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## The Village Diary

### October

- Sat. 1** **FOGG Jumble Sale**, from 11am  
Girton Glebe School  
**Girton Walking Group**, Walk to Fen Ditton – Meet at Prezzo, Magdalene Bridge, 11am
- Wed. 5** **Girton WI**, Abbeyfield, 7.30pm  
Clarins Skin Spa from John Lewis  
**Club 55**, Lunch, 12 for 12.30pm – Dolphin Hotel  
**Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon  
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Fri. 7** **St Andrew's Action Abroad**, 10.30am–12 noon  
Coffee Morning, 2b St Margaret's Rd
- Sat. 8** **Girton Cricket Club**, Quiz Night  
The George Inn, 7.30pm
- Mon. 10** **U3AC**, North Room, St Andrew's, 11am–12.15pm, 'Visions of a Fossil Free Village' (start of course)
- Tues. 11** **Community Centre Open Evening** 7pm,  
Girton Glebe School
- Wed. 12** **Girton Garden Society**, St Vincent's Close, 7.30pm  
Indoor Flora – Mrs Lamorna Thomas
- Thur. 13** **Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age**, 2–4pm  
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Fri. 14** **Apple Juice Club**, Pressing on the Rec  
Girton Recreation Ground, 2–4pm
- Sun. 16** **Parish Council Meeting**, 7.30pm  
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Wed. 19** **Impington Music Society**, IVC, 7.30pm  
Robin Horgan, Tenor, and friends
- Fri. 21** **CFHS**, Family History Fair, 10am–4pm  
Girton Glebe School
- Sat. 22** **FOSA Quiz Night**, 7.30pm, Cotton Hall
- Thu. 27** **Club 55**, Film, 'Hello Dolly', 12 noon  
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sun. 30** **Girton College Music Society**, 2.30pm  
Fresher's Concert, Stanley Library

### November

- Wed. 2** **Girton WI**, Abbeyfield, 7.30pm  
Christmas Baubles – Barbara Redman
- Fri. 4** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon  
St Vincent's Close Community Centre

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|--------------------|----------------------------------|
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| Pavilion           | 472182                           |
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## GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

The following are amongst items discussed at Parish Council meetings and information received by the Clerk. The full minutes of Council meetings are published on the village website: [www.girton-cambs.org.uk/council.html](http://www.girton-cambs.org.uk/council.html)

The GPN copy date falls before the September meeting has taken place, but items at the meeting will include the co-option of a new Parish Councillor and a new Footpaths Officer, approval of UK Power Network's removal of foliage from power lines, the installation of a commemorative plaque on the oak tree in Hibbert Ware Garden and the replacement of damaged pear trees at Wellbrook Way. We have also received one offer of assistance with development of a neighbourhood plan, and while further volunteers from villagers are still needed, it is hoped that a group can now be established to progress this.

Following commencement of construction on the new Care Home in Wellbrook Way the Council has received the S111 payment from Hallmark which will now allow the redevelopment of the Pavilion Car Park to provide improved vehicle access, a safe pedestrian route to the play area and effective drainage.

The Council has also received notification of a planned residential development of 16 dwellings in land to the rear of gardens in Pepys Way, and have requested that the developers attend the September meeting to address residents' concerns.

The bus shelter at Mayfield Road/Girton Road junction needs either repairing or replacing, and we are keen to hear from residents on whether to repair the existing shelter or if a new shelter would be preferable. Please contact the Clerk with your views.

Still at Mayfield Road, the post and rail fencing around Mayfield Triangle is damaged, and is in need of repair. The Parish Council would welcome views on whether this fencing is needed, and should therefore be replaced, or could be removed.

We are also interested to hear residents' views about the decommissioning of BT phone kiosks – please see Cllr Buckler's article on this page.

### Next meetings

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 19th October and Wednesday 16th November, both starting at 7.30pm at St Vincent's Close Community Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings, and to speak in the open session at the start.

*A full list of Councillors appears on page 34.*



## The BT Phone Boxes in Girton

Due to low usage, BT are considering de-commissioning some phone boxes in Girton, and have asked the Parish Council to draw your attention to the notices they have posted in the relevant kiosks. They are the ones at Girton Corner and close to St Andrew's Church. If you have a valid reason for believing they are needed, please contact the Parish Clerk by 9th October at the latest.

If the phone boxes are de-commissioned they will be made available to the Parish Council for the princely sum of £1 each, and since they are such iconic symbols of our social history, it would be sad not to find a use for them.

The Book Exchange at the Pepys Way junction is being used and looks terrific, but perhaps it is a little early to suggest establishing another one, run by another team of public-spirited people. However, Prickwillow has made their kiosk into an Art Gallery (with locks!). The exhibitions last for the calendar month, and it encourages contributions from such as the Play Group, who painted jungle scenes. It has also been wrapped up as a parcel for Christmas, encased in trellis with flowers on it, and filled with balloons on another occasion. Google at the present time shows it housing a piece of sculpture. What fun we could have!

The village has many talented artists, but you do not have to be one to have creative ideas. Have you seen how other places have recycled their phone boxes? Would you like to be involved in some small way, to make this work because many hands DO make light work!

Any groups who would like to take on a kiosk, renovate it and set it up as a community facility of any sort should notify the Clerk of their idea and develop a full proposal for consideration at a future Council meeting.

The residents of Girton are always keen to say how much they love the village and to have inspiring visual delights would indicate that we have some 'soul' too!

So if you have a positive contribution to make, I look forward to hearing from you.

*Cllr Jane Buckler, Girton Parish Council  
Tel: 01223 277636*

## From our Councillors

### County Councillor Lynda Harford

*Devolution* will face its next test at the end of October when councillors of all the local authorities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will vote on whether to enter into a Combined Authority. Over the summer there have been two consultation exercises. An independent survey of residents was commissioned and undertaken by MORI. This statistically valid telephone poll saw 2,280 residents contacted and asked for their views on the full range of the devolution proposals. This poll showed that 55% of all respondents in the local community support devolution with only 15% of residents being opposed. Over 80% of residents felt that decisions are better made locally with generally three-quarters supporting the range of devolved housing, transport and infrastructure powers and budgets contained in the proposals.

The online consultation was promoted on the websites of all seven Councils and the LEP and generated over 1,500 responses – far higher than in other parts of the country where similar consultations have tended to generate significantly less general engagement.

In the self-selecting online poll, 55% supported the general principle of devolving powers down from central government to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. In every authority area for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough more people supported the principle of devolution than opposed it. In the online poll just under a third of respondents (31%) supported having an elected Mayor for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough with 59% opposed. Recent reports of some ambivalence on the part of the new Prime Minister towards this detail of devolution deals has been unhelpful. The indication to participant authorities has been that it remains a non-negotiable matter.

A report on the consultation has been sent to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, so that the Government can see the level of local support for the proposals. The full report can be found at: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/devolution)

The *Local Government Boundary Commission for England* has now published its final decisions on its review of Cambridgeshire County Council. There are no appreciable changes to the original decisions published in February for South Cambridgeshire. The new report confirms that Bar Hill division will comprise only Bar Hill, Dry Drayton, Girton and Lolworth. Sadly, as previously published, we shall see Boxworth become part of the Swavesey/Papworth Division.

In its continuing efforts to support older people remaining in their own homes, the County Council part funds the *Cambridgeshire Handy-person Scheme*. The Age UK-run service aims to prevent accidents by offering a free personal assessment and home safety check. Available to those over 65 years, the scheme can also arrange for small jobs to be carried out. More information available on Age UK's website, or contact 01480 700205 or 0300 666 9860.

Consultation continues until 10 October on the *Greater Cambridge City Deal* proposals to address rush hour congestion. Go to: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/site/custom\\_scripts/cons\\_details.aspx?ref=516](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/site/custom_scripts/cons_details.aspx?ref=516) to express your views.

If you would like to know more about what's happening at the County Council, please let me know and I will add you to the circulation of the full report I write monthly for parish councils.

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### District Councillor Tom Bygott

**Cambridge University's North West Development**  
Progress on the development (located between Madingley Road, Huntingdon Road and the M11) continues apace. The 150-hectare site sits partly in Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District, and when completed over 15–20 years, it will be a new part of both Cambridge and Girton with 3,000 homes, post-graduate student rooms, academic and commercial research space, as well as community facilities.

The first phase has been under construction since 2013 and includes 700 University homes, 450 market homes, a primary school (which opened in September 2015), a community centre, a supermarket and shops, as well as infrastructure (including routes through the development site for vehicles, cycles, public transport and pedestrians), sports pitches and open spaces.

One part of the development opened in September 2015, which was the University of Cambridge Primary School. Now in its second academic year, the school includes pupils from Girton as its local catchment. Next year, increasing amounts of activity will be evident as the development becomes a new area in this part of Cambridge, as people will move onto the site and the community facilities are made available not just to the residents living on the scheme but also neighbours from the adjacent neighbourhoods.

Whilst the University is the principal developer of the site, the team have been working extensively with the local authorities to ensure that local residents are welcome to explore and use the community facilities once they are available. The Storey's Field Centre is the community facility at the heart of the development. As well as being a primary vehicle for welcoming neighbours and hosting interest groups, the centre will be a premier small-scale performance arts venue with a 180-seat hall. The Sainsbury's supermarket in the market square will be open to the community. The scheme as a whole includes open landscaping for recreational use and public access across the site, as well as a large lagoon that will hold rainwater from the development so as not to increase the flow through Washpit and Beck Brooks or increase the risk of flooding.

The timescales for the coming year are:

- Post-graduate accommodation open: January 2017
- University key worker homes open: Spring 2017
- Market homes on sale: Spring 2017
- Supermarket open: Autumn 2017

I would like to thank Biky Wan and Heather Topel of Cambridge University for providing me with this update. More information is available on [www.nwcambridge.co.uk](http://www.nwcambridge.co.uk)

### **South Cambs Apprenticeship Plan**

South Cambridgeshire District Council has published a new plan to double the number of apprentices it employs from five to ten. The plan also aims to put career paths in place so the Council can aim to turn apprenticeships into permanent employment at the end of training.

The Council is also urging firms to create more apprenticeships to develop local talented young people. These plans are being considered ahead of changes to the way the Government funds apprenticeships in April next year as they bid to create three million new apprenticeships.

*Cllr Tom Bygott*  
*cllr@bygott.net 07765 475513*

## **A View from the District**

Not much happens in August.

The County Council has recently awarded a contract to provide infrastructure support to the voluntary and community sector, including parish councils, to a consortium calling itself Support Cambridgeshire. One

of its first steps is to hold a Parishes Conference in November to help Parish Councils understand their growing role in a changing landscape, and to explain what support is available. I have been invited onto the planning committee for this and we are working hard on a programme which I hope will be both attractive and informative.

On 8 September the County Council organised a bus tour, for councillors and officers from County and City, of the various new and proposed floating bus stops, and I was also invited since I had been involved in the design stages. Although intended primarily to test their suitability for disabled people, it provided a useful opportunity to assess the success and failure of various aspects of the design. We were accompanied by the Chief Executives of both Stagecoach and Whippet who made some trenchant comments. It is clear that for proposed new stops it is imperative that the bus be able to draw right out of the traffic stream. We discussed conflict possibilities and were told that 28 hours of video footage taken by Sustrans at Girton Corner and other locations had shown no instances of significant interaction between cyclists and pedestrians or between cyclists and motor vehicles. 'Significant' being defined as anything more than, for instance, a cyclist being observed to have to brake while approaching the stop to enable a pedestrian to cross onto the island. We wandered across some of the cycle lanes and passing cyclists all appeared tolerant of our presence. We noted some infelicities such as the 'Keep Right' signs on Hills Road which appear to bar cyclists from actually using the cycle lane behind the bus islands, and spent some time discussing the location of the shelter and lack of seating at Girton Corner where the issues are more complex than I had realised.

The Councils have released the results of their consultations over devolution. These included an Ipsos MORI telephone poll of over 2,200 residents and an on-line consultation which generated over 1,500 responses. The MORI report contains full figures for all questions asked and it is interesting to see how these can be manipulated; for instance on the question of support for a Mayor, the percentages are (strongly support – tend to support – neither – tend to oppose – strongly oppose – don't know) 23 – 35 – 14 – 11 – 14 – 3; but with a significant comment: 'Looking at residents' perceived knowledge of devolution, support falls and opposition increases the more that residents say they know about devolution in general – for example, two in five (41%) of those who say they know a great deal about devolution say they oppose the election of a Mayor, compared with just under one in five (18%) of those who have heard of devolution, but

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know nothing about it.' So how does one assess support? The Councils' own report, which includes 'engagement' with business and the community and voluntary sector, is much thinner on statistics but we are told there is strong support. There is an enormous amount of material to digest, and I would be most grateful to have your views as the Council moves towards a decision on the issue.

At September's Joint Development Control Committee, Cllr Harford and I spoke vehemently against an application to erect an enormous illuminated advertisement for Sainsbury's at the entrances to the NW Cambridge site. To my delight the Committee unanimously overturned the officer recommendation to approve it – the first time that has happened in my experience.

Please remember that there is still time to comment on the City Deal's 'workplace parking levy', which is likely to exacerbate traffic problems in Girton (details at [www4.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/citydeal/congestion](http://www4.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/citydeal/congestion)). The deadline is Monday 10 October.

If you would like a fuller monthly report emailed to you please contact me at [scdc@de-lacey.org](mailto: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*



## Girton WI

At our September meeting, Professor Tim Sparks gave a talk on Climate Change, which was very generous of him because he had only a day's notice: the booked speaker had an injury and could not come. He spoke of gathering the data about changes to the climate from past resources as well as present methods. There are volunteers who note how early trees grow in spring and other signs of spring. Data has come from other countries too: China has collected the date the cherry trees blossom in spring for nearly 2000 years. Professor Sparks showed us the local data which he has collected. The data all shows a steady change with spring getting earlier each year, not just here but all over the world. That and other changes have caused the extinction of some flora and fauna documented by naturalists 70 years ago. It was fascinating and showed that impressions of change are supported by the evidence.

*Corinne Garvie*



## News for Older Residents

**Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age** events are held in October throughout the county to celebrate the United Nations International day for Older People. The one in Girton will be on **Friday 14th October, 2–4pm** in St Vincent's Close Community Room. Bondy will sing and entertain us and tea and cake will be served. This event is **free** but we need to know numbers, so please book your place with Gail Cooke, the Warden, on 07979 333963 by Monday 10th October.

Email me if you would like an online copy of the Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age booklet with details of all the activities.

### Abigail's Wednesday activities

Abigail Whyte of Everyone Health is in the village each Wednesday afternoon. At **1pm** she leads a **walk** starting from the **Pavilion** which lasts 30–45 minutes. This a good chance to exercise and have a chat with other walkers at the same time.

Following this from **3–7pm** Abigail runs a clinic for **weight management** in St Vincent's Close Community Room.

To refer to her clinic and/or to get more information about the walks please phone Abigail on 03330 050093.

The **Exercise to Music** class began well last Thursday with 14 people attending. Anyone interested should turn up at 2.30pm at the Pavilion to take part. It costs £3.50 a session. Claire Strongman, the tutor, can give you more information. Her number is 07762 914904.

Likewise, just turn up at the **Computer Club** any Monday morning from 10am with your laptop, tablet etc, and learn how to make better use of your device. The club meets at St Vincent's Close Community Room.

Over these past months I have been successful in finding good homes for various items I have advertised (and more besides). However, I still have a **commode** and a **raised toilet seat**. Please let me know if you can use either of these items.

Also do get in touch – your ideas and suggestions are always welcome. As I work my hours mainly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays there may be a delay before I get back to you.

*Patricia Johnston, Older Residents' Coordinator*

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Kiosk Book Exchange



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#### Girton Community Book Exchange

The kiosk on Girton Road at the junction with Pepys Way has been renovated to its original condition and converted into a community book exchange.

Please use it as often as you like. Book donations can be added when there is space on the shelves.

The kiosk is being managed by volunteers. If you would like to help email [girtonkioskbookexchange@gmail.com](mailto:girtonkioskbookexchange@gmail.com)

## Jumble Sale

Saturday 1st October 2016  
11am

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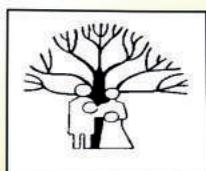
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This year there were nine entries. Thanks to all who took part and brightened up the village with their

cheerful displays. Thanks also to Johnson's, who provided the seeds this year; Corinna Tabor and Chris Pittock of Girton Garden Society, who were the judges; and Girton Town Charity, which provided the Garden Vouchers as prizes.

*Angela Blackburn*



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## A NEW HEAD FOR GIRTON GLEBE SCHOOL



Mr Drew Simpson took up the position of Head Teacher at Girton Glebe School when the new term started in September. He lives in Ely with his scientist wife and 2-year-old daughter, and taught at Downham Feoffes School in Ely, where he has served as both Deputy Head and Acting Head.

Mr Simpson's vision for the Glebe School is to

foster in the children a positive attitude to education that will last the whole of their lives. Developing lifelong learners involves not just succeeding in topics the child finds easy, but more importantly involves learning from failure and accepting mistakes, and thus developing a resilience in learning at the primary school level which can be carried through to later education and into adult life. The child's experience at primary school is crucial to their later 'growth mindset'.

Mr Simpson is himself a musician (classical and electric guitar) and is enthusiastic about the school's strong musical tradition – he even hopes to find time to teach guitar when other duties permit!

We shall look forward to hearing what is happening at the school in future editions of the *Girton Parish News*. Meanwhile, we extend a warm welcome to the school's new Head Teacher!

*Angela Blackburn*

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

### New Headteacher

First of all, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Drew Simpson and I am delighted to be the new Headteacher of Girton Glebe Primary School. I am so pleased to be joining the dedicated team we have here and am very much looking forward to the 2016–2017 academic year. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Kohler as our newly

appointed Assistant Headteacher who will be working alongside Mrs Whitworth, Mrs Tate and myself on the Senior Leadership Team. Mr Kohler will also be teaching in Maple Class.

Now that the autumn term is in full swing, the classrooms have been a hive of activity and exciting things have been taking place all around the building. Please read on for a flavour of what has been happening at Girton Glebe Primary School in the short time that we have been back ...

### Team Building Activities

The school was a thoroughly exciting place to be during the first week of term with children completing a wonderful array of team building tasks in order to support our Core Values at the beginning of the academic year.

Walking from classroom to classroom I saw children working together whilst taking part in a multitude of challenging tasks. These

tasks ranged from True/False activities to Cross-the-Pond games, and in Rowan Class I saw the children working in groups to build the tallest free-standing structure they could made from sweets and spaghetti! Well done, children, your team spirit was fabulous!



### Buddying Up

Our EYFS children had a busy first week getting used to the new school setting and their Year 6 buddies have done an excellent job of helping them settle in. They have been a particularly valuable support to the younger children in the dining hall and on the playground and some great friendships have already been forged. We are very grateful to Girton Town Charity for supporting the programme with training through Relate, which equipped the Year 6 buddies to carry out their responsibilities so well.

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### Smartkidz Breakfast & After School Club Ofsted Inspection

I must extend huge congratulations to Mr Adam Smart and his team for their incredibly successful Ofsted inspection which took place during the summer holidays. The inspection team commended Smartkidz for their well-planned activities and wide range of resources and said that the staff 'deliver consistent messages to children about the expectations of positive behaviour. This helps the children to learn about fair boundaries and how to interact respectfully with others.'

The inspectors also commented on the emphasis on supporting a healthy lifestyle and observed the 'passion and ambition' shown by Adam and the team in providing the best opportunities for the children.

### Developing Our Outdoor Environment

During the summer period we had some maintenance work carried out in order to develop our outdoor environment. A section of our Key Stage 2 playground has been concreted, removing the area that was previously grassed and allowing better access during inclement weather. We have also had some rather colourful fencing erected around what will be our Quiet Area in the corner of the Key Stage 1 playground. Once new furniture for this outdoor space has been constructed, we will be able to open this area to children who would like a quiet space to sit during break times and lunchtimes.

### The Term Ahead

This week the children are launching into their termly topics, with Years 1 and 2 journeying 'Around the World' whilst our Key Stage Two pupils begin their work on Ancient Rome. We are also poised to compete in a range of sports competitions including a swimming gala and two invasion games tournaments. Our extra-curricular clubs for the autumn term get underway soon with a range of clubs on offer including curling, kung fu, choir, dance, multi-skills and handball.

### Open Afternoon and Evening

One date I would like to draw your attention to is our Open Afternoon and Evening on Thursday 10th November. We hope that many of you will be able to drop by and have a look at the school in action as we are keen to share with you the many fantastic things that we do. The afternoon session will run between 2pm and 3pm and the evening session will take place between 6pm and 7pm. I look forward to seeing you there!

Mr Andrew Simpson  
Headteacher



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2. \*New\* Pressing on the Rec – Sunday 16th October, 2–4pm.

We'll be setting up the equipment on the Rec and helping you juice your apples in exchange for a small donation to the club. Bring apples and bottles! The perfect event for you if you don't have enough apples to fill the press yourself or if you'd just like to get an idea of how it all works before joining the club. Even if you don't have any apples to bring this year or you're pressing at home anyway, please come along and say hello!

Jon Bonsor-Matthews

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This term we are learning an *Abba* medley, *A Gaelic Blessing* by John Rutter and *Something Inside So Strong* by Labi Siffre.

Please join us on Wednesday evenings in Girton Glebe School Hall from 7.30 - 9.00pm. Come along for a free taster session or, for more information, phone Jane 01223 474667 or email [info@girtoncommunitychoir.org.uk](mailto:info@girtoncommunitychoir.org.uk)

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## An insight into the role of governors at Girton Glebe Primary School



Our school Governing Body is made up of Co-opted, Parent, Staff, Local Authority and Associate Governors. Our Governors have a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school.

### *What is the Governing Body's Role?*

The Governing Body of our school plays a key role in:

- Helping to develop the strategic direction and future plans of the school.
- Finding the right balance between supporting and challenging the performance of the school as a whole.
- Setting and monitoring targets for raising standards of educational achievement.
- Upholding good governance and working towards the success of the school.

The Governing Body works together as a team:

- Sometimes the whole Governing Body is involved – there are usually six meetings of the Full Governing Body each year.
- Sometimes Governors work in smaller working groups or monitoring pairs, looking at specific areas of the school's work in more detail.
- Some Governors have specific responsibilities – for example, Special Educational Needs, Safeguarding.

### *Would you be interested in becoming a Governor?*

We are currently looking for new Co-opted and Associate Governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has HR, financial, child protection (safeguarding), teaching or legal skills and who has:

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# GIRTON scoreboard



## Girton Bowls Club

**The Club Competition Finals Day and Lunchtime BBQ** was on 11th September and we couldn't have wanted better weather. All three matches were very close with nail-biting moments. Congratulations to all our finalists – Bill, Jane, Roger, Steve, Janet, Margaret, Paul and Dave.



**The End of Season Dinner** was a fun event with Trophy Presentations and Awards. We thank Abbeyfield for making it such a nice occasion. Roger and Steve won the Pairs, Janet and Paul won their Singles.

**The Winter Season Indoor/Outdoor League** at Chesterton Bowls Club is now under way – so no time for withdrawal symptoms!

The Green is now closed for its Winter maintenance. A plea for a working party to treat benches and weed the edges will be circulated soon.

For any information do contact our Secretary Graham – [grahamclare71@virginmedia.com](mailto:grahamclare71@virginmedia.com) – and keep an eye on our website [www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com](http://www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com)

*Sian Franklin*



## Girton Tennis Club

The tennis club has use of the recreation ground courts and members who purchase a key have court access during most daylight hours. The club runs a supervised session for juniors from 6.30 to

7.30pm on Friday evenings (weather permitting) and club members play after this until around 9pm under floodlights.

The supervised sessions for juniors will not be running once the weather turns either too cold or wet. We hope this is still a few weeks away!

Our tennis year is now half-way through so we are now



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*Alan Franklin*

## Girton Golf Club

As summer turns to Autumn the temperature seems to be rising rather than falling, hitting the low 30Cs this week, which made the rain that fell throughout the Charity Day on Saturday 10th September even more disappointing. However, it failed to quash the enthusiasm and fun of the many teams who played on the day and raised money for the Club Captains' Charity in a very successful, if somewhat damp, event.

Men's competition winners in the last month – Michael Evans, Mark Harding, James Black, Jack Todd, Glen McHaffie, George Lewis, Malcolm Crisp, Elliott Bamforth, Paul Tuite.



Juniors winner – Jack Thorpe.

Ladies winners – Eileen Webster, Kerry Mulbregt, Wendy Hunter, Janet Johnstone, Sue Hill, Linda Pauley, Jacqui Storey, Elaine Taylor, Cheryl Bird, Pat Attwood.

Girton's Seniors team have played matches against Gog Magog, Saffron Walden, Meridian and St Ives.

### Learn to play Golf in a day...

Dean Saunders, our AA PGA Professional, is running more Learn to Play days, one of which takes place on Wednesday 26th October and will run from 10am–3pm for **£35** with lunch included. These days are a great way to learn the essentials of the game in a relaxed environment. Speak to Dean for more information or call 01223 276169 to book or recommend any of your friends or family to have a go at golf!

Girton Golf Club is hosting Shared Christmas Parties for local Companies, Groups, Families, Societies and Clubs, with 2/3 course meals and a Disco on 20/21/22 December for numbers from 2 to 92. Please contact the club on extensions 2 or 5 to book your tables or gain further information. Festive lunches are also available throughout November and December – book your tables in the same way.

*Alan Henderson-Smith*

### Girton Cricket Club

Another season over and the 2nds narrowly miss out on promotion in their league by finishing third. A special mention to the 8 players that turned out against Wimblington. To only lose by 5 runs was a credit to you.



The 1st team have narrowly avoided relegation by finishing just above the bottom three. Well done to all players that took part this season.

### Forthcoming events

Club AGM: 9th October, Girton Golf Club, 7pm start.  
POY Christmas meal: 3rd December, Girton Golf Club, 6.30pm meet.

Next monthly quiz: 10th October at The George, 8pm start. £1 per person and teams of 4.

Thanks to all the committee for their hard work in keeping the club running smoothly this year. Any enquires please contact one of the below:

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Dean Stacey (Club Captain): 07841 625675  
Matt Hobbs (1st Team Captain): 07525 254907  
Andy Burton (2nd Team Captain): 07850 693505

*Dean Stacey*



### Girton Walking Group

The Girton Walking Group has been enjoying regular walks this year. If you would like to join us please get in touch – our regular monthly walk is on the first Saturday of each month starting at 10am. If you would like more details please email Claire Nickson at [cnludlow12@gmail.com](mailto:cnludlow12@gmail.com) or phone 01223 276487.

### Roger's Cycle Challenge for Macmillan and Headway Charities

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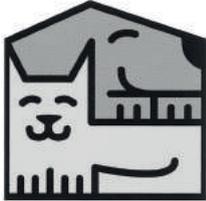


the Costa Rican jungle to the highest trekking peaks in the Himalayas, including ascending Mount Everest to base camp, Mont Blanc and Aconagua, the highest mountain in South America

... until on 12th August 2012, whilst training for his next challenge in the Swiss Alps, he fell over 100m down a glacier and sustained a severe head injury. He was in a coma for nearly 4 months.

His strength and determination, coupled with much support from friends and family, means that he continues to recover, and he recently learnt to ride a bike again so that he was able to embark on his first challenge for Macmillan since his accident. On the 6th August Roger Parker cycled over 50 miles from near Southwold in Suffolk to Girton to raise awareness and funds for both Macmillan and Headway, a charity that supports people who have suffered head trauma.

Roger has so far raised over £5,400 for Macmillan and nearly £2,000 for Headway. He would like to thank his many friends from the village, Cambridge Rugby Club and especially the Girton Town Charity for their continued support for his work for these worthwhile charities.



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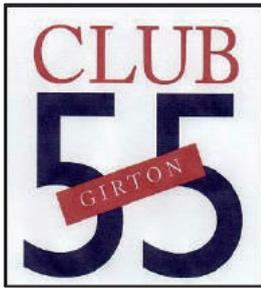
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Girton already has an excellent Hospital Car scheme backed by Girton Town Charity for visiting Addenbrookes and other hospitals, but that does not allow members to visit the local doctor's surgery or to make social calls on relatives and friends. The 'HIGS' car scheme allows members to take short journeys at low cost. Journeys below 10 miles cost £3, for journeys over 10 miles it is £3 plus 30p per mile thereafter. Mileage is from driver's address to destination and return to driver's address. All drivers are locally based.

It costs nothing to become a member - just call this telephone number **07982 108927** and give a few details to qualify or contact Club 55 or our Older Residents Co-ordinator Patricia Johnston for more information. Trips must be booked in advance so just leave a message on the number above and someone will get back to you. Why not give it a try? Leave your name and telephone number on the answer phone for your first journey and test the system for yourself.

### A Weekend Away with Club 55

Every effort is being made to organise a weekend away for the over 55's at 'Seacroft', one of Richardson's holiday villages on the North Norfolk Coast at Hemsby. The trip will include return bus fare plus two day trips by bus, one to a mystery destination and the other to Holkham Hall. Accommodation will be in comfortable chalets with toilet and shower, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. It is a short walk from your chalet to the restaurant for breakfast and evening meal, both of which are served by waiters at your allocated table. Bingo and evening entertainment are available each evening, if you wish to take part, and various games are also available. There is a very nice bar on site. The village is very flat with good lighting, is adult only and quiet. It is wheelchair friendly and many wheelchair users are seen there

enjoying the facilities mentioned above. If you would like to come with a younger relative or a carer you will be welcome to do so. The weekend will begin on Friday 7th April 2017 returning to Girton on the following Monday after a three night stay. The cost of the weekend will be £230 per person plus a £15 supplement where single occupancy is required.

If you would like to go, or if you know someone who might benefit from a few days away, please contact us on the number below. If you think that this trip might benefit someone but the cost is prohibitive please contact us, Patricia Johnston or Girton Town Charity – we may be able to help particularly with costs where carers are needed.

Club 55 will not be able to run this event unless enough people take part to make it financially viable. Please think about it and help make it a success by coming along to enjoy yourself with a view to possibly making it an annual trip to this or other venues. *Don't be lonely.*

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### For your diary:

**Wednesday 5th October:** Lunch at the Dolphin Hotel St. Ives - Mini Bus available.

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It's run by a few young people from each group, and on the Saturday night we will have a concert to show all the things we will learn that day, and also perform in our separate groups. Please feel free to come to this free concert, on Saturday 22nd October at Histon Baptist Church, where we will be collecting for a charity chosen by the young people.

TenSing runs on Thursday evenings, 7–9pm, at Histon Baptist Church. Most activities are based around singing, but we also dance, act and play band. Also, if you're interested in tech stuff with sound systems, you may like to join the tech team for events. The group is for years 7–13 and run by the young people for the young people, with DBS checked adults present.

All are welcome to Cambridge TenSing, which is supported by the YMCA and Histon Baptist Church. For any information or queries don't hesitate to contact either me at [lilyduncan@me.com](mailto:lilyduncan@me.com) or our administrator, Terry King, at [jking47@aol.com](mailto:jking47@aol.com)

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Paul Smith, Store Manager at the Co-op, and his colleagues would like to say a big thank you to the community of Girton for helping to raise £750 to support a colleague from another store who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

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Elaine Taylor, a relationship counsellor at Relate Cambridge, said: 'There is something psychological about autumn. We may make New Year's resolutions but there's something equally – if not more – profound about this time of year. Often we invest it with more meaning. So though we may not make resolutions in the same way as on New Year's Eve, we may still resolve to change a situation that's been making us unhappy for some time or to make a fresh start.'

Elaine explained: 'If a couple does decide that to consider separation is their only option, I would definitely encourage them to contact Relate Cambridge at our outpost in Girton for help. We have a great deal of experience in helping couples to separate as amicably as possible. All the research tells us it's not the separation itself that causes the greatest stress, but how this process is managed.'

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## New Community Centre for Girton receives go-ahead

For the last ten years, Girton Town Charity Trustees and their advisors have been working on a scheme to create a Community Centre at Wellbrook Way for the residents of Girton.

Last month, the final part of the Planning Permission was granted and it is hoped that work will be starting on site in Spring 2017.

This is a positive end to a long process which started back in 1999. After consultation with the Village some years ago, it was agreed that the community land would have a Bowls Green. This was completed in 2015 and the newly established Girton Bowls Club will be able to use the Centre during its matches.



GTC is keen to tell Village residents about the new facility and so an Open Evening has been arranged on Wednesday 12 October at 7.00pm at Girton Glebe School. At the meeting Trustees and the Architect will unveil what the new Centre will look like and give details about the accommodation inside.

### Multi-use hall

The Community Centre will overlook the Bowls Green and provide a modern, multi-use hall available to a range of community groups, as well as for hire for private functions.

So what will it contain? The Main Hall, with a seated capacity of more than 120 people, will have a floor to accommodate carpet bowls, as well as glass doors to a veranda overlooking the Bowls Green. There will be a plate glass fence about 1.1 metres high between the veranda and the Green which will act as a barrier whilst allowing visibility between the two.

### Equipment

The Hall will be fitted with a sound system, data projector and screen, as well upgradeable hearing loops in the Hall.

There will also be two smaller meeting rooms, an office and reception, as well as a fully-fitted kitchen and serving area, toilets and showers and an equipment store for the Hall. A Manager will be employed to make sure the facility is used as widely as possible.

Outside there's a main car park for users of the Bowls Green and Community Centre with a barrier which will be open only at particular times to ensure that it is always available when users need access. There will also be a separate delivery area and designated disabled parking.

### Positive result

Nick Twitchett, who also worked on our almshouses at Centenary Court, is the Architect for the project. He says: "Over the next few months we will be going out to tender for construction."

Dr Robin Hiley, GTC Chairman, added: "We are delighted to have finally reached this stage and excited to tell residents about the new Community Centre. It promises to be an excellent space for a wide range of uses and, with the closure of the old WI Hall, we hope it will become a focal point for the Village. The residents of Girton owe a great deal of thanks to all those who have worked hard to deliver this valuable new facility, particularly Nick and my fellow Trustees."

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# GIRTON GREEN FINGERS

October is a favourite month of many. We all know the clocks go back at the end of this month and our evenings will be shorter, but on the bright side, October days can be full of strong sunshine and we can all still enjoy relaxing with a drink or meal outside whilst on our travels or peacefully in our own garden.

On the down side, fallen leaves around the garden can be a headache. When mowing your lawn, the mower blades will help to shred the leaves and make them quicker to rot down. Collect fallen leaves weekly otherwise the grass grows too long and cutting becomes harder. Add leaves to the compost heap or allow them to rot down in black plastic bags to make leaf mould compost.

The autumn tints are all around us. The Virginia creeper running along the back of St John's College is stunning as the leaves change from green to scarlet. Take the opportunity to capture the seasonal tints around Cambridge with your camera.

October is the start of the planting season. Planting now allows the roots to be well established before winter arrives. Evergreens are prone to drying out in the winter winds, so avoid exposed sites. October is still a good time to sow lawns and meadows.

Bring tender plants indoors or choose a light, frost-free place such as a greenhouse or cold frame. Keep plants on the dry side over winter to reduce growth, checking them regularly. Remove dead flowers and leaves before they begin to rot. As spring approaches, gradually increase watering to encourage new growth.

Garden centres now offer a huge choice and variety of bulbs. Think 10s and multiples of 10 for a generous effect. Planting bulbs in pots is ideal as they can be moved around the garden when and where colour is needed. Displays can be changed from year to year, and new varieties tried and tested. Tulips and fritillaries work better in pots, but the woodlanders, Erythronium and Galanthus, are always better in the ground long term.

Planting bulbs whilst the soil is warm allows the roots to get established and helps them fight wet and rot. Tulips can be left to the end of November. Bulbs should be planted at two and a half times their own depth. If planting in drifts, work on the principle that if you threw them in the air, you would plant where they land.

There is still time to plant containers of bedding plants such as violas and wallflowers and flowering bulbs. Keep pots in a sheltered spot to encourage blooms throughout the winter and to avoid the plants rotting in the wet winter. Cyclamen and ornamental cabbage are vulnerable to rotting in damp conditions.

Collect seeds and cuttings for spring sowing. Store seeds in labelled paper packets and keep free of moisture to prevent fungal disease or rotting. Seeds from walnuts, oaks and magnolia, however, require moisture to aid germination so store these in plastic bags with a mixture of vermiculite, or moist sand. Hellebores are best sown immediately as their viability reduces with storage. Delicate plant cuttings should be protected in a frame or greenhouse.

Give your shrubs and climbing roses a good prune this month. Cut back any perennials that have died down and clear away any dead foliage from around the roots. October is a good time to divide established rhubarb. Pick any windfall apples for cooking. Twist apples still on the tree half a turn and if ripe they will come away with a satisfying snap. Store the unblemished apples in a cool shed.

Pumpkin and gourds can be harvested now and moved into a dry position to prevent rotting. Halloween is upon us at the end of the month and pumpkins are in demand for lanterns. The greenhouse in the walled garden at Wimpole Hall has a display of misshapen pumpkins and gourds and well worth taking children to see. There is much to do in the garden this month but much for us all to enjoy.

*Chris Pittock, Girton Garden Society*



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## IN TRANSITION

Now that nature has delivered up its bounty of goodness for winter storage, the cycle of rest and restoration begins again. The bees still hover over the later flowers and small creatures stash their secret hoards for harsher climes. There is a time to work and a time for repose, a time to live and a time to die. The perfect circle of change and renewal is reflected in many of our cultural traditions, which in themselves undergo evolving adaptations.

In bygone days, the old Irish tradition of addressing grief and loss for the departed loved one was expressed in music and song at a wake. For three days and nights, the entire local community might visit the home of the departed to pay respects and even more importantly, to show support for the mourning family. Integral to this revered process was the tradition known as KEENING. As family and friends sat together, the keener would enter the room, a bodily representative of mortality, and all would be hushed in expectation. Then began the ritual of giving voice to grief in words and music that would channel the emotions of the collective mourners and display their united sorrow. As the music ebbed and flowed, it would be accompanied by wailing, this being the outpouring of a deep inner sense of loss and a means of helping the mourners to move on and cope with changes to family structure.

Nowadays we still observe the ritual of keening, but in a different guise. Communities gather at places of death to lay flowers in such abundance that the length of a street may be adorned from railings to pavement with floral tributes and messages. We light candles, keep night-long vigils or march in solidarity to protest at an untimely or unjust death.

Keening has been discarded now in the original sense, as too primitive for our progressive society, which to some extent has been numbed by daily television viewings of the dramatized versions of death. So it is perhaps heartening that we have found ways to express our collective sense of grief even if in a less harrowing manner.

Furthermore, notice of an impending funeral has morphed into a celebration of life, accompanied by videos of happy moments, a list of achievements and eulogies of respect and admiration. The funeral song has been replaced by bright modern hymns or favourite music and the wake has become a time of socializing and reunion.

When Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, knew that his daughter was dying, he came and pleaded with Jesus to bring healing to her. Jesus was delayed on the way and received word that the child had died. On arrival at the home of Jairus, he was confronted by a crowd of mourners, wailing loudly in the traditional expression of grief. Knowing that their services would soon be redundant, Jesus dismissed all but three disciples and the parents of the child. It is recorded that at the command of Jesus, the child's spirit returned and she was restored to active life.

When Jesus called Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha, back to life after four days in the tomb, he spoke these words that have brought comfort and hope to all generations since that day:

*'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.'* (John 11: 25)

Thus it is, that whilst the pain of separation remains, the hopeless sense of loss has been transformed into an expectation of reunion in a place of unimaginable beauty and joy. We are simply in transition from one form of life to the next, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ and our faith in him.

As nature pulls back into its time of rest, we know that it is gathering strength, repairing damage and renewing its magical beauty and diversity to delight us with that fresh burst of vigour soon to come. Springtime is just around the corner.

*Iris Niven*



**Tuesday Afternoon Friendship Group**

**Come and join us at 2:15pm on**

**4<sup>th</sup> October – Quiz**  
**(What's in your garden ?)**

**18<sup>th</sup> October – Paul Joel**  
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**Sunday Services: October**

<b>2nd</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>7.00pm</b>	Taizé Worship
<b>9th</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	BCP Holy Communion
	<b>10.00am</b>	All Age Family Worship
	<b>6.00pm</b>	BCP Evensong
<b>16th</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	BCP Holy Communion
	<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>6.00pm</b>	BCP Evensong
<b>23rd</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	BCP Holy Communion
	<b>10.00am</b>	Morning Prayer
<b>30th</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	BCP Holy Communion
	<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Communion

**Weekday Services: October**

<b>11th</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	Service of Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
<b>26th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Service of the word at St Vincent's Close Community Centre
<b>27th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Service of Holy Communion (BCP) at Gretton Court

All are welcome to any of our services.

**Our annual All Souls' Service will take place on Sunday 6th November at 6.00pm. All are welcome to come and light a candle to honour the memory of a loved one.**

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**Sunday Services: October**

(There is an All Age Service the first Sunday of the month and Sunday School is available the following weeks during the morning service. Tea and coffee are served at the end.)

All services are led by Revd Nick Lowe, unless otherwise stated.

<b>2nd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Evening Service with Communion
<b>9th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Evening Worship at Landbeach Baptist Church (Note earlier time)
<b>16th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship with Communion
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Evening Worship Led by Tom Carbonaro
<b>23rd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Evening Worship Led by John Searle
<b>30th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship Led by Lloyd Wilson
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Evening Worship Led by Christine Kimmitt

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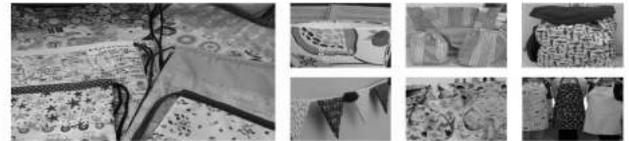
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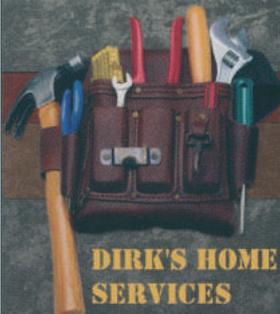


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