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## The Village Diary

### May

- Wed. 3** **Girton WI**, Abbeyfield, 7.30pm  
Resolution Meeting
- Thur. 4** **Art Exhibition**, 11am–7pm  
St Andrew's Church
- Fri. 5** **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
- Tue. 9** **Annual Parish Meeting**, 7.30pm  
Girton Glebe School
- Thur. 11** **Girton Garden Society**, 7.30pm  
St Vincent's Close, Climbers – Andy Riley
- Sat. 13** **FOGG Ceilidh**, 6.30–9.30pm  
Girton Glebe School
- Sun. 14** **Girton College Music Society**, 2.30pm  
Works for piano, Stanley Library
- Wed. 17** **Parish Council Meeting**, 7.30pm  
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sat. 20** **Girton Village Yard Sales**, 10am–4pm  
Locations throughout the Village  
**FOSA Coffee Morning**, 10.30am–12.30pm  
3 Bandon Road  
**Cottontails Quiz Night**, 7.30pm  
Abbeyfield Girton Green
- Sun. 21** **Girton College Music Society**, 2.30pm  
Sasha Millwood (piano), Stanley Library
- Fri. 26** **Girton WI Craft Club**, 2–4pm, North  
Room, St Andrew's, non-members welcome
- Sun. 28** **Girton College Music Society**, 2.30pm  
Holly Slater (sop.) and others, Stanley Library
- ### June
- Thur. 1** **Club 55**, St Vincent's Close, 12 noon  
Film, 'La La Land'
- Fri. 2** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon  
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sat. 3** **Girton Walking Group**, Circular walk from  
Lolworth. Meet Lolworth crossroads, 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 April meeting, the Parish Council confirmed the budget for the new financial year, with an uplift of 2% in line with the rise in fees previously approved. Girton Town Charity's interim use of the Bowls Green water supply for the new Sensory Garden at Wellbrook Way was also agreed, the costs of which the Charity will reimburse. The Council also appointed contractors to undertake remedial electrical works at the Pavilion, following the recent electrical inspection, and approved measures regarding use of Parish Council facilities during Girton Feast Week in July.

Several village residents have been contacted by Cambs County Council regarding their use of '20's Plenty' stickers on wheelie-bins. The residents have been made aware that stickers promoting a 20mph speed limit which is not legally in use are illegal if displayed on the public highway, i.e. on verges during kerbside refuse collections. Even if a 20mph limit were in use, then these signs would represent unauthorised 'repeater' signs which would render the speed limit invalid. Moreover any advertising signs on the highway require permission. Use of the number in a red roundel is also a breach of copyright. However, it is suggested that use of a number within a heart shape could be allowed. Residents are looking into forming a Speed Watch group to gather evidence to support a reduced speed limit.

As summer approaches, riparian owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to keep water courses bordering their properties clear from foliage and debris. This is particularly important in a village prone to flooding. In this regard we shall be writing to householders of properties backing onto Wellbrook Way Wood.

Residents will be aware of considerable activity relating to sewage pumping stations in the village. While the PC has had no direct notification of the issue, we have now been able to glean the following: as a result of a collapsed sewer in the region of the Oakington Road bridge it has been necessary to switch off the pumps at the nearby pumping station and at Redgate Road and Girton College. Sewage is being tankered away from two of these locations. Anglian Water is pulling out all the stops against considerable technical difficulty to locate the problem. They will then attempt a temporary by-pass of the blockage so that the pumps can resume their work. The blockage will then need to be dug out and repaired. It is not known how long any of these activities will take as the location and extent of the collapse is still unknown. Some information is available on the Anglian Water website: [www.inyourarea.digdat.co.uk/AnglianWater](http://www.inyourarea.digdat.co.uk/AnglianWater). Enter Girton in the search box and click on the big red heptagon covering the village.

There have been several recent instances of off-lead over-exuberant/aggressive dogs frightening young residents, and subsequent altercations between dog-walkers and residents have led to unacceptable behaviour and language. Dog-walkers are reminded that dogs are prohibited from using Town End Close Nature Reserve and should be kept under control in all public areas where they might encounter those who are nervous of them.

Sadly, over Maundy Thursday and Good Friday the village suffered a spate of opportunistic thefts covering many of our streets. Unfortunately, several of these crimes were to property which had been left unlocked and therefore insecure. May we remind all residents to remain vigilant in keeping their vehicles, cycles, outbuildings and dwellings secure.

All residents should be aware that the 'Wings for Life' worldwide running event will go through Girton again this year, with rolling road closures on Huntingdon Road, Girton Road and Cambridge Road from 12 noon until 2pm on Sunday 7th May. The hotline number for queries is 0203 117 2092 and the website is: [www.wingsforlifeworldrun.com/gb/en/cambridge](http://www.wingsforlifeworldrun.com/gb/en/cambridge) if you'd like more information. The hotline number will also be manned on the day, and we look forward to a good turnout to cheer on the runners, with several villagers having also volunteered to help with the event.

**We hope that you can join us for the Annual Parish Meeting. This will be held on Tuesday 9th May at Girton Glebe School, with refreshments and village organisations' stalls from 7.00pm, the meeting starting at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome.**

### Next meetings

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 17th May and Wednesday 21st June, 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 can be seen on page 34.*

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## From Our Councillors

### County Councillor Lynda Harford

As we come to the end of the municipal year 2016/17 this is particularly a time to look forward and anticipate the forthcoming elections and the changes they will bring. On 4 May Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will take the historic step of electing the first Mayor of the Combined Authority that Government has now approved. The Devolution Deal is described as being the most generous deal in the country and will see the allocation of £20m a year for the next 30 years to support economic growth, infrastructure and jobs. During negotiations for the first Devolution Deal, South Cambridgeshire District Council played a lead role in also seeking and securing £100m to accelerate building of affordable homes. These will be built on already identified sites across the county but with emphasis on the very high need locally. A shadow Combined Authority Board has been formed in advance of the election of the Mayor and has approved some of the governance structures necessary to make sure that public resources are allocated in a legal, efficient and effective way. There are ambitions for road improvements such as dualling of the A10 and rail investment that will unblock Ely North Junction, provide new rolling stock and strengthen the case for a new station at Addenbrookes. In addition to these and the accelerated affordable housing provision, the area will also gain local control of the skills and apprenticeships budget that will offer opportunities for our young people. The next stage of this handover of powers from Whitehall is already being worked up and will extend to community safety (including police and fire services) and the integration of local health and social care services.

The County Council elections, also on 4 May, will see a reduced number of councillors elected. Following the Local Government Boundary Commission's review of Cambridgeshire County Council, the County's residents will now be represented by 61 councillors (down from the previous 69). For Bar Hill Division the changes mean that Boxworth will move to the Papworth/Swavesey Division.

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me during the 2 years and 3 months that I have served of the normal 4-year period of office of a County Councillor. Your comments and requests for help have sometimes been challenging, often informative or witty (or both), but always welcomed.

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## A View from the District

After a few weeks back in Girton I believe I have tackled my backlog, but if you are still expecting a response from me, please remind me, and accept my apologies.

I mentioned the Government's White Paper on planning in my last report, and the long flight home gave me an opportunity to read it. It proposes to speed up delivery of housing by streamlining the planning process and encouraging developers to deliver more and faster. It is full of good aspiration, but with very little that will tackle the real problems, which are skills and materials shortages and the material advantages to developers of land-banking. There are 38 specific questions in the Paper and no 'any other comment' box, so our response is a bit constrained. The White Paper is at [tinyurl.com/jj4wkz7](http://tinyurl.com/jj4wkz7) and our proposed response at [tinyurl.com/nyfw73u](http://tinyurl.com/nyfw73u). Anyone can send a response. Of course, the General Election may change everything.

In practical terms all this puts yet more pressure on the Council to approve applications. We have little leeway apart from trying to meet developers at an early stage and persuade them to improve their ideas before they put in applications. It's a tall order.

The inspection of our Local Plan should, we are told, end this summer: the inspectors will then draw up a report. They have already raised questions and our officers have responded with a defence, which may not satisfy inspectors who are clearly already not content.

The ARU sports field was approved on grounds which I believe to be flawed, and I was disappointed that my arguments to the committee went largely unassessed. The only option now would be an appeal to the Secretary of State, which neighbours are now considering.

Our Ecology Officer Rob Mungovan is moving to a new job; and while I am pleased for him it is a loss to the Council. He did sterling work in rectifying a number of problems in Wellbrook Way and has always been an enthusiastic supporter of projects such as local orchards.

The waste collection reorganisation saga continues. We may well not need paper caddies in the blue bins in future, yet new caddies have been returned to some residents who complained at their removal – removal which was of course at odds with the letter circulated to residents asking us to retain them. I have yet to have an explanation from officers.

Does your home boast significant eco-improvements? Our Sustainable Parishes Energy Partnership (SPEP) is hosting a workshop about Open Eco Homes events. These help you to share your experiences – good and bad – in upgrading your home, to encourage others to do similarly. The event is at South Cambridgeshire Hall, on Tuesday 9 May, 7–9 pm.

You will have noticed the work at the pumping station on Oakington Road, and in Redgate Road. A collapsed sewer and problems with pumps have left Anglian Water no option but to pump our sewage into bowzers for removal. They assure me the repairs will be completed no later than 10 May.

Summer is just around the corner, and sadly it sometimes brings ice cream wars. May I remind you that no vendors are licensed to trade in Girton, and you should not buy from any who do; instead please report them to me with the name and if possible the vehicle registration.

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*

## District Councillor Tom Bygott

**East West Rail** East West Rail is a project to build a railway from Oxford to Ipswich via Cambridge. It has been prioritised by the Government as a key infrastructure project alongside HS2. I have proposed an alternative route that would take it along the A428 via Cambourne and then in a tunnel under Eddington (the North West site), central Cambridge and Cambridge Station, emerging along the existing line to Cherry Hinton, Fulbourn and Newmarket.

Because such a project would be very expensive, I have done some research and found a way to reduce the cost by £400m. This would involve drilling the tunnel wide enough to fit the platforms as well as the tracks, a solution pioneered recently on the Barcelona Metro.

An article on the subject appeared recently in the *Cambridge News*: [www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/cambridge-news/cambridge-should-metro-system-like-12817169](http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/cambridge-news/cambridge-should-metro-system-like-12817169).

An underground station at Eddington would be within walking distance of some parts of the village, and would offer a journey time to the City of 2 minutes, Cambridge Station 4 minutes and Cambourne 6 minutes (express service) or 10 minutes (metro service). Metro services would run in between the long distance trains to Oxford, Bedford, Newmarket and Ipswich to reduce waiting times and allow fast connections to London, Stansted Airport and existing village stations such as Shelford, Waterbeach or Foxton.

This proposal would protect the Green Belt and the historic city centre, whereas schemes for slower and less reliable buses would damage them.

**Wings for Life Road Race** On Sunday 7 May a road race will be coming through the village – the Wings For Life race. It is a charity race raising funds for spinal cord research. As a result, several of the roads through

the village will be closed or have limited access.

- Huntingdon Road will be closed from 11.30am–1pm
- Girton Road, Cambridge Road and High Street will be closed from 11.55am–2pm
- Oakington Road will have limited access from 12–6pm.

There will be a small number of opportunities for access with permission from the race marshals, however due to the nature of the event it is not possible to provide exact timings for this. More information on other road closures can be found at the County Council's website: [www4.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/article/620/road\\_closures\\_for\\_wings\\_for\\_life\\_race\\_event](http://www4.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/article/620/road_closures_for_wings_for_life_race_event).

A map of the route and information on the charity fundraising, along with information on how to register to participate can be found at (this can only be done online): [www.wingsforlifeworldrun.com/gb/en/cambridge/](http://www.wingsforlifeworldrun.com/gb/en/cambridge/).

**Smart Cambridge program** This is a programme to use data and digital technology to transform the way people live, work and travel in the region. It has recently been allocated £1.6m by Greater Cambridge City Deal over the next three years, as part of its investment plans to improve the transport infrastructure and promote economic growth in and around Cambridge. An Intelligent City Platform (iCP) has been developed with the University of Cambridge taking real-time data from an array of sensors across the city.

Some topics for Smart Cambridge include:

- Better travel and transport information for journeys
- Easier payment options including integrated ticketing and online payments
- Smarter signalling
- Monitoring of air quality

More information can be found at: [www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/smartcamb](http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/smartcamb).

I have long argued that the City Deal should prioritise the development of an Oyster-style smartcard for use on buses, trains and Park & Rides.

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# FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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**Our Big Family Fun Day is on Saturday 8th July** from 12–9pm, and will be full of dancing, music, masses of stalls, Face Painting, Beer Tent, Tug of War, Target Bowls, Tennis, Climbing Wall, Produce Competition, Photography Competition Display, tasty Food, Games and much, much more.



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By Andy Riley

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

**J1. My Family and Other Animals**

**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 1st July 2017:

**S1. Wildlife and Nature**

**S2. Portraits and People**

**S3. Transport and Getting About**

(which is 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, tel: 276491, email [grahamfjones987@btinternet.com](mailto:grahamfjones987@btinternet.com). The deadline for submissions is Friday 30th June 2017.

**NEXT YEAR** we will be looking for photos of **GIRTON THROUGH THE YEAR**, so start photographing now!

## Weekly health walk

There is a weekly health walk from Girton Pavilion, every Thursday at 10am. The walk takes between 30 and 45 minutes and at a moderate pace, but walk leaders can also accommodate those who can only manage less. Each walk is led by trained walk leaders accredited with Walking for Health. We will end the walk at the Baptist Church where free tea, coffee and biscuits are served. Do come and join us for a pleasant walk with friendly people.

For more details please contact **Abigail Whyte**, Health Coach, tel: 07540 160256, email: [abigailwhyte@everyonehealth.co.uk](mailto:abigailwhyte@everyonehealth.co.uk).

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## GIRTON COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY

**SUNDAY 14 MAY at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)**  
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**Marianne Schönle (piano)**

**Konrad Bucher (piano)**

**Cheng Wei Lim and Martin Ennis (piano duet)**

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*Sofia Gubaidulina Chaconne*

*Enrique Granados Quejas o la maja y el ruiseñor (from Goyescas)*

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*with works by Cheng Wei Lim*

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**SUNDAY 21 MAY at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)**  
Stanley Library, Girton College

**Sasha Millwood (piano)**

*Chopin Polonaise-Fantaisie, Op. 61*

*Thea Musgrave Snapshots*

*Atanas Atanassov Alter ego*

*Lubomir Denov Sound flux*

*Clara Schumann Trois Romances, Op. 11*

*and works by Carl Czerny and Gregor Forbes*

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**SUNDAY 28 MAY at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)**  
Stanley Library, Girton College

**Holly Slater (soprano) and**

**Gareth Wilson (piano) with**

**Charbel Mattar (bass-baritone) and**

**Martin Ennis (piano)**

*Arias from Handel's Giulio Cesare and Lieder by Schubert and Brahms*

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**SUNDAY 4 JUNE at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)**  
Stanley Library, Girton College

**Ben Comeau (piano)**

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Here's our programme for the rest of the year. Do join us!

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**June 3rd** – Circular walk, Lolworth, Childerley, Knapwell, Boxworth, 6 miles. Meet 10am at crossroads in centre of the village (don't park on the Green).

**July 1st** – Willingham and the Great Ouse. 6 miles. Start 10am near Willingham church (roadside parking). Refreshments in pub at the end of walk, if wanted.

**August** walk – to be confirmed in a later issue.

**September 2nd** – Stow cum Quy Fen, 5.5 miles. Park near Lode church (not by the Mill). Refreshments possible.

**October 7th** – Wimpole Park walk, approx. 5 miles. Meet in National Trust Wimpole Car Park at **10.30am** (£2 fee for non NT members). Refreshments possible.

**November 4th** – Baits Bite Lock walk to Clayhithe, 4.5 miles. Meet at Milton Church at 10am.

**December 2nd** – Girton to Histon and back, approx. 4 miles. Meet at St Andrew's Church at 10am. Shared Christmas Lunch afterwards at Claire Nickson's house.

Car sharing possible on the walks – please contact Claire at [cnludlow12@gmail.com](mailto:cnludlow12@gmail.com) or 276487.

## CALLING ALL GARDENERS

Girton Open Gardens will be held on 2 July 2017, 2–5pm, as part of Girton Feast Week.

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## Cambridgeshire Hearing Help

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More information can be found on our website [www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk).



## News from Girton Glebe Primary School

The end of the Spring Term was a wonderfully exciting time at Girton Glebe Primary School,

with so many activities taking place in and around our classrooms. Please read on to see what our pupils and staff have been doing ...

### Science Week

March 20–24 saw our children enjoy a wonderful array of tasks and activities to celebrate Girton Glebe's 2017 Science Week. We hosted a number of workshops led by Cambridge Science Centre and Mad Science and our pupils took part in a range of assemblies, demonstrations and classroom activities designed to support all areas of the science curriculum. Amongst other things, our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in an assembly on the digestive system, made chains of amino acids and created their own slimy putty. Our Key Stage 1 pupils took part in dinosaur digs and filled one of our classrooms with fog.

One of our Mad Science visitors also presented some of our children with certificates for correctly answering the science question of the week. The question asked was, 'What do you think will happen to a snowman if you put a coat on it?' The correct answer is that it would prevent it from melting as quickly as a snowman without a coat, as the coat would act as an insulator, trapping the cold and preventing the heat from getting in. Well done to all who answered this correctly!

Science Week was a huge success and it was wonderful to hear our pupils talk with so much enthusiasm about the activities that they had been involved in. Many thanks to our visitors for providing such wonderful experiences for our children and an enormous thank you should be extended to Girton Town Charity whose generous donations paid for these workshops.

Special thanks must also go to Mrs Storer for all of her hard work in putting together the Science Week timetable, organising visitors and collating the week's activities into one video for the assembly at the end of the week – she certainly earned her Easter break!

### Y6 Visit France

On 13 March our Year 6 children left Girton for a week in France accompanied by Mrs Whitworth, Miss Pyle, Mrs Boorman and Mrs Sebley. Pupils and staff travelled by coach to Château de Chantereine in Criel-sur-Mer which they used as a base for five days as they explored the history and culture of the region.

During their visit, the children took the opportunity to make croissants, visit WW1 battlefields, watch biscuits being made in the locally renowned Biscuiterie d'Hardelot and visit an apple farm. They also paid a visit to the National Sea Life Centre, took a guided tour of Rouen and went to the disco during one of their evenings!

The children arrived home at 4pm on the Friday having had a wonderful time and looking like they needed a solid weekend's rest! Many thanks to staff for making this journey with the children and extra thanks to Mrs Whitworth for all of her hard work in organising the itinerary and logistics of the trip.

### The Big Pedal

Pupils took to the roads and pavements again in March, in support of The Big Pedal 2017, a nationwide initiative supporting and encouraging children to cycle and scoot to school. With 1693 schools and over half a million children taking part, we achieved an excellent result: 81st in the country, with 52% of our pupils making their journey by bike or scooter, and 12th regionally in East Anglia. Within the school, Oak Class scooped gold, closely followed by Willow and Maple in silver and bronze positions respectively.

Thank you to the village community for accommodating the extra volume of children on wheels, and to our supportive families and staff who cycled, scooted and even long-boarded so enthusiastically!

On Thursday 20 April our pupils will be treated to a special display by an extreme mountain biking team on the school playground as a thank you for all of their hard work during the Big Pedal.

### Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day 2017 was a huge success and Girton Glebe Primary School took part in a number of fun events to raise money for charity. Through the sale of over 400 red noses, a cake sale and donations made during 'Dress Funny for Money', we managed to raise almost £700! This figure was also supplemented by money donated by parents and carers to our 'cycling bucket'. Throughout the day, staff completed shifts on a spinning bike (kindly loaned to us by Prime Time Fitness) situated in the school foyer and managed to clock up over 250 miles. Many thanks to Mr Smart for co-ordinating this event.

Thanks to all parents, carers and pupils for embracing the red noses and fancy dress and thanks also to members of FOGG for supporting us with the cake sale. Well done to our staff who spent the day cycling like fury for charity – the pedals began spinning at 7.30am and were in constant motion until 3.00pm!

### Easter Cracked

On Thursday 30 March our Year 5 visited Girton Baptist Church to hear about the Easter message from a Christian perspective. They learnt about the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion on the cross and how Christians believe that three days later he rose from the dead. The children also made some Easter artwork and indulged in some obligatory chocolate cake tasting!

Many thanks to all our volunteers who supported us during the trip and to the team at Girton Baptist Church for their warm welcome.

*Mr Andrew Simpson*  
Headteacher

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## Early Days at Thornton Road, Girton, 1939-1950 – Part 2

The nearest shops to Thornton Road were the Co-op in Girton Road (still there near the present A14 road bridge) or at Castle End in the town, so we relied on milk, bread, groceries and greengrocery being delivered. Chivers Home Farm Dairy supplied milk daily (except Sundays) from their Pound Hill depot in Castle End. The milk float was horse drawn and in the charge of Bert who delivered to most houses in the road. On Fridays he collected the money so the round took much longer than on other days. The horse, becoming bored with waiting, would sometimes mount the pavement to browse the shrubs in front gardens, much to everyone's annoyance. Bert knew lots of people who could supply items over and above wartime and post-war rationing allowances. He even managed to procure a chicken for us at Christmas, an extraordinary luxury. On completion of his Thornton Road deliveries he turned the cart at the junction with Thornton Way and trotted briskly back along the road towards Girton. Iron-shod wheels on the granite chippings of the road surface and the rattling of empty milk bottles made a wonderfully impressive noise. In later years a motor van replaced the horse and we liked to help Bert by delivering milk at his direction: 'Two grey day pints to the next house,' etc. It took me a long time to realise that bottles of full cream milk were 'Grade A'! Occasionally we were rewarded with an exciting end of round ride back to Pound Hill, squatting among the crates, but we had to get off short of arrival to avoid detection by depot staff.

Several days a week Mr Porter's horse-drawn greengrocery cart came along the road. There was intense excitement when it was rumoured that he had some bananas for sale, the first we had ever seen. Groceries were delivered once a week by Mr Whitham, who had a small shop in Histon Road. He called on Tuesdays to take the order and was paid for the previous week's delivery. 'I'm hoping to get some fish paste in next week,' he might say. 'Would you like me to put you down for some? It will be one and elevenpence halfpenny.' My mother thought that was rather expensive but she couldn't resist the temptation of providing such an exotic treat for the family, so cuts were made elsewhere in the order.

Meat was the biggest problem. Every household had to be registered with a butcher and supplies were strictly rationed, even after the war ended. Our shop in Castle Street displayed sardonic notices like 'Plenty of newspaper, bring your own meat' and seemed to delight in refusing requests for offal, which was 'off-ration'. In the hope of getting better service my mother applied to re-register with another butcher, but the officials at the local offices of the Ministry of Food were disapproving. Eventually she succeeded and we found that Hardings in Victoria Road were more obliging.

Like many other residents my father worked hard to grow as much food as possible in the back garden. He also kept an allotment in the village, at the corner of Hicks Lane. Because of the severe shortage of eggs we kept four chickens and four ducks in runs at the end of the garden.

The ducks were very personable creatures and were given pet names after characters in the hugely popular radio comedy show ITMA ('It's That Man Again'.)

The detached house almost opposite no. 66 was used as a school for several years, a branch of a private school in Cambridge. I began there aged about 4 or 5. On my first day I got off to a bad start by running into the headmistress at full speed whilst playing a chasing game and was given a severe telling-off. We did sums from London Arithmetic. The ink-stained covers had exciting outlines of famous landmarks such as St Paul's and Big Ben that I recognised although I'd never been there. Sums such as 'Eight cricket bats at ten shillings and ninepence each, how much change from a ten pound note?' etc. were completely beyond my ability and I was left to wonder what anyone was supposed to do with so many cricket bats or be in possession of so much money. Having got the answers wrong (again) I was made to stand in the corner, but was spared the indignity of a dunce's cap, although the teacher said I deserved one.

Occasionally the Girton vicar came to the school armed with outline copies of scenes from Bible stories for us to colour in. There were never enough copies for everyone in the class and I was always disappointed. The headmistress provided more regular religious instruction, often giving enthralling accounts of Old Testament stories. What the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah had done to so displease the Almighty was glossed over, but the message was clear; one must never look backwards. So crossing the road to return home after school seemed risky, because I was convinced that even a sideways glance to look for passing traffic might invoke the awful punishment of being turned into a pillar of salt. I didn't know what a pillar of salt might be, but from the fearsome expression on the face of the storyteller it was clearly something best avoided. Fortunately few cars disturbed the quiet of Thornton Road in those days. I soon decided that school was not for me and I recall having to be carried in kicking and screaming by my mother and long suffering brother.

Eventually the school had to close because few parents in Thornton Road were prepared to pay a substantial increase in fees. We were entitled to attend the village school in Girton but it was not a popular option so we looked towards the municipal schools in the town. Park Street C of E (Aided) Junior School was willing to admit us, so together with my brother and a number of other Thornton Road children I became a regular commuter on Eastern Counties bus route 106.

The sudden influx of children from Thornton Road and other parts of Girton caused quite a stir at Park Street. Teachers were heard to comment, 'These Girton children are so well washed and fed.' We noted that several of our new classmates were given daily doses of malt extract and cod liver oil because they were undernourished, and some were unfamiliar with the use of a toothbrush. We also had different patterns of speech and soon learned to be bilingual. Utterances and expressions necessary for survival at school were not in common use in Thornton Road.

During the war years we had military personnel billeted upon us because we had a spare room. One such lodger

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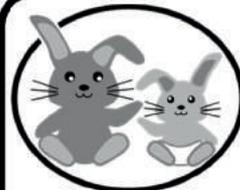
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turned out to be a retired general. My mother only discovered this when a letter arrived for him, addressed to 'General' Murphy. He modestly admitted that he had held the rank of general in the First World War and to our admiration and delight he showed us his medals and other regalia. An aunt suggested that my father should borrow the medals to wear on his weekend Home Guard parade in Girton (CAM 1 on his shoulder flash), but Dad, who would have much preferred to be tending his allotment, thought better of it. The General was unable to cycle so we taught him by pushing him up and down Thornton Road on a borrowed bike. He soon got the hang of it provided there was a kerb to assist starting and stopping. When he accompanied us on a family bike ride along a kerbless fen drove that seemed to head straight to the horizon he was unable to stop for several miles!

After the end of the war extra living accommodation at Girton College was badly needed and the residents of Thornton Road were asked to take in undergrads. So the spare bedroom was again put to good use and my mother became host to a succession of appreciative 'Girton Girls', some of whom corresponded with her until she died in 1986.

The first building activity in Thornton Road after the end of the war was the construction of five very large sheds on the land now occupied by Thornton Court. The sheds were round-topped like Nissen huts, and large enough for lorries to enter when delivering sacks of bulk foodstuff. The purpose of this activity was not publicly explained and the elderly watchman who spent much time there was reluctant to answer questions. It was assumed that it was a strategic depot for food supply should the Cold War escalate into a major conflict. Whatever the purpose it was important enough to receive a visit (1948?) by HM Queen Elizabeth (the consort of King George VI, not our present queen). Thornton Road residents crowded round to see the royal visitor; my father even wore his Trilby hat for the occasion, which he respectfully removed as Her Majesty passed by.

Few Thornton Road residents had telephones. Our nearest public call box was at Girton Corner, a long walk, especially if it was raining. Often there was a queue of people waiting or the box would be out of order. So we applied to the GPO (General Post Office) to be connected, only to be told that there was a long waiting list and that most new domestic subscribers could only have shared lines. Eventually we were connected, being among the first in the road to get the service. We were the envy of our neighbours who sometimes asked if they might make use of the phone for urgent calls.

Roger Wolfe  
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[This concludes Roger Wolfe's memories of Thornton Road in the 1940s. Do you have memories of Girton from the past? Share them with us! Contact details on page 3.]

## **From our front page ... Co-op Community Fund Benefits Girton**

You may have noticed a street party with lots of children and balloons outside the Co-op in Girton Road on the afternoon of 19th April, and wondered what it was all about. The Co-op has been raising money for community projects across the country, and our local Girton shop has managed to raise the amazing total of £2,529 since last September. Did you know that every time you use your Co-op Membership card to purchase own-branded Co-op products, 1% of the value of the purchase goes to a local cause? In addition, the Co-op donates all proceeds from the levy on disposable carrier bags. The Co-op nationwide has raised over £9 million for local causes by these means.

The money is being shared between Cottontails Pre-School and the Friends of Girton Glebe, so the children certainly had something to celebrate!

On the front cover of this month's issue you can see Paul Smith, Manager of the Girton Co-op, Alison Wright and Helen McLachlan of Cottontails (top left), and Ingaret Faulkner and Anita Bennet of FOGG (bottom right), together with some of the children who enjoyed the party and who will benefit from the extra things that this fundraiser will provide.

Thanks to all the Girtonians who contributed (even if they didn't know they were doing so!) by shopping at the Co-op, and thanks to the Co-op for organising this initiative and also for the biscuits, crisps, marshmallows and drinks!

Angela Blackburn

## **Thank you from Cottontails Pre-school and Girton Glebe Primary School**

Everyone at Cottontails Pre-school and Girton Glebe Primary School would like to say a huge thank you to all who have taken part in the Co-op's Local Community Fund. We have recently received a fantastic **£1260** each for our nominated projects: a new climbing frame for Cottontails and PE equipment for Girton Glebe. These will make a big difference to the children of Girton. So thank you to everyone who has swiped their Co-op membership card while doing their shopping, and to the staff at the Co-op for encouraging new members and reminding us all to use our cards! We are very grateful for your support.

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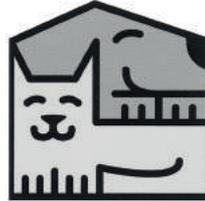
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### CALLING ALL GARDENERS - COMPETITION TIME

The theme of **Feast Week** will be '**Transport**'

The **Girton Allotment Society** and the **Girton Garden Society** will be organising a **mini fruit, flower and vegetable show** in the main marquee. The categories chosen for our part of the show represent the fruit, vegetables and flowers most likely to be ready in early July, weather permitting!

Growing your own fruit, flowers and vegetables reduces transport costs and air miles as well as being very satisfying. We would like to encourage all adults and children living in the village to show off their gardening and growing skills by entering **any or all** of the following competition categories:

#### Adults

#### Vegetable/fruit/flower classes

1v. 3 sticks of rhubarb	1f. 3 stems of one type of flower in a tall, clear glass jar or vase
2v. 5 beans (Runner or French)	2f. A bunch of garden flowers in a clear jam jar (no labels)
3v. 5 potatoes (any variety)	3f. A bunch of roses (no more than 7 stems) in a clear jam jar (no labels)
4v. 3 onions (any variety)	
5v. 3 different vegetables	
6v. A small plate of fruit	

#### Children

#### Vegetable/fruit/flower classes

7v. 3 different coloured vegetables	4f. A small posy of flowers and foliage in a small clear vase or jar not more than 10cm high. (5 years old and under)
8v. The funniest looking carrot	5f. A small posy of flowers and foliage in a small clear vase or jar not more than 10cm high. (6-11years old)
9v. The longest bean	
10v. An animal modelled from vegetables	

- Rules**
- All entries must be brought to the main marquee between 10 and 11.30am and a small entry card filled in.
  - The vegetables and fruit will be displayed on 18cm white paper plates.
  - Judging and awarding of rosettes will take place at 12noon.
  - The winners will be announced during the afternoon and entries can be collected after 4pm.

Contacts: Girton Garden Society - Kay Green 01223276819  
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On the one hand:

On Easter Saturday my wife visited a discount supermarket (no names but 4 letters beginning with A). Amongst its many products were packets of fresh-looking, handsome vegetables: parsnips, cauliflowers, carrots, leeks, potatoes, broccoli. A mere 29p per packet.

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On the other hand:

There is an enthusiastic band of men and women, young and far from young, who belong to the Girton Allotment Society and rent plots of earth, quarter plots to full plots. They spend a lot of time and energy working their plots and growing their own fruit and vegetables.

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On the supermarket side of the scale ... a week's supply of fresh vegetables for two at about £2.

On the 'grow your own' side of the scale, let's add up what's involved:

There is financial outlay including annual rent and membership of the Society (actually hardly more than a nominal sum in today's terms), compost, manure, plant foods, pots and seed trays, canes, seed potatoes, packets of seeds, cloches and fleece. The list could go on and on. As in all hobbies, a visit to a relevant supplier tempts most of us into excess purchases. Some members choose to erect greenhouses and sheds, others build elaborate fruit cages.

Then there is investment of intricate care and attention in sowing seeds, indoors and out; and of maintaining temperature ranges and moisture levels.

Physical effort is demanded: digging one's plot once or twice a year, by fork, spade or rotovator, weeding and edging, trenching for potatoes. And as I can testify this Easter weekend, kneeling and contorting for long periods while putting out young plants brings lots of strain to ageing bones and joints. What a game it is to spread protective fleece in a brisk wind, or to struggle with recalcitrant chicken wire. Already members are heaving cans of water to their plots.

There can be mental stress for the worriers. Is that row of lettuces wilting? Why have only 3 out of 24 sweet corn seeds germinated? (I couldn't bear not having any sweet corn this Summer.) The weather forecasters are saying there is the possibility of frost tonight. These warm humid conditions are ideal for blight. What will happen to my fine potato and tomato crops?

It's a battleground out there. Couch grass and bindweed are constant invaders. Cabbage white butterflies are unerring in seeking out our brassica plants to lay their eggs for the caterpillars then to chew their way over the leaves. Blackfly and whitefly leave a horrible sticky mess on their target plants, broad beans and brassicas respectively.

Pigeons, rooks and squirrels love the food banks our crops provide.

I should mention too that nearly all members have to walk, drive or cycle to the site, with tools, plants, bags of compost. I am aware how very lucky I am in that my back garden is adjacent to my allotment plot.

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So there we have it. On the one hand, the supermarket. On the other hand, the multiple herculean tasks of growing your own. Surely it's no contest.

I think I speak for all Society members when I say: IT IS NO CONTEST. As conditions have improved since I last wrote (though temperature and wind are not yet ideal), as days have lengthened, soil has become drier and warmer (actually too dry so early in the season), individuals, couples and families have emerged from the Winter break. Plots are being brought into order. Potato 'earthworks' stretch across plots; seeds are germinating in the earth; young plants are being put out; protective fleeces and cloches are mushrooming; in greenhouses and on window sills pots and trays are regularly inspected. As the weeks go by, vegetables and fruit will mature. Then at different stages we shall pick and dig, and take our harvest to the kitchen.

Of course, shops and supermarkets are necessary, but nothing can compare to the satisfaction of contemplating a well-ordered plot and 'growing your own'.

I'm no anthropologist, but I think there must be something deep in all this. Preparing the earth, handling seeds with their incredible potential, witnessing growth, feeding ourselves and our families, connects us elementally to nature and the life force. And I haven't mentioned fresh air and exercise.

*Graham Jones, Girton Allotment Society*

## Garden tip of the month – May

If you can keep up with the rate of growth in May, you are on top of the job: most of us only get there half-way through June! The dry spell in April is a check on growth rates, but I would cheerfully expect them to double as soon as we get some useful rain. It's rather tempting to mistake a warm sunny week for a definite sign that the cold weather is definitely over, so most of us hedge our bets by going with the early sowing, hardening off and planting out in moderation so we have a chance of covering to protect from frost if the temperature suddenly tumbles. In some years later sown plants do better!

May is the month that many evergreens are trimmed or pruned, such as bay for its annual crop, and several spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia can be pruned as soon as their flowers are over. That way the new wood which will flower next spring has plenty of time to extend and fill with potential.

If you want to have a wisteria that flowers, try looking for one now, and at least you know the one you've bought has flowered successfully at least once!

*Finally keep that hoe busy! Ho Ho!*

*George Thorpe*

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## Girton Garden Society

"Rose Growing made Easy" was the topic of the Garden Society talk by Simon White of Peter Beales Roses on Thursday 13th April.

Girton, much of which has clayish soil, would seem to be better suited to roses than the light, sandy Breckland soil of Peter Beales near Attleborough. However, on a good day they can plant 30,000 baby plants which will be flourishing within 18 months. As is well known, replacement roses cannot be planted in the same soil as their predecessors for seven years. This means a partnership with neighbouring farmers, rotating potatoes, roses and sugar beet. On their own premises, display beds are refurbished with loads of top soil costing £60,000!

For a single rose replacement, here is an opportunity! Consume 12 bottles of wine and use the box they came in! If able to do so, dig the required hole. In the bottom put mature manure or organic matter. The box in next, to be filled with John Innes number three and a microrrhizal compound. The stage is set for the rose. Winter-time bare rooted roses do very well and are available until the end of March. Thereafter it would be a container-grown or containerised rose. The latter must stay in its container until the end of May or early June.

As for pruning, do as Hillary Clinton would do to Donald Trump's roses!

*Felicia Moor*



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# GIRTON scoreboard



## Girton Bowls Club

Our Open Day took place in gorgeous sunshine and was very well attended. We were able to hold a friendly competition to include new and existing players which was in the form of a random draw of players playing 3 games of 6 ends, the winner being the player with the highest number of points. The joint winners were Lynne McGill and Mike Collier with one of our new players, Tim Pearce Higgins, as runner up.



We also had two friendly matches before the start of the season proper, one at home in the evening to Histon on 27th April and one away in the afternoon to Stretham on 29th April.

The selection of players for the League games in May has been made and players notified. If anyone is unable to play, please notify the relevant Captain as soon as possible.

Our chairman, Dave Fryer, will be giving a presentation at Girton Glebe school assembly on 2nd May to inform and encourage any interested juniors to come and join us to try their hand at bowling.

The drive to establish players' positions on the internal ladder competition will take place on Thursday 11th May with subsequent games to be played on Thursday Club nights.

The Club will be participating again this year in the Girton Yard Sale on 20th May. Please come along and visit our stall which will be at the Bowls Green and

join us for a cup of tea and a piece of cake. All proceeds to go to the Arthur Rank Hospice.

At the time of going to print the Planning Application for the Community Centre is moving along with a possibility of going out to Tender sometime in May.

For any further information please contact our Secretary Margaret McCall – [margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com](mailto:margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com) – and keep an eye on our website [www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com](http://www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com).

Lynne McGill



## Girton Golf Club

Here we are in mid-April and the weather varies from wonderfully warm and short sleeves to dry, but I did put my thick top in the bag, with a sharp and chilling wind. The season is now well under way particularly for our Lady Captain Pat Atkin who has managed 2, yes 2, holes in one within the past 2 weeks at the par 3 6th hole. Many congratulations, Pat!!



Competition winners to date include (medal winners unless otherwise stated):

**Ladies** – Pauline Downes, Gillian L'Angellier, Jacqui Storey, Clare Brockelsby (9 hole qualifier), Louise Lloyd (Stableford), Ruth Lawton (3 clubs and a putter), Claire Tonner.

**Men** – Robert Metcalfe (Winners Cup), Brian Nolan (Stableford), C. Russell/C. Warboys (Montieth Trophy), Neil Cowie, Malcolm Duncan (Seniors Spring Meeting).

**Juniors** – Haruhi Nakatani (Girton Junior Open).

On Sunday 19th March the Junior team played their first match in Division Two of the CAGU Friendly League against Saffron Walden 'B' at Saffron Walden. The format for the match was singles matchplay. The team consisted of: Junior Captain Jessica Hollingworth, Junior Vice Captain James Black, Jack Thorpe, Stephen Lambert, William Powell and Angus White; for both William and Angus this was their first competitive match for our club. From the moment our Juniors arrived at the club to the time they left their behaviour and etiquette on and off the course was exemplary and they were a credit to Girton Golf Club. The course played very long in the testing windy conditions but that didn't deter our Juniors; they all played some extremely good golf with a number of birdies being recorded. The final result was a draw, three games all. Our Juniors have subsequently played at home to Gog Magog losing 2-1 in a very tight match.

Congratulations to Girton Mens pairing of Doug Bottomley and John Creighton who are through to the next round of the Daily Mail Foursomes after a 4 and 3 home victory against a pair from St Ives Golf Club and then an away win in the next round at Letchworth Golf Club by 2 and 1. The men's team have also beaten Ramsey 8-2 in the CAGU Interclub Derrick Burridge Trophy.

The CAGU Greensomes Friendly League team started the season at home to Ely on Saturday, unfortunately losing 5-3 in a narrowly fought match.

Girton Seniors Team has started the year well by beating Kingsway 3-0 and then Ramsey 2.5 to 0.5 in the Cambridgeshire Seniors Knock Out Cup (6 a side), and then going on to beat Bourn at home and losing to Ely away in 16 a side matches. The Seniors Spring Meeting on Wednesday 12th was won by Malcolm Duncan who then went on to also win the Seniors Strokeplay Championship on April 18th from Tony Johnson in 2nd.

We held the Girton Junior Open on Wednesday 5th April with 48 juniors playing in the event and we also held the County Ladies AM-AM event two days later with 120 ladies playing – a wonderful turn-out and a great day. The course is getting great use currently by our ever-increasing membership and is looking absolutely splendid, with great work being produced by our dedicated team of green keepers under the leadership of Ian Hankin and Matt Pratt. We do, however, still have membership available in all categories for those who would like to join us be it social or playing.

*Alan Henderson-Smith*



## Girton Tennis Club

Our club membership year started from the 1st April so now is a good time to renew your membership or consider joining us if you haven't already done so. We play on the Girton recreation ground courts and members who purchase a key have court access during most daylight hours.

The club started running their popular supervised sessions for juniors on Friday evenings from April 21st (6.30 to 7.30pm). This is a facility for club members and it will continue every Friday during the Summer, weather permitting. Adult club members play from 7.30pm on Friday evenings.

### Free Tennis Programme

Girton Tennis Club are pleased to announce that they have recently won a grant from the LTA Seniors Tennis to promote tennis within the village. If you are a female over 35 and looking to learn tennis, or used to play and looking to get back into the sport, the club are offering a FREE 6 week tennis programme from early July to mid-August. All equipment will be provided. Places will be available on a first come, first served basis. Further information will be available shortly and you will soon

see posters around the village, but in the meantime, if you would like further information, please contact Jess Sims ([simscjessica@gmail.com](mailto:simscjessica@gmail.com)).

Tennis is an excellent way of getting some exercise and having fun. Details and application forms can be found on our website [www.girtontennis.org](http://www.girtontennis.org) or contact our Membership Secretary Kevin Keeves on 01223 276660 or by email at [info@girtontennis.org](mailto:info@girtontennis.org).

*Alan Franklin*



## Girton Colts Football Club

Girton Colts are looking for children currently in Years 2 and 3 who would like to play football for Girton next season. Anyone interested should contact Kevin White (Under 9s team manager) at [kevinwhite@ntlworld.com](mailto:kevinwhite@ntlworld.com) or on 0779 1511272. Any boys in Years 8 and 9 who would like to play next season can also get in touch.

Scoring goals has been a problem for the Girton Colts U14s in recent weeks. The boys have played out tight games with Spartak Saffron Walden and Dynamo Foxton and scored only one goal through an excellent free kick by Alex Boyle. Defensive consistency and a growing understanding developing between John Hanlon, Sam Hough and Charlie Davies have kept things tight at the back, marshalled by both goal keepers in the squad, to produce a good away draw at Saffron Walden but a hard fought 0-1 loss at home to Foxton was disappointing. The boys remain positive as they approach the final games of the season and are looking forward to finding the net more regularly in the upcoming games against Newmarket and Caldecote. A solid mid-table finish looks the most likely outcome at the end of the season.

The last month has been quiet for the Under 9s with the Easter holidays taking a large chunk out of the season. There has only been one match, but it was a handsome victory against an understrength Haslingfield side. The first quarter was very even before a long range effort from Zaki Adloune squirmed in. In the second quarter Colts ran riot running in 5 unanswered goals. Ethan Wilson drove the team forwards and James Barge was poacher-in-chief. It looked like Finley Christie might not get a touch in goal but he was called on to make one smart save from an impressive long range effort. The third quarter was again tight and once more a long range effort from Zaki found its way in. In the fourth quarter Colts were again on top adding four more. Ethan Wilson was impressive throughout and looked like he had rounded off the scoring only for Cosmo Crossley to claim the final touch right on the line. James Barge finished with 6 goals and Maison Spencer contributed 2. There was also a great defensive effort from Gabriel Moore and the various goalkeepers which restricted Haslingfield to a single goal. Haslingfield will have better days when they are at full strength but Colts were nonetheless impressive.

*Kevin White*

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## Girton Netball Club

Did you play netball at school or university but haven't played for a while? Why not come and join our friendly club on a Monday evening at 7.30pm at the court behind the Pavilion? First session is free, then it only costs £3 per evening. For more information contact Mel at [girton.village.netball@gmail.com](mailto:girton.village.netball@gmail.com).

The netball club members are rightly proud to have finished the Adult Friendly Winter league in 3rd position of Division A, our best result yet!

Spring has sprung and we are ready to leap into our Summer League at the beginning of May. Matches will involve two quarters of normal netball followed by two quarters of netball-with-a-difference. We will not find out until the day what the rules will be, so we could be playing with a tennis ball or maybe we have to play silently; only the umpires know in advance.

*Mel Gulston*



Hi,

After 7 years as Girton Youth Project manager, I am stepping down to pursue my career

as a counsellor and I wanted to take this opportunity to say goodbye. Amazingly, in that time, climbing frames, paddling canoes, running over fields, hiding in woods, being shot by paintballs, building kites, carts and islands, firing rockets, sailing ships, painting walls all over the place and sometimes just sitting around, I've met over 200 young people and delivered over 1000 youth club sessions, so I think it's time for someone else to take the role.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to everyone in Girton who knows me, especially the families that have been so involved with the project. I would also like to thank the YMCA for supporting and managing me, Girton Town Charity for all their belief in the project and their backing and advice throughout, with a special thanks to Jenny Knights for being so supportive throughout my management.

But, most of all, I must say thank you to the young people that I have met over the years for making this job the very best. Specifically, thank you to all the young volunteers and employees that I've met over the years, without whom most of what we've achieved wouldn't have been possible.

So, that just leaves me to say goodbye. However, I do hope to continue working with the project in some capacity in the future, especially around the creative workshops we've nurtured over the years. So I hope my connection to Girton is going to continue.

But, in the meantime, I wish everyone connected to the project all the very best,

Thank you.

*Tim Shuker-Yates*  
*Girton Youth Project Manager*

## Girton WI



At our meeting on 6th April, Robert Burridge came to talk about his life as a Royal Protection Officer. He spoke of many hours spent waiting or guarding when a lot of patience is needed. The Royal Protection Service is a separate part of the Metropolitan Police, but at times he worked with the armed services. He did not speak much about the Royal Family except to say that Prince Andrew was the most popular Royal with the officers.

To find out more about the WI contact [girtonwi@gmail.com](mailto:girtonwi@gmail.com).

*Corinne Garvie*

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## New Sensory Garden starts to take shape

As announced in a previous issue of *Parish News*, Girton Town Charity (GTC) is funding a new Sensory Garden at the entrance to Wellbrook Way.

Last Autumn, Trustees awarded the project to Sylvia Newman Garden Design, a family-run business located in Longstanton which has designed and planted many gardens, in a wide range of different settings.

Work started on 10th April and Sylvia Newman has sent us a report on how it is progressing.

### Vegetation

She says: "We moved onto site on Monday with our machinery and installed the Heras fencing to secure the area. By the end of Day 1 we had cleared away much of the vegetation and put to one side some good topsoil to use at a later stage of the project.

"Mo and James are our permanent team on site, with others joining at different intervals. Our signs for the site are in production and will be with us very soon.

### Paths

"Other progress includes more levelling, digging out the main arterial paths across the Garden and marking out the remaining paths. We've also started to dig out borders ready for planting the hedge structure throughout the Garden and conduits for services such as power and water have been laid under the paths.

"The hedges will provide good structure for the Garden and the varieties being used in the design are *Prunus laurocerasus* (laurel), *Carpinus betulus* (hornbeam) and *Photinia*. We plan to get this part of the Garden planted when they arrive, together with the rows of standard *Catalpa* trees. Other structural trees and shrubs will be planted as soon as the beds for them are ready.

"The last to be planted will be the many herbaceous varieties which will provide the majority of the Summer colour in addition to attracting birds and insects into the Garden."

### Focus

Once completed, the GTC Sensory Garden will add an attractive focus to this area of the Village for everyone to enjoy. The design is appropriate for all users – from young parents with pushchairs and prams, through to young children, teenagers and families and our older residents who may have wheelchairs or mobility scooters.

Sylvia Newman concludes: "The Garden will incorporate a sensory trail, as well as self-contained garden spaces. We have introduced an element of interactivity in the garden, in addition to just enjoying sitting in the space and walking through it.

"It has also been important to create a space that can be appreciated one-to-one as well as by groups. All components, including planting, need to be robust enough to take the level of use required by a public

space, including wildlife. Once completed, the new Garden will be maintained and monitored to ensure users respect the space and facilities it provides."



Top to bottom: Clearing away the vegetation and installing the Heras fencing. Ed Newman, Director and Gavin Edgeley, Site Foreman review the Garden plan. The Garden takes shape as the pathways are marked out.






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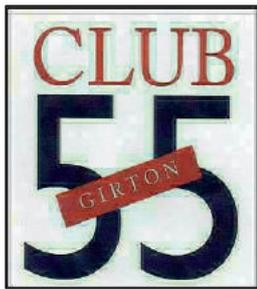
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## Amazing

Our lunch at The George, Girton on the 15th March was a very pleasant experience. The Thai food, unsurprisingly, was very tasty. However, I was amazed when I cheekily asked one of our members the very rude question, “Well, exactly how old are you?” I had seen her walking uphill along High Street from the direction of Gretton Court to the pub just prior to our meal and thought how sprightly she looked. “I’m 97, soon to be 98,” she replied, “Do you think I could get a lift home?”

I was amazed that she had walked that distance and was very happy to arrange a lift for her. What an inspiration she is to us all, but she was not the only 90 year old to enjoy a meal with us on that day. Age or disability should not be a barrier that stops you from enjoying yourself – don’t be lonely. If you think you might like to come out with us, contact us and don’t worry, we will arrange to get you to and from our venues.

## Going with the ‘Flo’

Just as amazing were the exploits of another of our members aged 93 and three quarters. Flo, a regular member of our group, accompanied her daughter Jean and Jean’s grandchildren on a visit to the skydiving training facility at Milton Ernest. The children loved it – so did Granny and Great Granny.



‘Flying Flo’ in the arms of a handsome instructor. Have you done something exciting recently?

## H.I.G.S.



Pictured left is Lesley, Histon, Impington and Girton’s car scheme coordinator, and in the picture below one of the scheme’s drivers, Mavis, can be seen helping a customer into her car ready for the short journey to his destination.

The scheme is working well and a number of new volunteer drivers have come forward to help, however more volunteers are required. If you can help please call Lesley on Tel: 07982 108927 and she will explain all the requirements and legalities of being part of the group. It might be that you are only able to spare one day per week to drive or you might just like to help take telephone calls to organise drivers and journeys, that’s fine – give her a call if you can help in any way.



The scheme does not operate at weekends or bank holidays at the moment so it’s a chance to do something for your community without committing yourself to those special days.

## For your diary:

**Wednesday 17th May 12pm for 12.30pm:** Lunch at The Anchor, Sutton Gault

**Thursday 1st June 12pm:** Film ‘La La Land’ and supporting film. Buffet £5 (*Release date was delayed*)

**Wednesday 7th June 12pm for 12.30pm:** Picnic at Impington Windmill. (*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

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## Not Conceding

Against a patch of clear blue sky, a sparrowhawk swivelled and soared, catching the airflow on fluted wings. Directly in its wake, a small bird darted and circled, matching perfectly the twists and turns of the larger bird of prey. It seemed at first glance a puzzling scenario until I realised that the small bird was flying for its life. By keeping directly behind its opponent, it could not be seized. Had it lost courage or weakened in strength, dropping below or turning tail to flee, the story would be over. It was in fact, a dance of life or death.

The survival tactics and the sheer bravery of that little bird were awesome. What can be learned from this scene from nature? Chase the fear. Get right behind the matter that threatens peace and disrupts the ability to function in normal life, and pray. Do not become the victim. Be out of sight, out of range, not conceding. You will live to fly another day.

What is the sparrowhawk in your life? A debilitating lack of confidence? A haunting memory from childhood? A controlling relationship? We each have an individual answer to that question. The sparrowhawk had to be distracted, moved on to another airflow for the little bird to be safe, to fly freely again, to be liberated.

There is an old spiritual song that says,

*'His (God's) eye is on the sparrow  
and I know he watches me.'*

In Matthew ch. 10, Jesus is teaching his disciples about courage in the face of opposition. He is encouraging them. 'Are you not worth more than many sparrows? So don't be afraid.'

They were to go out into a world of ministry, not expecting a pathway of peace, but of conflict and debate, but they were to remember always that the eternal God was their refuge and underneath them was his everlasting strength. He would be the wind of the spirit beneath their wings. Small birds would soar like eagles.

Just before the teaching seminar, Matthew records in ch. 8 a significant but often overlooked incident. Jesus came to Peter's house and found that Peter's mother-in-law was lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand. The fever left her and she rose and served as hostess.

Had she been the sparrowhawk in Peter's household? Perhaps we may be allowed to speculate. Peter had a fishing business to run. He provided for his family and

served the local community. Was his mother-in-law concerned, dismayed, even alarmed that he now seemed to be increasingly involved with an itinerant preacher who might disrupt the smooth running of things and even attract the disapproval of the authorities as some had done beforehand? Was her bodily fever an outward sign of the heat of her fear that Peter was heading into trouble alongside another disturber of the peace? Whatever her former state of mind, the calm presence of Jesus her healer changed her helplessness into sustaining purpose and strength.

It was also a personal gift of ministry from Jesus to Peter himself, reaching into the very heart of his household and demonstrating the divine power that resided within him. Maybe the sparrowhawk became a dove of peace.

My cousin Peter recently reflected on what it means to come into the good of the blessings that God has in store for us. He likened it in pictorial terms to holding a bowl of delicious food, covered with cling film. We cannot touch and consume until FAITH CUTS THROUGH and allows us to enjoy the nourishment. We need the food of the Word if we are to fly, to soar, to catch the airwaves of the spirit of God beneath the wings. There are plenty of sparrowhawks out there, but 'Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty' (2 Corinthians 3:17).

*Iris Niven*



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### St Andrew's Parish Registers

#### Baptisms

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Olivia Anne Marie Ridyard and Rebecca Dwight were baptised in St Andrew's on 30th April 2017 at 1pm. Minister: Revd Dr Mandy Maxwell.

#### Funerals

The funeral of Anthony Ovington was held on Monday 3rd April at 11.45am at St Andrew's. Minister: Revd Dr Mandy Maxwell.

David Charles Gardiner, held at Cambridge City Crematorium on Wednesday 26th April at 1.45pm. Minister: Revd Christine Barrow.

#### Blessing

Anthony Peter Brown and Nicola Lesley Brown were blessed at St Andrew's on Saturday 22 April 2017 at 4pm. Minister: Revd Dr Mandy Maxwell.

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<b>7th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>7.00pm</b>	Taizé Worship
<b>14th</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	BCP Holy Communion
	<b>10.00am</b>	All Age Family Worship
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Evensong
<b>21st</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	BCP Holy Communion
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<b>28th</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	BCP Holy Communion
	<b>10.00am</b>	Morning Prayer

### Weekday Services: May

<b>9th</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	Service of Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
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### Sunday Services: May

(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.)

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<b>7th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Evening Worship with Communion
<b>14th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Evening Worship at Landbeach Baptist Church (note earlier time)
<b>21st</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship with Communion
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Evening Worship preacher John Searle, leader Nick Lowe
<b>28th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship led by Raymond Brown
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Evening Worship led by John Searle

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## News for Older Residents

**Frauds and Scams** This information event will be on Tuesday 20th June from 2.30–4.30pm in St Vincent’s Close Community Room.

Charlotte Homent, who grew up in Girton and now is the Community Protection Manager for CCC, will lead the session. This will be followed by refreshments. Please book with me for this.

CCC has reproduced a helpful booklet entitled ‘The Little Book of Big Scams’ which is available to all South Cambs residents aged 55 and over. I have a good supply so get in touch if you would like a copy. I will make sure copies are available at the event on 20th June.

**Walks** A Health Walk starts at the Pavilion each Thursday morning at 10am. It lasts 30–45 minutes and includes coffee at the Baptist Church. Do plan to go along and join the group for a healthy and sociable time.

**Advance notice** I will be unavailable in July and at the beginning of August. Where possible, I suggest you contact me in coming weeks on matters with which I may be of help.

**And the ads!** I still have the toilet seat with frame, a raised toilet seat and a zimmer caddy.

Gardeners are needed for the Age UK Garden Maintenance Scheme for the over 60s. A small hourly rate and expenses are paid. Let me know if this is something you could do for local residents.

In the last 6 months Girton residents have used the HIGS Community Car Scheme 63 times. Girton has only one volunteer driver so Histon, Impington and Oakington drivers have done these journeys. Can you or someone you know give a few hours a week or fortnightly to help run this scheme?

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Thursday 18 May	Black bin
Thursday 25 May	Blue and Green bins
<b>Friday 2 June</b>	Black bin

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