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The Village Diary

August

- Thur. 3** **Girton WI**, The Pavilion, 7.30pm
Evening Social
- Fri. 4** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sat. 5** **Girton Walking Group**, meet 10am
Six-mile walk from Horningsea
Cambridge Early Music, Girton College Hall
The Monteverdi Legacy, 7.30pm
- Sun. 6** **Cambridge Early Music**, Girton College Chapel
Prometheus & the Barber's Son, 4pm
- Wed. 9** **Club 55**, 12 for 12.30pm
Cruise from Chesterton Lock with lunch
- Fri. 11** **Cambridge Early Music**, Girton College Hall
Made in Venice, 7.30pm
- Tue. 15** **Parish Council Meeting**, 7.30pm
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Fri. 18** **Star & Mouse Picture Show**, Felix Hotel
Monsoon Wedding (outdoor film), 9.15pm
- Fri. 25** **Girton WI Craft Club**, 2–4pm
Orchard Close Community Centre, non-members welcome
- Sept.**
- Fri. 1** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sat. 2** **Girton Walking Group**, meet 10am
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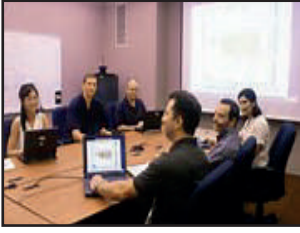
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GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL



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

At the July meeting, the Parish Council was delighted to offer support to two community initiatives, namely the establishment of a Girton Speedwatch group, and Girton Open Gardens' use of the decommissioned telephone kiosk on Cambridge Road as a horticultural display.

The organisers of Girton Feast Week were congratulated on another very successful week of events, culminating in the Feast Fun Day at Girton Recreation Ground, which so many villagers enjoyed on 8th July.

The question of the charge to the Feast for use of Parish Facilities was revisited. Because the Feast Organising Committee make donations from profits to selected groups in the village, provision of facilities at a reduced rate could be legally challenged as misuse of public funds. The matter has been discussed with the Feast Committee who have agreed that in exchange for the Parish Council continuing to demonstrate its support for the event by charging a reduced rate, the Feast will make a donation from surplus funds towards upkeep of the village in a designated area. It was resolved therefore to charge the Feast a nominal sum of £50 for use of Parish facilities (this is necessary to ensure that PC insurance is in place for users), and to accept a donation of £250 from profits to pay for maintenance of a selected public footpath or hedgerow.

Several items of lost property have been left at the Pavilion and Recreation Ground over the summer. These include a men's bicycle – if this is yours, do please get in touch.

As parking continues to cause problems in South Cambs, Cambridgeshire Constabulary will continue to carry out crackdown days until the parking situation improves. Every crackdown day is based solely on the information residents have given the police since the last one – so if parking continues to be a problem where you live, please take a minute to tell the police by visiting tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking.

Next meetings

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 15th August and Tuesday 19th September, 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 full list of Parish Councillors

FROM OUR COUNCILLORS



County Councillor Lynda Harford

This month the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), previously the Greater Cambridge City Deal,

announced a refreshed vision for how the GCP will accelerate the building of thousands of new homes and jobs and create a fit-for-the-future transport network. The change of name is accompanied by the strap line 'Growing & Sharing Prosperity' to reflect a strong collaborative and partnership approach. The refreshed vision and its ambitions include: working together to grow and share prosperity and improve quality of life, now and in the future; creating better and greener transport networks, connecting people to homes, jobs, study and opportunity; accelerating housing delivery and homes for all; inspiring and developing our future workforce so that businesses can grow; inventing and developing smart technology to support transport, housing and skills.

Each year Cambridgeshire Library Service runs a Summer Reading Challenge during the summer holidays. Last year over 5000 Cambridgeshire children took part. This year's challenge is called 'Animal Agents' and is supported by award winning illustrator Tony Ross. Children can sign up at their local library from Saturday 15th July. Entry is free and there are exclusive rewards to collect along the way as entrants read six library books of their choice to complete the challenge. 'Animal Agents' will provide a fun element to encourage children to read lots of books, keeping up their reading skills over the long holidays. All children who take part will be given a collector's folder to record their summer reading, and if they complete the challenge they will be rewarded with a medal and certificate. Please note that families who are going away for most of the summer holidays can still take part. Children can either catch up when they get back or they can collect a 'holiday pack' from their local library to take away with them.

The County Council has just commenced a consultation on the redesign of Children's Centre Services. You can read about what is being proposed and respond to the consultation at:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-centres/children-s-centres-consultation/. Children's Centres currently offer support for all stages of family life, from the time that parents are expecting their first child through to when the children are young adults. The proposal is to maintain the same level of support but in a more local way that will make access easier. The consultation runs

until 22nd September 2017 and, for those who prefer it, hard copies can be found at children's centres and libraries. The decision on how the service will be run in future will be made by the Children & Young People Committee when it meets in the autumn.

Lovely weather made for another great Girton Feast this year and thanks to all those who worked so hard to make it a success. I had a great time listening to Jazz in the evening sunshine on Saturday and enjoying Hymns with Pimms on Sunday. I hope the good weather will continue and that you will all have an opportunity for some rest and relaxation over the next month.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any comments or questions you may have. If you would like to receive a copy of the full report that I write for the division's parish councils each month, please do email me and I will add you to its circulation.

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A View from the District

At a meeting with senior planning officers I raised the growing backlog of planning applications; it is worrying, though it is still nowhere near the peak earlier in the year. The Combined Planning

project (Hunts, City and SCDC) is moving on and is intended to improve our throughput and efficiency. Although the Northstowe developers are not adhering to the agreed design code we have to be pragmatic. The Neighbourhood Plans team has suffered some illness, and members are also very busy with the Local Plan, so little has taken place. However the Council is thinking more and more of using Neighbourhood Plans as a major planning tool. Please let me know if you would be prepared to join the Girton team.

With residents now moving in to homes on the NW Cambridge site there is a flurry of activity. I attended a meeting of the 'NW Sub-Group' set up by the City Council and University to ensure new residents have the facilities they need. I was pleased that in the sliding scale of fees for the Community Centre (located south of the boundary, so in the City) all Girton residents are to be given preferential rates. Sainsburys should open early in September and there will be a formal 'opening' of the site on 9 September. I also had a meeting with the project director, largely to try to trace the village sign and boundary stone both of which disappeared in the

course of installing the Eddington entrance. The University claims no knowledge of either, and my investigations continue.

On 21 June the JDCC met to consider the first major private residential site (for market housing) at NW Cambridge. It was disappointing to see what a commercial developer can come up with even in a supposedly sustainable exemplar and even after what were described as 'extensive pre-application discussions'. After the formal business (approving the above) we had a presentation by the same developer on its future plans for NW Cambridge. It was clear they had heard our criticism so maybe things will improve by the time the market housing comes to Girton.

Following the resurfacing of Girton Road I was contacted by County officers to discuss a revision to the road layout, to permit an advisory 1m wide cycle lane from St Margaret's Road to the cycle escape at Girton Corner. This was made possible because the centre lines could be moved over a bit. Although I am not in favour of sub-standard cycle lanes this is a very special case where for significant parts of the day the escape is inaccessible, being blocked by queueing vehicles, and I felt it was a good idea. I am pleased to see that it has now been marked up and the cycle lane will come into existence when the lines are re-painted. I cannot promise any future resurfacing, though I'm hopeful; I would welcome suggestions as to how things might be changed if the rest of Girton Road is re-done.

The Greater Cambridge City Deal has become aware that it is becoming a poisonous brand, so it has re-launched itself as the Greater Cambridge Partnership, absorbing the mayor as it does so. The re-launch provided plenty of verbal aspiration with a vision of 'Working together to grow and share prosperity and improve quality of life now and in the future'. There were some searching (pre-submitted) questions to which the answer was generally 'We're coming to that'. I happened to sit next to Andy Campbell of Stagecoach; he said he had to get information about the project from press reports, though in answer to his question he was told he would be more involved in future. The mayor is keen on tunnelling.

I have just read a 1950 planning report to the County Council, which includes two interesting paragraphs:

'277 We have tried to find out whether any real advantage would be gained – boom or slump – from a general growth in population, and cannot discover any which is likely to be lasting ... soon the status quo would be restored, with living conditions for almost everyone a little worse than they were before.

'278 When a longer view is taken it still seems to us

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that a large growth of population would have many drawbacks and would bring no advantage to the general body of citizens.’

Are things very different in 2017?

We seem still to be having problems with bin collections. You can report problems in 3 ways: go to www.scamb.gov.uk (‘Report it’ on the front page, then ‘Contact us’); by emailing refuse@scamb.gov.uk; or by calling 03450 450 063. Please also report any problems to me so I can ensure action is taken.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is making a power grab: he wishes to take over the Fire Service. Details of a consultation are at www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/fire-governance-consultation/ but the fire authority is not happy: it thinks it will cost more and that no case has been made for effectiveness or efficiency. I certainly feel that much of the assessment and scoring in the PCC’s proposals seems arbitrary. Everyone is invited to comment, and the consultation is open until 4 September.

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

District Councillor Tom Bygott

Turning Circle for Citi 6 Bus

Many thanks to everyone who replied to my question in June’s issue about whether there should be a turning circle nearer the Busway for passengers from Girton to change onto the Guided Busway in order to travel to such places as St Ives, Histon or Cambridge North station.

So far everyone who has written to me has been in favour, and it seems that there is strong support for better connected public transport from the village to a variety of destinations. I am keen to promote the project further.

Village Transport Hubs

This ties in with another initiative that is currently being explored by the Greater Cambridge Partnership, called Village Transport Hubs. The idea is to improve transport to smaller and more remote villages, by having connecting services to larger villages nearby. Some specific ideas include additional car and cycle parking near a train station or guided bus stop, or a larger interchange that could involve re-routing buses to connect to other services.

It is unlikely that Girton village would be selected as a hub – villages like Histon, Waterbeach or Bar Hill might be more likely. However, Eddington may develop into a hub over time. Girton will be connected to Eddington with an excellent cycle path called the Ridgeway, and I would like to see better cycle connections from Eddington to Madingley and Dry Drayton.

Voter registration

It’s that time of year again when we update the electoral register. Update forms are being sent to every household in the village. The form can either be returned by post, by calling 0800 197 9871, by text, or at www.householdresponse.com/southcamb.

If you choose the latter, there is the possibility of filling in a survey about possible changes to voting being investigated by Electoral Reform Services. The two motivations behind this are low voter turnout and the increasing level of voting fraud.

Some of the suggestions they are looking at include:

- Moving voting day to Saturday or Sunday
- Requiring some form of ID to be shown when voting
- Electronic voting
- Compulsory voting

The AV referendum showed that there is not much appetite for strange and exotic voting systems. The US has had huge problems with automated voting machines. In Australia, Saturday voting works well, but compulsory voting leads many people to vote for whoever’s name is first on the ballot paper. Many of our current problems with fraud were caused by previous reforms such as extending postal voting beyond those voters who actually need it. I think we should stick with pencil and paper, and worship the Lord on Sunday.

Combined Planning Service

South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council have agreed in principle to form a new shared service for Planning, and are preparing the detailed steps to start the new service in February 2018.

The two councils currently manage over 7000 planning applications and related activities from a variety of services, including two separate processes and systems. The combined service could result in improved outcomes for customers, while achieving efficiencies through joint working and increasing the resilience of the service. Whilst systems can become more efficient in this way, it is important to ensure that the very different needs of the city and the countryside are taken into account.

Cllr Tom Bygott
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Summer Concerts 2017 Venice in Cambridge 30 July – 11 August

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The Monteverdi Legacy
Girton College Great Hall
Tickets £12, £10, £5, Free

Sunday 6 August, 16.00
The Intrepid Academy, directed by Philip Thorby
Prometheus and the Barber's Son
Girton College Chapel
Tickets £20, £18, £5, Free

Wednesday 9 August, 20.00
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The Faces of Venice
Great St Mary's, Cambridge
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Friday 11 August, 19.30
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A showcase of Eddington, the University of Cambridge's new district, takes place as part of Open Cambridge on Saturday 9 September 2017.

This will be part of the Open Cambridge weekend, now celebrating its tenth year, showcasing a diverse range of hidden architectural gems and stunning spaces that are normally closed to the public or charge entry fees.

Bookings open at 11am on Monday 14 August

For more information, go to
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Friends of Girton Glebe would like to thank everyone in Girton for your support this academic year. Our fundraising events have raised a fantastic amount for the school which has enabled us to provide

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GIRTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We are holding an open village meeting on Saturday 30th September from 2–5pm at The Cotton Hall where we aim to show what is involved in our role in the village. There will also be associated agencies and refreshments and security items will be on sale. Do come along, everyone welcome.



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quintet from Girton College provided the musical entertainment and money raised from the bingo will be donated to the Arthur Rank Hospice, a local charity supporting people in Cambridgeshire living with a life-limiting illness.

Administrator Jennie Smith who coordinated the event said, ‘We are so thankful to staff and volunteers for making time



to put on this event. We are also grateful to local businesses The Co-operative Food, Bookers Wholesale and Rodda’s, who all donated food.’ Resident Mary Gardner (aged 91) added, ‘It was a delightful afternoon which provided an ideal opportunity to get together outside and enjoy the company of friends and family.’

Andrew Watson, Operations Manager

Cambridge Open Art Exhibition 2017

The Cambridge Open Art Exhibition will take place at Swavesey Village College Friday to Sunday 17, 18, 19 November 2017. With something for everyone – traditional and contemporary paintings, prints, crafts

and cards to buy, creative activities for children and a ‘win-a-picture’ draw – this is the ideal place for the family to visit just before Christmas. There will be over 300 works on display and no commission is taken on sales to keep prices in the Christmas present bracket.

The Preview Reception takes place on Friday 18th at 6.30pm and this year will be opened by Dr Catherine Burke, Reader in History and Childhood Education, Cambridge University.



Already established as one of the major art events of the year, local artists from Cambridgeshire and further afield are invited to enter from mid-July. They have to be quick to book a place as last year 50% of the places had been taken up by the end of the month. Visit the website www.coax.org.uk.

The artists compete for the Cambridge Art Awards with a Best in Show award and three runners-up awards of framing prizes kindly provided by Milton based HMC Framing.

Tickets are available for the Preview Reception at £5 from SVC box office from Monday 23 October or buy online www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc . **Free entry** over the weekend with plenty of parking.

For more information – please contact Kathryn Quinn and the team at info@coax.org.uk .

Fire and Rescue Services

Police and Crime Commissioner Jason Ablewhite is asking for your views concerning changes to the way the fire and rescue service in Cambridgeshire is managed. This follows new government legislation to promote greater joint working between emergency service organisations.

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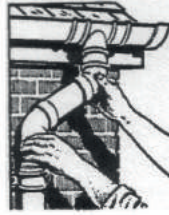
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Feast Week 5k and Fun Run

The 9th annual Girton 5k and 1 mile fun run were held on Thursday 6th July, organised by Girton's Muddy Mucky Munkeys Athletics Club. A record number of



entrants for both the fun run (81 finishers) and the main race (203 finishers) completed the races around the fields and paths of Girton. Dougal Phillips won the 1 mile fun run in 6 minutes 25 seconds and Ella Watkinson was first girl across the line, breaking the under 10 girls' course record with a time of 6 minutes 48 seconds. The 5k race was won in a rather nippy time of 16 minutes 28 seconds by Patrick Roddy, and first lady was Natalia Gospodarczyk who finished in 20 minutes 9 seconds in a closely fought battle across the line. First male and female Girton residents were Roy Ramon Pelegrin (10th place) and Emma Liu (74th place). Full results and race photos are on our website at www.girton5k.org.uk.

We would like to thank the Parish and County Councils for their support in helping to get the paths cleared, our race sponsors The Co-op who provided bananas for all finishers, Midsummer Energy and Up & Running, and Cottontails Pre-school who once again provided the all important post-race nutrition.

Alex Tate, Teal Riley, Sally Thorpe

Half a million pedal-strokes!

In the first few days of August, you may notice a peculiar type of cyclist passing through Girton towards Cambridge: tired, slow-moving, sweaty, with bikes fitted with classic saddlebags and a little number on their bike — mine is X32. All of these riders are heading back to London, having ridden from London to Edinburgh in the previous couple of days, and all of us will finish having ridden over 1400km — more than 870 miles — and will have pushed the pedals down over half a million times!

London–Edinburgh–London takes place every four years and this year there will be over 1500 participants. Riders have less than five days (116h 40m to be precise) to complete the entire event, passing through St Ives and over the Humber Bridge northwards, crossing

the Pennines over the highest B-road in Britain, to eventually get to Edinburgh. The southbound leg returns via the sparsely populated Borders region, before retracing to St Ives and then diverting through Cambridge to Great Easton for a last-gasp push to London.

Most of the riders will have had very little sleep and will have been riding for up to 20 hours each day. The clock never stops, so eating and sleeping must all be done at the same time as the cycling. This is 'audax', a discipline of cycling that involves riding long distances within a short-ish time — a short 'audax' ride is 200km and I run several of these each year starting from Girton.

In a few days' time, as you see us pass, slowly, on our way through Girton, it would be nice to receive a jolly 'Chapeau!' or 'Bonne route' — the traditional 'Well done' in cycling circles — to allay some of the weariness for the final 100km push to the finish. Most of us will, through sheer determination and will power, manage to keep the pedals turning all the way to London, and every little bit of support helps!

For more information about this event, see www.londonedinburghlondon.com.

Nick Wilkinson

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PRETTY PICTURES

The Photographic Competition, sponsored by *Girton Parish*

News, attracted 49 entries – enough to give the three judges a busy time. Entries closed on the Friday at the start of Feast Week and the first item was for Graham Jones and Angela Blackburn to sort them into their categories. This was made unexpectedly easy by the lack of entries in the Junior Class; there were none at all which was a disappointment and not what we expected.

The three judges had planned to make their individual assessments and then get together in anticipation of a major haggle to rationalise the choices. Chris Elliott of the *Cambridge News* provided a room where Simon Blackburn and I joined him. The first surprise was the high level of agreement between us all. The winners in all three categories simply fell into place and from then

on it was no great problem to settle on two ‘Highly Commended’ in each category. Chris Elliott commented: ‘Girton clearly has a wealth of photographers within its boundaries ... I admired not only the technique, but also the cleverness and artistry of all the entries – any of them, including those that did not win, would have graced the pages of the *Cambridge News*, either in print or online.’

All the entries were displayed in the Pavilion during the Saturday of Feast Week where they were mounted on the wall on two sides of the room. It was a pleasure to talk to the entrants (I was assailed by one grumpy onlooker demanding to know what made one particular shot a winner). Sam Clift set up a rolling display via Powerpoint, and the winners took their prints away at the end of the day with smiles on their faces – which, after all, was the whole idea of the competition. I’m already wondering how many entrants we’ll have next year – subject, ‘Girton Through the Year’.

Hugh Field

Competition winners



Above

Category:
Wildlife and Nature

Winner: Sue Fifer,
‘Mandarin Duck’

Right

Category:
Portraits and People

Winner: Sue Fifer,
‘Car Boot Trader’



Right

Category:
Transport and Getting About
Winner: Adam Lister,
‘Water Stop’

Category: Wildlife and Nature – Highly Commended:
1. Graham Jones, ‘Six Spot Burnets, Insects at Lunch’
2. Adam Lister, ‘Fishing on the Cam’

Category: Portraits and People – Highly Commended: 1. Bruce Hunter, ‘In the Market Place’ 2. Melanie Walker, ‘Portrait of Lucie Walker aged 7-1/4’

Category: Transport and Getting About – Highly Commended: 1. Graham Jones, ‘Go Together like a Horse and Carriage’ 2. Paul Loveday, ‘Tickets Please!’

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

As with many other Girton Clubs and Organisations, the Bowls Club took part in the Girton Feast and started the Feast week by holding an open afternoon at the Bowls Green on Monday 3rd July. On the Feast day we ran a Target Bowls Competition which ended in a draw on 15 points. The 1st prize of a large hamper was split between the two winners. We also had a games stall consisting of Bagatelle, Splat the Rat and a Treasure Hunt, which all proved very popular. A big 'thank you' to all our members and friends who helped set up, tend the stalls and pack away at the end of a very successful day.



During the month, two teams entered the annual Rose Bowl Competition held at the Cambs and County Bowls Green in which one of our members took second prize in the Spider Competition. In the main competition of 5 games one of our teams won two matches, lost two and drew one. The other team won three games, lost one and drew one. It was a beautiful summer day



and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

Most of our matches have been played in lovely warm weather, but the evening match on 11th away to Melbourne was played in heavy continuous rain which made for an interesting game. In spite of the weather we managed a win 59–55.

Lynne McGill and Janet Graaff were unfortunately knocked out of the Business Houses ladies' doubles recently, losing 19 to 10 against the ladies from Coton.

Also knocked out of the men's doubles of the Business Houses League were Dave Fryer and Paul Foster, who lost in the quarter finals – losing 18–17 on the last end, having led 17–9. Very frustrating!

On a more positive note, Dave Fryer, Paul Tippett and Graham Clare are still progressing in the Lord Eltisley Cup and are in fact through to the quarter finals. Good luck to you all!

Our positions at present in the various leagues are very encouraging. Keep it up everyone!

Cambridge and District League	5th place
Ely and District League	2nd place
Business Houses A team	2nd place
Business Houses B team	8th place

Please visit the website www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com to keep up with our match results and league positions as they are updated regularly. For any further information please contact our Secretary Margaret McCall – margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com

Lynne McGill



Girton Colts Football Club

The football season has just finished but already thoughts at Girton Colts are turning to next season. The under 15s and under 10s teams will be continuing on from last season and there will be a brand new under 8s team. As usual the focus will be on having fun and doing the best the teams can, while making sure everyone gets a fair chance to show what they can do and plenty of playing time.

There are always plenty of opportunities for new players and adult helpers to get involved with the club. Two of the current committee are hoping to step down so anyone willing to serve on the committee would be most welcome. The club would also be happy to hear from adults who would like to help with running the teams or setting up new teams. The club is also always keen to recruit enthusiastic new players. Anyone who

wants to play or help at Girton Colts can email info@girtoncolts.co.uk or text 07791511272.

The under 9s rounded off their season by taking part in tournaments in St Ives, Huntingdon and Histon. The largest of these was at Huntingdon where there were 24 teams in this age group split into 4 groups of 6. Girton started poorly with defeats against a strong St Ives side and a far more beatable Arbury team. After this, things picked up though, with victories against Wellingborough and Hampton (from Peterborough). This opened up the possibility of finishing in the top two and qualifying for the quarter-finals. Victory in the final game was delivered by a spectacular James Barge goal but sadly it still wasn't enough as Wellingborough played out a goalless draw with St Ives to see them pip Girton by 1 point.

Kevin White



Girton Golf Club

Here we are in mid-July and the Girton Golf Club's PGA Eastern Region ProAm is almost upon us, more about it next month, but a record entry of 32 teams of

3 amateurs plus a professional will have taken to the course on Monday 24th and our thanks must go to all of our sponsors who made the day possible.

During the past month we have had wonderful sunshine with short, sharp periods of rain that has kept the course looking absolutely fantastic, so many congratulations and thanks to our greenkeepers for all their hard and skillful work.

This month saw the funeral of Albert Compton, a long standing member, with the wake held here at the club. At the wake Albert's sons presented Chairman Hugh and Captain Barry with a cheque for £10,000 which Albert had left the club in his will. Albert spent a number of very happy years at the club and loved the place. His bequest will be put towards something in his name.

There have been a number of competitions and matches over the past few weeks and the winners and results in summary are:

Ladies

Winners include Sue Carlisle (Div 1), Barbara Laman (Div 2) and Eileen Webster (Div 3), Gillian L'Angellier, Claire Tonner (×2), Vera Ratcliffe, Paula Aitkin, Claire Tonner, Ruth Lawton, and Jill Jones.

Girton ladies scored a great 5–2 win in the Jean Wilkinson match at home against St Neots. The good form continued, with a match being halved, again with St Neots the opposition, but away this time. There was also a ladies' friendly match away against Bourn and it's great to report a 3–1 win to Girton.

Mixed

The Leggott Samuel Trophy was won by Sue and Hugh Carlisle. The Girton mixed team's home match against Brampton Park ended in a 3–3 draw.

Men

Winners included Phil Hughes, Chris Atkin, Tony Omo, Elliott Bamforth, Jack Kenyon, Neil Cooke, Richard Haslop, Mark Rowney, Keith Thompson and Neil Cowie. The scratch team played their last playoff match at home, with the match ending in a draw. We await to hear if with this result we will be promoted to Division 1 for next season.

The Men's Invitation Day was won by Derrick Saunders, playing with his Links Newmarket partner Peter Nightingale. The morning 9 hole Greensomes competition was won by Glenn Philips and Sean White and the afternoon 4BBBB by Geoff Moody with his Mendips partner Simon Crick.

Longest drive on the 11th went to Peter Adams. In the competition for the nearest the pin prizes David Creek was the closest on the 17th green and at the 4th hole he achieved his very first hole-in-one. David has very generously given a sizeable donation to the Club Charity, Blue Smile, in recognition of his feat and we greatly appreciate this gesture.

Seniors

We lost at home to Gog Magog Seniors on 3½ games to 4½, with one game drawn. A further disappointment was losing the semi-final of the CAGU Seniors Knockout 2 games to 1 in the away match against Thorpe Wood. But this was always going to be a difficult match played on their home ground.

On Friday 30th June we lost 5 games to 3 away at Haverhill and on Monday 3rd July away at St Ives we got hammered 6 games to 1, with one drawn. But we then played Newmarket at home and won 6½ games to 1½.

Juniors

On Sunday 25th June the junior team played their third match in Division 2 of the CAGU Friendly League at home against Bourn GC. Some matches were very close, but the opposition was just too good for us this time.

Alan Henderson-Smith



Girton Tennis Club

Girton Tennis Club were pleased to support the Girton Feast again this year and we look forward to welcoming one lucky prize winner as a new member of our club. We were delighted to see so many people come along and 'have a go' at our open court session on

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Fete day, which became a truly international day.

Our club is running some excellent coaching sessions at the moment. Whilst our volleying is not yet up to 'Federer standard' we are definitely improving. Members can benefit from this, without charge, until Friday 4th August from 7.30pm until around 9pm. Junior members have a session from 6.30pm to 7.30pm on Friday evenings.



The men's team have now completed their last match and I can report that we played all fixtures and managed to draw one of them (all others being marginally lost). Thanks to all those who took part and especially Mark and Andy for leading the teams. With the current success of our ladies coaching sessions, we are hoping that there may be enough female competitors to allow us to compete in the mixed team event next year as well as the men's.

Tennis is an excellent way of getting some exercise and having fun. Why not consider joining us if you are not already a member? 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

Alan Franklin



Girton Netball Club

Cambridge & District Netball League (CDNL) Summer League 2017

Since our last update in the *Girton Parish News* we have played our final 4 matches in the league. On 15th June we scored our highest ever number of goals, with the result of Girton 41–28 Thundercats 2. It was a fast paced, physical match and we had to work hard for our win. The whole team played well, but a special mention to Mollie who defended the circle on her own for part of one quarter when B went off injured.

Not content with that, in our following match on 22nd June we beat our highest score for the second match in a row, with the final result being Girton 44–11 Bears. It was an eventful game. Bears were missing 2 players for the first quarter, we were missing a player for the last half due to another injury, and EVERYONE had to swap positions for the wildcard. Team Girton did a fabulous job; well done to everyone.

Our penultimate match on 6th July ended Girton 34–29 Ely 3. During this match the wildcard was that Goal Keeper (GK) and Goal Defence (GD) had to swap

positions with Goal Shooter (GS) and Goal Attack (GA). Luckily our GK was a secret super shooter, so during the final quarter Jane took us into a comfortable lead. Unfortunately, our last match on 20th July was also our only loss this summer with the final score being Girton 20–32 BAS.

Overall the team has been playing fantastically well together. We have been scoring more goals than ever before and have welcomed some lovely new members to our club, each one having a positive impact. Now time for a well-earned break and looking forward already to playing again in the winter league, starting in October.

To summarise our 2016/17 netball season:

- A season of imaginative training sessions
- A successful Winter League
- A (mostly) victorious Summer League
- Some lovely social events, including Christmas drinks, watching an England Netball match and a summer 'Pot Luck' meal.

A huge thank you to all the ladies who continue to support our team. Everyone plays their part whether it's playing matches or pushing those who do play the matches hard in training to keep us improving.

September start for next season

There will be no training sessions in Girton until September. For any further information please *contact Mel* using girton.village.netball@gmail.com. Also find us at sites.google.com/site/girtonnetball/ and tinyurl.com/girton-netball.

Mel Gulston

GIRTON WALKING GROUP

Saturday 5th August – A six mile walk through meadows, woods, waterways and, by August, golden corn. We intend to take a 5–10min break to sit by the river so do bring drink/snack if you like. The walk starts at 10am from a car park near Horningsea. All welcome but please get yourself on the list and receive directions by phoning 01223 514135 or emailing ann.jerram@gmail.com

Saturday 2nd September – Stow cum Quy Fen – 5.5 miles. 10am start. Park near Lode church (not by the Mill). Please contact Claire Nickson for more information – cnludlow12@gmail.com





News from Girton Glebe Primary School

What an exciting year we have had at Girton Glebe Primary! The last month's events really do highlight what a wonderful community spirit we have here in school. For the final time this year, here's the round-up ...

Girton Feast Celebrations

On Saturday 8 July our pupils put on a wonderful display at the Girton Feast celebrations, wowing a packed marquee with their singing, dancing and orchestral performances.



Girton Glebe was represented by maypole dancers, the school orchestra, a range of instrumentalists, Melodia choir and Mrs Boorman's after-school choir.

The children were magnificent and received high praise from the event's organisers, their audience and members of the Girton community. Well done children and thank you to all staff and volunteers for your hard work in preparing for this event!

Year 6 Leavers

On July 21 we wished our Year 6 pupils a fond farewell as they began their well-earned summer break ahead of their move to secondary education. We marked this transition with a special leavers' assembly and a leavers' tea and the children 'signed off' in style during the penultimate week of term with three amazing performances of *Pirates of the Curry Bean*. Our Year 6 pupils took to the stage, supported by the rest of Key Stage 2, to perform a 90-minute extravaganza on the high seas complete with pirates, monkeys, rats and a journey to Lumbago ('The Island of Dreams', apparently!).

The children excelled themselves, growing in confidence after each performance, and left their audience in fits of laughter, tears of joy and with a huge sense of pride!

Well done to all staff for their hard work in putting this performance together and thank you to parents for providing such wonderful costumes. Special thanks go to Mrs Whitworth as Chief Executive Director of the play, but the final round of applause goes to our incredible band of pirates – well done, Year 6!

Flashmob!

On Wednesday 12th July, a group of Girton Glebe parents and staff staged a brilliant Flashmob in the playground, watched in amazement by the children! The group had been rehearsing over a number of months, but managed

to keep the flashmob a secret until the big reveal! The group, donning t-shirts showing the school's core values, performed their 'impromptu' dance in front of a packed audience after many months of secret email communications behind our pupils' backs.

To date, the group have raised almost £500 for the school and if you would like to support this project, more information can be found at girtonglebe.com/flashmob

This great event was made possible by the hard work, perseverance and enthusiasm of the group – thank you so much for this!

Girton Glebe Football Team

Many congratulations to the newly formed Girton Glebe football team who represented the school in their first competitive match against Robert Arkenstall Primary School in Haddenham.

After a close first half, the team went in 2–1 down at half time. Luck was against the team in the second half and the experience of our hosts meant the match ended in defeat for Girton who, nevertheless, showed that we have a promising squad for next year's fixtures.

Well done to all who played and supported us, particularly those parents who kindly helped with transport to the game. More games are scheduled for the autumn term and our team will take part in a series of league matches against other Cambridgeshire teams. Watch this space for results!!

Huge Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all of the amazing volunteers who have supported the school over the last academic year.

We have such a dedicated body of parents, carers and governors who generously give up their time to help us in enriching the curriculum for our pupils – your time is greatly appreciated.

From our ever-amazing FOGG team to volunteers who have supported us on school trips, with help within the classrooms, managing the library, helping to run choir and orchestra groups and supporting us with painting and decorating around the school – thank you all so much!

I would also like to thank the four members of staff who left our school in July, for their dedication and service to Girton Glebe Primary: Miss Street, Ms Edwards, Mrs Lythgoe and Mrs Boorman. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.

Girton Glebe Primary School is a wonderfully supportive community. It has been a pleasure working alongside such committed, dedicated people this year.

Mr Andrew Simpson
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News & Party Invitation from the University of Cambridge Primary School

My name is James Biddulph, and I am the Head of the University of Cambridge Primary School – a near neighbour of Girton in the nascent community of Eddington. A third of our pupils are happy Girtonians, and we are very proud of building a diverse and positive new community.

The children would like to share some of their experiences as our second academic year comes to a close.

We started as a building site, having classroom picnics for lunch. Soon the rest of the school was completed and we started family service ‘mixed year lunch tables to build friendships across the year groups’. In fact we don’t think lunchtime is a break from children for teachers or a break in learning for children – instead, breaking bread with friends is an important part of the school day to build community and friendships. It has been a real success.



Together parents and staff set up our friends association, and began holding social events and fundraising. Last year they raised approximately £3000 to stock the library and buy equipment

for the school allotment. This year £15,000 was raised for a new piece of creative play equipment in honour of the late Professor Sir David MacKay, who with his family are Girtonians.

We had a family Winterfest, a Chinese New Year event, and Beep Beep Day for road safety awareness. Pupils visited the Senate House to learn about the University and its history and we had our first school trips to Thetford Forest and in 2016 to London. We welcomed a Paralympian who gave an inspirational lesson in ‘Yes, I can’ and then the children tried a game of blind football! This term we raced for life and have raised over £1500 for Cancer Research.

This year we welcomed another 90 children and their families and doubled the teaching faculty, and have recruited more enthusiastic staff ready for this September’s intake. After a visit from Guide Dogs for the Blind, our Year 1 pupils organised their own toy and

cake sale raising funds to pay for the training of two guide dog puppies. Our year 2 and 3 pupils worked



with graduate students from the Department of Architecture to commission their own play equipment, which the students then built! And boy, did our pupils have some harsh

feedback – but all in good humour and it was thoroughly enjoyable.

We had a family bulb planting day and novices and enthusiastic horticulturalists alike braved the cold to plant bulbs and sow wildflowers around the school’s grounds over a working brunch.

The Faculty of Education appointed the children’s favourite Professor – of LEGO! The children are delighted to build with Lego, and then write stories about their creations. As the first University Training School we look forward to many such innovative collaborations to spark learning and research the children love participating in.

We are part of the CB4 cluster of schools, and are also working with a number of schools further afield, to learn from and with them. We are keen to open possibilities for collaboration and partnership, as all across the community benefit when schools connect and learn from one another. Indeed, we encourage and promote an open mindset in our children, to learn from each other, to be inspired and delighted by each other’s successes, yet not to fear failure: ‘If you don’t get something wrong, you’re not learning!’

And with this ethos, I would like to extend a warm invitation for you to come and visit us on 9th September during the ‘Open Eddington’ Street party



during which you can see the new local facilities available for all to use – including the new ‘Trim Trail’ round the public sports field, the public playground

behind the school, Sainsbury’s and the large Storey’s Field Community Centre.

We hope to meet you there!

James Biddulph



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Model Aircraft



Bowling

Climbers enjoy the heights at Girton Feast

A climbing wall at Girton Feast entertained many as they were able to watch youngsters doing their best to scale the tower. Is chivalry dead, was the princess saved? Of course she was - this is Girton!



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Now that it is August and holiday time for many people it is hoped that gardeners too can relax and use a deckchair in the garden with a glass of wine in the hand rather than a hoe! Personally I enjoy a dry, hot spell that means the lawn mower stays in the shed.

We cannot be too complacent though – greenhouse plants need care at this time. Due to the warm days and cooler evenings condensation occurs. Leaving open a small amount of top ventilation at night and opening the doors in the morning will help clear the glass and finish watering by late afternoon to ensure excess moisture has a chance to dry up before the end of the evening. Water and feed tomatoes regularly to prevent blossom end rot and snap outside shoots.

It is the time of year when we truly get the benefit of the spring hard labour – harvesting runner and French beans, sweetcorn, potatoes, carrots, beetroot and of course courgettes. How many of us have an abundance of these to give away.

To help with that here is a recipe.

Courgette Fritters (serves 4)

2 medium courgettes, grated
2 tablespoons self-raising flour
1 egg
25 g parmesan, finely grated
1 tablespoon olive oil

In a bowl combine the grated courgette, flour, egg and parmesan. Shape into golfball shape balls, then flatten. Heat a non-stick frying pan over a medium heat and add the oil. Fry fritters 2–3 minutes on each side until golden brown. Serve straight away with houmous.

Now back to work! In the strawberry bed continue to remove runners apart from a few healthy ones that can be pegged down for propagation. Overwintering brassicas can be planted now to ensure an early spring crop – nothing so delicious as the first taste of broccoli spears after the winter. Collect fresh herbs now for drying or freezing in ice-cube trays ready for those winter casseroles.

Flowers and their scents can be enjoyed at this time especially during those long summer evenings. Keep cutting them to encourage continuous flowering but leave some ready for seed collecting for the following year. I do allow some sweet peas to drop seeds and so get an early show the following year from the self-sown seeds.

This is a time to visit other gardens and enjoy the sight of beautiful borders, prairie sowings, orchards etc. and start to get ideas for your own plots and gardens.



We had 9 full Days – Sat. 1st to Sun. 9th July 2017 – Do hope you had fun?

Girton Village Celebrations would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the Village of Girton

Feast 2017 such a success.

Thanks to the sponsors, the advertisers, the children from Girton Glebe School, the volunteers and the clubs and businesses who held an event – plus of course everyone who came to the events. The Feast just could not go ahead without you!

Over £5000 was made this year for Charities and Girton Clubs, which is fantastic.

Pages 20 – 21 show some of the lovely photos taken at the 22 different events we ran this year!

The 2018 Feast Week will be from 6th–15th July. Let's hope the weather is kind to us again. We still need more volunteers. Carol Noble (carol@girtonfeast.org.uk) is waiting to hear from you,

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At the Community Magazine Awards evening on 13th July sponsored by the Cambridge Building Society, *Girton Parish News* was awarded Silver

in the High Frequency Magazine category. In this event, magazines from within a 30-mile radius of Cambridge compete for an award in a number of categories including High or Low Frequency Magazine, Charity Magazine, College Magazine, Best Front Page Photo and Best Editorial.

Each year, a panel of judges comes together to review dozens of entries. The panel considers editorial quality, community content and overall presentation, plus, of course, the publication's usefulness to the community it serves.

Without the dedicated efforts of the many volunteers in Girton who contribute articles, typeset, proofread and then deliver the magazine throughout the village, there would be no magazine and therefore no award! We would like to thank all of you for your support. And if anyone has some good ideas to make the magazine even better, do get in touch and maybe we can aim for Gold next time!

Angela Blackburn



Summer is here!

Greetings from GYP, we would like to remind everyone of our summer activity programme, which begins on Monday 31st July at the Recreation Ground with our bouncy castle day that is open to everyone, members and non-members. The day will begin at 12pm and finish at 4pm. Come along and have some fun.

We do still have some availability on trips that will be taking place over the two-week activity programme. Consent forms can be collected from youth club on a Thursday evening between 5pm and 9pm; failing that, spares will be brought to the bouncy castle day. If you or your son/daughter is not a member, this is not a problem either; sign-up forms and summer activity timetables will also be available on that day.

Just a reminder to all members that during the school holidays youth club will not be open during the usual

Monday session. If you usually attend the Monday session you are more than welcome to join us on a Thursday between 5pm and 7pm. But not the Thursdays of the weeks commencing 31st July and 7th August (i.e. not Thursday 3rd or 10th August) as these are our two activity weeks and youth club will not be open during this period. Monday sessions will re-start as usual on 4th September.



In other news, GYP staff would like to say a huge thankyou to all those 'Youthies' who came to support at the Feast celebrations, manning the stall and car washing. Your efforts raised £300 towards our summer programme this year. Well done to all, amazing effort.

Rachel Rason



Girton WI

At the July meeting of the Girton WI we had an interesting talk about the history of Addenbrooke's Hospital, which opened in 1766 following a bequest from Dr John Addenbrooke. It was pioneering even then, because it was the first hospital built outside London.

The Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust funds many important projects to help patients. If donors specify a particular department, the funds will go to that department only.



We welcome new members. We meet the first Thursday of the month at the Pavilion at 7.30pm. To find out more, contact girtonwi@gmail.com. To find out more about the WI, visit their website.

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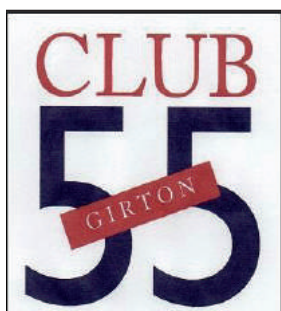
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Super Trouper

What an inspiration to others the ladies of Club 55 are – it's wonderful to see them chatting together, going about their business and taking on the club chores always with a smile.

I was surprised and

delighted on 10th July when Joan Bland, a regular member at the Computer Group's Monday morning sessions, arrived with her Granddaughter and bearing a birthday cake. It was Joan's 95th birthday and she had brought along the cake to share with all the members of the group. The cake was delicious – bring another one next year, Joan.



Joan, beautiful, bright and enjoying life at 95

There was a call from the men of the group to give Joan the 'birthday bumps' but it was abandoned when second thoughts were given to the time and energy it might take. They would probably lose count anyway!

Don't be afraid to join us at one of our functions, we have got all the gossip, and oceans of tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits. Don't be lonely.

Gone With the Wind

This very long classic film was shown at our July Film Club meeting and contrary to expectations

everyone who came along was glued to the screen for the whole duration.



Well, maybe not – everyone



The film was dedicated to Frank Agger, an enthusiast and founder member of our film club who has recently died. Frank had chosen this film for us and I am sure he would have

enjoyed it. He was a much loved member at our club and will be missed.

Why not come along to one of our shows – three hours of entertainment including a buffet lunch, tea or coffee and quite often an ice cream. There's always time to have a good chat and may be a little snooze if you have had a bad night. There is no need to book just turn up on the day.

Awards

On Wednesday 12th July my wife and I attended the #beinspired awards at Ely College and accepted the following award: 'Sam Clift, Girton Community Access Point/Internet Club. Excellent Volunteer Award Winner 2017 – Adult Learning and Skills Cambridgeshire'. Anne Crowson, one of our 'Champions', nominated twice, received an award for her volunteer work but with another group.

For your diaries

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Girton Garden Society

Feast Week Village Fete – The Mini Show

Girton Garden Society

What would the weather bring this year?
Saturday 8th July dawned warm and

humid following an extraordinary spring and early summer of high winds, high temperatures and isolated torrential rain. Keen gardeners and allotment holders ventured out to see what had thrived or survived the strange conditions. This year there was a steady stream of entries from 10am onwards leading us to think that we may need 4 tables next year. An obvious glut of rhubarb filled the first part of the tables and all vegetable categories were well represented, though the early very dry and hot weather had not suited the potatoes. We did, however, have beans and onions this year.



In the flower categories most people found that their best roses had already gone over but the other two categories were well represented with a beautiful selection of

precious blooms including phlox, echinops, lilies, yellow yarrow and dahlias bringing colour and scent to the marquee. The mixed bouquets were very attractive and all entries would have been worthy winners.

The children's categories only had a few entries but they were all excellent. Perhaps children need more encouragement to get out and grow things?

By 11.45am the tables were full and Ray Gordon arrived to judge the entries and award the rosettes. Starting with the vegetables he examined the entries and awarded the prizes. Stand out entries were John Gibson's magnificent onions and potatoes and Ann Jerram's beans. In the children's categories Lucas Zakrzewski swept the board winning in all classes.



On to the fruit, Kay Green, Nicola Gardiner and Louisa Cook shared the prizes for a small plate of fruit.

The flowers, according to Ray, were much harder to judge as they

were all really good. Uniformity of size and stage of development is important for the 3 stems category and symmetry of composition in the mixed bunch category. In the end Rod Mathie won the first two categories and

Corinna Tabor picked up a rosette for her roses. Other winners were Valerie Hall, Rosemary Jones, Judith Addison and Kay Green. The children's categories saw Lois Mathie and Neve Fradgely as winners, with Sandy Mathie picking up 2nd place.

On behalf of the Girton Garden Society and Girton Allotment Society I would like to say a big thank you to all the members who took the time to help organise the show on the day and who donated their vegetables, fruit, plants, baskets and tubs to be sold on our combined stall. Also many thanks to everyone who helped on the stall – it really looked lovely and demonstrated very clearly that growing your own fruit, flowers and vegetables is rewarding, satisfying and clearly helps to reduce your carbon footprint. Finally, I would like to thank Ray Gordon for stepping in at quite short notice to do the judging for us. Not an easy task but carried out with ease and professionalism.

I look forward to next year with even more entries as people are inspired by what they have seen.

Kay Green, Girton Garden Society

Garden tip of the month

August

Scarcely a month goes by without me finding something to prune, and write about for you. August is usually a good time to control the vigour of apple and pear trees by some summer pruning. This is at its formal best on trees that are grown as strict espaliers or cordons, but the same desire to control vigour is as true for bush and standard fruit trees in most garden settings. The aim is to reduce this year's growth, when the bottom few inches are starting to turn woody and resist a sideways pull rather stiffly, unlike the still pliant tips. Cut back some, most, or even all of these shoots to about 5 leaves and you are robbing the tree of some of its vigour. I suggest doing the easy bits first and see how you are getting on. If it's all going well get higher and do some more. The thing to remember is that the winter pruning is mainly about shape and this snip over is more to do with vigour.

Many plants can benefit from being cut back in the summer. Take aubretia for example: if you have a plant with a clear centre it's a good idea to cut round the centre removing a fringe all round. Most of the new growth will then come from a strong centre. Sometimes ground hugging plants root as they go and instead of having a clear centre there are in fact a few rather wispy offsets. In this case I would treat them as individuals, and take care not to cut any of them back to the point of disappearing! Pamper them a little and in September dig them up and group them for replanting as a small number of duos or trios.

George Thorpe

Village projects are progressing well

In previous issues of *Girton Parish News*, we have communicated news on a number of Girton Town Charity initiatives. Here's an update on progress.

GTC Sensory Garden

Over recent weeks, many of you will have seen activity on the site of our new Sensory Garden at Wellbrook Way as Sylvia Newman and her team have brought their design to life.

The garden is now completed and will add an attractive focus to this



The GTC garden takes shape.

area of the Village for everyone to enjoy. We are leaving the fencing in place until mid August to allow the planting and turf to settle in. GTC will remain owners of the garden and it will be maintained so that it looks at its best all year round and be monitored to ensure users respect the space and facilities it provides.

We hope all Village residents will enjoy this rejuvenated space when it is opened in the late Summer.

High Street Development

The appointment of Mole Architects as part of the project team to redevelop the High Street site to future-proof housing provision in the Village was announced recently in the *GPN*. Already GTC Trustees together with our Project Managers, have sought early advice from South Cambridgeshire District Council and met with a positive response.

The next stage is for Mole to work on designs which will be presented to the Village at a public meeting in the Autumn, at the time they are submitted for planning – a date will be announced in due course.

Community Centre

Last October villagers were shown the facilities that will be on offer in the new Community Centre and since then the project has reached the point at which we should be shortly able to name the chosen construction company. If all goes well, works should start late this year and are expected to take around 12 months.

At the public meeting, architect Nick Twitchett gave residents details of the different spaces within the Centre, enabling them to 'walk' through the building with the help of 3D graphics.

In response to questions about the final layout of the building and the range of uses for which it is suitable, GTC Chairman Dr Robin Hiley outlined the extensive research GTC Trustees and their advisors had

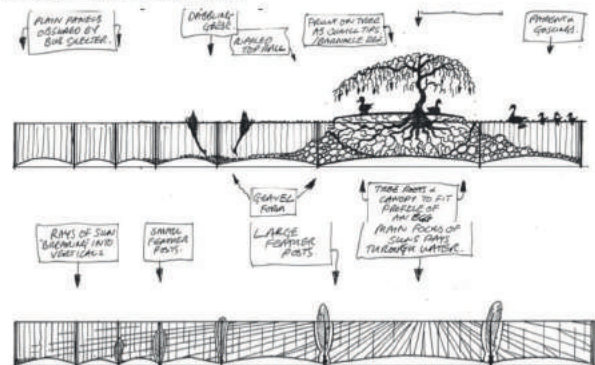


Architect's drawings of the Community Centre.

undertaken to maximise the ways it could be used by community groups within the Village in a cost-effective manner. We are now working on plans for its management and policies for its use.

Artistic Railings and Bus Shelter

GTC has been planning, in partnership with St Andrew's Church, to complete the boundary between the churchyard and the recreation ground car park, with some bespoke artistic railings that will enhance the appearance of the area.



Artist's drawing of the railings.

Following the production of an artist's brief, sculptor Matthew Lane Sanderson (www.sanderson-sculpture.com) was awarded the project and commissioned to design and install the original artwork for the site.

The final design is currently in planning with SCDC and a decision is hoped for shortly. Outline drawings for the railings were on show at the Annual Parish Meeting and they incorporate a tree of life, along with the geese and quills that are historically associated with Girton.

As part of the project, GTC will be covering the cost of a lit footpath between the railings and the car park to ensure a finish that shows off the railings sculpture to its best advantage. The existing bus shelter will also be replaced by something in keeping with the railings sculpture and the historic heart of the Village. GTC is working with a Heritage Consultant to ensure the whole area is treated in a cohesive way so that enhances this attractive area

Avoiding Falls

This is one of the best ways of staying healthy and well, whatever our age.

So, whether you are younger or older, do come along and try out a **Strength and Balance** class on **Thursday 24th August at 10am** in St Vincent's Close Community Room.

It is **free** and will be a really good chance to do the exercises and ask any questions you may have. I am very grateful to Simon, who works for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust NHS Falls Service, for leading this session. The class will last for about an hour and be followed by tea and coffee.

Hopefully there will be enough interest to get a viable class running in the autumn.

Less good news

Unfortunately, due to a poor response the decision has been taken to stop the Thursday morning Health Walks.

And, the Thursday afternoon Exercise to Music class in the Pavilion seems likely to stop, again due to lack of numbers.

In the light of this news ...

It is really important for me to know what you would like to happen in the village and how the quality of your life can be enhanced. With that information I can plan appropriately for the year ahead for the benefit both of individuals and of groups.

I will be back from leave on 8th August and look forward to hearing from you then.

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Weekly Health Walk

I'm afraid the weekly health walk attracted no walkers, and after two months the decision has been taken to cancel it.

Gina K. Lane

Midsummer Joint Musical Venture

St Andrew's Church was the beautiful and singer-friendly venue for a Midsummer Festival on 23rd June, when three choirs and a ukulele group celebrated the return of Summer. 'At Last!' some of us breathed, although it was a somewhat warmer occasion than anticipated!



Singers enjoy the event

The Choir of St Andrew's, Girton Community Choir and Girton Musical Theatre opened the proceedings with I Wish I Knew How, made famous by Nina Simone, followed by Northern Lights which was written by the Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo.

Each choir then had its own spot with songs as diverse as The Lord Is My Shepherd, the Howard Goodall version, My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose and a medley of Abba songs.

The second half was kicked off by Flukes, humorously led by Sue Fifer, who played a variety of songs on their ukuleles and were joined in singing by many members of the audience, who also swayed in time rhythmically! The Joint Choirs took to the stage again to sing Something Inside So Strong, by Labi Siffre, and a medley from Cats, written by Andrew Lloyd Weber.

GMT finished off the evening by overacting in The Song That Goes Like This, from Spamalot, while the other choirs sang in a rather more refined way. Almost.

The choirs would like to thank Elaine Diamond, Trish Davies and Richard Hinnitt for their hard work in leading us all to reach the standard we have and for making rehearsals enjoyable, satisfying – and fun. And our thanks to Paul Scott and Richard Hinnitt for playing their fingers off whilst accompanying us! All of these people give us a lot of their time and give freely of their expertise. So a very big, heart-felt thanks to you all for making the event a success. I think it would be safe to say that a good time was had by all.

Jane Williams

Girton Churches During Feast Week



Prior to Feast Week the Churches Together in Girton hosted Songs of Praise in Abbeyfield Girton Green.



Why go on holiday when you have all this sand to play in on the Rec?

And then ...

On Sunday 9th July to round-off Feast Week, St Andrew's hosted Hymns and Pimms.



On Sunday 2nd July St Andrew's celebrated the ordination of Diana Johnson at Ely Cathedral, and afterwards at the Cotton Hall ...



Waiting for the service to start ...



On Saturday 8th July – it was Fun Day on the Rec! What a tall tower! Girton Baptist Church had a building theme on their stall.



The Interval ... and at last the Pimms.

All in all a lovely week.

Mandy



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20th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
27th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Prayer

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13th	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.00pm	Evening Worship at Landbeach Baptist Church (note earlier time)
20th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
27th	10.30am	Morning Worship (leader t.b.a.)
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Frances Colquhoun, 10.45am at the City of Cambridge Crematorium, East Chapel on Wednesday 21st June 2017.

Mick James Dean, 1.30pm at the City of Cambridge Crematorium, West Chapel on Wednesday 21st June 2017.

Frank Edward Agger, 12.45pm at St Andrew's on Monday 24th July 2017.

Weddings

Neil Jeremy Hodgson and Julie Anne Ridyard on Saturday 24th June at 2pm.

Martin Nelson and Susan Jayne Wratten on Saturday 15th July at 3.30pm. Officiant: Revd Christine Barrow.

Baptism

Baptism of **Rhys Robert Archer** on Sunday 16th July at 2.30pm.

Ordination at Ely Cathedral

The Ordination of **Diana Johnson** took place in Ely Cathedral on Sunday 2nd July at 10.30am.

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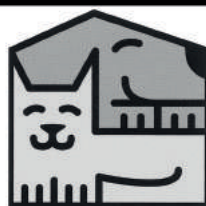
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