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The Village Diary

April

Sat. 1 **Girton Walking Group**, Walk to Coton
Meet Girton Rd/Huntingdon Rd junct., 10am

Thur. 6 **Club 55**, St Vincent's Close, 12 noon
Film, 'The Secret Life of Pets'

Girton WI, The Pavilion, 7.30pm – Life as a Royal Protection Officer – Robert Burridge

Rotary Memory Café, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent's Close Community Centre

Thur. 13 **Girton Garden Society**, St Vincent's Close, 7.30pm, Rose Growing Made Easy – Simon White

Wed. 19 **Club 55**, lunch, 12 noon
The George and Dragon, Elsworth

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm
St Vincent's Close Community Centre

Tue. 25 **The Bobby Scheme**, Talk on Home Security
St Vincent's Close, 2.30pm

Fri. 28 **Girton WI Craft Club**, 2–4pm
North Room, St Andrew's, non-members welcome

Sat. 29 **Girton Garden Society**, Spring Plant Sale
46 Cambridge Road, 2–4pm

May

Thur. 4 **Girton WI**, Abbeyfield, 7.30pm
Resolution Meeting

Art Exhibition, 11am–7pm
St Andrew's Church

Club 55, St Vincent's Close, 12 noon
Film, 'La La Land'

Rotary Memory Café, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent's Close Community Centre

Art Exhibition, 11am–7pm
St Andrew's Church

Sat. 6 **Art Exhibition**, 10am–5pm
St Andrew's Church

Girton Walking Group, Fen Drayton Lakes
Meet RSPB Car Park, 10am

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GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

The following are amongst items discussed at Parish Council meetings and information received by the Clerk.

At the March meeting, Girton Parish Councillors were pleased to approve the revised bus shelter design and positioning which Girton Town Charity are proposing to provide. The new shelter design is now of a similar size to the existing one and incorporates an area to the rear for housing the Pavilion waste container. Several Councillors had previously attended the public meeting about the shelter, where the vast majority of views expressed by residents were favourable and that the new shelter's design will be in keeping with the historic centre of our village. The Parish Council notice asking for parishioners to give their views on the proposals had received no negative comments. The shelter proposal along with the GTC plans for the artistic fence at the churchyard boundary will shortly go forward to South Cambs District Council, to seek planning approval.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th May at Girton Glebe School at 7.30pm, with refreshments from 7.00pm onwards. It is hoped that Girton Town Charity will make a presentation on some of its future plans for exciting new developments in the village. Girton organisations and clubs are also invited to submit reports and have displays/stalls at the event, for attendees to browse during the refreshments – please contact the Clerk for details. All residents are warmly invited to attend.

The Council also approved contractors to undertake the annual play equipment inspection, and for Pavilion cleaning services. A joint appointment of contractors to maintain the churchyard was also made subject to approval by the Rector and Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church.

We are aware that residents are becoming increasingly concerned at the poor state of the main road through the village and we have been in correspondence with Highways about the programme of repairs. It appears that only a small section of Girton Road is scheduled for repair but some marking activity has also been seen on Cambridge Road. We are chasing to ensure that all the main road through the village is attended to along with some quite dangerous sections of pavement which have also been drawn to our attention.

Further to the parking issues mentioned in previous reports, Cambridgeshire Constabulary has introduced a new parking initiative. Residents are now able to report parking issues using the following link:
tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking

Next meetings

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 19th April and Wednesday 17th May, 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.

Please see page 34 for a full list of councillors.

Village Parking Problems

I am aware from the many emails South Cambs officers receive and from Neighbourhood Panel meetings that parking is a constant concern for many residents in villages across South Cambridgeshire.

Many of you may know that I cannot prioritise parking patrols over investigating and preventing crime and responding to calls for service. In light of this, it means that my officers might not do as much parking enforcement as many of you would like. I have been giving some thought on how we can meet your expectations on parking enforcement and I have decided that we are going to try something new. I have therefore set up an online web page where you can report concerns about parking. The information that you give us will go directly to me and will help us build a picture of the exact hot-spots for parking issues. I will then use this information on targeted 'crackdown' days. There is some good evidence that crackdowns work in other areas of policing so we are going to try it for parking. For obvious reasons I will not be publicising the dates of the crackdowns in advance, but updates will be sent to you by e-cops, Twitter and Facebook once we have completed a crackdown day

The web page is now live and you can find it here: tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking. I am not pretending that this will solve all parking problems, however I do think that it strikes the right balance between dealing with parking concerns and the other important work that we do.

Chief Inspector James Sutherland – Area Commander, South Cambs

Girton Village Yard Sale

**in aid of The Arthur Rank House (our local Hospice)
Saturday 20th May 10.00am–4.00pm**

Register your venue from 1st April

The idea is that you hold a Garage/Yard Sale at your own home. You pay a minimum of £6 donation to Jenny Knights to get your site marked on a map of the Village. This donation then goes to The Arthur Rank Hospice. You can sell what you like and raise money for yourself or a charity – that's up to you.

Unfortunately Girton WI are no longer allowed (by National WI rules) to raise money for other charities. However, the good ladies ARE having a cake stall, independent of the WI, and are going under the banner of 'Ladies of Girton' instead! Once again all their profits will go to The Arthur Rank.

Sadly Harry Clements, of the High Street, has passed away very recently. He was one of our stall holders right from the first Yard Sales and always raised a tremendous amount for The Arthur Rank every time. It will seem very strange not to see him there in his front garden on 20th May.

For further information and to register your venue, please contact:

Jenny Knights, 47 Fairway, Tel 276405, Email jenny.knights@virginmedia.com

From Our Councillors

County Councillor Lynda Harford

Road maintenance is one of the subjects that we all have concerns about and at a recent meeting the Council's Highways & Community Infrastructure Committee received a report on the Council's Transport Delivery Plan (TDP) for 2017/18–2019/20. The TDP is a key component of the Council's Highway Asset Management Strategy which adopts a long term, preventative approach for programming highway maintenance. Schemes are prioritised on a condition basis. The calculation for funding on which the Council's maintenance programme relies is complicated by a mechanism implemented by the Department for Transport (DfT) intended to incentivise authorities to develop, implement and maintain appropriate strategies and policies. Failure to demonstrate that it is complying could cost the authority up to £500,000 for the next year. The TDP is part of the Council's evidence that it has the required long term approach. It will also support a bid to Central Government's Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund. Bids must be supported by a minimum contribution by the Council of 10%; in reality previously successful bidders committed to funding at least 20% of the cost. The current proposal is that a bid will be made jointly by Cambridgeshire County and Peterborough City Councils and will be based upon repairing drought damaged roads in the north of the county. The TDP also shows those schemes that are in the 2017/18 budget. These include Girton Road from Wellbrook Way to Huntingdon Road and completion of the footway/cycleway from Bar Hill to Longstanton.

Slow progress is being made on relocating the bus stop at Cambridge Crematorium following the suspension of the original one due to A14 upgrade works. I followed up on this immediately it was brought to my attention more than a month ago. It now seems that the required health and safety test has been carried out and, although the location first proposed was not acceptable, an alternative has been identified which is likely to be approved. Once approved, hard standing has to be created so that the new location is safe for both pedestrians and wheelchair users.

The Wings for Life World Run 2017 will be held in Cambridgeshire again this year. The date for the event is Sunday 7 May and the start time is midday. Starting at Parker's Piece the runners follow a route through some of South Cambridgeshire's villages. An initial letter was sent out in December to over 65,000 residential and business properties and a second letter is due to go out in April. This will include information about the event including a route map and road

closure timings. Last year's event was very enjoyable although the weather was possibly warmer than entrants would have preferred. Full details on their website: www.wingsforlifeworldrun.com/en/cambridge

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

Lynda

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District Councillor Tom Bygott

South Cambridgeshire Blue Plaques

An interesting pastime for visitors to London is reading the blue plaques on houses and other buildings commemorating people who have lived or worked in them, and who have made some contribution to our society. They can also record the locations of famous events. The London Blue Plaques scheme was founded in 1866 – the first in the world – and has installed over 900 plaques.

Cambridge City followed suit in 2001 and has so far commemorated 6 events and 23 people, including The Discovery of DNA, Alan Turing, John Maynard Keynes, Frank Whittle, William Wilkins and Ludwig Wittgenstein.

www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/blue-plaques
www.cambridge.gov.uk/blue-plaque-scheme

I have recently joined the board of the Cambridge Blue Plaques organisation and am keen to bring blue plaques into South Cambridgeshire. I will be bringing a plan before the District Council later this year to this end, and am preparing a list of notable people and events in the District worthy of commemoration.

Would you like to make a blue plaque suggestion?

People to be commemorated should:

- have a local connection with the district
- have made a significant contribution to the life of the area and its residents
- be eminent through their profession or calling
- have been dead for at least ten years

Events to be commemorated should:

- be instantly recognisable to the majority of the general public
- have significance in the history of the district or country as a whole
- have occurred at least ten years ago

If so, I would be interested to hear from you.

Repair café to fix broken household items

In February's issue, I mentioned the repair café held in Girton in January – a place for villagers to get broken items fixed instead of buying new ones. It aims to tackle the rise of the throwaway culture by reducing the number of items going into the waste stream, whilst also saving people money and preserving traditional repair know-how and skills.

I would like to commend the hard work put into organising the event by Sustainable Girton and the Friends of Girton Glebe.

By popular demand, further repair cafés have been scheduled:

- Memorial Hall, Home End, Fulbourn, Saturday 13 May, 2pm to 5pm
- St Andrew's Centre, Histon, Saturday 30 September, 10.30am to 1.30pm

For more information on any of these events including how to book items in for repair, please visit circularcambridge.org/repaircafe.

*Cllr Tom Bygott
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A View from the District

As I write this I am coming to the end of an extended visit to family and friends in Australia. While this has been a delightful holiday I have tried to ensure that Girton residents' concerns have not been ignored. It is ironic that even as I received a newsletter from SCDC extolling the successes of our contact centre, I was informed of its most appalling treatment of one elderly resident. I received a most inadequate apology from SCDC but shall take this further when I return home at the end of March. Please tell me if you have found our call centre to be in any way inadequate.

Last month I wrote of the increasing problems of speculative development, and commented, 'Our political leaders seem incapable of taking any lead in grasping this nettle.' No sooner had I posted it than the government published a White Paper on planning. The summary includes proposals to 'Hold developers to account for the delivery of new homes', which would be great, but I have not yet digested the whole Paper to discover how.

Council has set its precept for the coming year with an increase of 3.84%, but I have not seen the details of the budget.

UK Power Networks have again reminded us of their free 'Priority Services Register' to help protect vulnerable people in the event of a power cut. If you or anyone you know might need such assistance please get in touch either with UKPN on 0800 169 9970 or with me.

Plans are moving ahead for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority mayor and cabinet. The Shadow Cabinet will meet on Monday 20 March and will approve a budget for the Authority, with £1M for the mayoral election alone. All I have seen suggests that this will result in the exact opposite of 'localism'. The mayor will be elected (if anyone bothers to vote) in May.

If you would like a fuller monthly report emailed to you please contact me at scdc@de-lacey.org and I shall add you to the list of recipients. If you have any District Council issues you would like to discuss please don't hesitate to ask me.

Douglas de Lacey

HOWES CLOSE

The Planning Application by Anglia Ruskin University will be assessed by SCDC Planning Committee on 5th April at 9.30am. Forty-three residents of Thornton Close have signed a petition noting their objections to the proposed development.

Volunteering Opportunities at Cambridge Re-Use

Cambridge Re-Use is a well-established charity that helps individuals and families that are struggling financially to buy household goods and furniture at a low cost. We collect donated furniture from the general public and sell it on at our warehouse to people on a low income. We rely on a team of 30 volunteers to help deliver our service.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



GIRTON FEAST CELEBRATIONS 2017

Sat. 1st to Sun. 9th July 2017

LATEST UPDATE FROM THE ORGANISERS

Local Businesses. We are now compiling the Programme Booklet and finalising adverts – if you have not been in touch, but are hoping to have your business included, then do get in touch a.s.a.p.

Would You Like to earn some money? We are offering £10/hour (to 18 year olds or older) to help our Co-ordinator Mr Cummings to regulate the Parking in the Ten Acre Field (between 9am and 9pm) during the Big Family Fun Day on Sat 8th July. Do please get in touch and book in for a few hours (walkie-talkies and high-vis jackets available).

If you would be willing to help by selling Feast Programmes around the village in June, please get in touch.

Put the dates in your diary now!

See our progress so far on the website www.girtonfeast.org.uk/ or look at our Facebook page.

Contact Carol for any details –
carol.noble@ntlworld.com or Helen –
hazeldene@deech.org.uk

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Saturday 6 May, 10am-5pm

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Girton Garden Society Spring Plant Sale



Saturday 29th April
2017

2 - 4pm

46 Cambridge Rd, Girton
Put the date in your diary now!



After another successful Spring Plant sale last year we have decided to do it again! So do come along promptly at 2pm and pick up some of the many bargains available including large perennials, delicate annuals, bedding plants, herbs, vegetable seedlings (tomatoes, peppers, courgettes etc.), wild flowers and **free sunflower seeds**. We will also have cakes, biscuits, jams and chutneys for sale.



BEAVER SCOUT COLONY STARTING FOR GIRTON AND OAKINGTON

Calling all 6–8 year olds! On Friday 21st April there will be an open night at Oakington Pavilion, 6–7pm, for you and your parents, to experience a Beaver meeting. If there is enough support, a Colony will be started with further taster sessions in May.

For more information - Jo Mowatt, 07747 041017.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



GIRTON GARDEN SOCIETY

Invitation to join us for garden visits – everyone very welcome

Wednesday 14th June – Beth Chatto Gardens at Elmstead Market near Colchester.

Famous for her innovative gravel ‘dry garden’, the rest of the site is beautifully landscaped with sloping lawns, dells and damp woodland areas. There are many unusual plants and inspiring plant combinations. There is also a well stocked nursery where you may purchase plants propagated from the gardens, as well as a tearoom. The cost is £21.50 which includes coach travel and the group entry fee, but no refreshments. 9.15am start from the Recreation Ground car park, returning around 6pm.

Booking forms and more information from girtongardensociety@outlook.com or Janet on 01223 276393. Bookings close on 5th May.

Wednesday 12th July – Coton Manor in Northamptonshire

Coton Manor is a 10 acre garden. The 17th century Manor House is the central focus of the sloping site, and is surrounded by York stone terraces. The rest of the garden is landscaped on different levels with a series of smaller gardens and luxuriant borders, wildflower meadow and ponds, streams and fountains throughout. The garden was laid out in 1925 by the owner’s grandparents and the family are still passionately involved in its upkeep. There is an exceptional nursery where over a thousand varieties of plants seen in the garden are propagated, a shop and café. The cost is £19.00 which includes coach travel and the group entry fee, but no refreshments. 10.30am start from the Recreation Ground car park, returning around 5.30pm.

Booking forms and more information from girtongardensociety@outlook.com or Janet on 01223 276393. Bookings close on 5th June.

GIRTON GARDEN SOCIETY

Thursday 13th April at 7.30pm
St Vincent’s Close Community Centre

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Three sticks of rhubarb
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GIRTON PARISH NEWS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

As part of **Girton Feast Week 2017**, *Girton Parish News* is sponsoring a Photographic Competition for residents of Girton.

Entries will be invited in the following categories:

Junior Class: From photographers who are under 18 on 1 July 2017:

J1. ‘My Family and Other Animals’

(family members and pets)

J2. My Girton

There will be a special prize in these categories for the best photographer under 12.

Senior Class: From photographers 18 and over on 1 July:

S1. Wildlife and Nature

S2. Portraits and People

S3. Transport and Getting About

(the theme of this year’s Feast Week)

Entries will be displayed at the Family Fun Day on Saturday 8th July and winning submissions will be published in *Girton Parish News* over the following months.

For Rules and Entry Forms, contact Graham Jones, 15 Cherry Bounds Road, Girton CB3 0JT, T: 276491, E: grahamjones987@btinternet.com

Next year, we will be looking for photos of ‘Girton Throughout the Year’, so start photographing now!

GIRTON WALKING GROUP

Saturday 1st April – a walk of approximately 7 miles to Madingley American Cemetery and Coton. Meet at 10am at the junction of Girton Road and the Huntingdon Road.

Saturday 6th May – a walk of 5.5 miles round Fen Drayton Lakes. Meet at 10am in the free car park within the Lakes (see the RSPB Fen Drayton website for location). Guided bus stops near the car park. Car sharing possible.

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News from Girton Glebe Primary School

We have had a range of exciting visitors in school over the last four weeks who have enriched the wonderful work which has been taking place within the classrooms at Girton Glebe Primary. Please read on for a round-up of the last month's news and events.

FOGG Jumble Sale

On Saturday 11th March, FOGG (Friends of Girton Glebe) hosted the spring jumble sale in the school hall, selling clothing, toys and games, books, bric-a-brac and cakes and refreshments. Thank you to all FOGG members and school staff who helped organise this event, your dedication is hugely appreciated and you helped to raise over £1100 for Girton Glebe Primary School – an amazing achievement! Thanks also to all members of the local community who came out to support this event, purchasing items from the jumble sale which will help us to provide further opportunities for the children attending our school.

Anti-Bullying Week

During the first week of this half-term our children took part in a whole week of anti-bullying activities designed to raise the awareness of bullying whilst supporting the work which is already taking place within PSHCE lessons. The week's work was linked closely to E-Safety and featured many activities based on cyber-bullying with our children completing a range of engaging tasks across both key stages.

On the Monday of anti-bullying week, our Key Stage Two pupils took part in a series of workshops in the school hall and learnt, through drama, how to respond to, report and deal with cyber-bullying.

Assemblies throughout the week were focused on bullying and linked closely to the school's Core Values. Our children produced some very thought-provoking work over the course of the week and the discussions taking place within classrooms showed a clear understanding of how to deal with bullying.

SingFest

In early March, the Year 4 Choir were joined by Georgina Skinner, a singing teacher working alongside SingFest, who helped to teach the children a range of exciting songs that they would need to perform as part of the SingFest project.

The children are currently working incredibly hard with Mr Kohler and Miss Edwards to prepare for the SingFest Cluster Festival which takes place on 21st March at North Cambridge Academy. Our choir will

be singing many beautiful songs and are incredibly excited about representing Girton Glebe Primary School at this local event.

World Book Day

A huge thank you to all of the children who dressed as their favourite book characters to celebrate World Book Day. The assembly we held that morning was a very colourful event! The children also enjoyed sharing their favourite books with pupils in other classes, reading to them and listening to their partner's favourite story too. It was particularly encouraging to see some of the older children sharing and listening to children from Early Years and Key Stage One.

Thank you, as always, to parents and carers who support us so enthusiastically with these events.

Ms Collison

I would like to take this opportunity to express our enormous gratitude to Ms Collison who, after 9 years of service at Girton Glebe Primary School, has retired from her post as school caretaker due to ill health. I am sure you will join us in extending thanks to Gill for the dedication she has shown to the school since 2008. She will certainly be missed by pupils, staff and parents!

The Big Pedal

Between 20th and 31st March the children at Girton Glebe Primary will be taking part in *The Big Pedal*, which is the UK's largest inter-school scooting and cycling challenge, aimed at inspiring pupils, parents and staff to take to two wheels, log their journeys and compete against other schools.

We will be logging all journeys made to school by bike or scooter during the two-week period and our school data will put us in competition against similarly sized schools across the UK. Schools completing the most journeys will win prizes which range from cyclepods for securing bikes, to visits from extreme mountain bike demonstration teams!

Our Year 6 Children Visit France

On 13th March our Year 6 children departed for a week in France led by four hugely dedicated members of staff. The coach left school at 8.15am, with pupils and parents waving a fond farewell before the children made the journey to Crueil-sur-Mer, where they would spend the week staying in the gorgeous Château de Chantereine.

The itinerary for the week included a visit to WWI battlefields, a guided tour of Rouen, croissant making, a trip to Nausicaa (the National Sea Centre) and a tour of the Biscuiterie D'Hardelot. As this article is being written, the children are still in France having a fabulous time and will have plenty of photographs and stories of their journey to share when they return – watch this space!

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Early Days at Thornton Road, Girton, 1939–1950

Part 1

My family moved into no. 66, Thornton Road in 1939. I was eight months old. We were the first occupants of the house, my parents and widowed grandmother having bought it from the builder (Thompson) for the sum of £850. It took my father the rest of his working life to repay the mortgage.

The house was semi-detached but had no garage. There were open fireplaces in the living and dining rooms as well as the larger bedrooms, each with an Art Deco tiled surround. A coke-fired boiler in the kitchen supplied hot water and excellent toast for breakfast. Raking out ashes and clinker, filling and re-filling coal scuttles and coke hods, chopping sticks for kindling and laying the fires ready to be re-lit in the evenings was part of the daily routine. Once a year a chimney sweep called to remove the soot from the flues, a messy but interesting operation. Dustsheets covered the living room furniture and we stood in the garden to see the sweep's brushes rise above the chimney pot. On one occasion the brush got stuck and it needed a visit from the fire brigade to release it!



My earliest memory is of hearing the eerie wailing of an air raid siren. My father lifted me out of my cot and carried me downstairs to join my mother and elder brother Dennis in the confined space of the cupboard under the stairs, as recommended by official advice. When the constant note of the 'all clear' siren sounded we returned to bed. A similar routine was followed on many nights and eventually we became so accustomed to the warnings that little attention was paid to them, my father often watching the sky from outside the house. Once we heard the distinctive sound of a 'Doodlebug' flying bomb passing overhead, on its way to wreak havoc elsewhere. Mercifully the gas masks issued to us in the early days of the war were never needed and gathered dust in a bedroom cupboard.

Half way down the garden my father had constructed a magnificent air raid shelter. Steps led down to a shallow, rectangular chamber, with concrete walls rising above ground to give headroom. The structure was covered with earth, which soon became overgrown with weeds and long grass, making it a splendid little hillock on which to climb and play sliding games. Fortunately it was never needed for its intended purpose because the heavy clay soil on which it was built was waterlogged for much of the year and the floor became submerged under several inches of

stagnant water. Soon after the war it was broken up and the concrete blocks re-arranged as a rockery.

Building work on the Thornton estate had stopped for the duration of the war and did not resume for several years afterwards. Much of the neglected land had previously been a nursery (Doncaster's?) and had become overgrown, providing us local children with a superb adventure playground. We were free to climb trees, cut sticks for bows and arrows, create territorial dens and light camp fires. The overgrown space between Thornton Road and Thornton Way, known by us as the 'Little Woods', became in our imaginations the icy wilds of Siberia or the dense jungles of Burma, depending upon the season or news of wartime events. With older boys in charge we ventured to the 'Big Woods' further away across a meadow grazed by three carthorses. The animals returned to the meadow at the end of their working day on the NIAB estate (National Institute of Agricultural Botany) and we watched anxiously as they frisked joyfully around on release. After a short while they settled down to graze quietly and we resumed our impromptu football or cricket on the gently undulating surface of the meadow, a relic of the ridge and furrow cultivation of a previous age. Like the two magnificent elm trees that grew in the boundary hedge all has since disappeared beneath Thornton Close.

Nearby was another meadow into which we often

wandered because it contained a pond, a great attraction. In the bitterly cold winter of 1947 the pond froze and became a popular skating rink until the owner (Runciman the vet?) closed access for safety's sake.

Despite being built in the late 1930s Thornton Road was lit by gas. There were only about four or five lamp standards for the whole length of the road. Each

lamp had only two mantles, automatically lit by a clockwork device that the Gas Company man had to adjust as the days lengthened or shortened. It was not so much street lighting as the provision of navigation marks. No form of street lighting was permitted during wartime blackout and it was a big event to celebrate when the lights were turned on after VE Day (Victory in Europe Day, 8 May 1945). We even had a family night-time cycle ride to admire the much larger and more closely spaced gas lamps lining Huntingdon Road as far as the borough boundary near the Traveller's Rest.

To be continued...

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News for Older Residents

Spring has arrived and I know many of you, like me, are enjoying the warmer weather and longer days, not to mention the wonderful flowers and blossom.

Personal Security and Safety

Whatever the season, unfortunately there are people spending their time and energy trying to deceive us out of our money in whatever way they can. As this is an ongoing issue in Girton, as everywhere else, I have been asked to organise two events regarding personal security and safety.

The first is on Tuesday 25th April at 2.30pm in St Vincent's Close Community Room when Steve Price of The Bobby Scheme will explain how our homes can be made safer by fitting various security devices. He will bring specialist products with him which will be for sale. In addition, Andy Wicklen from the AgeUK Handyperson Service will tell us about free home safety checks and the types of jobs they carry out.

Then in late May or early June a further Frauds and Scams session will be held. There will be more details in the next Parish News.

Do plan to come to these events. They are opportunities to get informed and ask questions on how best to protect ourselves, our property and possessions as well as enjoying a cup of tea and time to chat.

Exercise

We all know about the value of exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle. Consequently, I am delighted to tell you that plans are afoot for a new health walk on Thursday mornings. The walks will be led by an accredited Walking for Health leader and will last for 30–45 minutes. Watch this space and/or posters around the village for more details.

Items Available

Let me know if you can use a toilet frame and seat, a toilet riser seat and/or a zimmer caddy.

Many thanks

Patricia Johnston, Older Residents' Coordinator

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Memory Café six years old

The memory café here in Girton is going from strength to strength and was very well attended when it celebrated its sixth birthday at the St Vincent's Close Community Centre on Friday 3rd March. The café, run by the Cambridge South Rotary Club, is led by Richard de Horsey and is open every first Friday of the month throughout the year. Distinguished guests at the party were Derek Rothwell, District Governor, and his wife Deirdre, Assistant Governor Simon Lake and the President of Cambridge South Rotary Club Duncan Hannay Robertson.



If you know someone who has a problem with memory and who may benefit from a morning out with friends then it would be well worth visiting the café. Music is proven to be a good medium for helping those with memory loss and there is always plenty of that at the café. Sing-a-longs, poetry and fun always accompanied by tea, coffee and cakes are the order of the day, making it an ideal environment for the more senior of our citizens. Of course there is always plenty of time for chatting.



Another café, 'The Coffee Pot', similar to that of Girton, takes place at St Neots, and that too is becoming very popular. It's well worth a look.

Sam Clift

Jill Scrine



We are sad to announce the death of Jill Scrine on 5th February 2017. Jill and Robin Scrine moved to Girton in 1956. Jill was always involved in village activities and was on the Parish Council for many years, holding the position of chairman for some time. She was also a trustee of Girton Town Charity. Another project that she introduced was the Millennium Wood for the village in 2000. This epitomised her ethos of always helping others and finding a way each day of doing something for the community. To quote: 'It's been a good day when I have helped someone.' She was a lifelong member of the WI, which she joined soon after arriving in the village. She was also instrumental in setting up the hospital taxi service and the hearing aid clinic.

Jill and Robin only lived in two houses in Girton: Thornton Road, moving in when the house was just built, and then Girton Road. Jill and Robin moved to Witney five years ago to be closer to their children, and Jill never really got over Robin's death two years ago; however, her mind seemed to work just as fast as it ever had, and her interest in the lives of her family, her community and politics never waned.

Angela Blackburn



Cambridgeshire Hearing Help

Advice about equipment for deafness is available to all; in addition NHS hearing aid wearers can exchange batteries and have hearing aids re-tubed.

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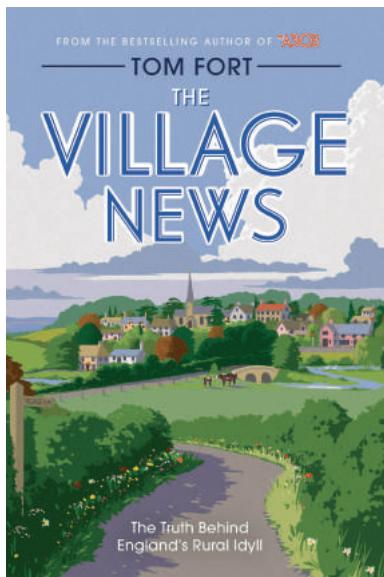
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'The Village News', by Tom Fort

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Join Tom at Heffers on Tuesday 11th April as he talks about his experiences on his trusty bicycle, and find out more about how the English village has endured through time – including some across our own county of Cambridgeshire.



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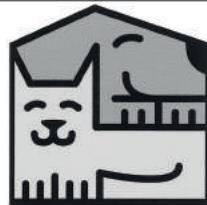
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Girton



Musical Theatre

Patience

The story revolves around Bunthorne, a posturing poet, who is loved by all the local village maidens but whose heart belongs to Patience, the milkmaid, who has never loved until Archibald Grosvenor, another poet, turns up. But as he turns out to be perfect, Patience rejects him in favour of Bunthorne. Meanwhile the local troop of Dragoon Guards are desperately trying various ploys to regain the affections of their ladies. All is finally settled to everyone's satisfaction except perhaps Bunthorne himself.

Girton Musical Theatre came up with the ingenious idea of setting the operetta in a community television studio. The set was superbly thought out with roundels depicting the local area. After meeting the studio's patron The Duke we watched, without the need of the remote control, twenty-ish lovesick hippies, guest stars the boy band 'Dragoon'd', the current Dairy Queen (Patience), Poet's Corner, Blind Date, several Make-Overs, Ask Angela etc. Everything was complemented by a well-lit set by David Stubbings.

As is somewhat of a tradition at Girton, the usual boring 'housekeeping' information before curtain up was sung in true and amusing G&S style by Jerry Harrison. Lots of thought had gone into that and into the traditional mixing of topical items within the songs. You can be sure we did not miss out on Brexit, Trump, Corbyn, Boris or Theresa.

Musical Director Patricia Davies had put together a first-rate 15-piece orchestra. The voices of the members of ladies chorus were excellent and it all sounded lovely. The male chorus, who were not outshone, also did a fine job whilst all over-acting outrageously.

Øistein Andersen created a very languid Bunthorne, and George Thorpe as the 'perfect' Archie Grosvenor made much of his role as a 'Trustee of Beauty'. Patience, played by Maggie Phillips as a Marilyn Munro lookalike, did a stellar job as she oscillated

between Bunthorne and Archie. Glynis Ellis proved her worth as the constant Jane and Nirupa Desai (Angela) is a wonderful new find for this society, with a beautiful voice and plenty of stage presence.

Congratulations to directors Jane Williams and Helen Wilson, who always seem to achieve a fresh approach to G&S and are never short of ideas which add interest and humour to a Girton production. The society's loyal patrons, of which there are many, will have found much to enjoy in this year's offering.

Julie Petrucci, Regional Representative, NODA East District Four South

[As part of Girton Musical Theatre's promotion of *Patience* to Girton Glebe School, they ran a children's poetry competition on the theme of Girton. This is the winning entry:]

Girton

Girton ... where my Dad studied,
Girton ... where my Parents married,
Girton ... where my Brothers were christened,
Girton ... where my Grandparents are buried,
Girton ... where I went to Bobtails, Cottontails and
Girton Glebe
Girton means ...
Blackberry picking on the Rec,
Bargain hunting at yard sales,
Sitting on tractors at the Girton fair,
Girton means ... my home.

By William Walker (Year 4)



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Girton Garden Society

We are now on British summertime and can enjoy the lighter evenings that it brings. In our parklands, grass verges and in our own gardens we are surrounded by spring bulbs and flowering shrubs in full bloom. Varieties of daffodils are everywhere, all sizes and colours. Tête-à-tête are my favourite, lasting many weeks and less prone to wind damage. The joy encountered when out walking and suddenly coming across a group of daffodils reminds me of the words of William Wordsworth ‘And then my heart with pleasure fills and dances with the daffodils.’

Primulas, pansies and violas provide colourful additions this month that can cope with sudden temperature drops. There are many good perennials around but choose wisely, blending colours and heights for your garden size and position. Perennials look better if they are staked as they emerge, rather than trussed up later. Hazel twigs pushed into the ground, bent over and tied together make a good structure or you can buy pre made supports. Leave planting begonias, marigolds and busy lizzies until May unless you plan to use them in baskets and start them undercover.

Garden centres and nurseries can have fully grown bedding plants on sale several weeks before it is safe to plant them out. Only buy if you have suitable facilities to grow them undercover where they will be protected from cold nights and late frosts. You can of course plant your perennials in pots giving the bonus of instant colour this month and the pots can then easily be moved or protected if frosts are predicted.

April is known as the season of sunshine and showers, so a good month to sow new lawns or repair worn patches. If you have flowering bulbs in the lawn, please be patient and leave uncut until their leaves have died down.

It is a good month to clear away weeds and debris from your soil. Divide any plants that have become too large. Plant the excess plants elsewhere in the garden, put in pots or give away. Less healthy plants can go to compost. Trim back winter-flowering heathers lightly all over to encourage bushiness. Tie in any rambling or climbing roses. Prune any overgrown shrubs that have got out of shape. If growth on your winter-flowering clematis has become unruly, give a prune and if it produced less flowers than normal, use a potassium-rich fertiliser next month and continue monthly until October. Forsythias are stunning in March and April and can be pruned soon after flowering. They will still have time for new growth to ripen sufficiently to flower next year. Cut back a third off the stem right to the base, then trim the rest by a third.

Chris Pittock, Girton Garden Society

How does one make a “WOW” hanging basket?

Hopefully we have lots of ideas now after the Garden Society talk on “Making a Hanging Basket” by Mrs Lamorna Thomas on 9th March. Advance thinking and planning are to be recommended.

The basket. There are lovely modern containers which look good from below. Lamorna doesn’t have plants coming from the sides.

The liners. Standard composition ones are as good as anything. Moss in wire baskets looks excellent, but, in no time at all, it will be lining the nests of the birds! An old T shirt or sweater would even suffice.

Compost. This benefits from long-lasting fertiliser and water-retaining granules.

The plants. Therein lies the secret! To be an early bird at the Scotsdales section for trailing plug plants will pay handsome dividends. This means the end of February or beginning of March. Eleven plugs should do for a 14 inch basket. If the eyes water at the cost, spider plants and tradescantia etc., rooted in water at home are good supplements. For thwarted ambitions to grow slug-free hostas, hanging basket chains will stump the most ambitious of slugs. The baby plants must be set in the compost immediately and pinched out to make them bushier. As for those pinched out pieces, they can be propagated to make more plants! Thereafter, with luck, TLC should see the basket last until October.

Felicia Moor

Garden tip of the month – April

There is such a wide range of garden activities to catch our interest this month, and good timing makes such a difference. It’s so easy to get several tasks just right but forget some that have a knock-on effect all season. I suggest you make a list! Maybe you are already a ‘list’ person, but if not it does help to include some tasks that might otherwise be left too late, and also to prioritise tasks so if you’re short of time you do the best you can in the time available. A lot of annual plants are sown indoors in April, and these need nursing along, and many others are sown direct, particularly veg seeds, but also hardy annuals.

I’ve noticed a lot of moss in lawns so if you are going to apply a spring fertilizer consider buying one that also tackles moss. Raking out dead moss is a very physical task, so unless your lawn is tiny consider using a motor rake, or getting a quote from a contractor.

April is an interesting month for the avid pruner: desperately late (but often still worth doing) for deciduous plants, and on the early side for evergreens. It is the usual time to cut back plants grown for their stems and leaves, such as Cotinus and Sambucus. A lot depends on how advanced the season is, and when you have the opportunity to have a go. If I were aiming to cut back an evergreen shrub such as Choisya by much I would try to get it done before the end of the month.

George Thorpe

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GIRTON WI

The WI meeting in March was the Annual General Meeting. It was very well attended. Margaret Pearce Higgins was re-elected as

President and the new committee was formed with 4 new members and most of the previous members staying. With the larger committee, the jobs can be shared out more.

The annual reports from the officers showed that the committee had followed up on the analysis of the members' questionnaires last year. The WI groups are thriving: the monthly walk, darts, crafts and film club are all well attended. It was reported that members go on CFWI outings and the outings we arrange and some have been on Denman courses which they report as being excellent value. There was plenty of time to chat, as there is at all our meetings.

Corinne Garvie

MP Visits Abbeyfield Girton Green

Residents and staff at Abbeyfield Girton Green, Cambridge welcomed a visit by Heidi Allen, the Conservative MP for South Cambridgeshire, on Friday 24th February. The visit gave the local MP an opportunity to view the facilities and meet with residents at the 76 apartment scheme which opened in 2012.



From Left to right: Chris Collings – Housing Coordinator, Andrew Watson – Operations Manager, MP Heidi Allen, Chrissy Rowney – Care Lead, Jennie Smith – Housing Administrator, Annelize Van Zyl – Housing Administrator. Photo by Joe Sipos.

The one, two and three bedroom apartments provide homes to rent or purchase and are aimed at people over 55 years of age who want to remain independent and active in retirement. Heidi was

able to visit the on-site facilities which included a shop run by residents, a hairdressing salon, cinema, restaurant, library, therapy room, hydrotherapy pool, Jacuzzi and steam room. The scheme also has a conservatory and court yard garden.

Girton Green offers a vibrant social atmosphere in a beautiful and secure environment. Commenting on her visit, Heidi Allen said: 'I was so impressed by the quality of accommodation and facilities available. I was encouraged to hear how hard Abbeyfield works to involve the local communities and share their fantastic communal spaces with fellow Girton residents. If you haven't visited, don't be shy, I'm sure the team would be delighted to show you around!'

Andrew Watson, Operations Manager added: 'We're delighted that Heidi has been able to visit Girton Green and meet with staff and residents. We are very proud of this development, which is rapidly growing into a valuable resource for members of the local community who access the services as well as for the people who live here.'

Andrew Watson

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As the evenings draw out the bowls green is coming along and will be looking good for our Open afternoon which starts at 2pm on 8th April. We hope as many of you as possible will join us.

The Planning Application for the Community Centre is moving forward and should be going out to Tender in April, with a possibility of a contract being awarded by the end of May.

Our regular Thursday evening sessions will start on 13th April and we welcome anyone who has not bowled before to come along and give it a try. As mentioned previously, our regular sessions include tuition for new and existing members.

For any further information please contact our Secretary Margaret McCall – margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com – and keep an eye on our website www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com

Lynne McGill

JUNIOR BOWLS

We will be running practice sessions every Thursday at 4.45pm for 1 hour.

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Girton Netball Club

Adult Friendly Winter League. Following on from last month's update we have played our final three matches for this season. First we played against King's Kayotes 1, the team that was joint top of the league, and unfortunately lost 18–8. The next match was against Melbourn, and with some textbook netball we managed a win 35–15. Our final match was against Warboys Witches, in which our teams were fantastically well matched. The final score was very close, with Girton losing by only 2 goals, 21–19. At the end of March we shall be taking part in the annual mini tournament where we will play several 7 minute matches just for fun and there will be a bit of a party atmosphere with plenty of food and drink. Let's hope for good weather as it will all be outdoors.

Training sessions. Do you fancy joining our club? Everyone is welcome to come, whether you have

played netball before or not. It's a great way to keep fit and make friends. Monday evening training sessions start at 7.30pm at the recreation ground with club members taking turns preparing to lead each session.

For more information contact Mel at girton.village.netball@gmail.com. Also find us at sites.google.com/site/girtonnetball/ and tinyurl.com/girton-netball



Girton Golf Club

On Sunday 5th March the club held an evening to remember the life of Brian Adams who sadly passed away on Boxing Day 2016.

Brian had been Captain, Chairman of Council and President of Girton Golf Club and will be greatly missed. The evening was attended by many members of the club, some of his family, as well as footballers and cricketers who played with him in the past.

On Wednesday 1st March GGC held a competition inviting teams from many of the golf clubs in Cambridgeshire with the proviso that each team should consist of 3 seniors and include one ex-Seniors Captain. An amazing 60 players from 11 clubs joined 6 Girton seniors for a great day and the team competition was won by the Bourn trio of J. White, M. Jennings and D. McCormack, with M. Jennings also winning the individual contest. One of the Girton teams comprising Robin Guymer, Ivan Moye and Alan Henderson-Smith came second and a good time was had by all.

Girton Golf Club are joining in with Girton Feast Week this year holding a 2 hour free "come and try" session on the practice field at the club on Sunday 2nd July from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Just turn up and see if you like it – all ages are welcome and the clubhouse will have tea, coffee and food available.

The real golfing season is now upon us. Competitions are starting in the coming weeks and the course is now looking green and luscious with the changes bedding in quickly. The professional shop is full of new equipment and clothing with lessons being booked at a rate of knots as members get themselves in shape for the coming months.

We are currently looking for tee sponsors – local companies who would like to promote their businesses to our members and thousands of visitors – and also sponsors for the PGA East Region ProAm, which we are holding again in July this year. Please contact our Pro Shop if you are at all interested.

Alan Henderson-Smith

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Girton Colts

The Under 14s are consolidating their position firmly in the middle of their league and continue to have a mix of results depending whether playing teams at the top or at the bottom. A few injuries during the season have meant some players playing out of position for a while but overall they are playing a good level of technical football with a squad of players who enjoy their Saturday mornings. The scoring of goals has been unselfishly spread around the outfield team whereas at the goalkeeping position the team have the pleasure of two quality keepers who have kept them in a number of games ... although not at the same time!

We have only a few more games to go to the end of the season and we then need to be looking to see whether there are other players out there who would wish to join us next season.

The Under 13s have won 4 and lost 4 of their last 8 games. Plenty of goals from Ryan Parkinson, ably assisted by the passing of Jake Burton, have led to a surge in results since November. At the back, Ewan Tucker has been in great form in goal, saving penalties in 2 of the last 3 games, and a settled back 3 of Joe Bradley, Jacob Watkins and Bobby Menezes have ensured the team have leaked far fewer goals since Christmas. Team spirit remains excellent, and the Girton Rec pitches are by far the best in the league allowing the lads to play some quality passing football – come along and watch on a Saturday morning!

The Under 9s have had a mixed month. They claimed a hard fought 2–2 draw with Thurlow before losing at Burwell (goals from Cosmo Crossley and Maison Spencer). The highlight of the month was a dramatic comeback against Chatteris. Chatteris took the lead early and held on to it until half time. They then doubled their lead early in the second half. When Girton missed several good chances it looked as though it wasn't going to be their day. However, late goals from Yusuf Hayat, Zaki Adloune and James Barge snatched a thrilling win. Gabriel Moore was man of the match for his solid defensive performance.

Anyone interested in playing for Girton next season can email me at kevinrwhite@ntlworld.com

Kevin White



Girton Cricket Club

With 3 weeks to go till the start of the new season, we're still on the lookout for new players, any age and any ability. For anyone interested, we have two Saturday league teams, a midweek league team and a Sunday friendly team.

Outdoor nets will be Tuesdays at the recreation ground from 6pm onwards, starting 11th April. The nets are situated at the far side of the MUGA pitch.

If you'd like to find out more, feel free to join us at nets or contact me direct on 07841 625675 or at deanstacey7@hotmail.co.uk



Girton Tennis Club

The club AGM was on the 9th March and we are grateful to The George for hosting us and for all those members who attended. The minutes of this meeting are published on our website.

Our club membership year starts from the 1st April so now is the time to renew your membership or consider joining us. We play on the Girton recreation ground courts and members who purchase a key have court access during most daylight hours. The club runs a free supervised session for juniors from 6.30 to 7.30pm on Friday evenings (weather permitting) and club members play from 7.30pm.

We compete in a local tennis league with a Men's team and are always keen to find new players to play matches. If you enjoy a bit of friendly competition and a chance to play at a variety of local venues then this could be something you would also enjoy.

Members of our club can join the Lawn Tennis Association without any further cost and this gives you early access to book tickets for major tournaments such as Queens. If you want to watch some of the top players, such as Andy Murray, this is an excellent way to do it.

Tennis is an excellent way of getting some exercise and having fun. If you apply for membership before the 15th April you can get an early-payment discount and will also be included in the club ticket ballot for 2017 Wimbledon tickets. Details and application forms can be found on our website www.girtontennis.org or contact our Membership Secretary Kevin Keeves on 01223 276660 or by email at info@girtontennis.org

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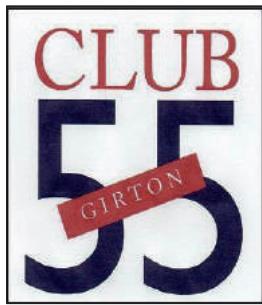
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Wednesday 19th April 12 for 12.30pm: Lunch at The George & Dragon, Elsworth – mini bus available

Thursday 4th May 12pm: Film 'La La Land' and supporting film. Buffet £5

Wednesday 7th June 12pm for 12.30pm: Picnic (weather permitting)

Wednesday 14th June 9.15am: Girton Garden Society bus trip to Beth Chatto Gardens, Colchester

Wednesday 12th July 10.30am: Girton Garden Society bus trip to Coton Manor, Northants

For more details or to book any event contact: Sam Clift Tel: 564808

Sam Clift

What does it mean to be a Trustee?

Each month in the *Parish News*, we provide updates on Girton Town Charity's current activities. In this issue we go behind the scenes to take a look at the role of the Trustees themselves and what is involved.

Primarily an almshouse charity, GTC currently has 16 almshouses in the Village and a remit to provide grants to relieve the needs of individuals and make charitable donations to groups and activities for the benefit of residents in the Parish.

The Charity is currently run by eight Trustees, each serving a five-year term, and an Administrator, Gilly O'Brien who is based at its offices on High Street.

So what does being a Trustee entail?

Skills and expertise

GTC needs to ensure it has a strong, informed and active body of Trustees with a balance of skills and expertise who act in the best interests of the Charity on behalf of its beneficiaries.

Trustees set the Charity's strategic plan – which needs a long-term vision with the ability to see the way ahead and how to get there. They must ensure effective policies and protocols are in place and are responsible for managing the Charity's assets and resources to gain the best outcome. Last but not least, decisions made and actions taken by the Trustees must be reasonable and transparent.

Activities

Dr Robin Hiley, GTC Chairman says: "Trustee meetings, held monthly, always have a very full agenda and usually last three hours. They include a comprehensive Treasurer's report in which expenditure is reviewed along with income from our investment portfolios. We then look at applications from individuals requesting assistance across a broad spectrum of needs and Village organisations' proposals for support, discussing each one in detail. For example, at the February meeting, 13 applications were considered and grants from these totalled £21,322."

Update reports

"At the meeting, Trustees give reports on property projects, including the Almshouses, progress on the Wellbrook Way Community Centre and the High Street development plan. There are also updates on schemes such as: the Hospital Taxi Scheme, Educational Grant Scheme, CarePlus Grant Scheme, Community Art Projects including the Sensory Garden, the Railings Sculpture and replacement Bus Shelter, as well as schemes which we fund but are run by external agencies such as the YMCA Youth Scheme and Age UK Warden scheme.



Trustees left to right: Pippa Temple, Brian Pycock, Jenny Knights, Chris Green, Patsy Smith, Ray Gordon, Ann Bonnett and Robin Hiley.

"As we are involved in a wide spectrum of activities, GTC uses the services and expertise of professionals to advise on and implement the range of skills we need – whether it's an architect, lawyer or a PR consultant. And we believe the best way to help Girton residents is to support specialist organisations, such as CAB, Relate and CamSight, by funding regular drop-in centres in the Village and support schemes at Girton Glebe."

Absorbing role

Trustees are volunteers, giving their time (usually several hours per week) and expertise. We asked three Trustees if they found the role rewarding and enjoyable.

Pippa Temple, GTC Vice-chairman, says: "It is a constantly changing and absorbing job, with new projects being undertaken at regular intervals which means learning about new subjects, meeting new people and making things possible for people and groups which otherwise might not have been possible for them."

Chris Green particularly enjoys the work involving the building of more and better almshouses.

Ann Bonnett concludes: "Girton is so lucky to have the resources of GTC to enable individuals, groups and organisations, as well as local and national charities, to benefit from grants and donations. I am currently involved with projects that will enhance areas of the Village for everyone and so pleased to be able to give something back to our Community."

In the next 12 months GTC will be seeking new Trustees to replace those stepping down. If you are interested, please get in touch.

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Girton Glebe Primary School Jumble Sale

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and came along to our spring jumble sale – we very much appreciate your support. We are very pleased to say that we raised almost £1200 for the school which will be put towards providing interactive whiteboards for our classrooms.

Our next event is our community ceilidh on Saturday 13th May: look out for details in the next edition of the Parish News!

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Easter 2017

We have nearly made it to the Easter break (if you can take one) and at last, there are some improvements in the weather – well, on some days. I look forward to Easter every year, and not just because it is a special time in the Church year, but because there are signs of new life all around us and the nights are getting lighter. I also look forward to a chocolate frenzy, or would do, if the migraines weren't a problem.

A lot has been happening in the world. The reassuring cycle of the natural world does help to take my mind away from some rather distressing global events. Hearing the birds sing in the morning points to a wider picture, to a natural world that copes as best it can with various human interventions. The determination of nature is incredible and encouraging.

I can barely imagine the pressures that beset politicians and world leaders at this time. I wonder if they even have time to notice the dawn chorus? But if we delve into the annals of former times, we are reminded that the world has never been a problem-free, peaceful place. In a weird way this is comforting because it suggests that human nature itself has a great capacity to overcome, develop and flourish.

In Holy Week the Church considers the Easter Story and retells the events that led up to Jesus' death. It is an account of intrigue, political manoeuvring and personalities vying for power. In this respect, the Easter story is a very human story, but it does have some unforeseen twists. One of the characters in the story is Pilate, the Roman governor of Palestine. When Jesus is brought before him, Pilate obviously sees Jesus' trial as one among many. Pilate's duty was to keep the peace so he is prepared to hear the charges against Jesus. We get the impression that Pilate was extremely efficient and professional, a top-class civil servant. He listens to the charges against Jesus and dismisses them as trumped-up rubbish. Jesus did not tell people to withhold their taxes and he did not publicly claim to be the Messiah.

Pilate wants to remove Jesus from his books. He tries to pass the buck onto King Herod and make the matter into a domestic Jewish dispute. The buck comes back to Pilate and he tries a second time to pass the buck – this time asking the people to choose between Barabbas and Jesus. The people choose Barabbas and Pilate has no other alternative but to convict Jesus. Pilate, feeling forced into a corner, symbolically 'washes his hands' of

the affair. In effect, Pilate judges peace to be more important than justice. This has happened a few times since then in different places with different characters. It is still happening today.

The twist is that the execution is not the end of the story. Jesus breaks through the bonds of death and is bigger than any human power struggle. Pilate saw only the liberation of a hardened criminal, but through the death of Jesus, all are set free. Barabbas means 'son of the Father' – a total irony – as the true Son of the Father faced death so that we may all become children of God.

The Easter Story reveals the darker side of human nature but also God-given chance for renewal and rebirth.

Happy Easter,
Mandy



Notices

ST ANDREW'S PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms at St Andrew's

Harry Impey was baptised in St Andrew's on 26th March 2017 at 1.00pm. Minister: Revd Mandy Maxwell.

Funerals at St Andrew's

Harry Victor Clements (aged 95) at Cambridge City Crematorium, 23rd March 2017. Minister: Revd Christine Barrow.

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coffee morning

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Thursday 6 April

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MESSY CHURCH

Tuesday Afternoon Friendship Group

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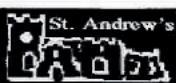
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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, GIRTON

7pm, Sunday 9TH April 2017

PALM SUNDAY



St Andrew's Church

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Sunday Services: April

2nd	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Taizé Worship
9th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Palm Sunday All Age Family Worship
	7.00pm	Palm Sunday Dramatic: The Davidson Affair
16th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by Easter Breakfast in Cotton Hall
	10.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong (tbc – see noticeboard)
	7.00pm	Extended Taizé
23rd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Prayer
30th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion

Other Easter Services

13th	7.45pm	Maundy Thursday: Holy Communion
14th	10–11.30am	Good Friday Gathering at Abbeyfield
	1.00–3.00pm	Good Friday: Meditation on the Cross

Weekday Services: April

11th	2.30pm	Service of Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
27th	11.00am	Service of Holy Communion (BCP) at Gretton Court

All are welcome to any of our services.

Girton Baptist Church



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Sunday Services: April

(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.

2nd	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Evening Worship with Communion
9th	9.00am 10.30am	Prayer Breakfast Morning Worship
13th	6.30pm	Maundy Evening Meditation
14th	10–11.30am 7.30pm	Good Friday Gathering at Abbeyfield Evening Prayer Service
16th	8.30am 10.30am	Easter Communion Easter Morning Service
23rd	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship (t.b.a.) Evening Worship led by John Searle
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For next meeting see GPN calendar

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