Girton Parish Council

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

Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th April, 2018 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, Girton, at 7.30 p.m.

Residents in the parish were invited to attend this meeting and to speak at Item 18/40.1

<u>Present:</u> (Cllrs) H Williams (Chairman), Buckler, Bygott, Cockley, Dashwood, de Lacey, Godby, Griffin, Kettle, Kirby, Whittle.

Cllr L Harford (Cambs County Council) (until end of item 18/40.3)

4 members of the public (three members until end of item 18/40.1, one member until end of item 18/40.3) **In attendance**: S Cumming (Clerk)

18/37 Welcome from the Chairman. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the members of the public and County Councillor Harford.

18/38 Apologies and reasons for absence. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Thorrold and L Williams and the Chairman accepted their reasons for absence.

- 18/39 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda. None.
- 18/40 Public Participation session on agenda items and matters of mutual interest:
 - 1. Members of the Public. Residents of Girton Road expressed concerns about speeding traffic on Girton Road/Cambridge Road. It is particularly difficult to cross Thornton Road/Girton Road junction in the mornings because Thornton Road is used as a rat-run. Cllr Harford recommended the establishment of Speedwatch in the village as it helps the police to identify hotspots. There are regular training sessions for Speedwatch volunteers.

Three members of the public left the meeting at this point.

2. County Councillor's Report (*Appendix A*) Cllr Harford had nothing to add to her written report. She is working very hard on getting Girton road-surfacing expedited. Concerns were expressed about the big wagons being diverted down Girton Road/Cambridge Road during the nights when A14 works are going on. She recommended that pot-holes are reported. She also informed us that the Airfield Road is shortly to be closed.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Harford for her report.

- 3. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*) Cllr Bygott spoke about possible street names for Eddington, including Prof Stephen Hawking and Sir John Solstan (leader of the Human Genome Project). It would also be good to have roads named after the founders of Girton College. As District Councillors are in purdah prior to the elections on 3rd May, Cllr de Lacey did not speak to his written report.
- Cllr Harford and one member of the public left the meeting at this point.
- 4. Police Report (*Appendix C*) Received by the Council.
- 18/41 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th March, 2018 (previously circulated). The Minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr de Lacey, and approved unanimously.
- 18/42 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

18/31.2 The Annual Parish Meeting has been booked for Tuesday 22nd May, 2018 at Girton Glebe School at 7.30pm, with refreshments from 7.00pm.

18/31.9 The toddler group has been informed of the Council's decision regarding the proposed

banner.

18/31.11 Two charity stallholders have been told about permission to use the grass area by the Pavilion for the Village Yard Sale on Saturday 12th May.

Noted by the Council. Regarding issues at the junction of High Street/Cambridge Road, the Chairman is to write to Cambs Highways, has started gathering evidence and will speak to residents about photos of the damaged wall.

18/43 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council.

- 1. To review MUGA charges for Histon Hornets Football Club (*Appendices D & E*) The Chairman gave background to this item. He proposed that we will continue with the lower rates until the MUGA is refurbished, provided if they allow Girton Colts the first choice of time slots. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr de Lacey, and approved unanimously.
- 2. To approve a Bowls Club maintenance materials payment of £410.24 as part of previous commitments (Appendix F) The Bowls Club has provided receipts for maintenance costs. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Cockley, and approved unanimously.
- 3. To review telephony contracts for Girton Parish Council (details to be circulated). This item will be brought to a later meeting.
- 4. To review electricity contracts for Girton Parish Council (details to be circulated). This item will be brought to a later meeting.
- 5. To approve new salary scales for parish council staff from 1st April, 2018, in line with NALC recommendations, pending agreement at national level. This item was postponed to a subsequent meeting as national agreement has yet to be reached, any increases to be backdated to 1st April, 2018. This item will be brought to a later meeting once national agreement has been finalised.

18/44 Finance and Resource Management

- 1. To approve the payments schedule for the past month (*Appendix G*) Cllr de Lacey had checked the payments schedule prior to the meeting. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr de Lacey, and approved unanimously.
- 2. To receive an end of year financial report. The Chairman and Cllr Whittle had met with the accounting team on 16th April. It is proposed to bring figures to the next meeting, but expenditure is well within budget.

18/45 Correspondence (to be received)

1. South Cambs District Council: Your Place, Our Plan 2018-19 Received by the Council.

18/46 To receive reports

- 1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix H*) The Chairman noted that progress on the car park artwork fence has ground to a halt. The Chairman proposes that the council explores providing tenders. There is no sign of a vacancy for Girton on the Post Office website. The problem of the overflowing lagoon at Wellbrook Way has been resolved.
- 2 Girton Town Charity. No report this month.
- 3. Girton Youth Project (*Appendix I*) Received by the Council.
- 4. Footpaths. The Chairman of the Environment Committee will speak with Mr B Townshend regarding any work on footpaths which could be paid for by Girton Feast Committee, as previously agreed.
- 5. Water Management. The Chairman is to send a letter to the residents with the decking over Beck Brook. As Cllr Whittle is stepping down at the end of the current Council's term, a member of the Flood Group, Dr R Irvine, has offered to take over Water Management, with former-councillors Whittle and Bromwich happy to help and advise him. Dr Irvine will report to the Environment Committee. The Chairman thanked Cllr Whittle for all his work as Floods & Drainage Officer over the past three years.

18/47 To receive unconfirmed Committee Minutes

1. Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 20th March, 2018. Received by the Council.

18/48 Items which the Council need to discuss at the next meeting.

The Village Plan from 2011 is to be circulated to Councillors as useful background to a Neighbourhood Plan. Thanks were given to Cllr Whittle for his service on the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm

APPENDIX A

Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Annual Report Bar Hill Division: Bar Hill, Dry Drayton, Girton and Lolworth

My year end report in 2017 started with anticipation of the election of the first Municipal Mayor for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough and the benefits that devolution would bring to the area. It is still very early in James Palmer's tenure of the role and much of what has been done so far has been about how the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority will actually work; appointments of staff and process and procedure setting. I am pleased though that there has been agreement for Combined Authority funding of a county wide strategic review of bus services. Our villages have seen a gradual decline in the service provided by the commercial companies as County Council subsidies on many routes have been withdrawn. The lack of public transport affects the lives of those living in our villages as well as the overall sustainability of our rural communities. The review will provide information for a future Combined Authority Bus Strategy which is to be developed as part of the future Local Transport Plan. A specialist contractor for this work has now been appointed. Approval for funding of infrastructure at Northstowe Phase 2 has also been approved. This will allow for a forecast 540 homes to be delivered within the time constraints of the housing part of the first devolution deal. A proposal for 880 key worker homes at Northstowe is also being considered and I recently spoke to the Mayor about the benefits that these homes will bring to Addenbrookes. The cost of housing in the local area has a detrimental effect on the hospital's ability to recruit and retain the nurses and ancillary staff that it needs. Northstowe recorded another milestone in April 2017 when the first residents moved in to South Cambridgeshire's new town. 2017 was also the year in which the first new residents moved into the North West Cambridge Development. Although none of the affordable housing provision on this development is for general needs across the district, the University's model of providing for its own affordable need is one that I believe that we can learn from.

The Greater Cambridge City Deal relaunched itself during the year adopting the new name of *Greater Cambridge Partnership* and announcing a refreshed vision for how it will accelerate the provision of thousands of new homes and jobs and create a fit-for-the-future transport network. I have been able to participate in the housing stream in my role as Housing Portfolio holder at South Cambs and we are working to secure funding in the second 5 year term of the deal for affordable and key worker housing.

The County Council too made changes during 2017. Two new service committees were created at the start of the year. Assets & Investments Committee became *Commercial & Investment Committee* to reinforce the Council's ambitions to work in a much more commercial way. The housing company it set up, Cambridgeshire Housing & Investment Company also changed its name recently to This Land. The committee continues to oversee the sale of County Council land to the company which is then responsible for developing the land. The committee is also responsible for managing all the Council's assets including its current home and most valuable asset, Shire Hall. At its meeting in March Council voted in favour of progressing two options for the relocation of the County Council's headquarters. Delegated authority was also given to the Commercial & Investment committee to take all decisions necessary or incidental to the selection of a 'hub and spoke' type arrangement for the future. An undertaking was made to keep a presence in Cambridge city.

The second new committee is *Communities and Partnerships*. The creation of this committee acknowledges the importance of meaningful and successful working with Parish Councils. They have some of the closest relationships with local communities and the County Council realises that

these are key to supporting its efforts particularly in helping people stay independent and healthy for longer. This committee has led on the creation of the Council's Innovate & Cultivate Funds. While the 'Cultivate' fund offers small grants of between £2,000-10,000, the 'Innovate' fund offers up to £50,000. These grants are offered to local organisations and groups that support adult social care, children and families' services and the waste service. I urge all our hardworking local voluntary groups to consider whether or not they might benefit from making an application. Changes too were announced to *Children's Centres* and locally this has become an issue for Bar Hill Primary School. The proposal for this centre is that it should be used primarily to provide Early Years places which are much needed. However, it is the process for awarding the contract that is being challenged. Bar Hill Division has some excellent primary schools led by some exemplary head teachers. I shall be sorry to say farewell to Al Mistrano who is leaving Bar Hill but thank him for all his hard work and commitment to the school and welcome Jeanette Quinn who will take the school forward as it moves towards academy status. A welcome too to Sally Daggianti who I know well from my days as a governor at Oakington and who took on the role of Executive Head Teacher at Dry Drayton as the two schools federated from January 2018. Andrew Simpson continues to raise the profile of Girton Glebe. My thanks to all the headteachers and governors at our schools who work tirelessly to overcome the funding challenges that all the County's schools face and yet still provide excellent education opportunities for our children.

Over the past 8 years the *Library Service* has become ever more resourceful and has made savings of more than £4m whilst keeping all its libraries open. There has however been criticism of the County Council's recent decision to charge for computer use in libraries on the basis that it conflicts with one of the main objectives of them being universal access points for information. The new charges came into force from April and there is to be a review of how things are working in September. Meanwhile I am asking for local feedback about this change.

The Council has continued its efforts to meet the challenge of maintaining our roads. The Combined Authority recently received a grant of £974,047 from the Government's Pothole Action Fund of which £806,511 is proposed to be allocated to Cambridgeshire County Council. Locally we have seen some much needed work carried out and I continue to press for other work in our villages to be prioritised. I am keen to support our villages to develop plans for work that is needed to the roads and investigate how projects might be funded. *Highways* related issues are high on everyone's agenda and I appeal to residents to support Parish Councils who may wish to set up a village group to work on this.

After many years of waiting *Cambridge North Station* opened on 21 May providing good connections with the busway and its popular and well used cycle way. The current schedule of services has received some criticism but there is no doubt that this new station provides for many an alternative to driving through congested city roads to get to Cambridge station. The 8 proposed sites for a new Park & Ride facility have now been whittled down to 3 and there is local apprehension about the possibility that this could be located at Scotland Farm. More positively Oakington has been successful in its bid to become a Rural Transport Hub and this should have benefits for villages in our Division.

Last year's report ended with reference to County Council elections. This year it is the turn of South Cambridgeshire District Council's electors to select their representatives for the next 4 years both for the District and Parish Councils. My thanks for their hard work go to Councillors of both tiers with whom I have enjoyed working for the past 4 years. My very best wishes to all those standing. I look forward to supporting those who are successful to provide the very best outcomes possible for our residents in the coming year.

Lynda

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APPENDIX B

i) Report from District Councillor Douglas de Lacey 16. 4. 2018

You may know that Girton came very close to being flooded again at Easter:

I received a flood alert and then a flood warning on Easter Monday morning, and spent an anxious time monitoring the Washpit Brook level. I also discovered some significant shortcomings in the SCDC website when I looked for contact details and flood advice. Happily the levels subsided before the Brook broke its banks and all was well.

However, this has led me to look at several aspects of our web presence, and I submitted a number of concerns during my regular meeting with our CEO. She was sympathetic and I shall monitor progress -- whether or not I remain a Councillor after May 3.

Meanwhile on flooding I am told that in normal circumstances (eg during the working week) it is the householder's own responsibility to protect against flooding, and that sandbags are available at main hardware outlets. We would only step in when this route is not available.

Several residents have asked about the recent tree cutting on the A14, and I received the following reply from the A14 team: `The clearance I believe relates to work on trial holes. These trials are required in preparation for a major gas main diversion that is required in this area of the scheme'.

I mentioned a while ago that the PCC had put in a bid to run the Fire Authority. Despite the fact that his ability to run his own organisation must be open to question, the Home Secretary has apparently approved his request. Bang goes another piece of local democracy.

While the Local Plan limps on with no end in sight to the Inspection, one of its perverse effects has been to place us in jeopardy of being `designated' and having our planning role removed. This is because we have lost more than 10% of planning appeals, mainly appeals by speculative developers with proposals outwith our Plan. We are in discussion with the Inspectorate.

You may have noticed vehicles pumping sewerage at Oakington Road bridge: I gather there was a major power failure at the pumping station. Currently there is a diesel generator there and repairs are ongoing, but these should not need traffic control.

Douglas de Lacey

ii) Report from District Councillor Tom Bygott

Storey's Field Centre

I attended the North West Cambridge Community Group meeting in April. It was held for the first time at the Storey's Field Centre, which has recently been constructed next to the primary school in Eddington. It is designed to be a community facility and meeting place for local people. It is a very impressive building and contains a large hall, a smaller hall and meeting rooms.

Residents of Girton village and Castle ward in the City, as well as residents of the North West development may book these halls/rooms at a reduced rate, alongside not for profit groups. There is a higher scale of fees for businesses, and organisations wanting to hold conferences.

More information can be found at <u>www.storeysfieldcentre.org.uk</u>, including a list of the classes and events that are currently scheduled.

North West Cambridge Update

The new development contains approximately 150 properties that are occupied, with a further 250 that have recently been completed or will be completed over the next few weeks. In addition, there are now 325 students rooms in use in Swirles Court. More retail businesses are planning to move in over the summer, and the nursery next to the primary school is expected to open in September. A planning application for the construction of a Hyatt Hotel with 150 rooms and 180 long stay Locke Apartments is expected in September. The Ridgeway, the main cycleway through the site has been open for a while now from the village via Bunkers Hill to the centre of Eddington. The extension from there to the cycle path connecting the end of

Storey's Way to the Astronomy Department and Madingley Road is expected to open at the end of May or in early June.

Planning for Phase 2 of the development, between the centre of Eddington and Girton village will commence soon, with a decision from the University likely in early 2019. I am assured that this will also involve a plan for the complete removal of the soil piles that have been a longstanding nuisance to residents of Huntingdon Road.

Blue Plaques

In late March, South Cambridgeshire District Council approved a Blue Plaque scheme, as an extension of the Blue Plaques committee currently operating in Cambridge City, and administered by the Cambridge, Past, Present and Future organisation. The District will appoint a formal representative in late May to champion plaque suggestions in South Cambs; until then I will continue to do this informally. Since I last mentioned this in the GPN, I have received several suggestions in other villages, and one in Girton. More suggestions are welcome.

People to be commemorated should:
☐ have been dead at least ten years
□ have been born or educated in South Cambridgeshire, or lived here
☐ be eminent through their profession or calling
☐ have made a significant contribution to the life of the district and its residents
☐ merit recognition because of an outstanding or notorious act
Events to be commemorated should:
☐ have occurred at least ten years ago
☐ be instantly recognisable to the majority of the general public
\Box have significance in the history of the district or county as a whole

National Recycling Award nomination

The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service, with the University of Cambridge, has been shortlisted for UK-wide awards that showcase the best in recycling and waste management, for work on a large underground bin system.

The service is a partnership between South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils. Its efforts in helping to develop and collect waste from the largest underground bin system in the UK, at Eddington, have been recognised ahead of the MRW National Recycling Awards 2018.

The scheme sees residents place their recycling and waste into steel bin chutes set into the pavement outside their homes. This falls into large underground chambers, removing the need for thousands of wheelie bins. As a result, residents don't need to store or move bins or remember when and which ones to put out for collections.

The winners of the National Recycling Awards 2018 will be revealed on Thursday 28 June in London.

Cllr Tom Bygott
Cllr@bygott.net
07765 475513

APPENDIX C Police Report for March/April 2018

CF0146190318 - BURGLARY

Date occurred: 16/03/2018 14:45 - 18/03/2018 23:00

Location: Thornton Close, Girton

Description: A UPVC door with window situated at the rear of a detached house was smashed and jemmied.

An untidy search of the house has been conducted and cash and vouchers were stolen.

APPENDIX D MUGA FEES FOR 2018/2019

Birdlife International	£37.40
Girton Colts FC (Under 12's,13's,14's,15's,16's,17's)	£16.10
Girton Colts FC (Under 8's,9's,10's.11's)	£9.30
Girton Glebe School	£9.30
Cambridge Rangers FC (Ladies football)	£27.60
Histon Hornets FC Under 11's	£16.50
Histon Hornets FC Under 15's	£21.30
External Peak	£39.90
External off-peak	£26.10

APPENDIX E Message from Histon Hornets Football Club

Hi Linda

Following on from our recent telephone conversation, I wondered if it would be possible for the Parish Council to consider a flat rate for our Histon Hornets teams to use your MUGA, we currently have 5 teams using the facility, 3 of them will be over the u12 age bracket and therefore be charged £20:30 for usage, I feel that this is over priced for the facility due to the age and condition of the surface and floodlights. Would you please consider keeping the rate at £16 as per under 12 teams? This price reflects a fair amount for the facility, and means we could continue to fill up the time slots.

Thanks as always for your help.

Simon Joslin

Histon Hornets Chairman

APPENDIX F
Maintenance Charges for Girton Bowls Club

Susie,

We need to pay the Bowls Club £410.24 as our contribution to the years expenditure on green maintenance in excess of £500. The attached emails explain the derivation of this figure.

Please raise a cheque and put the item on the agenda for approval.

Regards,

Haydn

Dr Haydn Williams, Ndysh Consulting, 40 Church Lane, Girton, Cambridge, CB3 0JP mobile: +44 7831 858584 land line:+44 1223 474567 Email: haydn@ndysh.com

The Cambridge Lawn Company

15 Lincoln Close * Buckden St Neots PE19 5UE 07759910913

THE CAMBRIDGE

LAWN COMPANY

Invoice

stephen@cambridgelawncompany.co.uk

INVOICE TO

Girton Bowls Club

IMVORCE NO. DATE

TOTAL DUE

DUE DATE TERMS ENCLOSED

465

16/12/2017

£182.60

16/12/2017

Due on receipt

SERVICES

5/12/17

Supply x6 20kg bags of 5.5.10 + 6Fe Micro-granular Fertilizer @£24.60 per Bag

Application of 60kg of Fertilizer (labour)

Thank you for your Business. Please pay via: Bank: HSBC Sort Code: 40-16-08

Account Number: 04289498

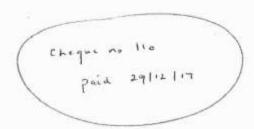
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2nd September 2017

Dear Brian

Girton Bowls Club grant for purchase of scarifier

As agreed I enclose a cheque for £1,000 from Girton Bowls Club as the contribution towards the cost of the scarifier.

On behalf of the club I would like to thank the Trustees for their continued support of the village bowls club, this year has shown remarkable progress with an increase in our playing membership and considerable success in the village competitions. The advancement of the club would not have been possible without the backing of the Girton Town Charity.

We are excited about the plans for the new community hall and this will further improve the facilities within the village and finally enable us to provide suitable changing and toilet arrangements for visiting teams.

We continully mention the support of the charity to our members and opposition teams and you can be assured that this promotes the community work that the charity is providing.

I should be grateful for a copy of the purchase invoice for the scarifier as I will need to enter this in the Bowls Club's financial accounts before the end of our accounting year on 31st October.

Yours Sincerely

Bonde Wahrton

Treasurer

Girton Bowls Club

TO BE KETURNED

TO THE Invoice

AMBLERS BOWLS CLUB **SCAMBLERS**

Date: Invoice No.: Salesperson:

Pet 13/2/17 04/07/2017 p4493 Workshop

A J & R Scambler and Sons

Reg 4617627 Vat 393144448 Brooklands Farm Caxton Road Bourn Cambs CB23 2SU 01954 718484 www.scamblers.com Ed@scamblers.com

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Bill To: Girton Bowls Club Girton Town Charity 22 High Street Girton Cambridge CB23 0PU

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Subtotal £3,950.00

£790.00 VAT

Total £4,740.00

Balance To Pay £4,740.00

Please pay on this invoice as no further statement will be sent. Barclays Bank Ple AJ & R Scambler and sons Itd Account:60910899 Sort:20-43-63 accounts@scamblers.com

The Cambridge Lawn Company

15 Lincoln Close Buckden St Neots, CB PE19 5UE 07759910913

stephen@cambridgetawncompany.co.uk

CAMBRIDGE LAWN COMPANY Invoice

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SERVICES

Girton Bowls Club

22/1/18

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84.15

Supply 9 x 20kg Bags of Lawn Sand @[£9.35 per Bag

Application of Lawn Sand

inc Delivery

45.00

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APPENDIX G

Girton Parish Council Payments Schedule for April 2018

(please see separate report)

APPENDIX H Chairman's Report 11th April 2018

In late March Northmores provided a "Pre-tender cost Estimate" for the Carpark/Footpath/Artwork Fence and bus shelter project, provided by contracted "Cost Consultants". This was of mind blowing proportions as a result of the inclusion of much unnecessary/over-specified work. I immediately wrote to GTC pointing out that the whole tender process would be a waste of time if such costs were reflected in actual tender returns and requesting a rethink of the project. Actual cost quotations were then received in early April and as expected are considerably in excess of, (greater than double), the highest cost previously suggested. I have requested an urgent meeting with GTC to decide the way forward but this has not yet been forthcoming. Following the presentation from High Street residents expressing concerns about the GTC proposals for redevelopment of their alms houses in the High Street, I wrote requesting a meeting to include District Councillor de Lacey to discuss these issues. This has now been arranged for 23rd April and will also include County Councillor Lynda Harford who has also received residents' concerns independently. The saga of temporary relocation of residents of Wellbrook Way Flats to allow renovation and repair of foundations continues. A planned follow up residents meeting for this week is cancelled due to failure of Taylor Wimpey and their contractor, Roltons to provide the promised detailed specification for the work. As agreed at last month's meeting I am gathering evidence to support our case for the introduction of road safety signage at the junction of High Street and Cambridge Road. This is taking rather longer than anticipated but I hope to have it done by our next meeting.

The Post Office informed us of the 'temporary suspension' of the Girton service a few days after the event. The letter provided a website for applications to run the service but exploration shows there to be no vacancy listed for Girton! I have emailed pointing this out but to date it has not been rectified. I am informed that the provision of our Post Office has been on a 'commission only' basis and is thus unlikely to be attractive as a going concern.

Now that the closing date for nominations for election to the Parish Council is passed, it is clear that no election will be necessary as we have only 11 nominations. A further 3 individuals who failed to submit papers have indicated that they would be willing to be co-opted at a future time.

Havdn Williams

APPENDIX I

Summary of Girton Youth Project Report for March 2018

The clocks have gone back and spring is apparently here, with the extra light in the evenings the Monday session have been enjoying games on the Rec including football, bull dog and the much anticipated return of man hunt. However, with this being British spring time on those occasional rainy days we continue to promote craft projects, this month we have made key rings and painted egg shaped planters in time for Easter. Our world of war craft group continues to remain strong and grow in numbers and the group seem keen to attend a beginner session at the Warhammer shop in Cambridge. These sessions are held on a Sunday and in conversations with the staff at the shop and the young people we have pencilled in a trip for the summer school holidays.

This month saw the introduction of 'Mess Club', so far dishes we have cooked as a group are Swedish meatballs, mash potato and vegetables, Hogmany pie and Sausage casserole. The young people have been helping to prepare and cook the dishes as well as helping complete all the washing up. When the new initiative becomes a staple of Thursday Club we plan on introducing meal planning and budgeting, with the possibility of taking the young people to buy the ingredients required for the chosen meal. We also would like to roll out food hygiene courses and certificates for the young people who are interested in doing the online

course with support from the sessional workers. I will discuss with Fiona the on-line programme that the YMCA use to gain this qualification and see if this can be rolled out to our young people.

This month we treated the Thursday group to a trip to Cambridge leisure Centre for a fun filled evening of bowling to celebrate their mock exam results and provide a much needed break from their vigorous revision schedules. Whilst I am not overly convinced fifteen year olds require barriers on their lanes a great evening enjoyed by all.