century they were usually taken during the growing season, whereas they work best when dormant. Sadly, whatever time of year you cut through the roots of couch grass, bindweed and ground elder they generally multiply and thrive!

George Thorpe

Girton Social Club

48 Cambridge Road, Girton. Tel: 01223 276890

We are a small friendly social club situated in the centre of Girton. Children welcome

We hold various events throughout each month including:

- · Quiz Nights, Play Your Cards Right, Family Games Night
- Discos & Karaoke, Live Music
- Fortnightly Bingo on Fridays which includes a jackpot for members
- Summer Barbeques

We also have a modern pool table, darts/skittles and a juke box with all genres of music.

Reasonably priced drinks

Opening Times

Monday to Saturday 7.30pm to 11pm, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 12.30pm to 3pm

Annual Membership: Adults £10, Senior Citizens £3.50, Armed Forces £1

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CODEWORDS

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

The solution is on page 31.

WORDSEARCH - Theme - Did you enjoy the TV Tennis too?!

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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EASTBOURNE	OVER	WIMBLEDON
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The Girton Rotary Memory Café

at the St Vincent's Close Community Centre, Girton – 1st Friday of each month, 10 am – 12 noon

The Girton Memory Café celebrated its 9th birthday in March 2020 with a lively party enjoyed by all who came. That's an amazing 108 monthly sessions in an unbroken run – except for one extremely freezing and icy morning that was hazardous to everyone!



Singalong time

It's a consistently safe and enjoyable place to be with a jolly atmosphere and many willing hands to help, and is now part of the fabric of our village's life. The aim of the events is to bring together those with memory loss and their carers and to stir up nostalgic memories with songs and stories and poetry from more youthful times.



Holidays - Jerry entertains

Rotary is one of the largest community service organisations in the world and there are four local clubs in this area. Cambridge-South Rotary Club has several members in Girton, and when the idea of forming a Memory Café was raised there were quickly several volunteers involved. It has gone from strength to strength, developing a momentum of its own and maturing as the years have flown by.

On the first Friday of every month the enthusiastic team of volunteers gathered by the club set up their drop-in pop-up café in the comfy Community Centre. Between 10am and 12 noon coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits are served, free to all comers who enjoy a cosy chinwag and a singalong with our resident group of singers, players and raconteurs, who are supplemented by special guests every now and then.



Dance - clogging

Liz and John Bellm have been central to our entertainments and bring together a talented bunch each month. Our special guests have included the Flukes Ukelele Band, guitarists Brian Lawless and Jerry Harrison, the Girton Musical Theatre chorus, local Clog Dancers and Personal Trainer, Iain Bachelor



John has played since the beginning

Every month has a different theme and costumes, and activities vary to suit. Our Christmas party of course involves Santa Claus, his elves and a present for



We sing along with the Flukes

everyone, while our March birthday parties always include a lovely handmade cake and a sample of the last year's themes, while January often sees outrageous pantomime costumes that get more elaborate every year.



Christmas chocolate treats for all

Recently we have been the first item on the Village Feast calendar. We especially enjoyed embracing the Pirate and Space themes and are busy planning for next year.



Our pirate kings!

Over our time many well-known faces have come along to join in the fun. Andrew Lansley MP with Douglas de Lacey came to mark our original opening

in the WI Hall in 2011, then Heidi Allen and colleagues came to see us. In 2018 Cambridge TV were doing a project on local dementia care and took some well-chosen footage and interviewed Liz and John to great effect.



November Remembrance entertainment

Richard de Horsey has been a driving force from the start and has been our host since the beginning. With his wife Wendy he ensures that we all co-ordinate well each time. He is evangelistic about how effective and supportive such cafés can be and often gives talks to encourage new cafés to set up. So far these have included St Neots, London, Trumpington, and most recently Cambourne.



Refreshments

If you would like to know more about the Girton sessions or such Memory Cafés in general then please do get in touch with Richard. See website for next dates and themes – www.cambridge-southrotary.org.uk. Just come along – hope to see you there!

NOTE – Due to the Covid-19 lockdown we have of course had to cancel April to December this year. We were in touch with the Feast Committee and were guided by their decisions on July. We are missing our get-togethers and are really looking forward to getting back to normal. We have every hope of running a Covid safe Pantomime Day – Friday 8th January 2021. Watch out in the GPN for further news!

Sian Franklin

scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

Despite the really cold weather our annual club internal competitions came to a successful conclusion with a pared-down, Covid-compliant finals day. This consisted of a ladies and mens final, a pairs final and the David

Rodgers knockout trophy. Our ladies singles winner, for the third time, is Janet Graaff, who proved too strong on the day for Evelyn Fryer. We have a new mens singles champion in Alan Benton who played extremely well to beat Paul Foster. The pairs winners were Carey Horton and Trevor Dean who came from behind to finally overhaul Alan Benton and Alan Birch.



The Dave Rodgers Triples Trophy winners were Elaine Benton, David Horton and Dave Fryer, who won all three of their matches.

Our Chairman presented all the trophies and went on to

thank all the members who had played throughout this very unusual season. Well done to all our worthy winners. He then announced that the bowls green, for the first time, would be staying open during October, for our members to use. As a result of this a member has organised a couples/ partners round robin tournament

which is proving very popular and is being played throughout October. Six couples have entered and to date three rounds have been played.

Disappointingly, all the plans for playing indoor bowls at Chesterton Bowls Club, in a





fully Covid compliant way have had to be put on hold. This is due to a major refurbishment being carried out which includes replacing all the ceiling lights. The start date has now been put back to the beginning of November.

Finally, it has been agreed that this year's AGM will not be held,

but that the business will be done by email, seeking approval from the members for the proposals and reports. Emails will be sent out to all members in due course.

Our end of season maintenance programme will begin when the green is closed and will consist of mowing, scarifying and feeding and fertilising the grass in preparation for next year. Again, a big thank you goes to all our maintenance team who have enabled us to play throughout the year.

If you are interested in finding out more about joining Girton Bowls Club, please contact our secretary Margaret McCall at *margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com*. You can also visit our website at *www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com* to catch up with events and see photos of our activities to date.

Lynne McGill



Girton Golf Club

Despite the incredibly variable weather the golf course at Girton remains busy with people thoroughly enjoying themselves. This past month has seen a number of competitions and internal matches slotted into the full tee sheets. The course is looking

wonderful, verdant and lush, but after all that rain what else would you have expected from our team of brilliant green keepers?

The club house continues to offer refreshments during the day and, after the clocks change, we will be open from 10am to 5pm, 7 days a week. Due to demand, we have extended our menu to include daily specials with favourites like ham, egg and chips, shepherd's pie, curries, scampi and burgers, in addition to our normal fare of baked potatoes, paninis, baguettes, sausage rolls and bacon rolls. We are very pleased to welcome all

social and playing members and visitors who fancy a drink (great coffee) or a beer during the day. We ask everyone to wear their mask in the club house until seated and offer table service in a socially distanced lounge.

We will soon be announcing the return of our monthly foodie evenings with fish and chips suppers, curry nights, pie evenings and more. We will be very limited on numbers so look out on our website or in your email, if you are a social member, for notices asking you to book, and then get in quick!

We have had over 100 new playing members this year and are delighted to see so many new faces at the club. However, we do still have opportunities for more so whatever your age or experience (if any) come down, chat to the office, have a look around and join us. We have a number of categories to suit your needs and pockets, and as a new member told me in the bar last week "I looked around at all the golf clubs in the area and you were by far the friendliest." 5 and 7 day members at Girton also get to play at over 60 other golf clubs for free. Ask for more information on 01223 276169 and select the office (3).

Hope to see you soon at Girton Golf Club.

Alan Henderson-Smith Tel: 01223 276169 www.girtongolf.co.uk



Girton Tennis Club

Many of us will have enjoyed watching some excellent tennis during October when the French Open Championship managed to take place over 2 weeks in Paris. At the time the Covid situation

was getting much worse and much of Paris was being kept closed, including the bars. Roland-Garros normally attracts a huge crowd of spectators but this year they limited ticket sales to 5,000 per day. At the last moment this was reduced to 1,000 and the organisers had to ballot the 5,000 and refund those who were unsuccessful. All attendees had to wear face masks, apart from when the players and the match umpire were on court, and many other significant restrictions were imposed – not least getting all players to stay in the same hotel with strict access controls. Even with this very difficult situation the organisers managed to stage a competition with over 200 matches. All British singles players were knocked out in the first round (including Andy Murray) but the televised coverage allowed us to see many very talented young players as well as the continuing dominance of Rafa Nadal in the men's singles.

Closer to home we do not have courts where we can close the roof but the weather still allows us to enjoy outdoor tennis. The junior supervised sessions will have finished by the time you read this but Victor and Alan Richardson must be congratulated for organising these again over the summer and autumn seasons. Up to 28 young players turned up per week and, with much help from parents, enjoyed developing their tennis skills.

At the time of writing, we continue to allow members to book the courts for exclusive use by up to 6 people. Friday evening club nights continue to operate but do please check our website for the latest information as changes could occur very quickly in response to Government and LTA regulations.

Our club membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March. If you are still considering joining our friendly club, we can offer a 50% reduction in fees for the remainder of this year. Just make contact using the details below.

Details about our activities can be found on our website *www.girtontennisclub.uk* or by contacting our Membership Secretary Kevin Keeves on 276660 or by email at *info@girtontennisclub.uk*.

Alan Franklin



Girton Netball Club

A death's-head hawkmoth made a surprise appearance at this week's netball training at Girton Recreation Ground. The giant moth, a migrant species rarely seen in the UK, appeared on the court in the middle of match practice. The brown and

gold winged insect, named for the distinctive skull-like markings on its thorax, rested on the court surface for a

few minutes before taking off and heading for the trees.

"At first we thought it was a small bat or bird as it was so large, but on closer inspection we saw that it was a giant moth that had perhaps become confused by the floodlights" said team captain Melanie Gulston.

The moth's type was later confirmed as a death's-head hawkmoth (Acherontia) by a local lepidopterist.



Winged attack – a hawkmoth (Achero death's-head hawkmoth local lepidopterist.

Extra players of the (ideally) human kind are always welcome. We meet every Monday between 6.30 and 7.45 pm for skills practice and friendly match play. Come and try us out. Email: *girton.village.netball* @*gmail.com* or Facebook: Girton Netball Club.

Emma-Louise Longden

Girton TownCharity

Delivering valuable help to our Village residents

2020 has brought challenges for everyone, including organisations working in our Village to provide support to older and more vulnerable residents. Here we talk to two which are funded by Girton Town Charity – Cam Sight and Age UK – which have both found innovative ways to continue their work in challenging circumstances and been a lifeline to many.

Cam Sight runs a Rural Support Scheme for Girton residents and the arrival of COVID-19 in March meant its work was significantly impacted.

The charity's clients are particularly vulnerable – in terms of their visual impairments and the difficulties this brings with social distancing – and also because a significant proportion are elderly with additional health complications.

Keeping safe

However, in order to keep its clients as safe as possible from

the risk of Coronavirus, the Cam Sight team took the decision in March to suspend all peer support groups and other face-to-face activities.

During a time when many other charities had to close, the team acted quickly, implemented new systems and set up all staff to work from home so that they could continue to support clients during lockdown when their feelings of isolation, fear and loneliness were exacerbated.

Jenny Medcalf, Client Services Manager at Cam Sight who was appointed in April said: "Working from home, our staff were committed to make regular welfare calls to all of the clients on our database. This included those who were currently interacting with one or more of our services, as well as others we have supported in the past. This was important to us because we believed that lockdown might bring new challenges to people who had already gained a level of independence.

Regular calls

"This resulted in 116 welfare calls to 22 visually impaired residents in Girton and the surrounding villages, with the frequency of calls depending on the needs of each person, some receiving weekly calls, some fortnightly and some monthly.

"Although a telephone call can never replace face-



to-face human interaction, or the benefits of socialising with friends, at least we were able to provide a consistent and friendly listening ear through some difficult months.

"Time and time again, clients talked about fear, and loneliness – this was equally the case for those living alone as it was for those living in care homes as restrictions increased and left them contained in their own rooms with visitors disallowed.

Support

"This meant providing ongoing emotional support to visually-

impaired Girton residents through depression, bereavement, illness and cancelled hospital treatment, as well as giving practical support and advice on virus updates, accessing priority shopping slots, dropping off vital medication, maintaining eye health and management conditions and helping clients to understand technology so they could stay connected with family and friends."

The service provided by the Cam Sight team was clearly appreciated by Girton residents with such feedback as: 'Your call reminded me I haven't been forgotten', 'Every time you call, I feel happier' and 'You've given me more help than anyone else and knowing that I could just phone you was the main thing'.

Reassurance

In addition to Cam Sight, Village residents benefit from two schemes delivered by Age UK – the Community Warden and the Older Residents' Coordinator – both of which also had to adapt their ways of working to continue providing their services during lockdown.

Community Warden Fiona needed to get in touch regularly with those on the Scheme, offering reassurance to help with feelings of anxiety and isolation, especially for those with no family nearby.

Girton TownCharity

Risk assessments were put in place to ensure the safety of both staff and residents and although indoor home visits were not allowed, doorstep and garden visits were introduced where possible. Once restrictions eased, home visits were reassessed and protocols put in place to help resume them where needed.

Fiona says: "The pandemic is showing more than ever the need for schemes such as the Community Warden. Since we have been able to do home visits again – within Government guidelines – they have been a significant help to so many people who really look forward to seeing us."

Keeping connected

Patricia as Older Residents' Co-ordinator encountered similar challenges with face-to-face visits and holding events but stayed in contact by telephone and email to keep connected with residents.

Since lockdown measures began to ease, Patricia has carried out socially-distanced visits and also organised outdoor events for older residents at the Recreation Ground.

Ann Bonnett, Chair of GTC said: "We are so grateful to both Cam Sight and Age UK for finding innovative ways to continue supporting our Village residents during lockdown and beyond. With both activities focusing on contact with people, this has been challenging but the ingenuity they have displayed has been hugely appreciated. As we remain in a period of uncertainty regarding Coronavirus, finding ways to stay connected will continue to be important."

If older residents are feeling isolated or would welcome additional support, please get in touch with Fiona or Patricia at Age UK or Jenny at Camsight through the GTC office or directly:

Age UK: Patricia Johnston, Older Residents'

Coordinator for Girton Tel: 07469 660866

Email: patricia.johnston@ageukcap.org.uk

Fiona Bennett, Age UK Warden for Girton Tel: 07967 827843 Fiona.Bennett@ageukcap.org.uk

Cam Sight Jenny Medcalf, Client Services Manager Tel: 01223 420033 jenny@camsight.org.uk

NOTICE

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Applications are invited from residents of Girton or those having a close connection with the village, who meet qualifications laid down by the Charity Commissioners.

Request an application form from the GTC office, complete this and return together with your written expression of interest to Ann Bonnett, Chair of Trustees.

Closing date 13th November 2020.

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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Marc Bermann t: 277319
Colin Carr t: 276312
Dr Robin Hiley t: 277296
Patsy Smith t: 575288

GTC office:

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News from Girton Glebe Primary School

School Reopening

Autumn 1 Summary

This half-term, our pupils and staff have worked so incredibly hard, under very

different circumstances, and it has been such a pleasure to see our classrooms alive with such engaging and inspiring learning. Topics have included themes such as pirates, WWI, the geography of North America and rocks and fossils. I have loved hearing about this work directly from pupils and they have talked with such enthusiasm about the learning that they have been engaged in. The work that they have produced has been of an incredibly high standard and the classrooms look amazing!

Mike Mullen, BMX Academy

On Wednesday 14 October we were delighted to welcome Mike Mullen back to Girton Glebe to deliver workshops on growth-mindset and resilience to pupils in Year 3 and Year 5. Mike is a former BMX world champion who now presents motivational talks and demonstrations in schools.

Mike spent the morning with our Year 3 pupils then the afternoon with our children in Year 5. Fortunately, the weather remained dry as all activities were based on the playground in the open air. Throughout the day, the children spent time learning BMX skills and completed workshops on positive self-talk and overcoming fears.

Music Provision Returns

This half-term we are pleased to be able to reintroduce music tuition to Girton Glebe pupils following the period of school closure. Significant responses to Covid-related procedures had to be considered in order to allow the safe return to our 1:1 teaching timetable but we are now thrilled to hear the sounds of piano, guitar, keyboard and violin gracing our corridors once again.

September 2021 Early Years Visit

On Saturday 7 November we will be hosting an open day event for parents of the September 2021 Early Years intake.

The Open Day will be held between 0900 and 1530 and will be split into timed entries to the school at 15-minute intervals. On arrival, I will greet parents at the main school doors and will be free to answer any questions you may have about Girton Glebe. I will then walk you down to the Early Years learning environment where you will have the opportunity to meet our teaching team and see the indoor and outdoor spaces. Within the classroom, you will also be able to look at learning journeys and pupils' work, but we request that you wear gloves (provided) if you wish to do so.

Following this, you will be able to discuss other aspects of school life with a member of the school's Governing Body.

Visits are strictly limited to one session per family and, to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff, we have a number of necessary restrictions in place, all of which are outlined below:

- If any member of your household is displaying Covid symptoms prior to your visit, please do not attend
- Facemasks must be worn for the duration of the visit
- Hands must be sanitised on entry to the school
- Gloves must be worn if you wish to touch any of the pupils' work or resources (these will be provided outside the classroom)
- Visits begin promptly every 15 minutes so please be on time for your booking
- We will be operating a one-way system around school and, following your tour, parents will leave the site via the gates next to the pavilion. All tours will begin at the main school doors.

To book a visit, please do so by accessing the following link: *girtonglebe.com/early-years-open-day*.

Mr Andrew Spenser Headteacher @GirtonGlebePS



Friends of Girton Glebe School

The Friends of Girton Glebe (FOGG) are sad to announce that due to Coronavirus restrictions the FOGG Christmas Fair

will not take place this year. We hope that we can organise this great community event for Christmas 2021 and would like to take the opportunity to wish you all well and to thank you for your support for our Christmas Fair in previous years.

Although it may seem early we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas in whatever form it takes this year.

Friends of Girton Glebe Registered Charity 1098145



CamCRAG collection for Refugees

St Andrew's Church Saturday 28th November 11am-3pm

CamCRAG is a registered charity which was set up in 2015 to send regular convoys of volunteers and aid from the Cambridge region to help refugees coming into Europe, with a focus on northern France and Greece. We collect donations of food and clothing, hold fundraising events, fund projects overseas and raise awareness of the refugee crisis.

Prior to lockdown we organised weekend convoys to a warehouse in Calais. There, clothes were sorted, tents repaired, food prepared, firewood chopped and aid distributed to refugees.

We support many other groups, both with practical tasks such as preparing food in the kitchens of Refugee Community Kitchen and by giving them financial aid.

CamCRAG is run entirely by volunteers, so all the money we raise goes directly towards providing aid. Some of our more inventive members have begun projects such as providing the refugees with ponchos to be used as wearable blankets and creating practical, easy-to-use tents from surplus materials.

Since the closure of the Jungle camp in Calais, refugees have been driven to set up temporary camps, which are subject to frequent police clearances. They still need tents, sleeping bags and clothing.

In Greece, the recent fire at the Moria refugee camp has left thousands of people without any shelter or possessions. We are shipping vital items to them on a regular basis. We are always overwhelmed by the generosity of our donors and hugely appreciate the use of the space at St Andrew's, Girton to help us with our work.

Please see our website for details of the items we are collecting: *camcrag.org.uk/donating/#donategoods*.

Alison Richman (Donations Coordinator)

Obituary - Susan Baker

Residents were sad to learn that Susan Baker died on 24th September following a long illness.

Susan was head teacher at Girton Glebe from 1980 until 2004. Many children and families in Girton will remember her enthusiasm for every aspect of school life, her support of pupils, families, school staff and the wider community, all of whom benefited from her wealth of professional knowledge and experience which she continued to use in her own community after her retirement.

Susan lived in Burwell with her husband Philip, and had two children and five grandchildren. She was a member of St Mary's Church, Burwell, teaching in Sunday School, and supporting and taking a leadership role in many areas of church life, particularly work with young people, children and families.

She was actively involved with Ely Diocesan Mothers' Union where she spent 12 years as Archdeaconry Vice-President and as an outstanding Diocesan President. Her innovative work in Wisbech, employing a family worker as well as piloting Stories on the Street, was very forward thinking – as she often was. She visited Rwanda twice and brought back many activities and ideas from Mothers' Union branches in Africa.

Ann Bonnett



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There is no Red Gold in Girton College Grounds

If you wander around the grounds of Girton College this month you will spot drifts of autumn crocus (Colchicum autumnale) bringing some late-season colour and beauty. Many of their flowers seem to drop at the slightest hint of stress, giving them a slightly mournful appearance. This is not the edible variety; although saffron crocuses do produce their harvest at this time of year, the autumn crocus is highly poisonous and not to be confused with the saffron crocus (Crocus sativus) which produces 'red gold', in one of the most inefficient plant-mass-to-yield crops in all of agriculture. The threads/stigmata of the saffron crocus represent less than 0.5% of the total plant mass, but when harvested they are transformed into an exotic and fragrant spice. Normally the saffron crocus flower has six 'petals' - though to be botanically correct they should be called tepals – and three stamens or saffron threads. Occasionally they produce extra threads, resulting in the four-threaded 'princess', the fivethreaded 'queen' or even the vanishingly rare sixthreaded 'empress'.



Saffron crocus

Although most commercially cultivated saffron now originates in Turkey, Iran, India or Greece, the UK does



Saffron crocus

have a long history of cultivation, though the plant is not native. Some suggest that it was brought here by Phoenician sailors scouting for Cornish tin, but more probably it arrived with the Romans, and cultivation was continued by the Anglo-Saxons. Its use in medicine and in dyeing are well understood and recorded, and the Anglo-Saxon word croh from the Latin crocus lives on in place names like Croydon, once meaning somewhat incredibly to the modern eye - 'valley growing with saffron'. There is a proud East Anglian tradition of saffron cultivation (Saffron Walden being the most obvious reference) and one of the 29 demands by the leaders of Kett's Rebellion to Edward VI in 1549 included fencing for saffron grounds. In recent years UK saffron production has undergone a renaissance, and home-produced saffron with its unique scent, flavour and warmth is once more available.

Enjoy the autumn crocus in the College grounds while you can, and to find out more about some locally produced saffron, go to www.norfolksaffron.co.uk.

James de Winter ng@cambridgescience.co.uk



Remembrance

Sunday 8th November is Remembrance Sunday.

The Government has issued guidelines for Remembrance ceremonies. These state that only the following should attend such ceremonies:

- people attending as part of their work
- people attending in a voluntary capacity on behalf of a recognised organisation
- members of the armed forces
- veterans of the armed forces, and/or their representatives or carers.

Members of the public are legally permitted to stop and watch the event as spectators, but must observe the Rule of Six and social distancing rules.

The Church and Parish Council are preparing for a short service of Remembrance on Sunday 8th starting promptly at 10.50am and lasting for no more than 30 minutes. This will take place on Girton Recreation Ground around the Pavilion. The whole service will take place outside, so if you do wish to attend please dress appropriately for the weather.

If you will attend as one of the above categories, please contact the Parish Clerk with your personal details. If you wish to 'stop and watch' as the guidance says, you do not need to do this, but you must keep appropriate distance from everyone else and wear a mask if possible.

Please do not attend if you have any coronavirus symptoms or have been advised to self-isolate. Please do not gather before 10.40am, and disperse quickly and safely after the service. Stewards in hi-vis jackets will be in attendance – please follow their instructions. Please avoid parking in the car park if possible. At the end those laying wreaths will go to the War Memorial, so please make space for them and resist the temptation to gather around.

This year it might be appropriate for those at higher risk of coronavirus to remain at home. An order of service will be available on the church website. If you don't have internet access and would like a copy put through your door please contact the church (details on page 33). We are investigating the possibility of broadcasting this service online. Details will be available on the church and Parish Council websites closer to the time.

There will be no ceremony at the War Memorial on the 11th of November, but it is hoped to broadcast the Last Post from the Pavilion at 11am.

At the time of writing we are hopeful that these events can go ahead, but new and revised guidance is appearing on a daily basis and the risk level may change before the date. Please pay attention to updated guidance from the authorities and **please check the**

Parish Council or church website for any last minute updates before coming out. You can also call 01223 755091 for a recorded message with the latest information.

Our hope is that we will be able to honour those who have given their lives for our freedom and to commit ourselves afresh to ways of peace. We will be doing all we can to make this important annual commemoration safe for all involved but we are reliant on your good sense in deciding whether or not to be present, and for your thoughtful conduct in leaving space for others if you do come.

Revd Michael Bigg Douglas de Lacey Haydn Williams



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Email: girtonpa@yahoo.com

(Wreaths from last year are held in the Parish Office and should be available from the Parish Clerk 01223 472181 in exchange for a donation as in previous years.)





Fresh Air

Club 55, Patricia Johnston, our Older Residents' Coordinator, and Girton Walking Group get together to offer you the chance to meet some friends and to get some exercise and fresh air by inviting you to:

An Armistice Day Walk in the Woods

Wednesday 11th November 2020
From outside
The Pavilion on Girton Rec
Toddle, Ramble or Walk
in Girton Wood
or just chat on the Rec
Bring your own flask and biscuits
Remember our fallen heroes
Read all about it & contact us
using the details below

It is very difficult to plan anything with any certainty in these Covid-19 days particularly when we hear that instances of the virus are increasing every day. However, this is what we propose: we will organise some walks in and around Girton Wood of varying lengths and for varying abilities. There will be a 'toddle' for those who just want a short walk at a very manageable pace, a 'ramble' for those that want to walk a bit further and faster and a 'walk' for those fitter people who may join us. The walks should vary in distance from approximately half a mile for the shortest walk to a mile and half for the longest one. You have a choice of joining whichever walk you prefer. The emphasis will be on exercise, fresh air and safely meeting friends for a chat.

All relevant Covid-19 rules applying at the time of the walks will be complied with and track and trace details will be taken. Social distancing will be a must.

At the time of writing people may meet in the open air in groups of six and we intend to meet in this manner. There will be a designated group leader with up to five other members in each group provided that the rules do not change before the walks take place. You are asked to let us know that you will be attending and you must give your name and phone number so that we can easily contact you in emergencies, allocate you to your groups or to cancel the event. Just telephone or email using the details at the bottom of this article.

Bring a flask of hot coffee, tea or soup and a snack to enjoy during a break in the walk. We also hope to have a two minute silence to remember our fallen heroes on Armistice Day. Wear a poppy if possible.

At this present time I am trying to arrange for the Last Post to be played on the Rec at 11am so that hopefully it will be heard in and around Girton Wood to indicate the time at which a two minute silence will begin. It is by no means certain that I will be able to organise this but enquiries are in hand.

Anyone may take part in the walks but they are aimed at those over 55 years. You do not have to be a member of any group and I reiterate that the emphasis is on getting our older generation out for some exercise, fresh air and friendly banter.

You may also congregate on the Rec ground just to chat but you must stay in your allocated groups not exceeding six. You **must** let us know you are coming so that we can deal with the Covid-19 rules. Please note that other people may be on the Rec taking part in different activities.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we as a club, like many other clubs in the village, have not been able to meet since March to enjoy each other's company. I hope that provided there are no changes to the Coronavirus rules we will be able go ahead with these walks and that you will back us by joining us.

The planned walks will be taking place in November, not the most friendly of months weather-wise. It is suggested that you keep an eye on the weather forecast and dress accordingly. Warm waterproof clothing or an umbrella might be required and good shoes always.

There is not much other news from Club 55. Our Monday morning Zoom meetings are still taking place regularly and you are all welcome to join us at 10am for a forty minute chat using the link below: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2189337550?pwd=bXNYK0k0cDFzOExmcXNkNCswKzFhZz09.

Just drop in and say 'Hello' and let us know you are OK. To join us on Armistice Day you **must** telephone or email using the details below.

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Hear the Song

When the 'Song of the Humpback Whale' was released onto the commercial market, it became a best-selling musical phenomenon. Originally found on recordings designed to detect the presence of foreign spy submarines, the songs emerged as unearthly, haunting and heart-grippingly beautiful. The tapes had captured an interplay of sonic cadences that led eventually to a revolution in the conservation of a species being pushed to the brink of extinction through multinational whale fishing. The human consciousness was awakened to the possibility that untabulated, unrestricted slaughter would rob the planet of one of its most majestic, intelligent, but little understood gifts to the natural world. Sadly, the exploitation of resources still subsumes any consideration of the ultimate loss of species, but the thinking population has been alerted to the danger of depriving eco-systems of vital entities, plants and creatures that contribute untold and as yet undiscovered benefits to well-being and natural balances. All of nature sings its testimony to the rhythm and flow of life, regeneration and companionship.

The songs of humanity express the whole gamut of emotion and experience from the formality of pomp and circumstance and the archives of history in folk songs, to the dirge of mourning, the dance of celebration and the wistful dreams of romance.

A debate has risen in recent times over the contentious lyrics of our end-of-Prom season songs, but these are not merely an irrelevant harking back to times of global trade and dominance. They remain themes of aspiration that our land will always continue to be a place where hope and glory, in achievement, will flourish alongside justice, freedom of speech and worship, and will promote opportunity for education and enterprise. They encapsulate our longing for assurance of autonomy, security and creativity in all its diversity.

So too with the hymns that accompany us on our spiritual journey. 'Be Thou my Vision' invites the God of all knowing to lighten with wisdom, the horizons of our inner sight. 'The King of Love my Shepherd is' unites thankful hearts in praise and gratitude for loving provision and guidance. 'I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me' signals a commitment to the mission of sharing the good news of salvation through faith in the atoning life, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

When Jesus, in company with his disciples, gathered to

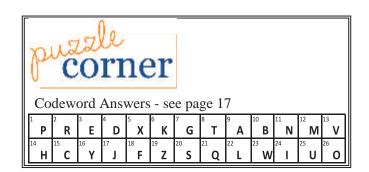
sing the Psalms of his forefather, King David, what thoughts must have passed through his mind as he contemplated the prophetic aspects of the Suffering Saviour (Ps. 22), the Good Shepherd (Ps. 23) and the King of Glory (Ps. 24). With divine insight he would have anticipated future times when the songs of his people would be wrenched from them in that occupied and subjugated land. Yet scripture records that 'for the joy set before him, he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God' (Hebrews 2 v.2).

The music of Heaven reaches down to heal the painful wounds of the past, to set feet leaping on the heights, to create a brand new song in the cleansed heart. It has been said, 'Man's heart is the harp from which the divine hand produces the richest music,' but all nature joins in the refrain, each species with its own unique contribution and harmony.

'Love songs from heaven are filling the earth, bringing great hope to all nations. Evil has prospered, but truth is alive, in this dark world the light still shines.'

N. & T. Richards

Iris Niven





RSPB Fen **Drayton**

Visitors to Fen between spring and

autumn will likely have seen at least one of the cattle herds grazing around some of the reserve lakes. This grazing is one of the most important tools at our disposal for managing our wetland habitats and mimics the actions of large, native herbivores that would once have been common.



Cattle eat by wrapping their tongues around grasses and other vegetation and pulling it up in clumps. This creates an uneven, patchy sward consisting of tussocks and differing plant heights. They are also good at trampling the lake edges to create mud and small pools and pushing their way through denser scrub to create open areas. By grazing the wet grassland around the lakes with cattle we provide suitable nesting habitat for breeding waders such as lapwing and redshank, as well as maintaining the areas for wintering waders and wildfowl.

Interesting sightings

September is always a good month for bird watching with many migratory species on the move. Regular birders at Fen Drayton Lakes were rewarded for their efforts this year with several good sightings including whinchat, spotted flycatcher, wheatear, redstart, wryneck and osprey.

Away from the briefly seen migrants, wintering species are starting to build up with wigeon and teal once more on site. Bittern have also been seen more regularly on Elney and in flight between lakes.

Volunteering

Whatever your interests are, there is likely to be a volunteering role to suit. For information about volunteering opportunities at Fen Drayton Lakes, please get in touch: email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk or telephone: 01954 233260.

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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Please also refer to our Facebook page which is updated daily.

If you would like to donate some of your spare time while you are staying safe at home, pop over to our volunteering page for some ideas.

If you have been spending your lockdown tidying, we are still welcoming donations of craft materials.

We need to find alternative storage space for the items we have for sale. If you have a garage or a shed that you are not making full use of would you consider letting it out to our charity?

Unfortunately, we are still unable to open our tea bar in Clinic 21 at The Rosie Hospital.

**** UPDATED COVID VISITING **INFORMATION** ****

Restrictions put in place are being reconsidered. Some are being lifted but other areas may remain with visiting restrictions in place as the priority has to be the safety of patients. All other visiting will stop – this is to include all inpatient areas, including the antenatal and postnatal ward.

Thank you for your support.

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Sunday Services: November

1st 10.00am Holy Communion 7.30pm Taizé Service (by Zoom)

8th 10.00am All Age Service 10.50am Remembrance Sunday 6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

15th 10.00am Holy Communion

6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

22nd 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) **10.00am** Morning Prayer

29th 10.00am Holy Communion

Weekday Services: November

Tuesdays, 9.00am Morning Prayer (said) **Wednesdays, 9.00am** Morning Prayer (said)

On Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, there will be a short act of remembrance – please see page 28 for details.

The Taizé service is being held remotely using Zoom usually 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.

St Andrew's is also 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.

Please check the church website for up-to-date information (www.girton.church).

Girton Baptist Church



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Sunday Services

1st 10.30am Zoom Service

6.30pm Girton Baptist Church

8th 10.30am William Collyn Community Centre

15th 10.30am Zoom Service

22nd 10.30am William Collyn Community Centre

29th 10.30am Zoom Service

All are welcome. For Zoom please ring 07751 748757 or email *pastor@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk* so we can send you a link for the service.

A Bible verse:

'From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' (Matthew 4:17)

Verse 1 of a Hymn:

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us O'er the world's tempestuous sea; Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, For we have no help but thee; Yet possessing every blessing If our God our Father be.

Prayers from the congregation:

'The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?' (Ps. 27v1) What a beautiful, encouraging verse to start this new day ... Thank you Lord that your eye is ever upon us, your protection surrounds us and underneath are your everlasting arms. What an awesome God! May we live this day according to your good will and purpose to your honour and glory. Amen

Father, thank you for the morning, the daytime and the night. Thank you for my comfy bed where I can find uninterrupted joy in your presence. Please be with my friends everywhere, especially those who are weary or unwell. Breathe the blessed balm of your Spirit into our souls and graciously grant the refreshing gift of sleep to renew us all, so that we may awaken tomorrow, aware of your near presence. Amen.

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

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Rubbish Collection

People in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire are being asked to make sure disposable face coverings and masks are put in their black wheelie bins at home, to help control the spread of Coronavirus.

The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service has already seen disposable PPE such as face coverings, masks and gloves in the blue recycling bins, despite none of these items being recyclable. With a rise in use expected over the coming weeks, waste bosses are urging people to keep caring by disposing of the items correctly, which will help ensure recycling is not contaminated, and control the spread of the virus.

Bin collections November

Thursday 5 November Blue and Green bins

Thursday 12 November Black bin

Thursday 19 November Blue and Green bins

Thursday 26 November Black bin

Thursday 3 December Blue and Green bins

Mobile Library

Mobile Library services resumed from 21 September. Access to the vehicle will be limited to keep staff safe. You can pre-order books using the Select and Collect service online, or by calling 0345 045 5225. Simply choose the Mobile Library as your pickup point and order as far in advance as possible (preferably 1 week ahead). Any books borrowed can be returned to any Cambridgeshire Library and books from other libraries can be returned to the Mobile Library, but late books will incur charges. For more information visit cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/mobiles.

Thursday 26 November 2020

Thornton Court	09.40 - 10.00
Abbeyfield	10.05 - 10.50
Cotton Hall/Church	11.00 - 11.30
Orchard Close	11.35 - 12.00
St Vincent's Close	12.05 - 12.30
Gretton Court	12.35 - 13.00
Churchfield Court	13.05 - 13.30

Contact numbers for bookings

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