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New editor for GPN



Rob with his dog Truffles

We are delighted to announce Rob Neal as the new editor of the Girton Parish News. Rob is taking over the role from Angela Blackburn who has been editor for the last eight years.

Rob, 44, has lived in Girton for eight years with his young family, and his two sons both attend Girton Glebe Primary School.

After leaving university, Rob was a reporter at the Bury Free Press for two years before moving to the Cambridge Evening News where he worked on a busy news desk producing six editions a day.

He is now Head of Communications for a leading UK law firm and in his spare time is Assistant Manager for the Girton Colts under-11s football team.

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At our November meeting, the Parish Council heard from a resident about structural problems with Oakington Road Bridge, and in response to concern expressed by another resident, we reiterated our commitment to the retention of ancient pedestrian and equestrian rights of way (ROW) following the A14 Upgrade. The County Council is to be asked to conduct a safety assessment on the bridge in light of increased through traffic due to changes in access to the A14 and M11. Councillor Harford is investigating the ROW issues. Other items discussed included the advertisement for a Parish Council-appointed Trustee of Girton Town Charity. The advert appears elsewhere in this issue and parishioners are urged to consider whether they could usefully fulfil this important role. Also in this issue is a report on a PC initiative to develop rewilding of some open spaces in the village. Please read and respond with ideas and suggestions.

Unfortunately we are in receipt of numerous complaints about dog waste. The incidence of dog excrement on Parish open spaces remains a significant problem and dog-walkers are again strongly encouraged to clean up after their pets for the sake of our community. We must also remind readers that dogs should only be off-lead in the designated area, i.e. on St John's Field only (that is the one directly behind the Recreation Ground). New signage is to be designed and installed to clarify the dog walking routes and where dogs can be allowed to run free.

The provision of the new RTPI at the bus stop at St Andrew's Church was greatly welcomed but we are appalled to report that this was vandalised almost as soon as erected. Repairs are now being expedited via County Councillor Lynda Harford. This follows the recently reported damage to the gel dispenser at the Recreation Ground play area. Any information on either of these incidents will be gratefully received in confidence.

But Christmas is coming, with plans afoot for Carol Singing in the village which are reported elsewhere in this edition. It's hoped that, lockdown measures notwithstanding, we may still be able to 'join together' in this activity. Elsewhere in this issue is an article on Christmas lights which the Council fully supports. We shall try to hang our lights on the Pavilion and Cotton Hall as usual. Please check the Parish and Church websites for any new information on arrangements for

any activities that might be organised at short notice for the festive season.

On behalf of the village, the Parish Council offers grateful thanks to retiring Girton Parish News Editor Angela Blackburn for all her hard work and diligent long service. Under Angela's editorship the GPN has become a vibrant, engaging (and indeed award-winning) reflection of our community. Thank you Angela for all you have done, and continue to do, for Girton.

At the close of this tough year, thanks are also given to the many residents who have helped our village throughout the pandemic. It has been so heartening to see the acts of kindness and neighbourliness which have sustained us at this time, and we are particularly grateful to all the 'Helping Girton' volunteers and street-based WhatsApp groups in the village.

The Chairman, Councillors and Staff of Girton Parish Council send all best wishes to residents for Christmas and the New Year.

Next meetings:

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 on page 34 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 15th December, 2020, and Tuesday 19th January, 2021.



From our Councillors

County Councillor Lynda Harford

Health & Wellbeing

The second nationwide lockdown is hopefully over as you read this, but the prospect of isolation, against a backdrop of short days and weather that does nothing to encourage outdoor activity, won't be welcomed by many residents who live alone. Thank you to the Parish Council for reactivating the support that was in place during the first lockdown. Another local group is now working on a 'memories' project to help get everyone through this difficult time. It is providing full information in this issue so I won't steal its thunder by going into detail but it has my 100% support and appreciation. Please do participate and help others to do so too.

Libraries

The county's libraries continued to offer a limited service during lockdown including the Select and Collect option. Full details of what is currently being offered can be accessed at:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries

Household Recycling Centres

The Council also continued to maintain the full Household Recycling Centre service with 2 metre social distancing measures in place during lockdown #2. High numbers of residents are still either booking slots and then not showing up, or not making bookings before arriving at the sites where prior booking is required for all users. The site operatives are still taking a light touch approach on enforcement but ask please that people use the centres in accordance with the measures that have been introduced to maintain public safety at a difficult time. To book a visit go to:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres or for anyone unable to go on line, the phone number to make a booking is: 0345 045 5207.

Highway verges

The County Council is reviewing the way it manages its highway verges with the ambition of implementing a policy that will provide the greatest environmental benefit. This month I attended a workshop which included a presentation from Dorset County Council on the impressive changes it has made. The council will take learning from this and from others with experience, to create a verge management regime that will improve biodiversity and generate other benefits including long term financial savings.

Education

Our schools are doing a fantastic job and the County Council's Director of Education continues to provide

supportive daily communications for all headteachers. The current advice is that all those in the clinically extremely vulnerable group should work from home, which obviously impacts on staff numbers in school and thus the way that schools manage the education they offer. Recently too, for one South Cambridgeshire primary school, a small number of confirmed Covid-19 cases has resulted in large numbers of both pupils and staff having to self isolate, leading to a week long closure. In the local area numbers of confirmed cases in schools are generally very low. Please support our headteachers and their teams during this difficult time.



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 Harford

lyndaharford@icloud.com; 01954 251775/07889 131022; follow me on Twitter: @2whit2who

A View from the District

It was very exciting to see my blue bin emptied into our first all-electric waste lorry. Its purchase is part of our drive to reduce emissions and air pollution. At £400,000 it is more expensive than its diesel counterparts but the whole-life costs should be lower, quite apart from its other benefits. We hope to replace the rest of the fleet in due course.

The consultation on the planning white paper has now closed; as well as endorsing the Council's response I submitted my own, which I can forward on request.

The University is proposing to disband the Board which manages the Eddington site and replace it with a new Board to manage all the University estates. There was a formal discussion on the proposals at which I spoke. It was an opportunity to expose some of the many failings of the current management of the Eddington development, and I hope that whether or not the new Board is approved the University will address them.

The Civic Affairs Committee on 3 November gave very close scrutiny to the proposals for a new Parish of Northstowe; I believe we were able to approve the most popular option and satisfy most of the Parish Councils'

concerns. This now goes to full Council. We looked at the bullying issue remitted to us from Council and I am pleased that the Tories and Liberal Democrats had worked together on a proposal acceptable to all sides.

As Chairman I was due to plant a memorial tree to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War; this has had to be postponed at least until December, and possibly indefinitely. Instead I just recorded a memorial message for our staff and social media.

Remembrance was very different this year. I recorded a message for our staff, and was at the War Memorial on both Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day; I am very pleased that the Rector ensured on both occasions that whatever could be done was done.



Remembrance Day Girton

As I write we are still in lockdown; and however December pans out for you I wish you the joy of the message of Christmas and the hope of a new year which may bring relief from the oppression of this year.

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

First electric bin lorry arrives

The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service – a partnership between South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils – has taken delivery of its first all-electric bin lorry. The new vehicle has five battery packs storing 300kWh of energy, supplying 200kW of power to its electric motors. It is substantially quieter than existing bin collection vehicles. Fully loaded it weighs around 26 tonnes and will typically take around seven to eight hours to recharge, easily completing a full day of collection rounds and returning to the depot with charge remaining in the battery.

The Shared Waste service has around 55 diesel collection vehicles, using around 50,000 litres of diesel a month at a cost of approximately £55,000. Electric vehicles are not only more environmentally friendly but are easier to maintain as they have fewer moving parts. Battery technology has advanced to the point where, despite the distances between our villages, electric vehicles are now suitable for this role. I hope that this is the first step towards replacing all of the Council's diesel-powered vehicles.

Next steps for the Cambridge Autonomous Metro (CAM)

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Board will consider the latest version of the CAM Sub-Strategy at its meeting on 25 November. This has been updated following the successful public consultation that was held from May to July, in which the majority of responders supported the objectives.

A new organisation, One CAM Limited, has been incorporated to deliver the metro, including its tunnels under Cambridge city centre. The Chairman of this new body is Lord Robert Mair CBE, a Professor of Engineering at Cambridge University and one of the world's foremost authorities on tunnel engineering. He has been involved in the design and construction of the Jubilee Line Extension, HS1, Crossrail and currently HS2. He also has international experience with metro projects in Amsterdam, Barcelona, Bologna, Florence, Hong Kong, Istanbul, Rome, Singapore and Warsaw.

The Combined Authority is testing the market for technologies, innovations, designs, operational systems and commercial ideas which could enable the CAM to be delivered. An initial procurement phase, called a Standard Selection Questionnaire, was held in October and early November and a selection process has resulted in ten suppliers being invited through to the next phase, called an Invitation to Tender. Tenders from the current phase are due back on 4 December, after which three top scoring tenderers are eligible for contracts to develop their conceptual designs in full. Three sequenced milestones – 'stage gate' reviews – will follow, ensuring that the best possible designs will be ready in March 2021.

Also ongoing is work to determine the detailed route for the metro, taking over the existing guided busways and developing new routes to Waterbeach, Haverhill, Mildenhall and St Neots via Cambourne. Of the four tunnel portals that are required, the location of the Western Portal and the route to Cambourne will be the most difficult decision, because of the high quality of countryside around Coton, Madingley and the American Cemetery.

I support an extended underground route with a portal to the west of the Madingley Mulch roundabout. This is likely to be more expensive than a surface route but would be the best environmental choice, as it would

preserve the best of our countryside and the settings of our villages.

I would like to wish everyone in Girton a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cllr Tom Bygott
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Rewilding Girton

Many of us have been inspired by the beautiful wildflower verges in Eddington. Such areas are essential for insect pollinators and as habitats for small mammals, beetles etc., all of which are necessary to maintain the health of our environment, and in the long term, the survival of our planet.

Girton Parish Council is keen to carry on this initiative into Girton village, and so has set up a small working group with a view to having at least some wildflowers by the summer of 2021, on road verges and open areas. We intend to expand this work over the course of the next few years. We aim to bring beauty to the village, give pleasure to both residents and passers-through, and most importantly, do our bit to ensure the survival of the animal and insect life that is so important to our environment.

We would welcome ideas for locations and of course, volunteers to bring expertise and practical help with the work. We hope to involve some of the many community groups in our village. If you would like to be involved, please contact:

Councillor Andy Griffin (Chair of the Working Group) on red7rebel@aol.com, 07956 447674

or

Councillor Mary Rodger (Vice Chair of the Working Group) on mary.rodger32@gmail.com, 01223 277316, 07985 584224.

We will keep the village informed about the progress of this project through regular articles in the *Girton Parish News*, and on the Girton website.

Andy Griffin and Mary Rodger



Christmas Tree Shredding

Sunday 10th January 2021
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by golly
have a holly jolly
Christmas



Brownies

Girton Brownies

In these times there are certain words of the Brownie Promise and Law that take on a new meaning: 'to serve our community' and 'to do a good turn every day' are particularly relevant. Girton Brownies has been running for 49 years; I have been involved for the past decade and walking around the village during lockdown I was reminded of quite how many lives have intersected with my own and the Brownies during this time. From an attempt at flower arranging with the WI for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, litter picking on the Rec, selling programmes at the Girton Feast, attending the Village's Service of Remembrance, and Christmas Carol singing at Girton Green, Gretton Court and Arlington Manor. We are proud to be part of our community.

Each week we start our Brownie meetings with the girls talking about their good turns: tidying their bedrooms, emptying the dishwasher, helping a friend at school or a neighbour. The girls think about the contribution they can make to improving the world we live in.

But Brownies is above all about having fun and helping girls to express themselves and grow into confident individuals who are willing to try new things and explore the world around them. Whilst we are currently meeting online we are still enjoying games, activities and singing each week and I was delighted to welcome new Brownies to the unit in September. We are very much looking forward to getting back to our 'normal' meetings as soon as possible.

If you would like to volunteer with Girton Brownies or register your daughter (girls aged 7–10 years) to join the unit, please get in touch.

Merry Christmas from Girton Brownies!



Brown Owl / Jen
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Creating a safer
Cambridgeshire

Are you riding your e-scooter illegally?

E-scooters have increased in popularity in recent years but they are only legal to ride on private land with the landowner's permission or as part of a government trial.

Officers in Cambridgeshire are reminding people that riding an e-scooter in public when it is not part of an authorised trial is against the law and can result in penalty points, a fine and the vehicle being seized. It is also illegal to ride a Segway, Go-Ped or powered unicycle on public roads, cycle lanes and pathways as they are not considered roadworthy vehicles.

Chief Inspector Rebecca Rowley-Smith, from the Roads Policing Unit for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, said: 'With trials of rented e-scooters taking place around the country, some people are purchasing their own in the mistaken belief they can legally use them on public paths and roads.'

'This is not the case and we are finding that otherwise law-abiding citizens are inadvertently breaking the law in this way.'

'Some parents are giving them to children to travel to school. It is important to highlight that many e-scooters have a maximum speed of 15.5mph and some are able to exceed this, which can be dangerous for the rider and pedestrians if they are involved in a collision.'

'Our focus is engaging with members of the community and making them aware of the law regarding e-scooters.'

'Offenders who knowingly and persistently break the law will be dealt with appropriately.'

For more information about government trials of rented e-scooter, go to www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users

PCSO 7087 Tony Martin
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Launch of countywide Test and Trace service

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough contact tracing service launched in mid-November.

Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council will be working closely with NHS Test and Trace to contact people who have tested positive for Covid-19, giving them help, advice and support to self-isolate, in a further bid to crack down on the pandemic.

Both councils have staff who have undergone special training in contact tracing and who will be following up on people who have tested positive for Covid-19 but have not responded to a call or email from the national service, asking them for details of their close contacts.

Council staff will initially make contact by phone, text or email asking people to call a local number. If this fails, staff carrying local authority ID will make house to house visits to reach those people who have tested positive. They will be given advice and support on how they can stay isolated to break the chain of infection, and prevent it spreading to their household contacts. They will also be asked to share details of others they have been in contact with. Anyone who is concerned by being contacted can call the council or local community hub to check the identity of the tracer on 0345 045 5219.

We know that the quicker we can reach people who've tested positive and get them to isolate – and get them to share details of who they've been in contact with – the quicker we can break the chain of infection.

Information will be provided by the local team about the support available for those who need to isolate, including the £500 payments that are available for people who have been asked to self-isolate, where this has led to a loss of income.

How the system works

- If the national NHS Test and Trace service is unable to make contact after 24 hours with anyone who tests positive, they will refer the details into our new, local Cambridgeshire contact tracing team.
- The local team will receive this information daily, seven days a week.
- The Cambridgeshire team will contact people, initially by phone/text/email, and this will show up as a local number or come from an official council email address. The person will be asked to contact a local number.
- If they can't be contacted by phone/text/email after another 24 hours, we will send a council member of

staff to the person's address to speak to them personally.

- We will provide advice to them, get details of their 'contacts' and then update the national system with this information.
- The national process and service will then take over and contact the close contacts of the people we've been in contact with. The loop currently ends there for us in Cambridgeshire.
- When our colleagues make contact we will also see if people need any support or help – this could be financial support if people are unable to work, or support to shop for food, get medication or undertake essential household chores etc.



2020 Poppy Appeal

This year we reflected on and celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the end of the 2nd World War. We had hoped that this special year would help achieve a successful campaign for the 2020 Poppy Appeal, but Covid intervened.

With neither a stall at Sainsbury's allowed nor any House to House collections this year, we had to rely on donation boxes at locations throughout the village. Some of these collecting points were then shut down as we headed back into a second lockdown.

In spite of everything stacked against us, this year Girton raised the sum of:

£2113.78

I would like to say massive thank you to all the businesses who had collecting boxes on display in the village and to everyone who donated money in these difficult times.

Wendy Ripley
Poppy Appeal Organiser Girton



Dear Girton Parish News,

As residents of Wellbrook Way, we were very pleased when the fenced grass area was established next to the play area.

This has been well used over the summer by a variety of people. For example, when allowed the local children have enjoyed playing with our puppy, and ball games have moved off the street and verges into the safer fenced area. Recently, however, notices have gone up stating dogs must be on leads and no ball games. This seems to us, and neighbours we have spoken to, to deter the majority of the current users unless they are willing to ignore the signs!

Obviously the Girton Town Charity do their best for the village but this seems a very disappointing decision.

*Kind Regards,
Kate Rothwell
30 Wellbrook Way*

Girton Town Charity replies:

After the land was transferred from the Parish Council to GTC, we consulted with the Wellbrook Way Residents' Association and explained that GTC would be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the William Collyn Community Garden and would be erecting signage (carried out in September) to reflect the fact that private land was being made available for use by our community.

The terms of use reflected on the signage were focused on ensuring the provision of a safe and social area, suitable for use by all members of our community, whatever their age. I am sure you will appreciate that this was unlikely to suit everyone's individual preferences but it was felt important to include broad guidelines for those enjoying the space. Now that the play park has re-opened, this garden offers an alternative and appropriate space for a wider range of activities.

*Yours sincerely
Ann Bonnett, Chair of Trustees
Girton Town Charity*



Dear Girton Parish News,

Moving back to Girton after a couple of years away, I was beyond disappointed to find that the recent A14

works have cut off Girton to the south-west and west from the public rights of way and surrounding countryside. The countryside towards Madingley and Dry Drayton is arguably the most attractive in the area. Previously it was possible to walk from Washpit Lane and reach both of these villages. Both routes have now been unnecessarily severed. There remains a more southerly route to Madingley, but a circular walk is no longer possible, and Dry Drayton is even more unpleasant to reach than before.

We may have new 'NMU' routes, but the one alongside the A1307 'access road' is conspicuously inaccessible from the village centre except by a long and unpleasant diversion, heading out of the village to the south (along the still-existing route to Madingley) and then backtracking north-west (crossing over or under the A14 three times!). The new path heading north-west to the Dry Drayton Road bridge is even more exposed. Previously, from Washpit Lane it was possible to traverse the interchange fairly swiftly and be back in green surroundings, at least in the direction of Madingley, as care was taken during the construction of the M11 to provide an underpass at Bulls Close. Recent works appear instead to have gone out of their way to cut us off. Formally speaking, the key link we are losing is Girton bridleway 6, a very short route across the A14 and A1307 slip-roads to the aforementioned underpass (now also closed).

It may not be too late to save this link in the short term, and to use this as a stepping stone to demanding something better in the medium term. Despite the many changes during the work, the route of the bridleway is still clear except for one fence. Formally speaking it is only 'temporarily' closed until the end of December; it is then due to be extinguished, but there are several reasons to believe this may be averted or undone. I would be glad to hear by e-mail (srk@cantab.net) from anyone interested in joining forces to preserve this link. I also put some more detailed background at the following URL: <https://srk31.user.srcf.net/girton>.

Stephen Kell

Lawrence Parker

Feeling blue

Lawrence has been confined to a wheel chair for some years now and until recently lived away from his home village due to his health problems. He has recently returned to Girton, now living at 110 St. Vincent's Close. He would like to make contact with some of his old friends so if you know him please help cheer him up. He is happy for you to ring him on 01223 635381. Please give him a call.

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

As the bowls green was kept open during October, we were able to organise a late season partners' pairs' competition for those members who wanted to play. The final between Margaret and Geoff

McCall and Elaine and Alan Benton was unfortunately played in horrendous wet conditions and had to be shortened to 12 ends, the winners being Elaine and Alan Benton. Thank you to all the players who took part in what was a very enjoyable addition to a very unusual season.



Elaine and Alan Benton

Following this, the green was closed for the winter, and our maintenance team got to work. The ditch mats were lifted, jet washed, dried and put away and the benches and the wooden perimeter fences were given a coat of preservative paint. On the advice of our greenkeeper, Steve, the green should be allowed to breathe over

the winter, so it has been vigorously scarified and heavily aerated before giving it a treatment for moss. We will continue to aerate through to March, when hopefully we can then start to prepare it for next season's bowling. Our thanks go to all those members who helped to put the Bowls Club to bed for the winter.

Due to Government Covid 19 restrictions and in common with many Clubs and Associations around the country, we were not able to hold the AGM as a meeting. The Committee therefore opted to conduct all the necessary business by email. All club members were sent copies of the agenda, together with all the relevant reports from the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and other reporting Committee members covering the Indoor/Outdoor League, publicity, and maintenance of the bowls green and the club.

The re-election of those Committee members willing to stand again, and those newly proposed Committee members was also put to the vote for approval.

The Indoor Bowls season came to an abrupt halt, due to the month-long lockdown, but hopefully will

commence once the restrictions are lifted. Sadly, our Club's annual Christmas dinner has had to be cancelled, so disappointingly our competition winners will not receive their trophies and prizes in the usual way.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas, a peaceful and healthy New Year. Let's hope 2021 will be a better year for everyone.

You can visit our website at www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com to catch up with events and see photos of all our activities to date.

Lynne McGill



Girton Netball Club

Bouncy balls and babies



Training has been paused for the past three weeks because of lockdown. We're looking forward to getting back, not least because we have a new batch of training balls and a brand-new match ball to play with courtesy of our England Netball membership.



Happy Christmas to all from Girton Netball Club



Christmas comes early to Girton Netball Club

Two members of our lovely club will be going on maternity leave soon. We'll be so sorry to lose them, albeit it for a short time (they've promised to come back). But we're delighted that the next generation of Girton Netball team is already in development.

Emma-Louise Longden





Girton Tennis Club

It is customary to start our December report with greetings and best wishes to all readers. This year, more than any other in the history of the GPN, the tennis committee would firstly like to

thank our members for adapting to the ever-changing Covid requirements whilst still enjoying outdoor tennis in Girton. Over the Summer we were delighted to run supervised sessions for junior players and these proved to be more popular than ever. Alan Richardson and Victor Travieso, ably assisted by several parents, made sure these sessions ran in a safe and enjoyable way. It is great to be encouraging the next generation of tennis players so thanks again to all helpers.

As I write this report we are in the middle of a second Covid lockdown period. Despite best efforts from the LTA and other interested parties, it was not possible to persuade the Government that outdoor singles tennis playing would continue to be safe and provide excellent exercise opportunities. This is a great shame, but it has meant that all tennis venues have had to close for the time being. The lockdown will be reviewed on the 2nd December, so by the time you read this, it may well be that the courts are open for members to book again. Please refer to our website for current information.

Last year in December we published a photo of several members at a Club night wearing Xmas attire. Not having the opportunity to take a similar photo this year I thought the picture below captures some empty courts just waiting for players again. Who knows what magic lies at the end of every rainbow!



Very best wishes for a healthy and happy Xmas holiday.

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



Girton Colts Football Club

Happy December everyone!

The club has been successful in being included in the Coop local fund again. We are so grateful to them for the money that they have

donated to the club and this all goes into part funding of kit to ensure our players need only worry about their game.

Other news is that we hope that our new Under 5s will be starting in January after a delay from our planned start as the second lockdown hit us all. If you have a child that might be interested in joining, please do get in contact so we can keep you updated as to when this will start.

Kevin White, our U13 manager and fixture secretary, is stepping away from the club. His work in assisting the club grow from a couple of teams to now 8 teams has been very valuable and his input and assistance will be missed. Thank you, Kevin, from all of the club.

There isn't much team news to report on as we've been in lockdown, but let's see what happens in December.

If you're a resident in Girton and want to play football then please do get in contact. If we don't have spaces available on a team, then we are happy to look at alternatives, either just training or even starting whole new teams if we can find enough players. I'm keen to get more girls involved at the club and if you are interested then please do get in contact. Please contact teamsec@girtoncolts.co.uk for more information.

Member News

Under 9 Team: During Lockdown 2, Girton Colts Under 9s set themselves a virtual challenge to travel Europe to visit relatives they can't meet. This is through walking, jogging and cycling and so far we have amassed an incredible 2000KM. From leaving Girton we have passed through Dover, Calais, South of France, Bilbao and now on route to Lisbon. Every player has contributed towards this total and that is what our philosophy is all about – the team comes first. (SD)

Andrew Hawkes, Chairman



Girton Golf Club

Here we are in late November with our golf club closed due to Covid lockdown and not sure whether we will be back out on the course and in the club house when you get round to reading this. Like all sports clubs

this has been a difficult and testing year, but we go into 2021 with renewed hope and expectation.

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Currently we are recruiting for a new Club Professional as after 7 years Alan Fletcher has moved on, so hopefully by the time this arrives we will have an exciting new announcement and appointee. Lots of changes then, including the following new Chairs of Committees: House, Mark Lawton; Greens, Alan Benton; and Members Liaison, Barbara Laman. They all have my best wishes and thanks for standing up when needed.

Over 110 new members have joined this year, so far,

which shows the huge popularity of our game, and still we welcome new members at all levels of competence and all ages. By the way, we have vouchers for lessons, membership, equipment etc., which make great Christmas presents, and look out for new opportunities for juniors in the coming months. Contact the office for more details on Christmas presents

Many of us have lost friends and family due to this pandemic, or have seen little of our loved ones, but hopefully you will have a great Christmas and a much better New Year. Best wishes from all staff and management at Girton Golf Club.

Alan Henderson-Smith
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Appeal for Sleeping Bags and Blankets for Jimmy's Night Shelter

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N.B. 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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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 are on page 34

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CHIMNEY	PAPERCHAINS	TREE
ELVES	PRESENTS	TURKEY
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WORDSEARCH

Theme:
Christmas!

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

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Mini Sudoku Instructions

Fill in the grid so every row + column and every 2x3 box contains the numbers 1–6.



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If you need medical help fast, think you need to go to an Emergency Department (A&E) or you're not sure what to do, use NHS 111 first – online or by phone – to get clinical advice or direction to the most appropriate services for treatment for you.

You can also help us to help you. If you are over 65, have a long-term health condition or are pregnant, it is more important than ever this year to ensure you have your free flu vaccination. Just speak to your GP or pharmacist to book an appointment. You can also find more information at www.nhs.uk/flu vaccine

Be sure to also stock up your medicine cabinet with winter self-care essentials too. Many over-the-counter medicines (including paracetamol and ibuprofen) are available to help relieve symptoms of common winter illnesses and you can find further information at www.nhs.uk

To help prevent further spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19) please follow current Government guidelines for the area you live in at all times. If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus it's important you get tested as soon as possible. You can apply for a test online via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus, or by calling 119.

To Every House

Hello everyone! Santa has delivered our Parish News to every home in the village before Christmas but our team will continue to deliver it every month from now on as usual. A huge thank you to everyone who gives of their time to produce and deliver this newsletter on a regular basis – and a special thank you to our retiring editor, Angela, who has done so much for us. If you have some spare time and would like to become part of the team producing and delivering this monthly newsletter please contact us to volunteer. So now, if you have the time, continue to read our Panto-rhyme.



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Let's Light Up Girton this Christmas!

At the end of a rather miserable year, we at the *Girton Parish News* would like to encourage everyone to 'Light Up Girton' and put up their Christmas decorations where everyone can see them.

Hang some baubles on your bushes, put some lights in your window, stick a wreath on your door or a bow on your balcony. Let's say Bah! Humbug! to Covid-19 (at least for a little while) and give our neighbours a reason to smile in the dark winter days.

They don't really want us to party
(And it's hard at two metres apart)
But we can still wish you a hearty
'Happy Christmas!' And that's just the start.

Let's try to make Girton look jolly –
Covid's not getting us down!
Hang out all your baubles and holly!
Come on! Let's light up the town!

Girton Community Choir

After my last report 'Never Say Never Again' we didn't have a rush of new members, although we did have one, but we did fit in six Wednesday sessions of singing in St Andrew's with our regular members before we had to go into lockdown once again. We remained socially distanced, wore our masks and didn't sing very loudly (!) so we were adhering to national guidelines. I can't say the experience was quite the same as our usual

sessions, but it was nice to see people face to face, even if half our faces were covered by a variety of masks! I didn't have the presence of mind to take a photo, so you will just have to use your imagination. And we rediscovered just how uplifting singing with others can be. Those

endorphins were certainly fizzing by the end of each session.

Unfortunately, we won't be able to sing to you this year, so apologies to those of you we usually visit. We will miss you and hope normality will be restored in time for Christmas next year. There's something to look forward to.

We wish you all an enjoyable Christmas, even if celebrated rather differently from previous years. And may you have a Covid-free New Year. Remember, one of the best ways of lifting spirits is to sing in a choir, and we would be pleased to welcome you in 2021, as soon as it is safe to do so. Watch this space ...

Jane Williams

Girton Carol Singers:



In normal years, groups of villagers would be spending three December evenings singing carols around the streets of Girton, and collecting money for charity. This has been a regular part of the run up to Christmas for around 60 years, with

up to 50 people involved on our final night last year. We are sorry that it can't take place this year. However, we are very pleased to support the Doorstep Carols, as mentioned below, and hope that it is a great success!

Helen Wilson

Carols on the Doorstep

What are Doorstep Carols? The idea of Doorstep Carols began in Shropshire but it is hoped that people across the country will join neighbours and sing and play Christmas carols, spreading some much needed cheer.

When? Wednesday, December 16th at 6pm. Join neighbours on your doorstep (staying in household bubbles!)

How? Sing along with the radio. The carols will be broadcast on Radio Cambridgeshire (96.0 FM) to help us all stay in tune. Song sheets and simple sheet music are available to download – go to the Doorstep Carol's website www.doorstepcarols.co.uk/Documents

We'd love you to help by organising your own street and encouraging friends and neighbours to sing and play along. Print off an invitation and invite your neighbours – get everyone involved!



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Girton Cottontails Preschool

We have had a lovely month at preschool, busy with lots of exciting activities. The children have been putting on their own performances with musical instruments and there have also been a few wedding parties with dressing up and dancing! This week, we have had a pirate ship role play area complete with lots of treasure to find.

At Forest School we've been very interested in worms and have been studying the ones we've found closely. We also created paper lanterns decorated with leaves. We've been climbing and swinging in the trees and playing lots of hide and seek.

The children have been learning about some of the recent festivals and events including Bonfire Night, for which we made firework artwork by splatter painting. Also, for Remembrance Day we made poppies, which we put into a wreath and went to lay on the memorial at the church. For Diwali, we used beads and buttons to create rangoli patterns.



We were really pleased to have our first visit to the mobile library last month. The children made a few requests for books they would like and were delighted with the selection that the librarian gave them to borrow. Visiting the library and having the responsibility of borrowing books is an excellent learning opportunity for the children, as they understand that the books are not ours to keep and also how well we need to look after them until we return them. There are also, obviously, extra restrictions with the visits at this current time which we discuss with the children, and they have shown excellent understanding of this.

At the time of writing, in mid-November, we are beginning to start thinking about Christmas. Our celebrations are likely to be a little different to how we would have liked them, but we are still looking forward

to having lots of fun with Christmas activities including singing (which we have already started), creating and putting up Christmas decorations, and Christmas crafts.

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Girton Musical Theatre

Girton Musical Theatre is planning to perform *Trial by Jury* in the summer of 2021, Covid restrictions permitting. We hope to use a combination of home learning, online

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We are also holding weekly Zoom sessions to read short drama scripts, and would welcome others to join us for this. It's a good way of practising dramatic readings without the stress of an audience, and fun too!



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News for Older Residents

Childhood Memories Project

Sam Clift has written about this on the Club 55 page. Please think about taking part, even with a short piece. I want to support this venture in any way I can, not only for our mutual benefit but also for the sake of the next generation. I wish I knew more about my father who was born in 1898 and lived through significant times for both Britain and Ireland.

Keeping Active

George continues to run his T'ai Chi class on Thursdays from 11am to midday. Email him at geoviv.2@ntlworld.com and he will send you the Zoom link and password for the class.

It's good meeting people out walking or cycling and I enjoy the chat from these chance encounters. As R.N. Butler of the National Institute on Ageing said, 'If exercise could be packed in a pill, it would be the single most widely prescribed and beneficial medicine.' For those who are unable to exercise beyond the house, can I encourage you to move around your home (and garden) and to avoid sitting for long periods of time without moving? I have some helpful Stay Stronger for Longer booklets and exercise sheets to give away. Let me know if you would like one. 'Every step away from physical inactivity is important, as each step leads to increased health benefits.' – Katharine Eckert.

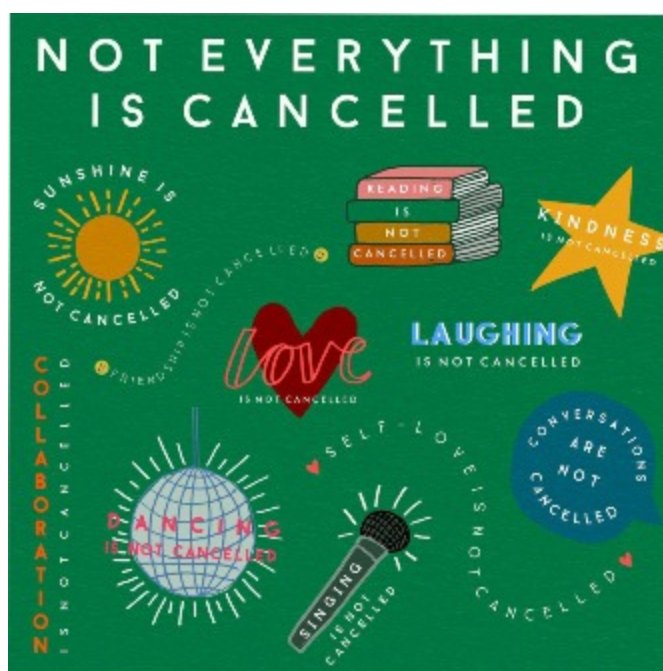
Christmas is coming and, as yet, we have no idea what restrictions will be in place. For some of us the festive

season is likely be the same, or similar, as most years while for others it may be substantially different. Whatever your personal situation I wish you all the very best for a happy time. I will be around as usual until Wednesday 23rd and then on leave till 5th January. Roll on 2021!

Patricia Johnston Older Residents' Co-ordinator

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Garden Tip of the Month – December

Two months of rambling on about roots is enough for now, and besides there are some topical tips to catch up with. Are you planning to plant any more bulbs this autumn? Strictly speaking, the only ones left to be planted (at the right time) are tulips so if you've still got daffs etc. to plant the sooner the better. I saw in last Sunday's paper that Stephen Anderton differentiated between naturalising tulips for a long innings planted over 6 inches deep, but ones for a one-off display next spring can be shallower. I noticed myself that even spring bedding tulips were more likely to stay upright if they were 5 inches deep or more.

Have you gathered your leaf-harvest into your

capacious bins? Or is this still at the stage of "Useful projects to get round to some day?" I'm part way there in that I've got the leaves in several sacks waiting to be tipped into the bin as and when it arrives. Whatever your stage of preparedness, bear in mind that sopping wet leaves will take some while to mature to leaf-mould, but bone-dry ones will take forever! Try to manage the moisture content and you should be rewarded with a better product sooner. Unless you can be bothered to shred plane leaves I don't think they are worth the effort: ages ago I saw a stack that must have been ten years old behind St John's College, and once you'd scraped off the surface layer the leaves looked up at you just as fresh as the day they were stacked!

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I am writing this in November after weeks of rain which together with mild weather has prolonged flowering. In my garden, a *Fuchsia magellanica* Hawkshead blooms with lovely delicate white hanging flowers. Another surprise is a small plant called *Argyranthemum* with pale yellow petals. It will never win a place in Monty's 'Jewel' Garden but has flowered determinedly since May. Sedums continue, more spectacular if planted in groups. Dahlias, roses and the hardy geraniums such as Rozanne continue to delight. Autumn is an amazing time to enjoy leaves turning red and gold. My *Cotinus* Grace is a special treat. The dogwoods also come into their own. *Cornus* Midwinter Fire with its toned stems, lights up my soul and I enjoy my *Euonymus alatus*, the spindle bush, which has comforting pink/red leaves.



Autumn colour

Winter is the time to clean tools, sand old plant labels, protect plants in pots by lifting off the ground and maybe prune any long branches from roses and climbers to prevent toppling in the winter winds. Consider collecting fallen leaves which can be mown to break down and

placed in wire bins or in re-usable black plastic bags, making large holes as leaf mould breaks down with damp. It does not have nutrients like compost but can be dug in to break up soil. However, winter is also the time to put your gardening feet up, and plan for the following year.

The current gardening trends promote biodiversity and re-wilding areas of the garden, leaving areas of long grass, logs – areas to provide shelter for insects and small creatures. Perhaps consider the future planting of wildflowers, and native trees and shrubs such as hawthorn. Consider also the needs of bees and other pollinators such as butterflies and moths for shelter, food and water and select plants which will provide nectar and pollen throughout the year. In this season and towards spring, mahonia and ivy, aconites, snowdrops, Tête-à-Tête, hellebores, grape hyacinths, ceanothus, pulmonaria, primroses and apple blossom are attractive to the various types of bees. Bees see blue and yellow flowers more easily and also enjoy many herbs and will benefit from some crops such as kale being allowed to bolt. Moths feed mainly from white flowers which they can see at night and butterflies feed from buddleias and honeysuckles. So many crops – the crops we eat and those used in the production of meat and milk – rely on pollinators. Pollinators are essential for the growth of vegetables such as broccoli, potatoes, cauliflowers, courgettes, tomatoes, as well as berries and fruits such as plums and apples. Also nuts and beans and various other crops which we would miss if the bees stopped being busy.

A final word is about weed killer. In the interests of promoting wildlife, we should all reduce the use of both herbicides and pesticides. The 'no-dig method' recommends covering soil with a membrane or cardboard topped with organic compost. This claims to kill the most pernicious of weeds in 18 months. A subsequent annual dressing of compost benefits the soil and promotes healthy plants



Christmas decorations from the garden

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An Idea Develops

An email conversation with our soon to be 'previous editor' of this newsletter, Angela Blackburn, brought forward a great idea which we have developed. She suggested that it might be nice to ask Girton

residents to write about their childhood and teenage years. We wholeheartedly agree with her. I believe that our senior residents would benefit from a challenge like this, especially during the worrying days of coronavirus.

I feel that this is a challenge that we can take in our stride but it does depend on your willingness to take part. I am sure that the outcome would be well worthwhile and extremely interesting to all generations, both now and in the future. Everyone has a story to tell, some funny, some exciting, some sad and some informative. Please let us hear yours. Hey! What happened behind your bike shed? What was it like being brought up in your town? Why not get your old photos out and have a good old reminisce and then drop us a line. If you find it difficult to put pen to paper let us know and we will do our best to record your story for you.

Unfortunately the November lock-down thwarted our attempt to hold an Armistice Day walk but reminiscing is something we can all do in our own homes. You just need a piece of paper and a pencil to jot down some of the things that happened to you or that you did during your young life. It doesn't have to be a literary work of art – we just need your story. Younger people can take part in this project by interviewing older relatives. Here is a chance to use that expensive mobile phone to record their stories. Send us an audio file if you can't type it up; it could be of interest to the poorly sighted.

Hopefully we will begin to get back to some sort of normality as the New Year progresses and we may be able to organise some outdoor events. The Armistice Day walk has been put on the back burner and could become a New Year's walk in the woods towards the end of January. In the meantime here is an opportunity for us to record your social history and I hope that organisers and leaders of other clubs and local organisations will back us in this venture.

Christmas is on the horizon and we are uncertain as to how it will pan out for us this year. Where families do manage to get together it might be an idea to reminisce around your Christmas tree. Why not record those stories or jot them down. Please help us help others.

Best wishes for a very happy Christmas and let's hope that 2021 will open up new opportunities for us all.

Sam Clift

Something to think about during the winter months or further Lockdown!

Winter is fast approaching and although we may be emerging from 'lockdown' because of the Coronavirus there is still some way to go before we find some kind of normality. In an effort to do something positive during any further lockdown or during bad winter weather we thought it might be good to reminisce. We would like to collect memories of bygone days from the older residents of Girton.

You don't have to belong to Club-55, or to have been born and brought up in Girton. What we are looking for are personal recollections of your early years – home, school, family, food, transport, work, play and any other fascinating accounts from your young lives. Were you brought up during the war years?

You may already have started on your memoirs – send them along! Or you might like to jot down a paragraph or two about your early exploits and about life as it used to be. Or we can arrange for someone to telephone you to take notes or record your memories. Or perhaps a family member could help you write or record them and to submit them.

For younger folk, it might be mutually rewarding to reminisce with Grandmother or Grandfather and hear about life before wifi and tv. We will be interested to hear every set of memories offered. Please give it a go – let's see what develops.

We plan to share all the memories amongst all who contribute in one form or another. Who knows, it might even turn into a book!

Younger Girtonians, if you have an elderly relative tell them about this venture, and if they would like to take part, please put them in touch with us so we can save these precious memories. It could be so beneficial to chat across the generations, and it could relieve loneliness and boredom and contribute to mental wellness.

Please send your finished memoirs in long-hand, printed text, recorded messages, or requests for telephone chats, to Sam Clift who will collect and collate the stories. Let's get this off to a good start – we can do it.

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For submitting hand-written or printed matter, ring Sam for a postal or delivery address or to arrange collection; or speak to Patricia Johnston, our Older Residents' Coordinator.



Positive news for Village projects

Although November saw the second national lockdown, there were reasons to be cheerful as several Village projects were able to progress and some activities continue. Here Ann Bonnett, Chair of Girton Town Charity, shares the good news.

Suffolk Terrace

Construction of the three new almshouses at Suffolk Terrace, on the former WI Site, has proceeded on schedule despite continuous wet weather over the last few weeks which initially delayed applying the render.

However at the time of writing, the render has been completed and the scaffolding removed and inside, the houses have been plastered and first fix electrics completed.

Paul, Site Manager from appointed contractor Godfrey & Hicks, has reported receiving some very complimentary comments on the quality and finish of the houses from Village residents.

The three cottages comprising Suffolk Terrace are named Pond, Parsley and Searle after the original Trustees of the WI. The name Suffolk Terrace also commemorates a special piece of Girton history. The original First World War building was initially located in Cherry Hinton for the 11th Suffolk Battalion before being purchased at a Ministry of Munitions sale by the WI and moved to Girton by horse and cart in 1920.

Following an advertisement inviting applications for the almshouses from those with a connection to Girton, GTC has received a number of applications and interviews will take place in early December. The successful applicants should be able to move in during February.

We had hoped that a Village Open Day for the houses could be held, but unfortunately COVID-19 restrictions will prevent this taking place.



William Collyn Centre

Whilst most regular activities were forced to stop during our second lockdown in line with Government guidelines, the William Collyn Centre was able to open for a small number of purposes which were exempt.

These included: education and training, childcare purposes and supervised activities for children, blood donation and food banks, the provision of medical treatment and support groups that have to be delivered in person.

Helen Johnson, Centre Manager said: "We are hoping that if lockdown is lifted at the beginning of December, we will be able to resume holding our regular timetabled events. Keep an eye on our website for details.

"Further into December, we shall be closing the Centre for the Christmas break, from 21st December until 4th January. We are currently receiving bookings for 2021 so do get in touch if you are planning an event and speak to one of the team."

Sculpture Railings

We are delighted to report that the Golden Goose Sculpture Railings at the heart of the Village have been repaired and reinstated for all to enjoy. Work on the footpath has also been completed.

Sensory Garden



The GTC Sensory Garden in Wellbrook Way has been particularly appreciated throughout this year.

Families have enjoyed it as a meeting place during the Summer months and many Wellbrook Way residents have used it to take a walk and spend some time in peaceful contemplation.

The garden is regularly maintained by Ross from Sylvia Newman Garden Design and he often receives comments from Villagers. One resident said: "The garden is an amazing transformation of a tiny waste patch which now seems so much bigger. The flowers and grasses are beautiful and I have been very impressed that there were still so many flowers even in early November. It's such a great asset for our community."

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Haphazard by Starlight

The Quaker poet U.A. Fanthorpe would write a new Christmas poem each year to send to her friends. My favourite is called *BC:AD* and it captures something of the moment when everything changed:

*This was the moment when Before
Turned into After, and the future's
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.*

*This was the moment when nothing
Happened. Only dull peace
Sprawled boringly over the earth.*

*This was the moment when even energetic Romans
Could find nothing better to do
Than counting heads in remote provinces.*

*And this was the moment
When a few farm workers
And three members of an obscure Persian sect*

*Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.*

I love the idea that this was the moment, the birth of *this* child was (though unknown at the time) the moment that future peoples would identify as the moment from which the years would be counted.

In Fanthorpe's account this was an otherwise dull moment in history. Nothing really happened; the *pax Romana* ensured a dull kind of peace, a general absence of conflict, the peace represented by an elderly relative dozing on the sofa after a Christmas dinner. And all of this takes place in a 'remote province', not in the centres of power; it's not a promising start.

The poem leads us gently through an otherwise boring time and place in history until we are hit straight between the eyes by the final lines. This was the moment when some unimportant labourers and a group of eccentric travellers (who follow a star?!) suddenly found themselves at the centre of the greatest story ever told.

Without intending it, or knowing what was happening, those shepherds and wise men found themselves witnesses to the birth of a child. And yet at the same

time they had walked 'haphazard by starlight straight into the kingdom of heaven'. This captures the amazing paradox of the total ordinariness of the Christmas story which is, at the same time, the birth of the kingdom of heaven on earth and the transformative idea that God was born among us.

And the wonderful thing is that people ever since have had the same experience. In encountering the baby Jesus, lying in a manger, people still find themselves unexpectedly walking straight into God's very presence.

I wonder whether this year, when everything is a bit different, you might find yourself reflecting on this story in a new way. Why not come along to the church for the DIY Carol Service and listen to the story in song? Perhaps you could join the online Zoom Christingle as we celebrate light triumphing over darkness? Maybe this year, without expecting it, you might find yourself surprised by hope. How will you respond?

Before I finish, I'd like to include a short note of thanks to Angela Blackburn for editing GPN so superbly. It's a wonderful local resource and we're all very grateful for your service. Enjoy your 'retirement'!

May you know the joy of the angels, and the hope and peace of the child lying in a manger this Christmas. God bless you all!

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Sunday Services: December

6th 10.00am Holy Communion
7.30pm Taizé Service (by Zoom)

13th 10.00am Holy Communion
5.00pm Advent Readings

20th 10.00am Holy Communion
6.00pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

27th 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Morning Prayer

Christmas Services:

22nd 4.00pm Christingle Service (by Zoom)

24th 3.00pm Christingle Service (by Zoom)
11.30pm Midnight Mass

25th 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday Services: January

3rd 10.00am Holy Communion
7.30pm Taizé Service (by Zoom)

10th 10.00am All Age Communion
6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

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



Minister: Revd Nick Lowe

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Sunday Services: December

6th 10.30am Zoom Service

13th 10.30am William Collyn Community Centre (t.b.c.)

20th 10.30am William Collyn Community Centre (t.b.c.)

27th 10.30am Zoom service

Christmas Services:

Thursday 24th Venue and time t.b.c.

Friday 25th Venue and time t.b.c.

Sunday Services: January

3rd 10.30am Zoom service
led by Christine Kimmitt

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.

Due to uncertainty concerning restrictions over Christmas, most venues during December are to be confirmed, and we will put on the website when known.

A Bible verse:

'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.' (John 1:14)

Verse 3 of 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing':

Hail the Heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Son of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings

Ris'n with healing in His wings

Mild He lays His glory by

Born that man no more may die

Born to raise the sons of earth

Born to give them second birth

Hark! the herald angels sing:

'Glory to the newborn King!'

Prayer (from Our Daily Bread):

Dear Lord, when we are in the midst of the storms of life, help us to lean on You for Your strength and trust You to see us through. We thank You Lord we can bring to You all those facing challenging health issues, investigations or treatment at the moment. Be their strength and help we pray. Amen



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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 December

Thursday	3 December	Blue and Green bins
Thursday	10 December	Black bin
Thursday	17 December	Blue and Green bins
Thursday	24 December	Black bin
Monday	4 January	Blue bin only
Saturday	9 January	Black bin

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Thursday 24 December 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

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