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Girton Carol Singing

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the charity carol singing before Christmas. We sang for around seven and a half hours in total over three evenings, with twenty plus people most evenings. Thanks to the generosity of Girton households we raised £1317.07 plus £21.38 gift aid making a total of £1338.45 for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.



The Cotton Hall

The Cotton Hall exists for the benefit of the people of Girton, and the Trustees have recently updated our charitable objectives to bring them up to date with the way we operate. Details are available on the website: www.cottonhall.co.uk if you want to know more. Please contact Michael, Chair of Trustees, if you have any questions on 01223 202145.

Front cover photo of swifts: Ben Andrew (RSPB).

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Girton Parish Council

Happy New Year Girton!

Girton in 2026: understand first, then decide

Thank you to everyone who took part in January’s conversations. Ahead of the precept decision, the Parish Council held a public workshop on 14 January so residents could hear the options, ask questions and tell us what matters most. This workshop was widely advertised over the Christmas period to give as much notice as possible. That “listen first, decide second” rhythm will shape our 21 January full council discussion.

Why the precept mattered this year and every year

When Girton Parish Council set the parish element of Council Tax, we are deciding how we look after pavements and play areas, keep facilities safe and usable, care for our green spaces, communicate properly, and meet our legal duties.

After lining up all responsibilities and running costs against likely income, the option that met day-to-day needs without raiding savings was the ~19% scenario — Band D £114.24 (rounded in the

paper to £115.00 for clarity), producing a total yield of about £266,111 (≈ £267,881 if rounded). This was presented as the first financially sustainable option: it funds existing duties and modest improvements without using reserves to prop up annual services, leaving general reserves to protect the village and handle emergencies.

The slides also made a simple promise: “Every pound spent is an investment in Girton — and we will work with residents to shape future spend.” That principle continues to guide all decisions.

How daily work supports Girton’s big plans

Everyday parish work — hedge and verge maintenance, tidying sightlines, pavement checks, gully logging, play-area upkeep, green-space care, small safety fixes, timely communication — is an essential component of delivering Girton’s longer-term vision. It is not the whole story, but it is the foundation that makes bigger improvements possible.

Think of a practical Golden Thread:

Community voice → Council priorities → Daily delivery → Girton Neighbourhood Plan → Alignment with the Local Plan and national policy.

To make that linkage clearer, the council will propose a light-touch “Implementation & Delivery Context” addition to the Neighbourhood Plan so residents can see how parish-led projects give effect to the plan over time.



StreetWise Together — Pavements Are for People

StreetWise Together continued through January with a focus on access for all. Working with Cambridgeshire County Council Highways, we are mapping gullies, promoting clearance of vegetation ahead of the Bird Nesting season, logging obstructions and coordinating responses so that every pavement in Girton is accessible — for families with pushchairs, older residents, wheelchair and mobility-aid users, runners and pedestrians. Reporting and support from residents feed the weekly tasking list and helps us share visible progress back with the community.

Active Travel (Girton ↔ Histon): the year ahead

The Active Travel work keeps moving forward. We are tracking land status, route options, ecological considerations and costs within our planning documents so that community input can focus on where stops, resting points and wayfinding would make the link genuinely useful for all ages and abilities. Your ideas on locations and priorities will be invited throughout 2026.

Recreation ground and pavilion — phased improvements, community asked first

We are taking a phased approach at the recreation ground and pavilion, so improvements are felt now, while the long-term decision on the building (extension vs. new build) is shaped with residents. The precept materials state it clearly: the community will be asked first before major spend is committed. Safety and compliance remains non-negotiable as we plan.

Call to action: throughout 2026 with the plan, costs and drawings now in place after initial discussion with key groups, at our Annual Parish Meeting and at the Feast over the last two years we will ask you to help define:

- the activities and services the pavilion should enable
- how inside and outside spaces can serve youth, families, older residents and wellbeing
- what quick wins matter most
- how we protect heritage while preparing for the future

The council's role is to structure, evidence and resource; the direction belongs to residents.

Why a Strategic Plan for Girton matters — and why it matters now

As a village we are approaching several “big picture” moments: Local Government Reorganisation, choices on potential major community projects, and Parish & County Council elections in May. A Strategic Plan will keep day-to-day delivery steady, phase big decisions sensibly, and make sure spending stays focused on what residents' value most. It gives a clear, public line of sight from your priorities to our actions — what we will do, when, and why.

To do this well, we are investing in how we work:

- CiLCA (Clerk qualification) to underpin lawful practice and professional standards
- Health & Safety training to manage assets and works safely
- Governance improvements (risk, procurement, role clarity, reporting) — the building blocks for reliable, value-for-money delivery

Before any improvement proceeds, we will ask three things: Is it needed? Is it wanted? Is it worth it? That keeps us honest, ensures continuous improvement, and helps guarantee that your money is spent wisely. The precept recommendation followed that same discipline — matching regular income to regular responsibilities and avoiding the use of reserves for routine costs.

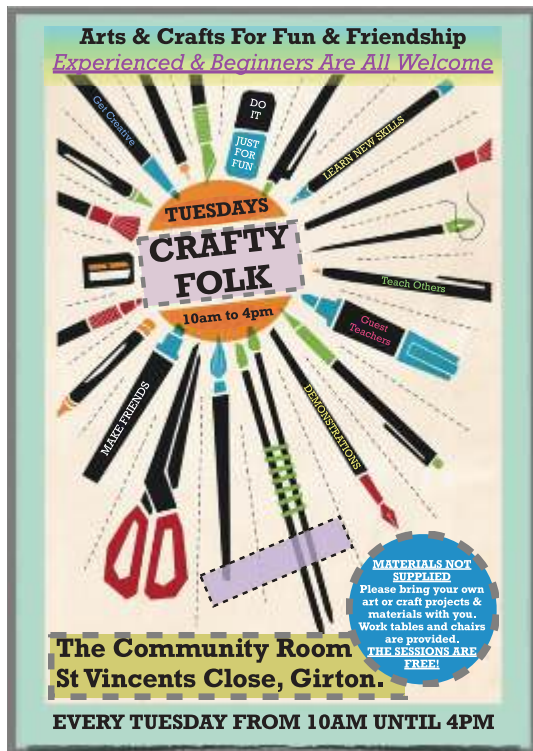
Community Food Trucks — a weekly village highlight

Our Saturday Food Trucks (5–8pm at the Pavilion) continue to bring great food and a great atmosphere to the heart of Girton — pizza, bagels, tacos, noodles and more — while supporting small businesses and activating the Pavilion area as a friendly, social space. Thank you to everyone who turns out rain or shine and to the traders who keep the Saturday rhythm going. Your support increases our ability to keep Saturday Food Trucks coming to Girton.

Crafty Folk — thank you, Cambridgeshire ACRE

Crafty Folk at St Vincent's Close has quickly become a warm, welcoming anchor for our emerging Community Hub. Every Tuesday, 10am–4pm (free), residents bring their own arts and crafts, share skills, and make friends in a relaxed setting with Wi-Fi and demonstrations. A huge thank you to Cambridgeshire ACRE for

practical help and encouragement to grow this gentle, consistent, local community space. Also, a huge thanks to Cllr Marshall for initiating and being present at this valuable village resource rain or shine, almost every week.



Scams awareness talk — staying safe together

Thanks to all who attended the FREE Scams Awareness Talk at St Vincent’s Close on 20 January, hosted by Girton Community Hub with support from Cambridgeshire ACRE. Rachel Carr, Fraud & Cyber Security Advisor (Cambridgeshire Constabulary), shared clear advice on avoiding phone, doorstep, online and mobile scams — the kind of practical guidance that keeps neighbours safe and confident.

Our thanks from Girton Parish Council to Girton Parish News

Last but not least as we begin 2026, our sincere thanks to Girton Parish News and its volunteers for getting trusted local information to every doorstep, every month. In a year of big choices - from budgets and safe streets to the future of our shared spaces - your consistency and care help the whole village stay informed, involved and confident about what comes next. Your work is an essential part of how Girton looks after itself.

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See full list of Councillors on page 30.*

District Councillors’ Report

Weekly Food Waste Collection

This starts to be rolled out in January. When it is our turn, we will get a letter about the scheme first about which foods need to go into the caddy. The caddy will come with one hundred bags.

Please check this page on the new Shared Waste Service web site: <https://tinyurl.com/54e9neyp>.

South Cambridgeshire residents to get £3.9m in support with 1,000 successful benefits claims and counting

South Cambridgeshire District Council has supported residents with 1,000 successful benefit claims – under a scheme to ensure people claim what they’re entitled to.

Each of the 1,000 successful benefit claims secured in just 12 months represents support for someone who was struggling when they shouldn't have been.

Once a household has been identified as eligible through LIFT, council officers then reach out directly to offer tailored support, helping residents navigate the application process.

Amongst the successes that LIFT has helped the council to achieve are:

- Pension Credit: 113 successful claims, worth £300,169 in the first year and £3.2 million over the lifetime of the claims.
- Free School Meals: eighty-one successful claims, securing £12,844 in year one and £314,184 over the lifetime of the claims.
- Healthy Start vouchers: sixty-five successful claims, providing £21,429 in year one to help families afford nutritious food.

South Cambridgeshire's success sets a gold standard for councils across the country, and we are proud that LIFT has played a part in making it happen, delivering support worth over £514,000 to residents in the first year alone, and nearly £4 million over the lifetime of these awards. This money will help people keep warm, stay independent, and feel more secure this winter.

The council will continue to expand its work in 2026, with a focus on using its data to identify residents who could be eligible for Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and contacting them to support them to apply. This will ensure even more residents receive the financial support they need.

The milestone of 1,000 successful benefit claims being supported comes just after the District Council confirmed a budget of £449,000 was approved to

help South Cambridgeshire residents through the next two years of cost-of-living financial pressures.

Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP)

Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) (<https://tinyurl.com/4chkfjsx>) is designed to protect people sleeping rough during extreme weather conditions. It is activated when forecasts predict near-freezing temperatures, heavy rain, snow, strong winds, wind chill, or extreme heat. StreetLink (<https://tinyurl.com/bd84rc8a>) is a website service for England and Wales, which empowers everyone to help tackle rough sleeping. It allows members of the public to send alerts to local outreach teams when they see someone sleeping rough, so support can reach them quickly. StreetLink, delivered by Home Connections, has created short educational videos. These guides explain how to provide accurate descriptions of the person and their location, enabling outreach teams to respond quickly, especially critical during winter. We would like to introduce StreetLink. Please check their website and watch the videos. If you have any questions or feedback on the platform, please contact: Vicky.sterrett@communities.gov.uk or Patrick.Duce@communities.gov.uk.

Please be aware that this is only for verified rough sleepers or for those in the judgement of the assessor who are likely to sleep rough if no accommodation is provided.

Anyone in South Cambridgeshire who needs to access this service should contact SCDC by one of the following methods to speak with Housing Advice and Homelessness Team:

- Email: housingadvice@scambs.gov.uk
- Contact Centre telephone (office hours): 01954 713000
- Emergency out-of-hours telephone for homeless emergencies: 01253 501117
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FEBRUARY 2026

Award-Holders' Concert

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Fellows' Drawing Room, Girton College.

Girton's choral scholars and exhibitioners perform a varied programme of works for solo voice and vocal ensemble.

Admission free; retiring collection.

Girton Jazz presents Byron Wallen

Friday 6 February, at 7.30pm (until 9.30pm)
Old Hall, Girton College.

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A Recital of Music for Violin and Piano

Sunday 8 February, at 2.30pm (until 3.30pm)
Stanley Library, Girton College.

Freya Sutaria (violin) and Oscar Gardner (piano), undergraduates at Girton College, perform Elgar's *Two Chansons*, Op. 15, Mussorgsky's *Night on a Bare Mountain* (transcribed for piano by Chernov) and works for violin and piano by Bach and Franck.

Admission free; retiring collection.

Songs Old and New

Sunday 15 February, at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)
Old Hall, Girton College.

Georgie Malcolm (soprano) and Edward Campbell-Rowntree (piano), finalists in the Wigmore Hall Bollinger International Song Competition, present a programme of musical encounters, including *Lieder* and *chansons* alongside new settings by Girton composers of poems by Girton poets.

Admission free; retiring collection.

To be followed by afternoon tea in the Fellows' Drawing Room for regular supporters of Girton College's Sunday afternoon concert series; those wishing to attend the tea are asked to register at concerts in late January and early February.

Slava! Slava!

Old Hall, Girton College
Sunday 22 February at 2.00pm (until 3.15pm)
NB: **starting time**

A celebration of music from Slavic lands; programme to include chamber, vocal and orchestral works by Chopin, Dvořák, Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky, Bortniansky and others.

Performers to include Andrew Kennedy (tenor) and many of Girton College's top instrumentalists and singers.

Admission free; retiring collection.

The French Connection: Parisian Tastes in Restoration London

Sunday 1 March, at 2.30pm (until 3.30pm)
Old Hall, Girton College

Girton's resident early-music ensemble Les Acolytes, led by PhD student Edward Campbell-Rowntree, presents a programme of seventeenth-century Baroque music from France and England, including highlights from the Ballet Royal de la Nuit and works by Lully and Locke.

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To find the answers to these and other questions, come along to the Glebe School for one of the four performances:

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Girton Garden Society

Girton Garden Society

11 February 2026

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Wild Girton

Valentines and Nest Boxes

Did you know there is a tradition that Valentine's Day, February 14, is the day the birds choose their mates? The belief began in medieval times and passed into folklore and poetry, like Chaucer's 'Parlement of Fowles' (1381), which tells of birds gathering at the bower of 'the noble goddess Nature' to settle their love rivalries. I think the tradition holds true, as the birds in Girton always seem extra busy in mid-February, singing more loudly and pairing up ready for the nesting season.

In Chaucer's day our villages and towns would have been surrounded by woodland and fens, each with a plentiful supply of holes and suitable hideaways for nesting. 100 years or so ago, farms had smaller fields with more hedgerows and mature trees. Modern building methods and the renovation of old buildings have disadvantaged birds like swifts, which like to nest in small holes under the eaves of buildings and under roof tiles.

So, how can we help our feathered friends set up home and raise their chicks? Our gardens, and communal green spaces, are an amazing resource. Do you have a nest box in your garden? Or, even better, more than one? Nest boxes are a great alternative to natural holes, and easily available to buy from reputable sources like the RSPB. If you are handy – or belong to a group like the Girton Crafty Folk - you could even make your own. Full instructions are available on the RSPB website. Importantly, they suggest not adding a perch, as this can assist predators. Also, it's important not to paint or treat the inside of the box and use only non-toxic treatment on the outside. The size of hole will dictate which birds are likely to use the box. It's best to put the box up during the winter months, and if you put a little hay inside, it may be used as a cosy winter roost. Be sure to choose a position which won't be in full sun: a site facing north, north-east is ideal. Blue tits like the box to be two-four metres high, great tits a little higher at four-six metres. Robins prefer open-fronted boxes, positioned closer to the ground, about a metre high.

The Girton Local Nature Recovery Plan has also been attempting to help swifts re-establish in our village by putting up special swift nest boxes, which are positioned at least five metres above ground under the eaves of buildings. We already have some

in Hicks Lane (see photo). You can find out more about swift boxes and view live webcams at the Action for Swifts website actionforswifts.blogspot.com

We would like to place more swift boxes, so if you would be interested and think you have a suitable home or other building, please do get in touch with us at: lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk. Our wonderful Parish Ranger, Kevin Jacobs, can assist with putting up the boxes, so there will be no need to go up a ladder yourself!



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Friends of Girton Glebe (FOGG), held our first event of 2026 on Sunday 4 January - the annual Christmas Tree Shred. We had a good turnout despite it being a crisp and chilly day. Thank you to all those who braved the weather to support us! We were delighted to receive donations of £275.84 for the children of Girton Glebe! Thank you especially to Acacia Tree Surgery (<https://acaciatreesurgery.co.uk>) and Wheelie Fresh Bins (<https://wheeliefreshbins.com>), for their ongoing support, and without whom this event couldn't take place. This year saw the return of the collaboration with Girton Allotment Society, who were serving delicious, hot soup and rolls in the hall. Thank you!

FOGG is a registered charity with the purpose of supporting our school. All funds raised go towards the learning and wellbeing of the children at Girton Glebe, and our events help build a vibrant and cohesive community.

Please keep a lookout for future events!

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Hello, fellow gardeners! As I sit down to write this in early January, I'm looking out at a garden that seems to have lost its calendar. Yes, we had a few very cold days in January but nothing like the sustained cold weather one could expect. Having lived in the UK for 57 years, I remember when January meant bracing for a 'big freeze' and not wondering if I should be putting out the patio furniture. Climate change is no longer a distant headline; it's happening right here in our flowerbeds. After a notably dry summer last year that had us all clutching our watering cans as if they were gold bars, the winter has been, well, surprisingly mild, at least so far. The weather is doing its best impression of a confused stage actor – never quite sure which season it's meant to be playing. It looks like warmer and spring-like weather is here earlier than ever. Climate change isn't just knocking on the door; it has clearly let itself in, made a cup of tea, and re-arranged the furniture. We can debate ad infinitum if it is man-made or not.

Jokes apart, has Mother Nature forgotten to hit the 'snooze button' this year? I've spotted rose flowers blooming in sheltered spots around gardens. It's lovely, yes, but seeing a June bloom in January feels a bit like seeing Father Christmas in July – delightful, but deeply confusing.



Early Spring flowers

If you've driven down Victoria Road lately, you'll have seen the spring-flowering cherries already putting on a show. They've clearly decided that 'spring' is a state of mind rather than a date on the calendar. They're weeks ahead of schedule, as if they've mistaken Cambridge for Kyoto. Beautiful, yes, but also a gentle reminder that the seasons are slipping out of sync.

Even my bonsai trees – usually the most disciplined members of the garden – have caught the fever. They are showing buds a full two months early. I've tried explaining the concept of 'patience' to them, but they aren't listening. They're clearly eager to get going, but I'm not sure they've read the long-range forecast. If only they'd wait for the all clear like the rest of us.

While it's tempting to head out in a T-shirt, we must still be vigilant. The biggest risk with this unseasonable warmth, in spite of a few very cold days, is the 'false spring'. If a late winter snap hits – as it often does in February/March – all that tender new growth and those eager buds are going to be in for a very rude, very icy awakening. Last summer's dryness hasn't helped matters. Many plants are still recovering from the stress, and the soil hasn't quite regained its usual springiness.

And here lies the real danger: if we do get a late cold snap (and let's be honest, the British weather loves a dramatic twist), many of these prematurely enthusiastic plants could suffer. So, fellow gardeners, stay vigilant. Keep your horticultural fleece at the ready; many plants might need a winter coat yet. March may bring sunshine, or it may bring frost with a sense of humour. It's a good time to check moisture levels, mulch generously, and give your garden a 'pep talk'. While the plants are busy overachieving, here is what we should actually be doing in February and March:

- Prune summer flowering plants like clematis and wisteria.
- Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) for vibrant stems next year.
- Store chitting (sprouting) early potatoes in a cool, light spot.
- Plant onion sets and sow hardy greens like spinach and peas.
- Mulch borders. It helps retain moisture and keep the roots warmer
- Keep an eye on those early buds. Be ready to cover them if frost is forecast.
- Start weeding before the weeds get a foothold in the warm soil.

Spring may be arriving early, late, or not at all, depending on which plant you ask, but with a bit of humour, a dash of vigilance, and the usual gardener's optimism, we'll navigate whatever February and March throw at us!

Venu Kumar, Girton Garden Society

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A hazelnut and mocha marbled layer cake?
A brown butter and spiced apple cake?
A decorated birthday cake with candles?
A gingerbread house?
Or maybe just a simple pancake?!



How did you choose to identify with a particular cake? Was it down to the feelings evoked by a certain cake or maybe the occasion it represents? Was it something about the decoration, taste, or texture which you associated with an aspect of your character? Or perhaps one cake is linked with your family or your culture?

Sometimes people struggle with expressing exactly how they're feeling or what they're thinking. Using a comparison such as a type of cake, can support with sifting through complexities, recognising what's most important and determining hopes or aspirations.

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Dates for the diary

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you'd like to hold in your diary - Listening Lantern will be running an accredited Mental Health First Aid course in Fulbourn. Over these two full days, you will learn to : Explain what mental health is; describe how to look after their own mental health and wellbeing; describe the signs of poor mental health; explain some of the risk factors associated with poor mental health and demonstrate how to apply the MHFA action plan (ALGEE®) in a Mental Health First Aid conversation.

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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 elsewhere in this magazine.

WORDSEARCH – there are tickets for Iolanthe still available

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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GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

Whilst experiencing the extremely cold weather of mid-January it is hard to imagine playing outdoor bowls again, but, in spite of this, members have been asked to state which external competitions they wish to enter this coming outdoor season. Maintenance work on the green over the winter months continues in order for it to reach its usual high standard for the beginning of the outdoor season in April. Our successful finalists from last season will be attending the Presentation Dinner at The Belfry Hotel in February.

As mentioned previously, Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club has been selected to host the Annual World Bowls Tour Open Singles in March. In preparation for this the CEO came down from Scotland to visit Chesterton to finalise details with the caterers and to see the work being carried out to accommodate visitors seating and parking facilities. Nicki Brett, the world Number 2, who will be playing, came to do a promotion for the event just before Christmas and tickets are now on sale. To have secured this event is a major achievement for Chesterton, and also for Cambridgeshire bowls, and I am sure it will be a huge success.

In the Indoor/Outdoor League both Girton teams are doing very well. A very good 6–0 win against 3rd place Cambridge University Press consolidated Girton's 2nd place in Division 1, just 4 points behind the leaders, Cambs and County. With just three games left this season, it is all to play for. Girton Seconds are also in 2nd position in Division 3, having won 7, drawn 2 and lost 5. There are still seven games to play, so the League will be decided on results in the second half of the season.

Congratulations to all the Girton Ladies who played in the Area final of the Yetton Plate and now go on to play in the Regional final.



Yetton Plate Team

If you are interested in finding out about joining Girton Bowls Club, please see our website www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com or contact our Secretary, Margaret McCall, at margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com. We are always pleased to welcome new members.

Lynn McGill



Girton Golf Club

Winter has most certainly arrived and cold, wet, miserable weather appears to be the norm with playing golf a pastime for the brave and possibly, foolhardy, but play many of us still do. Girton has a measured winter course, including temporary green distances, which allows qualifying rounds to be played all year round so there is that slightly increased pull to get out on the course on dry days, and ensure that your handicap is kept up to date.

The new year saw the introduction of our four new Captains, Matt Mee (Mens), Lyndsey Green (Ladies/Womens), Kevin Julian (Seniors) and Ellie Stubbings (Juniors), as per the photograph, and on 1st January they led the way for the traditional Captains Drive In. We all wish them well this coming year – a year they should embrace and enjoy.



Captains Drive In

Last year Girton Golf Club had The East Anglia Air Ambulance as our charity and over £11,000 was raised from members and guests – a truly great effort by all concerned.

Whilst numbers of members has increased greatly over the past few years to a point now of over 850 playing members, we still have room for more and the course still has very quiet times, so if joining a very successful golf club with a very active professional in Sam and a real pathway from absolute beginner to the Scratch team (our pinnacle and in Division 1 of the County League) then come in and talk to our Golf Reception about the options and opportunities that we have for you.

Our clubhouse now has a new menu for lunches and breakfasts so come on down and sample our fare with a decided Italian leaning. We also make a GREAT venue for meetings whether it be from celebration parties to wakes, social club lunches or dinners. Talk to our clubhouse team about your needs.

If you join as a social member you will receive weekly newsletters regarding what is happening at the golf club and upcoming events like Quiz nights (next one on Friday February 13th) and Valentines night dinner.

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Girton Tennis Club

It was with great sadness that we learnt in mid-2025 that Bob Harrower's health was deteriorating quickly and he died peacefully just before Christmas. Bob and his wife Jenny moved to Girton in the late 70s and he was already an established tennis and football player. His primary sport was always tennis and his love of the sport, and his exceptional skills, regularly took him to Wimbledon, Queens and competitions abroad. Jenny was his number 1 supporter and often travelled with Bob to the competitions.

Bob became a longstanding and very active member of our club. He helped coach other players and, as a member of the men's 1st team (yes, we did have several teams then), he played a significant part in getting GTC promoted to Division 3. Jenny and her

son and daughter also enjoyed being members of GTC for many years. We send them our sincere condolences and very best wishes for the future.

The tennis club has use of the recreation ground courts and members who have a confirmed booking have court access during most daylight hours. Club members meet and play from around 7.30pm to 9pm on Friday evenings. Potential new members are very welcome to come along to these club nights for one or two free sessions and check it all out.

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

Alan Franklin



Girlguiding

2nd Girton Brownies

The start of a new year and Girton Brownies marked it by having an evening learning to make mock-cocktails. We made apple, elderflower and mint sparkle, watermelon lemonade, raspberry lemonade slushies, and a mojito mocktail. Each Six (a group of six Brownies), worked together to make one of the mocktails and then we all had a great time trying each one. Our favourites were watermelon lemonade and the raspberry lemonade slushies, we hope to make them again on our pack holiday later in the year.

In February we would like to have an evening where the Brownies get to meet and talk to people about a variety of different careers – if you would like to come along and talk about your career, what inspired you to choose it, what you liked at school and how it led you to your career please get in touch at: 2girtonbrownies@gmail.com

Charity continues its support for residents and organisations

Each year, Girton Town Charity produces a report from its Trustees for Companies House and The Charity Commission. Here is a summary of the headlines from its last financial year, to 30 June 2025, as a reminder to existing residents and to inform new arrivals in the Village of the areas of support available.

Almshouses

Providing almshouse in Girton is top of GTC's agenda and there are currently 28 homes, suitable for a range of different households. Over 55' and anyone with a registered disability are appointed as permanent residents with a review every three years to ensure they continue to meet personal and financial criteria. Families are appointed initially for three years, to give time for them to save towards their own home, with appointments extended at the discretion of the Charity.

In addition to providing almshouses, income from the endowment fund is used to make grants to individuals and organisations – around £200K during 2024-25 – with a general expectation that applicants will meet part of the costs from their own resources.

The grant-making process is designed to be as easy as possible whilst still ensuring the Trustees have the key information needed for a decision.

Younger residents

Trustees see the importance of an enriched school environment for young people in the Village, and funds family and child support at Girton Glebe, delivered by Relationship Counselling East Anglia (formerly Relate Cambridge), as well as grants to support enrichment activities for Pupil Premium students.

During the year, GTC also funded a St Andrews Church Support Worker running Bobtails for toddlers and Connections Bus Project providing a weekly Youth Group for residents aged 11-16. Individual grants were also given to help with buying essential household goods, support for additional needs, enhancement of mobility and contributions towards the costs of coping with medical conditions.

Day-to-day support

Available to all, is the Hospital Taxi Scheme which delivers a subsidised taxi service to help residents get to outpatient appointments on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and its satellite clinics.

There's also a Short Term Care grant to assist residents to live independently by providing additional short-term care over and above any statutory care to which they are entitled.



Other funded services include the Girton Community Warden Scheme and an Older Resident's Co-ordinator provided by Age UK Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, subsidised weekly sessions held by Relationship Counselling East Anglia at the William Collyn Centre and grants for organisations such as Arthur Rank Hospice, HomeStart and Cogwheel Counselling to cover costs incurred by Girton residents

The William Collyn Community Centre continues to be well-funded by GTC to ensure it offers a vibrant, accessible meeting place which is widely used and equipped with up-to-date equipment and amenities.

Funding for the future

In terms of funding, Trustees are committed to preserving the value of the Financial Endowment in perpetuity to create an annual income that represents the bulk of the Charity's annual cash budget and futureproof its fixed asset base in the form of property. The value during 2024-25 was £31 million and is accruing as a result of the performance of underlying investments managed by appointed investment managers.

Maintaining quality

To cover the long-term need for repair and upkeep of 28 properties, the Trustees agreed to devote a larger proportion of its unrestricted cash reserves to its cyclical maintenance fund over the years to come.

The decision by the Charity to take over all almshouse maintenance and employ a Maintenance Supervisor continued to meet Trustees' expectations, aided by the introduction of SnapFix (maintenance management software). Using professional sub-contractors for specific works has resulted in cost-efficient and quality almshouse and ground maintenance.

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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5.45 - 9.00pm	Relationship Counselling
6.00 - 7.00pm	Pilates with Wendy Jane mixed ability

Tuesday

6.30am - 7.15am	AJR Fitness (Bootcamp) NEW
9.15 - 11.00am	Yoga with Julia Dale
10.30 - 11.30am	Strength & Balance
11.15am - 12.15pm	Yoga with Jess
2.00 - 4.00pm	Tuesday Connections AgeUK (monthly)
1.00 - 4.00pm	Cinema Club 55 (as advertised)
6.00 - 7.00pm	Pilates with Wendy Jane
7.30 - 10.30pm	Easton Swing

Wednesday

10.30am - 1.30pm	Falls Prevention Clinic
1.45 - 2.45pm	Pre-Ffit Strength & Conditioning
6.10 - 7.00pm	Bounce
7.30 - 10.00pm	The W.I. (1st in month)
7.30 - 10.00pm	Girton Garden Society (2nd in month)
7.30 - 9.30pm	Bookworms Book Club (4th in month)

Thursday

6.30am - 7.15am	AJR Fitness (Bootcamp) NEW
9.15 - 10.15am	Pilates with Wendy Jane intermediate
10.20 - 11.20am	Pilates with Wendy Jane beginners
2.15 - 3.45pm	Silver Swans ballet mixed ability
5.45 - 6.45pm	Pilates with Jax Eades
7.15 - 8.00pm	Ballroom Dance Class
8.15 - 9.00pm	Ballroom Dance Class

Friday

10.00 - 11.00am	Crumb & Bass (under 5 years)
7.30 - 10.30pm	Easton Swing (3rd in month)

Saturday

9.00 - 10.00am	Bounce
10.30am - 1.00pm	Cambridge Jazz Co-op
2.00 - 4.00pm	Farmers Market (2nd in month)

Sunday

9.00 - 11.00am	Football Fun Factory (18mths - 5yrs)
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Girton Walking Group

Saturday 3 January

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Northstowe

Saturday 7 February

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Saturday 7 March

T'other side of Cambridge

Parts of Cambridge you may not have seen before. If you need a lift or would like to join our mailing list for future walks or if you no longer wish to receive members emails, please contact me at: ann.jerram@gmail.com.

Note that all walks are at your own risk.

Ann Jerram



Girton WI

The speaker for our January talk was Marion Leeper, local Storyteller extraordinaire, who came for another visit to our WI meeting and told the story of "The Diary in the Attic" which is her latest recitation to be told around various venues. This was the first airing of the tale!

The diary was found in Marion's parent's attic when she was clearing it out after her parent's death. Entries start in 1933 and it portrays a young boy named Charles aged from fourteen years to his middle age; starting with his boarding school days through to his university years and the Second World War and is basically an evocative love story. It follows his progress through school, University, and eventually becoming a diplomat falling in love with a lady known only as "M," who became his mainstay. The feelings of these two people were reciprocated for a long while and they continued their association for many a year until M decided that, with heavy heart, it should end. It wasn't exactly made clear that they were lovers; I think "a great affection" would be more fitting to describe the relationship between the two of them.

The above is quite a scant summing up of an intricate love story with many anecdotes weaved within and far too many for me to sum up in this short explanation. The members and guests found it an interesting tale of true love and one which I overheard one of our members calling absolutely "spellbinding." So, another successful talk and an interesting meeting ended with our usual raffle and refreshments. Our thanks were given to Marion for her great storytelling.

Merilyn Burt

Tuesday Connections

What do you know about the initiative called Hope Farm, Girton, which is based near the back of the Pavilion? Alex from Hope will be presenting the work of this charity with up-to-date news on both Hope Farm and Hope Active. We meet on Tuesday 10 February at 2pm, in the William Collyn Community Centre. As usual, the presentation will be followed by refreshments.

Concert in Girton

On Saturday 7 February, the Cambridge Chamber Collective is performing at 4pm in St Andrew's Church. This ensemble with two violins, two violas, and a double bass, will be playing Mozart's String Quintet in G minor and Brahms String Quartet in G major. Tickets are £12 though under 18s are free.

Hope Again

The 2026 Hope Again Spring Course is from Thursday 12 February, until 19 March, from 2pm to 4pm, each Thursday afternoon in the Methodist Church Hall in Histon.

For further information and/or to register please contact the programme coordinator on 07707263353 or email: HABPI@icloud

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Club 55

After a rather cold start to the new year, over 40 Club 55 members booked to see the film *A Hundred Foot Journey* starring Helen Mirren, at the William Collyn Community Centre. At the time of writing this article I can say no more than that, but I hope we all enjoyed it.

To be a Club 55 member all you need to be is 55 years of age or over. There are no forms to fill in, no subscriptions and no references needed. Club 55 does not have charity status and collects no payments for events. Payments are made directly by attendees

to the venue at which the occasions are happening. Club 55, however, does hold a small float to pay for any refreshments or small costs we may incur so we do appreciate a small contribution to these funds when needed, but it is a contribution and is small – we do not want to build up large funds.

The Computer Support Group we run on a Monday at Abbeyfield Restaurant from 10.00 until 12.00 is completely free, but you can purchase a hot drink in the restaurant and chat with other members. The support offered is usually 1-1 and generally is around questions of how to use a variety of programs on i-phones, smart phones, i-pads, pcs, or tablets. If you are bringing any of those please make sure, they are fully charged or you have the relevant charger with you.

Often there are three or four volunteers who help, but if you feel you can offer your time to help you would be more than welcome to join us. If there are hardware problems we cannot help and we used to recommend people contact Neil of Cottenham Computers, as he has helped many Girtonians. Unfortunately for us he has retired, consequently, if you know of someone, and feel confident in recommending them to others, please let us know and we can spread the word.

February Events:

Monday 9 February. Chris Cowood is running a hand-made card session alongside our Computer Support Group, providing a lovely opportunity to make a Valentine or Spring card.

Thursday 26 February at 12.00 is another splendid two-course meal at Abbeyfield. This date has been chosen to miss other events which are taking place.

Dave, the chef, has produced the following tantalising menu to choose from:

Mains

- 1 Beef Brisket in Ale (in red wine if you are gluten free) , served with potato champ, seasonal green vegetables with carrots and parsnips.
- 2 Sea Bass fillet served with potato cake, salsa, and vegetables as above.
- 3 Mushroom Wellington served with vegetables as above.

Dessert

- 1 Fresh Fruit Salad.
- 2 Apple and Blackberry Crumble with custard.
- 3 Crème Brûlée.

Followed by Coffee or Tea, £19.50

Please contact me, **not** Abbeyfield, before 16 February with your menu choice. Payment, however, will be made directly to Abbeyfield **by card payment only** on the day.

**There are other interesting events taking place at St Vincent's Close in addition to Crafty Folk. Please look for further information in the Girton Parish News.*

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Thinking ahead

During a recent spell in hospital with complete reliance on the kindly ministrations of other people, I had time and good cause to reflect on many things, not least the value of preparedness.

We may assume that daily life will pursue its normal rhythms, but planning ahead for the unexpected is always a wise strategy. The simple hospital bag made ready, the fund set aside for sudden needs and instructions for the family regarding banking arrangements and documents will all help to bring peace of mind.

Procrastination brings regret. There is a song with the line, "Tomorrow, I love you Tomorrow, you're always a day away."

Tomorrow is the beloved province of those of us who feel reluctant to address any issues regarding mortality or maybe even feel a little superstitious about raising the subject for discussion.

However, the good news that we read in the Bible is that, if we make our peace with God, we can be assured that there is nothing to fear in the afterlife but only light and joy.

All who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ have his righteousness imputed to them "For God made Christ who never sinned to be the offering for our own sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ." Corinthians 5 vs 21 (nlt).

In the book of Acts, Luke records the story of those who heard this life-giving message through the preaching of the Apostle Paul whilst he was put on trial on false charges and had to present his defence. Paul uses his scholarly skill to preach with eloquence. The Roman Procurator Festus and King Agrippa, presiding as judge, listened intently and acquitted Paul of all charges against him. Indeed, King Agrippa declared, "Almost you persuade me to become a Christian."

The word 'almost,' took him to the line of decision, but not over it, into the blessings and promises of God. He procrastinated to some more convenient day which may never arrive.

"Oh be persuaded! Christ never fails
 Oh be persuaded. His blood avails
 Can save from every sin
 Cleanse you without, within
 Will you not let Him in?
 Open the door!

(Philip P Bliss)

Iris Niven



On the 18 February – Ash Wednesday - we commemorate the start of Lent, the time of reflection and preparation for Easter. There will be an evening service in church at 7pm. Also, this year, we will hold another service at 11am to be more convenient for older people or those with young families. Please come and join us.

O God, you have made us for yourself, and against your longing there is no defence. Mark us with your love, and release in us a passion for your justice in our disfigured world; that we may turn from our guilt and face you, our heart's desire. *[Janet Morley]*

Questions about God?

On Wednesday nights from 25th Feb a group from St Andrew's will be in The George. Come and ask us anything you like and we'll do our best to discuss it with you!

Nibbles provided and your first drink is on us!

More info at www.girton.church/questions

Question a Christian
 Wednesdays at 7:30pm
 from 25th Feb



St Andrew's Church

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Tel: 07305 201419; (cfm@girton.church)

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Sunday Services: February 2026

- 1 Feb 10:00am** Holy Communion (+ activities for children)
7:00pm Contemplative/Reflective Service
- 8 8:00am** Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00am All-age Communion
6:00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
- 15 10:00am** Holy Communion (+ activities for children)
6:00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
- 22 8:00am** Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00am Morning Prayer
5:30 pm St Andrew's Youth Group
- 1 Mar 8:00am** Holy Communion (+ activities for children)
7:00pm Contemplative/Reflective Service

Regular weekday Services: February

- Tues 9am** Morning Prayer (said)
Weds 9am Morning Prayer (said) (Online)
Thurs 9am Morning Prayer (said) (Online)

Other Services

- 11 2:00pm** Abbeyfield, Ecumenical Holy Communion
17 2:45pm Arlington Manor, Ecumenical Holy Communion
18 11:00am Ash Wednesday
7:00pm Ash Wednesday
26 11:00am Gretton Court Holy Communion (BCP)

For up-to-date information about all these events please see the church website. You are welcome to join us for Sunday morning worship in person or remotely at: <http://bit.ly/GirtonParishLive>. Please check the church website for information (www.girton.church).

Girton Baptist Church



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Church Secretary: Mrs Virginia Rootham-Smith

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Website: www.girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk

February Services at Girton Baptist Church

- 1** Morning Service with Communion, at 10.30am
8 Morning Service, at 10.30am
15 Carols by Candlelight, at 4.00pm
22 Open Service, at 10.30am

Other events

Coffee Morning: Would you like a chat and coffee on a Thursday morning? Why not try our friendly coffee morning at Girton Baptist Church from 10am?

Tuesday Afternoon Friendship Group: This month's TAF is on Tuesday, 3 February, beginning at 2:15 p.m. There will be a quiz, especially for animal lovers, on the theme of cats and dogs.

All are welcome to the services and events that we provide.

For further details about any of the above, including the online Zoom link for any of the services, please ring 07483 334860 or email:

secretary@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk or
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A Short Devotion : Love one another

Jesus gave what he called a new command: "*Love one another as I have loved you.*" (John 13:34) If we all lived by that rule, the world would be a far better place. Parliament has passed hundreds of laws to order society and promote the common good. But no statute has ever been able to compel one person to love another—because love must be freely given. If we are to choose one mandate to live by, Jesus has shown us the way: not by force, but by the example of a love that transforms hearts.

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

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Orchard Close 11.35 – 11.55

St Vincent's Close 12.00 – 12.40

Gretton Court 12.50 – 13.15

Churchfield Court 13.20 – 13.45



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