



GIRTON

Parish News



October 2017



Apple Harvest

Oakington Dog Day Care Centre



07704 729299
oakingtonddcc@gmail.com
www.oakingtondogdaycare.co.uk
Dry Drayton Road, Oakington, CB24 3BD

We offer a spacious indoor play area, a large field and paddock for playtime, exercise and enjoyment, along with a quiet area for the dogs to rest and relax in. Our team are all dog owners who care very much for the safety, well being and happy tails of all dogs

See photos on Facebook of happy dogs having a lot of fun

Furniture covers Cushions Curtains & Blinds Fabrics



07958 972 003
Sapphire Sewing · Impington
www.sapphiresewing.com

Sapphire SEWING

Martin Nelson of Girton

Local Chauffeur Hire Service
Official Girton Charity Hospital Trips



Tel: 01223 276654
Mobile: 0788 955 8735

Door to door in comfort • Air-conditioned car

M&M

Heating & Building Services

- Full Gas and Oil Boiler Installation
- Full Heating Systems
- Boiler Servicing and Landlord Certificates
- Power Flushing
- Full Bathroom Design and Installation
- All Plumbing Works Large and Small
- Extensions, Alterations and Repairs
- Refurbishment and Renovations
- Kitchen Design and Installation
- All Carpentry Works
- All Building Works Undertaken
- Painting and Decorating

01223 691599
Mob: 07766 281962/07832 261791
info@mandmheating.co.uk • www.mandmheating.co.uk

10 SOUTH ROAD, IMPINGTON, CAMBS. CB24 9PB

PRIME TIME FITNESS

An independent community based gym based in Girton catering for all your health & fitness needs including:

- 40+ Weekly Fitness Classes
- Large Fully Air Conditioned Gym
- Personalised Fitness Programs
- Personal Training
- Beauty Therapist with 10% Member Discount
- On site Physio
- On Site Sports Massage Therapists
- Rates from £26 per month

01223 519548
Primetimefit.co.uk

Free 3 Day Trial Available with this Advert

Girton Physio CLINIC

WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

A physiotherapy clinic specialising in all sporting injuries, workplace strains, postural problems, arthritis, aches and pains.

100A High St
Girton

01223 279168
girtonphysio.co.uk

The clinic is recognised by



SafeSwitch

Electrical

ELECTRICIANS IN GIRTON

www.safeswitchelectrical.co.uk

City Guilds Qualified

01223 226106

DOMESTIC INSTALLER

Your old 'G' rated boiler is wasting £450 a year

Installing a new British made 'A' rated boiler will improve comfort and reduce your fuel bills - the longer you leave it the more you will waste!

Call Green Heat your local trusted and recommended heating installer - better value than British Gas according to The Times.

Special offers for 2016

8 YEAR GUARANTEE

Green Heat Ltd
The Energy Efficiency Company

PHONE NOW FOR A FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTATION

01223 277278
www.greenheat.uk.com




Publication Information

Editor: Angela Blackburn, 141 Thornton Road, CB3 0NE, tel. 528278, email: gpned@girton-cambs.org.uk

Secretary: Sheila Bowler, tel. 276914

Advertising Manager and Treasurer: Marion Fisher, 117 High Street, CB3 0QQ, tel. 570866, email: gpnads@girton-cambs.org.uk

Copy should be submitted to the Editor in electronic form as Word or Text files, with any photos, graphics or logos submitted as separate attachments, not embedded in the file. Questions about submission should be addressed to the Editor.

The editorial team reserves the right to edit, accept or reject any material submitted for publication. The views expressed within the magazine are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the editorial team.

A copy of the magazine is available on the Girton website at www.girton-cambs.org.uk, where you may also find expanded versions of selected items.

Advertisements

Prices for placing advertisements in the *Girton Parish News*, in black-and-white or colour, can be had on application to the Advertising Manager.

The advertising policy of the *Girton Parish News* aims to promote enterprises and activities from within Girton. The space available for advertisements is limited, and preference is given to businesses founded, situated, controlled and operated within Girton. The *Girton Parish News* reserves the right to decline to publish any advertisement which the Advertising Manager considers not to meet the objectives of this policy. Inclusion of an advertisement does not imply endorsement by the *Girton Parish News* of the product or service advertised.

The *Girton Parish News* is produced and distributed entirely by volunteers from the village, including the following:

Typesetters: Erin Austin, Sam Clift, Claire Lightley, Bill Rothwell

Distribution Manager: Rosemary Jones, tel. 276491

Editors and Proofreaders: Chris Bowler, Wendy de Horsey, Mike Fay, Marion Fisher, John Gibson, Alison Giles, Carol Huxley, Jenny Knights, Mike Pearson, Nicola Pearson, Matthew Vernon

Webmasters: Andrew Haylett, Paul Greaney

and many others. If you are interested in becoming involved in any capacity, please contact the Editor.

Printed by Riverport Press, Unit 3, Bramley Road, St Ives, Cambs. PE27 3WS, Tel: 01480 492593

The Village Diary

October

- Thur. 5** **Club 55**, St Vincent's Close, 12 noon
Film, 'Music and Lyrics'
Girton WI, The Pavilion, 7.30pm
An Unexpected Journey – Kate Armstrong
- Fri. 6** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sat. 7** **Girton Walking Group**, meet 10.30am
Wimpole Park woodland walk
- Sun. 8** **Open Eco Homes**, St Margaret's Road and High Street (Booking essential)
- Thur. 12** **Club 55**, Lunch, 12 for 12.30pm
The Anchor, Sutton Gault
Girton Garden Society, St Vincent's Close, 7.30pm, How to Cultivate Apples in the Modern Garden – Joanna Crosby
- Fri. 13** **Impington Music Society**, IVC, 7.30pm
Adella Boksenberg Chamber Group
- Sun. 15** **Girton Music Society**, Chapel, 2.30pm
Andrew Reid (organ)
- Tue. 17** **Parish Council Meeting**, 7.30pm
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Fri. 27** **Cambridge Celebrates Age**, 2–4pm
Cotton Hall
Girton WI Craft Club, 2–4pm
Orchard Close Community Centre, non-members welcome
- Sat. 28** **St Andrew's Action Abroad**, Sale of Christmas and Other Cards, 2b St Margaret's Road, 10.30am–12 noon
- Sun. 29** **Girton Music Society**, Stanley Library, 2.30pm, Freshers' Concert

November

- Thur. 2** **Club 55**, Film t.b.a.
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Fri. 3** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sat. 4** **Table Top Sale**, 2–5pm,
Abbeyfield Girton Green

Contents

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| Pages 5–7 | Parish Council and Councillors' Reports |
| Pages 8–9 | Forthcoming Events |
| Page 19 | Girton Green Fingers |
| Page 22–23 | Scoreboard |
| Pages 26–27 | Girton Town Charity |
| Page 29 | Club 55 |
| Pages 31–33 | Our Churches |
| Page 34 | Rubbish Collection, Mobile Library Dates |

Cover photo by Sam Clift shows Mr R H Norman at his orchard in Aldreth Road, Haddenham weighing apples for winter storage by his PYO customers.

Copy date for November issue: Wed. 18 Oct. Issue date: Sat. 4 Nov. Covers: 4 Nov – 1 Dec.



Paul Waldmann Woodwork

Established 1982

- Furniture made & restored
- Kitchens built
- Cupboards & bookcases
- Garden furniture & fittings
- Made to suit your requirements

phone for a FREE ESTIMATE 01223 314001
 41 Norfolk Street, Cambridge CB1 2LD
 Email pm.waldmann@ntlworld.com
 www.paulwaldmanndesign.co.uk

P. LOVERIDGE

Carpentry & Locksmith Services

TEL: 01954 202907 MOB: 07811 158018
 EMAIL: PAULLOVERIDGE31@GMAIL.COM

ALL ASPECTS UNDERTAKEN

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| FITTED WARDROBES | LOCKS REPAIRED & REPLACED |
| ALCOVE CUPBOARDS | EMERGENCY ACCESS |
| KITCHENS FITTED | LOCKS KEYPED ALIKE |
| FIRST & SECOND FIX | HOME SECURITY UPGRADED |

R. PETCH

Painter and Decorator

Quality work since 1962



- Internal and External Decorating .
- Wallpapering .
- Friendly and Tidy Service Given .
- Free Advice Given .
- References if Required .
- Free Estimates .



Tel: 01223 861970

E-Mail . petch_decorator@hotmail.com



www.petch-quality-decorator.co.uk

DS ELECTRICAL

Professional Domestic & Commercial Electricians



Mob: 07830 349199
 Tel: 01223 521882



www.electricalcontractorcambidge.com

MOBILE HAIRDRESSER

ALL ASPECTS OF HAIRDRESSING DONE IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME



CONTACT TANYA ON: 01954 211034
 MOBILE: 07719 902450

Est. 2002



We know how hard it can be to find a dependable and honest cleaner, which is where we can help.

We can offer a professional cleaning, washing and ironing etc. Service for a fully inclusive rate at only £11.50 per hour (£11.00 for 5 or more hours)

All of our housekeepers are specially selected & insured and you will receive the same housekeeper each week.

So, if you'd like to take the pressure off keeping up with your household chores, then call us today on:

01223 441055

(answerphone available outside office hours)

or visit our website:

www.cleanerscambridge.com

30 DAY MONEY BACK GUARANTEE



A COMPLETE PLASTERING SERVICE

- Old ceilings and walls reskimmed and repaired
- Artexing / coving
- External rendering / stone dashing
- References available from customers in the village
- All work guaranteed
- For free estimates & advice contact:

Louie Holliday

10 High Street Girton Cambridge CB3 0PU
 Tel: 01223 277710 Mobile: 07980475856

Girton Parish Council

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

This report has been prepared before the September Parish Council meeting, where items to be discussed include upgrading the Parish Office IT system.

Unfortunately, we've received more complaints regarding litter on the Recreation Ground. Users are asked if they could please ensure that they use the bins provided or take their rubbish home.

Parish Councillors were pleased to be invited to the opening of the Girton Town Charity Sensory Garden on 4th September and congratulate the Town Charity on their provision of this lovely new area for the village. Girton Town Charity's planning permission for the decorative railings and bus shelter next to St Andrew's Church having been received, provision of these items plus the car park works can progress, the delay being caused by a poor response from those invited to tender.

On planning matters, the Council shares residents' concerns regarding proposed over-development of a restricted site in close proximity to neighbouring dwellings.

The County Council's ongoing consultation into future Public Library Services in Cambridgeshire welcomes residents' views. If you'd like to have your say, you can email any questions or comments to LibraryServices@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or look at their website:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-&-culture/libraries/library-news/library-services-developing-our-approach-for-the-future/.

Next meetings

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 17th October and Tuesday 21st November, both starting at 7.30pm at St Vincent's Close Community Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings, and to speak in the open session at the start.

A full list of Councillors can be seen on page 34.

Would you like to join our TYPESETTING TEAM?

Girton Parish News is looking for an additional typesetter.

If you are computer literate and enjoy solving spatial problems, this could be something for you!
Only 3 times a year, full training given.

Contact gpned@girton-cambs.org.uk for more information.



Creating a safer
Cambridgeshire

Hare coursing

Members of the public are being urged to be the eyes and ears of the county's rural communities by reporting ongoing hare coursing incidents. Last year officers were called to 1,069 incidents of hare coursing, which remains one of the biggest crimes to affect our rural communities between September and February. The most obvious sign of hare coursing is a group of vehicles parked in a rural area, perhaps by a gateway to farmland, on a grass verge, on a farm track or bridle path.

Anyone who sees hare coursing taking place is asked to contact police immediately on 999 and provide officers with a description of the people involved, any registration numbers and vehicle descriptions and the location and direction of travel. It's important you don't confront people or put yourself at risk.

If you have information about hare coursing but it's not currently happening, or if you have been a victim of the crime, please call 101 or report online at www.contactcambspolice.uk/report.



VACANCY

Lunch Supervisor

Girton Glebe Primary School

Join our friendly lunch-time team, either in our dining hall or on the playground. Duties include:

- Assisting the children during their mealtime
- Playground supervision and basic First Aid (training provided)

Salary: £8.09 per hour
Hours: 12.15pm – 1.15pm, Monday–Friday, term-time only. Flexible working of a 3 or 4-day week considered.

This post is advertised with an immediate start, therefore applications are welcome at the earliest opportunity.

Please contact the School Office on 01223 276484 for an application form, or email us at office@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk. Further details are available at www.girtonglebe.com/jobs.

Girton Glebe Primary School is committed to safeguarding, including the Prevent agenda, and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We follow Safer Recruitment practices, which include, but are not limited to, applying for an enhanced DBS check, right to work in the UK and qualifications check, satisfactory references and medical clearance for all newly appointed staff.

From Our Councillors

County Councillor Lynda Harford

Work to develop the final section of the Huntingdon Road cycle lane started on Monday 18 September. The work on the section between Richmond Road and Histon Road is expected to last 10 weeks and two-way traffic signals will be in place from 09.30–15.30 during that period with access to residential properties, businesses and colleges maintained. There will however need to be some temporary closures at times when work is being undertaken on the junctions at Richmond, Halifax and Westfield Roads and Priory and Benson Streets. Please try to plan your journeys ahead of time to avoid delay and inconvenience and follow the signs. Funding for the project comes from the Council's earlier success in securing £10.1 million through the Department of Transport's Cycle City Ambition Fund.

The opening up of The Ridgeway provides better access to the University Primary School and the other newly opened facilities on the North West Cambridge Development. There is still need, however, for a crossing on Girton Road to make access to The Ridgeway a safe route for Girton residents. The University is considering the possibility of funding this and the County Council's recently published criteria for its privately funded highways improvements initiative may provide a vehicle for this to happen. There has been energetic lobbying by some Girton residents for safer access to the new development for some while. Common sense supports the installation of a crossing but, as always, funding is an issue and I will continue to investigate the possibilities for this.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership's (previously the City Deal) Rural Transport Hubs initiative is gathering pace. Oakington was one of the villages that bid for inclusion in this project. The project that it has put forward includes rerouting the Citi 6 to allow easy access to the Cambridgeshire Guided Bus stop at Westwick. The success of this project would also benefit Girton. Following a recent well attended public meeting, candidate villages await news of shortlisting.

The County Council has begun a 6-month pilot project in partnership with South Cambridgeshire District Council to offer specialist housing advice and support to older people. The HOOP (Housing Options for Older People) project aims to help older people consider housing options appropriate to their own circumstances at an early stage and put them in touch with the relevant providers. Until now HOOP has been a national tool to support older people in their wish to remain living independently in their own homes for as long as possible. The pilot in South Cambridgeshire is only the second local scheme in the country. If the pilot is successful it will be developed into a County-wide scheme.

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.

Lynda

lyndaharford@icloud.com

01954 251775/07889 131022

Follow me on Twitter: @2whit2whoo

A View from the District

If you have been in Washpit Lane recently you will be as horrified as I was at the assault on the trees. I have established that this was done by the Highways Agency (now Highways England) as part of the A14 programme. Unfortunately they are under no obligation to consult or gain approval even for trees under a Preservation Order. They have also closed The Avenue, making my ride to Cambourne significantly more difficult.

The 'Consortium of Greater Cambridge Community Groups' held a meeting, addressed by the Mayor, on 5 September focused on sustainable transport, at the Cambridge rugby ground on Grantchester Road. Ironically, this must be one of the most difficult venues in Cambridge to access by sustainable public transport.

Meanwhile the Greater Cambridge Partnership is beginning to realise how small its dowry really is. City Council leader Lewis Herbert is reported as noting that 'We've got £70 million to build at least 500 council homes. That's £140,000 per home'. The current cost of new-build is around £200,000 and the numbers were known ages ago; it's a pity the Partnership has only just got round to doing the simple arithmetic. However, this has not stopped it spending significant sums on exploring projects such as tunnels under Cambridge to link (it is quite unclear how) with a new busway to Cambourne and thus solve all our traffic problems. Whether, after all the feasibility studies are paid for, there will be any budget left for construction still seems doubtful.

I have submitted my response to the PCC's consultation on his power-grab for the Fire and Rescue Service. He won't like it, but whether any amount of objection will change his mind is doubtful. I have yet to find anyone (other than the PCC) who thinks it a good idea.

It was a delight to attend the formal opening of Girton's Sensory Garden at the Wellbrook Way corner, on the bright afternoon of 4 September. The Town Charity Trustees see it as part of their Public Art remit, but it also provides a little haven of rest and beauty. If you have not yet seen it do go and enjoy the last of its summer brightness as it changes to its autumn colours.

Then I attended two events to mark the opening of Sainsbury's in NW Cambridge. There was champagne and a huge cake which would have represented the quintessentially Cambridge nature of the store were it not that Sainsbury's do not appear to understand the difference between the 'Oxford end' and the 'Cambridge

end' of a punt. We were told that the store's contents reflect the demographic of the proposed community by having large 'Free from ...' and ethnic sections and – because it is catering for students – a most enormous liquor section, from lots of el cheapo wines to a champagne at £125 a pop. I doubt that students paying £9250 p.a. are especially flush, and key workers need to eat, not drink. It will no doubt be very convenient for Girton residents, but please do not abandon our local shops. The garish sign on Huntingdon Road could have been a lot worse (the JDCC turned down the original design, and I have yet to check that this one conforms to our final decision) and must be removed within three years. The University authorities have so far failed to shed any light on the missing Girton sign and boundary stone.

In my July report I noted that the market housing on NW Cambridge was expected to use the 'extensive' parking underneath Sainsbury's, which would be administered by the University, while noting that free parking there is restricted to a maximum of 90 minutes. This, however, is not how Sainsbury's understands the situation: I was told that they would manage the parking and that the charges after the free period were intended to be 'punitive'. I have asked for urgent clarification.

Cabinet is set to approve for the whole of South Cambs the waste regime we have become used to in Girton, with paper being added to the rest of the contents of the blue bin, abandoning the caddy. The economic case is apparently unanswerable, but I wonder what message about the value of recycling this sends out to our residents.

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

Cambridge North West site now open

The formal opening of the Cambridge North West site, Open Eddington, took place on Saturday 9th September 2017 with a whole day of activities and events for the public. If you didn't get a chance to attend on the day, the site is open to have a walk or cycle around. You can find maps of what's open at: www.nwcambridge.co.uk/files/eddington_walking_tour_leaflet.pdf and www.nwcambridge.co.uk/files/open_eddington_wayfinding.pdf.

The new cycle path, The Ridgeway, is now open from Bunker's Hill, which begins at Girton Corner opposite Girton Road, to the new local centre. The route doesn't yet connect to Storey's Way, as there is a short section next to the Storey's Field Centre which is yet to open. When this opens it will be a more pleasant and safer way to avoid the cycle route along Huntingdon Road.

The Sainsbury's supermarket is now open, as is an Argos store next door. I popped in the other evening to have a

chat to the staff and welcome them to Girton, and they all seemed very friendly. Proceeds from the 5p bag charge at Sainsbury's are being donated to the mental health charity Mind.

Our own College, Girton, is the first Cambridge College to open student accommodation on the site, comprising 325 en-suite rooms, purpose-built for students. It is named Swirles Court after mathematician and physicist, Bertha Swirles (Lady Jeffreys), an alumna and fellow of Girton College. Cambridge is the top university in the world for mathematics, so I am proud that we are honouring our mathematicians such as Bertha Swirles and Alan Turing (after whom Turing Way is named) in the development.

Stagecoach gives up on Cambridge North Station

From 17th September Stagecoach has stopped its Busway A service from calling at the new Cambridge North Station, and reduced the frequency of its Busway N service from every 20 mins to every hour after the morning peak. Villagers should be familiar with this kind of decision from Stagecoach, as our own Citi 6 service now only runs half hourly, having been downgraded a few years ago.

I have long been a supporter of Cambridge North Station, having voted for various of its planning applications over the years, but I fear that the nearly £50M of public money spent on it is at risk of being wasted due to poor timetabling decisions. Stagecoach and Network Rail seem to be locked into some kind of death spiral, where each competes with the other to make a timetable that makes it more difficult for passengers to catch the other's services. (Network Rail, rather than the train operating companies, controls the timetables.)

The last weekday train to arrive in London before 9am leaves at 7.20, for a full 1 hour and 27 minutes journey. It's not possible to get that train from Girton on the bus. Leaving St Andrew's Church on the first bus at 7.08 will get you to Oakington at 7.22, Cambridge North at 7.53 and the train from 8.19 arriving in London at 9.44am. All morning peak services are slow trains that stop at most stations, the first express train leaving at 11.11am. That renders the service completely useless for anyone who wants to use the train to commute to work in London.

Travelling during the day is not much better. If you catch the Citi 6 outside St Andrew's Church at 15.12, you will arrive in Oakington at 15.22, catch the Busway N at 15.43, wait at Cambridge North from 15.53 to 16.38 and arrive in London at 17.38. That's 1 hour and 20 minutes travelling, and 1 hour and 6 minutes waiting. The evening is even worse; you need to leave London at 16.14 to get the last bus connection back to Girton before the buses stop.

Nothing is going to improve until Stagecoach and Network Rail start talking to each other, and talking to passengers. A basic grasp of common sense wouldn't go astray either.

Cllr Tom Bygott
cldr@bygott.net, 07765 475 513

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Cambridge breast cancer now

Cambridge Pinks

Cambridge Pinks is the regional group for Breast Cancer Now.

On Sunday 15th October we will be walking the towpath from Milton to Waterbeach. If you would like to join in, email Avril at the email address below to receive your registration pack. We hope to see lots of pink outfits on our second walk to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Breast Cancer Now's wear it pink event will be on Friday 20th October. You can get your participation pack from wearitpink.org/signup.

If you would like to get involved in fundraising for Breast Cancer Now then please do get in touch. If you would like to find out more about Breast Cancer Now and how your donations will be used then visit our website www.breastcancernow.org.

Our Just Giving page is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cambridge-pinks-bcn.

Breast Cancer Now's mission is to fund innovative world class research into Breast Cancer. Here in Cambridge Breast Cancer Now is funding researchers who are learning about the genetics of breast cancer and finding new genes involved in breast cancer.

Avril Williams
avril.williams1@btinternet.com

Grand Clearance Sale

of Christmas and other cards
in aid of

St Andrew's Action Abroad

Saturday 28th October 2017

10.30am–12 noon

at 2b St Margaret's Rd, Girton

Coffee and Cakes £2

Please come and support.

Friends of Girton Glebe
Jumble Sale
Saturday 30th September 2017
11am

Girton Glebe Primary School

Café for tea, coffee and cake

Entry: 50p adults, children free

All proceeds go towards our school

We'll be selling:

- Clothes & Shoes
- Bedding
- Bric-a-brac
- CDs & DVDs
- Accessories
- Toys & Games
- Books
- Baby Items



Last-minutes donations can be dropped at the school entrance.

No electrical items or videos, thank you.

Friends of Girton Glebe Registered Charity 1098145

THE FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW'S
CHURCH *and*
THE SMILING GRAPE COMPANY
invite you to a



WINE-TASTING EVENING

Take a fun wine-tasting tour around the world.

Join in with our Quiz, and pick up tips from our tour guide along the way.

You don't need to be an expert!

Friday 10 November at 7.45pm

**The Cotton Hall,
Cambridge Road, Girton**

Tickets: £12.00 each

*Bookings need to be confirmed by
Friday 3 November*

Tel: 01223 276731 for details

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

GIRTON MUSIC SOCIETY

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER
at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)

Chapel, Girton College, Cambridge

Andrew Reid (organ)

Andrew Reid, Director of the Royal School of Church Music, returns to Girton to present a programme of organ works on the St-Martin organ

Admission free; retiring collection

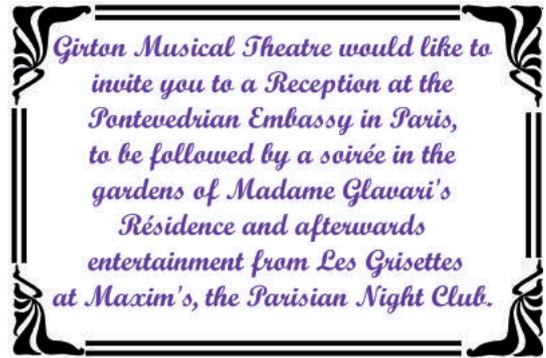
SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER
at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)

Stanley Library, Girton College, Cambridge

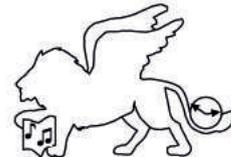
Freshers' Concert

A wide-ranging selection of music organised by and featuring the newest students at Girton College

Admission free; retiring collection



Girton



Musical Theatre

If you would like to join us (and who wouldn't?) please come to Orchard Close on Thursdays at 8pm where we will be rehearsing for *The Merry Widow* by Franz Lehár. We need male and female voices for the chorus and can guarantee a series of enjoyable evenings in the build up to the performances at the end of February next year.

The chorus and cast are a friendly bunch of people, with ages ranging from early 30s to quite a bit more! We sing, dance and go to the pub on most Thursday nights. Why not come and give us a try?

You will be very welcome.

OPEN eco HOMES

8th October

Open homes + in Histon & Cambridge

Visit Girton Eco Homes for home improvement inspiration and advice

Full programme and tour bookings via 01223 301842 or www.openecohomes.org

FREE

Girton Walking Group

Saturday 7th October

Woodland walk in Wimpole Park
Approx 4.5 miles. Park in the National Trust Car Park at Wimpole
(£2 charge for non NT members).

We shall meet at **10.30** beyond the car park, near the entrance to the Courtyard.

For more information please contact Claire Nickson at cnudlow12@gmail.com.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP

Cambridgeshire Hearing Help

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

Sessions are from 2pm to 4pm on the third Wednesday of each month at Girton Baptist Church. These are free sessions and no appointment is necessary. Should you require a home visit please telephone 416141 between 9.30am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

More information can be found on our website www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk.

GIRTON GARDEN SOCIETY

Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm

St Vincent's Close Community Centre

How to cultivate apples in the modern garden
(Plus a horticultural history of the apple with advice from ancient and modern gardeners)
by Joanna Crosby

Competitions

Autumn flowers from the garden
A plate of apples or pears (dessert or cooking)

Visitors most welcome, £2.

A14 Upgrade

Girton residents will by now be familiar with the scale of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon road improvement project. Less obvious but central to the project is the industry-leading care for the environment that the team is delivering while building the new road. Patrick Howard, ecology lead for the project for Highways England, explains:

‘An important part of any road construction project is the planning of environmental mitigation so that, by the time a project is completed, its footprint on the surrounding natural environment is as small as possible.’

Initiatives include: creating 271 hectares of new connected habitats for wildlife, replanting trees at a ratio of two trees planted for every one felled, gathering rare wildflower seeds and specimens to replant after the end of construction, using renewable energy where possible, and making the most of naturally-occurring materials on site to build the road.

Plants and trees

Twice as many trees will be replanted as had to be felled to build the road once the project is finished, and all the vegetation cleared has either been used within the local community or sent to a biomass facility for energy production locally.

A number of rare plant species have been found across the route and have been moved so they can be replanted in the same area along the road verges once the scheme is finished. These include bee orchids, common spotted orchids and slender tare – a rare wildflower found near Girton.

Wildlife

More than 200 bat boxes are being installed to provide additional habitat and help bats during migration. 5 barn owl boxes have been installed already and more will be installed by the end of the project. All those currently up have been used for nesting this year and 3 of the birds have successfully reared chicks.

Two bird species, the grasshopper warbler and Cetti's warbler, will benefit from additional, newly created habitat. New habitats are being created at 3 different locations along the scheme for water voles, Britain's fastest declining wild mammal. Once the scheme is complete, boxes for kestrels will be installed to nest around borrow pits and balancing ponds.

Activity around 5 badger setts is being monitored along the route and the team is in the process of deciding how best to help the badgers relocate so they are not disturbed or endangered by the new route.

The team is trapping great crested newts and relocating them at a safe location until the scheme is complete, and

will create 3 new habitats for them when the scheme is closer to completion.

Energy, water and construction materials

The project team is trialling hybrid generators, solar powered lights and hydrogen powered vehicles throughout site in an effort to reduce our use of fossil fuels. 100% of the energy used across the project compounds comes from renewable energy sources including wind and solar powers. Only non-drinking water is being used for construction purposes so as to minimise the impact on the local drinking water supply.

Instead of having to source externally the 5 million tonnes of materials needed to build the new road, more than half of it is being supplied from the site itself through borrow pits within site. The project also has onsite concrete batching plants to create the building blocks for the scheme's 34 bridges and other structures. This means less long-distance transport needs and less energy used. It also means less impact on the busy road network locally.

For the latest information about the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme, visit www.highways.gov.uk/a14c2h or follow them on Twitter @A14C2H.



Friends of the Rosie

The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. If you have any toy stuffing or yarn we are in urgent need of your donation. For up-to-the minute information follow Rosie in Stitches Facebook page.

Rosie in Stitches would like to thank all our customers at our recent stalls. Our income for 2017 is already at £730.

Upcoming Stall dates this autumn

Tea Bar, Rosie Hospital Outpatient Clinic
Monday to Friday, 9am–4pm

Bar Hill Community Market
Saturday 4th November 10.30am–2pm

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of knitters, to organise the three large stalls per year at Addenbrooke's Outpatients, provide transport for our volunteers, display a small selection of our wares or to help on the Rosie tea bar.

Contact Mary Sanders on 01223 356615. Further details are given on our website www.rosieinstitches.org.uk.



News from Girton Glebe Primary School

It was lovely to welcome everybody back to school on 5 September and I was delighted to greet our new EYFS pupils and parents on Wednesday 6th

as the children began their first day at Girton Glebe Primary.

It is also my pleasure to welcome some new (and some not so new!) faces to our staff team! Mrs Knowler returns from her maternity leave to teach alongside Mrs Fitch in Willow Class and Mrs Sebley has re-joined our team as a HLTA. We also welcome Miss Navarro who will be teaching Oak Class for the first half term and are delighted to be joined by Mr Cates, our new school caretaker.

The autumn term is now in full swing, the classrooms have been a hive of activity and many exciting things have been taking place all around the building.

New Starters

Our EYFS children had a busy first week getting used to the new school setting and have had a fabulous time with their new teachers. The children have been taking part in Forest School activities with Mr Smart and have been busy developing their number skills, measuring sunflowers in the garden.



Our Year 6 buddies have also done an excellent job of helping our new starters settle in. They have been a particularly valuable support to the younger children in the dining hall and on the playground and some great friendships have already been forged.

We are very grateful to Girton Town Charity for supporting the programme with training through Relate, which equipped the Year 6 buddies to carry out their responsibilities so well.

Please, come and join us!

I would like to welcome you all to the Open Afternoon and Evening we will be hosting on Tuesday 7 November (2–3pm and 6–7pm) where you will have the opportunity to talk to staff, meet our governors and experience the wide range of activities taking place within our classrooms. There will be a café run by members of FOGG and there will also be a presentation at the start of each session by the Headteacher. Our Year 6 ambassadors will also be giving guided tours of the school if you wish to join them. I look forward to seeing you here!

Twitter Launch

We are always looking for new methods to improve communication between home and school and I am pleased to announce that Girton Glebe Primary School is now live in the virtual world on Twitter.

Our Twitter account is 'broadcast only' and is designed so that we can share news, updates and information: feel free to follow us at @GirtonGlebePS where we will be tweeting all things school-related!

Mr Andrew Simpson
Headteacher

G.S. DECORATING

CITY & GUILDS QUALIFIED Est 1988

GARY M SMITH
SERVICE & QUALITY ASSURED



Tel: 01954 781126 HOME
01223 233011 OFFICE
07787 571177 MOBILE

OVER 17 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN QUALITY
PAINT FINISHES INCLUDING TRADITIONAL
METHODS & MODERN TECHNIQUES.
DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL
WORK UNDERTAKEN.
FREE ADVICE GLADLY GIVEN.
REFERENCES AVAILABLE.

W J Guttering & Drainage



2 Woodhouse Way
Cambridge

NO CALL OUT CHARGE - FREE QUOTATIONS

Gutter Cleaning, Repairs,
Replacement, Fascia & Soffits,
Soakaways & Blocked Drains

01223 510623
Mobile: 07720 146815



1st Builders

Cambridge & East Anglia

www.1stbuilderscambridge.co.uk

01223 782392

EXTENSIONS
RENOVATIONS
RESTORATIONS
KITCHENS
BATHROOMS

GROUNDWORKS
LOFT CONVERSIONS
GARAGE CONVERSIONS
MASONRY
CARPENTRY



Bobtails

Baby & Toddler Group

**Your friendly, local playgroup for
children from birth to four with
their parents or carers.**

Art &
Crafts

Play
time

Toy
hire

Teas &
coffees

Sing-a-
long

Healthy
snacks

Mondays & Thursdays, 9.30 to 11.30
Girton Pavilion, Recreation Ground

£2.00 for one child under one

£3.50 for one child over one

An extra 50p for each additional child

Come and Play!

www.girton-bobtails.org.uk

Traditional Restorations

Quality Restorer for All Types of Furniture

Repairs, French Polishing & Modern Lacquer Finishes
Re-Upholstery (Quality fabrics at Trade Prices)

Jon Porter

Providing a Friendly Local Service for almost 20 years
Free Advice and Quotations Provided

Tel. 01223 835515 Mob. 07932 611184
email - traditionaljon@live.co.uk

M J BLACK KITCHENS

Professional Kitchen Installer Est. 1977

- Wide range of Kitchens, Solid Wood or Vinyl Wrap
- Worktops in Corian, Granite or Laminate
- Kitchen Renovations with extensive selection of sizes and finishes in Vinyl doors

107 High Street, Girton

Tel: 01223 277772

Mobile: 07831 626398



The Bees' Knees

It's easy to spot pollen-collecting bees in your garden, their back legs heavily laden with colourful bundles of pollen. In the autumn bees can often be seen, and heard, collecting pollen along pathways lined with flowering ivy. By careful observation through the year you can learn to tell where bees have been foraging from the colour of the pollen bundle. The colours range from almost black from oriental poppies to white from Himalayan Balsam, and every colour in between. Ivy provides an earthy orange coloured pollen.

The bee in the photograph is collecting pollen from goldenrod (*Solidago*) in the garden. Rosebay willowherb, flowering in late summer, has dark blue



pollen. A search on 'pollen colour chart' in Google will provide a number of charts showing the range of colours of common flowers and trees.

In the beehive the pollen is stored, together with honey made from nectar, for feeding to the bee larvae. A patch of pollen storage cells on the comb will often contain a variety of colours, showing that the bees have been foraging from many different sources. They will generally travel up to 1.5 miles from the hive to collect pollen and nectar.

Carol Huxley, Hazel Apiary

PULLED PORK

This slow cooker comfort food special is perfect to come home to after a hard day's work!

INGREDIENTS

- 1.5-2 kg pork shoulder, all fat removed
- 5 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp mustard powder
- 500g passata
- 3 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper



METHOD

In a small bowl, mix passata, Worcestershire sauce, balsamic vinegar, mustard powder, garlic and seasoning. Transfer to a small pan and simmer for 15 minutes, or until the sauce thickens. Meanwhile, trim and remove all visible fat from the pork and sear all sides in a hot frying pan. Transfer to a slow cooker, coat with the sauce and cook for 8-12 hours on LOW. Remove the pork from the slow cooker and place on a cutting board. Allow the meat to cool for approximately 15 minutes, then shred into bite-sized pieces using two forks. Remove the sauce from the pan and set aside to drizzle on the meat later.

Recipe by Chris Liddle

Peter Graves
FLOREST

Oaklands Nursery,
83 Cambridge Road, Girton
01223 276408

Open Monday - Saturday

Or shop online at: www.petergravesflorist.co.uk

Flowers for all occasions
Delivery locally and worldwide



The Ultimate
FLOOR SANDING
Company

**Dust Free Wood
Floor Sanding &
Restoration**

AFFILIATED SERVICE PROVIDER

Art of Clean's division

Is your Wooden Floor in need of sanding?

*"In one day our scratched & stained parquet floor
was restored to its beauty of once long ago.
Many thanks." Mrs Baker, Impington*

Call today on **01223 863632**

Please Quote Girton 1



Church End Carpet & Vinyl Centre

We are a family run business, established in Cottenham in January 1982

We offer a comprehensive range of quality carpets, vinyls and laminate flooring at highly competitive prices with a great service and fitting.

76 High Street
Cottenham
Cambridge
CB24 8SD

Email: sales@churchendcarpets.co.uk
Tel: 01954 250287
www.churchendcarpets.co.uk

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 - 18:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 17:00

WheelieFreshBins

Your bin/s beautifully cleaned,
disinfected & deodorised
every 4 weeks.

Nothing to pay until your bin has been
cleaned for the first time.

Free Clean with all new orders

Book online or call

01223 277747

www.wheeliefreshbins.com

J R Roy Carpenters and Builders Ltd

*Fine Carpentry, Fitted Kitchens,
Renovation Work, Loft Conversions, Extensions*

Tel/Fax: 01638 743650

Mobile: 07785 714792

Email: info@jrroy.co.uk
www.jrroy.co.uk

21 Casburn Lane, Burwell, Cambridge CB25 0ED

SUMMIT



LANDSCAPES

PAVING - DRIVEWAYS - BRICKWORK
CARPENTRY - GROUNDWORKS



www.landscapingpaving.co.uk
PHONE: 01223-929394

**MOBILITY
EQUIPMENT**

**STAIRLIFTS, SCOOTERS,
WHEELCHAIRS, RISING CHAIRS,
BEDS, WALKERS, TOILET &
BATHING AIDS, KITCHEN &
HOUSEHOLD AIDS, CONTINENCE**

5 ROOKERY PLACE,
FENSTANTON, PE28 9LZ

Tel: 01480 465533

www.orchard-mobility.co.uk

Monday to Friday 9.30-
4.00 Saturday 9.30 - 12.30



Orchard
mobility centre



Girton homes open doors for eco homes event

News for Older Residents

Strength and Balance class

The new class now runs on Thursdays at 10.30am in Orchard Close Community Room. The weekly charge of £4 will be well spent money as you exercise relevant muscles to avoid falling.

I am sorry that this class clashes with Coffee Time at the Baptist Church, but this is unavoidable.

Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age

Everyone is welcome to this celebration on Friday 27th October from 2–4pm in the Cotton Hall. Come and enjoy tea and cake, live music and plenty of fun and chat. Let me know if transport is a problem and we will do our best to sort something out for you.

Table Top Sale

This annual event will be held in Abbeyfield on Saturday 4th November from 2–5pm. As usual, all the proceeds will go to charity.

AgeUK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Autumn Meeting

This is on Tuesday 24th October from 1–4pm in Arbury Community Centre, Campkin Road, Cambridge. It is an opportunity to learn more, meet people and enjoy refreshments. To reserve a place, phone 01354 691896 or email admins@ageukcap.org.uk by 13th October.

Singing for Breathing

When I visited the class in Cambridge regular participants told me how much they enjoyed and benefited from the group and recommend it to anyone with respiratory problems. Read more on the website www.singingforbreathing.wordpress.com. Also, look out for a local taster session.

And finally ...

A sturdy and foldable shower seat is available.
A raised toilet seat is needed.
Can you help a new resident attend the Impington Music Society concerts?

For these, and any other relevant matters, please contact me.

Patricia Johnston, Older Residents' Coordinator

Tel: 07469 660 866

Email: patricia.johnston@ageukcap.org.uk



Three Girton homes will open their doors to visitors as part of annual Cambridge-based event, Open Eco Homes. Two houses in High Street and one in St Margaret's Road will be open on 8th October, along with 10 others from Cambridge and Impington. Homes in Girton include a beautiful family self-build with a rammed earth wall, a 1920's six-bedroom house undergoing a long-term renovation and a semi-detached 1930's home with a passive ventilation and heat recovery system.

The event (which includes homes opening across Cambridge on 8th and 14th October as well) will also include the under-construction Cambridge Mosque and an award-nominated new-build home known as The Treehouse (both in Cambridge). The event offers inspiring free tours where visitors learn how to cut their energy use and create cosy homes by talking to ordinary householders who have already done it themselves. There are four tours in the day and each tour lasts an hour. Visitors need to book via www.openecohomes.org.uk or by phoning 01223 301842.

As well as new-builds, there are some stunningly inventive retrofits to show visitors they don't have to move to improve. In fact with one recent survey recently suggesting that planning applications for home improvement have risen by 26% over the last five years these houses fit within a broader trend to stay put and make better. Technologies on display in the High Street tour include Retrovive, an innovative underfloor insulation system by Devana Insulation.

Allan Shepherd
allan@openecohomes.org



Apple Juice Club

With the trees full of ripe apples, some of our members have been busy already. The Apple Juice Club is here to help with your juicing needs. As a reminder we have a crusher, a press and a pasteuriser available to members, for £7.50 per year. Subscriptions for this year are now being taken. Please get in touch with us at info@applejuiceclub.org.uk or see our website www.applejuiceclub.org.uk for more details.

Jon Bonsor-Matthews

JASON KIRBY

Professional Painting
& Decorating Ltd

All Aspects of Internal &
External Decorating Undertaken.
Period, Residential & Commercial Properties.
City & Guilds Qualified.
Full Public Liability Insurance.
For Quality & Reliability At Competitive Rates
References Available.

A local established business built on reputation
and recommendations

Tel/Fax: 01954 211775

Mobile: 07966 174431

jasonkirbyltd@gmail.com



A Professional Service from Start to Finish

STEAMROLLER IRONING SERVICE



GOOD RELIABLE SERVICE

PRICE 1LB IN WEIGHT = £ 1.35 (MIN £15)

If you have tried the rest,
now come to the best!

SUSIE 07742 319631 / 01954 210672



APPLETREES PLUMBING & HEATING

All types of domestic plumbing, heating and gas work
undertaken.

City and Guilds Qualified and Gas Safe Registered.

City &
Guilds
Qualified

Phone Number - 01954 789039

Mobile Number - 07880 366689



Email - info@appletrees.plumbing

Website - www.appletrees.plumbing

94 Appletrees, Bar Hill, Cambridge, CB23 8SW

Gerry Archer

BEAUTY & HOLISTIC
THERAPIES

Relax - Rejuvenate - Revitalise

FACE BODY NAILS TAN
WAX LASHES

Over 10 years industry experience.

Only the highest quality products combined
with excellent training and professionalism.

www.gerryarcher.co.uk

Tel: 07725043600

PC PROBLEMS?

“ *****  !!! ”

We specialise in sorting out IT
tangles for home and small business
users. We can provide training (on
and off-site), sort out problems with
software, design your web site, help
you with security problems, the
internet, e-mail and much more. So,
if your PC simply won't behave,

Contact us on 01954 211346

e-mail info@walker-consultants.co.uk

A. P. GROUNDWORKS

Block Paving • Patios

Driveways • Slab Laying

Groundworks • Drainage

20+ years experience • Free Quotations

CPCS • CSCS • CITB qualified

Telephone Andy:

07944 813367 / 01223 233754

email: apascoe44.ap@googlemail.com



HONEYBEES
FENCING

07704474222

290 Wellbrook Way
Girton

Lee Honeybourne
Fencer & Handyman

leehoneybourne406@btinternet.com
Find Us On Facebook

Update on relationship counselling services in Girton

Following the retirement of Elaine Taylor, who previously ran the outpost in Girton, Relate Cambridge is currently looking for a new venue and details of this will be published as soon as they are available. A local service is expected to resume in the very near future. Funding for clients by Girton Town Charity still applies, wherever the sessions are held. In the meantime, Relate Cambridge will welcome anyone who requires relationship counselling at their offices in Brooklands Avenue in Cambridge.

Volunteers required:

Help us at Relate: a charity that supports relationships, helps children and young people and improves lives. We need you to welcome our clients and hold the fort. Ideally we need someone who can be flexible and reliable.

We offer: couple/relationship counselling, divorce counselling, psychosexual therapy, family counselling, and life skills training. These activities take place in Cambridge, South and East Cambridgeshire, Fenland and Huntingdon.

We are looking for: customer care skills, friendliness, common sense, reliability and commitment.

DBS (Disclosure & Barring check) will be required but this can be applied for through Relate.

For further details and an application form, please contact Lucy Amos during office hours on 01302 347866 or email admin@relatecambridge.org.uk.

For more information, call us on 01223 357424 or visit www.relatecambridge.org.uk.

**Relate Cambridge would like to thank
Girton Town Charity
for their recent offer
of a further 3 years of funding.**

**Relate Cambridge – supporting relationships
at every stage of your life**

Relate Cambridge has been fully supported by the Girton Town Charity specifically to offer services to the local community, and particularly welcomes Girton Residents.

For more information or to book an appointment, contact Relate Cambridge on 01223 357424

Mon–Thur 8am–10pm, Fri 8am–6pm, Sat 9am–5pm
(confidential answerphone at all other times).

supported by
**Girton
TownCharity**



Sustainable Food and Land

At this time of year, many of us have been busy making jam and chutney from home grown fruit and vegetables, and from blackberries, elderberries, windfall apples etc.

Most of our food comes from supermarkets and other outlets of our globalised food industry. A high proportion of the vehicles using the Girton interchange are food trucks, many of them refrigerated, contributing greatly to Girton's overall fossil fuel footprint, as well as high food mileage. What might a fossil fuel free Girton look like with regard to food and land?

Not so many years ago there were seven farms in Girton. Many of our homes and gardens are now on land which once produced fresh food for local consumption. With every one of our gardens producing a range of fruit and vegetables, we could get back to having some fresh food throughout most of the year, straight from garden to kitchen, and make a significant contribution towards Girton's self sufficiency in food.

'... for the land we belong to is grand ...' is a line sung in the musical *Oklahoma*. Our relationship to the land is more one of us belonging to it, rather than owning it. Girton's remaining farmland is basically grand, but we seem to have lost any meaningful relationship to it. It now seems to be owned as part of big agribusiness, and farmed using excessive amounts of unsustainable fertiliser, pesticides and heavy fossil-fuel-driven machinery. How can we regain a more meaningful relationship to the land, having access to it to produce local, sustainable food?

A start could be made on the small parcel of land between our two pubs on the High Street. It could be made into strips and made available on a long lease of some kind to residents of Dodford Lane and nearby who are retired, semi-retired, or working part-time in the high carbon global economy to give more time to self-sufficiency and sustainable living. The strip of land facing the High Street could be used as a much needed fruit and vegetable outlet/shop, plus some kind of Make Do & Mend facility – but more about that in a future article.

As with the aim of using every south-facing roof in the village to make solar energy, there may be need for startup funding for e.g. negotiating the legalities of changed land use, restoring land fertility (although animals currently grazing the land are already doing their bit towards that), etc. Again some kind of Girton Community Energy Chest, as proposed in a previous article could be helpful.

What do you think?

(This is the second in a series of three articles following a U3AC course 'Visions of a Fossil Fuel Free Village' run in Girton last year.)

John Ranken



**CHIVERS DECORATING
SERVICES LTD**

Painter & Decorator

Free Estimates

Tel: 01223 235069

Mobile: 07768682958

email: bob.chivers@ntlworld.com



**Prime
Plumbing
& Electrical**

For all your plumbing, electrical,
heating and general maintenance needs
Call Chris on

07802 807237

for immediate advice and free estimates



22a Cambridge Road, Impington,
Cambridge CB24 9LR

Tel/Fax: 01223 237795

e-mail: primeplumbing@yahoo.co.uk



**For the Most
Thorough Clean Ever
Seen or It's FREE!**

Carpet, Upholstery & Fine Rug Cleaning

*"Impressed that you got hose from the van down the
back garden. More impressed that you cleaned stains
out of a 12 year old carpet. Clearly a superior
service. Thank you".* Mr Tim Recordon, Girton

Call today on **01223 863632**

Please Quote Girton 1

ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS

FOR

PLANNING & BUILDING REGULATION APPLICATIONS

EXTENSIONS, ALTERATIONS, LOFT CONVERSIONS ETC

CONTACT US now to arrange a **FREE** on-site meeting at
your convenience to discuss your project

01353 649649

mail@elydesigngroup.co.uk

ELY DESIGN GROUP

www.elydesigngroup.co.uk

Adult Beginners Class

Self Defence

Kung Fu

Girton Wing chun

North Room, St Andrew's Church

Wednesday 7.30pm - 8.30pm

07989 412908



L.F Dean & Sons



4 Water Lane, Oakington

Car body & paintwork repairs **Welding**

Non-fault accident service **Competitive rates**

Free estimates

Telephone: 01223 233250

Mobile: 07711 131085

Established 40 years

**Mobility Class
70+ years of age**

Keeping you mobile as you grow older.

The class involves exercises for:

Balance.

Flexibility.

Strength in both legs and arms.

The class is friendly and relaxed. Please check
with your doctor first if you are unsure if it is
suitable for you.

Girton Baptist Church.

Friday 2.00-2.45pm

All enquiries please call 07989 412908.

**Matthew Courtney-Jones BSc. (Hons)
Ost. PSI. OEP.**



**AMS Building and
Landscaping Ltd**

Newmarket, Cambridge and Ely

Our areas of expertise include:

- All Driveways: Block paving, Gravel and Concrete
- High-power Driveway Cleaning and Sealing
- Patios and Paths
- Fencing, Trellis Work and Decking
- Turfing and Seeding
- Garden design
- All Building work and Property Maintenance
- Garden and Property Clearance (Licenced)
- Mini-grab hire and digger hire

Call for **FREE** estimates and bookings:

Office: 01638 721893 or Site: 07789261266

Please visit our website for examples of our work & refs:

www.amsbuildingandlandscaping.co.uk





*'Beauteous Spring's to yellow Autumn turn'd
In process of the seasons'* – William Shakespeare.

Autumn certainly has a richness and beauty all its own – it brings a wealth of colour to the garden with such a multitude of different hues displayed by our foliage.

Soon we shall be able to put our feet up for a while, but in October there is still much to do. Leaves need to be raked up from the lawns because if left for only a few days the underlying grass can be killed off. Also get them from amongst the plants in the borders, where if left they can encourage slugs and snails. I put my leaves in black bin-bags in which I have made a few holes and leave them for a year in an inconspicuous part of the garden, by which time they are full of wonderful leaf mould.

Going back to slugs, I'm afraid that mine have had a hard time this year! A neighbour of mine is a barista at a local cafe and has brought me containers of used coffee grounds which I scattered around young plants as I put them out. I found the smell quite revolting and obviously so did the slugs – not only the smell but they don't like crawling over a rather gritty surface made even more uncomfortable by my addition of crushed egg shells! So I am happy to report almost no slug damage this year. However, I had a bad shock the other morning. I went out to get my dog's bowl which had been out all night. It was full of rainwater and floating on the surface was the most disgusting slug that I have ever seen – large and brown with flecks of orange. I have been informed that it was a SPANISH one. Well, I hope never to see another.

Evergreen trees and shrubs if not already planted should be put out as soon as possible and the ground prepared for deciduous ones so that the soil has time to settle before planting them later this month or early November. Most herbaceous perennials can be planted now unless the soil is too heavy and wet, in which case it would be better to wait until the Spring, when hopefully the soil is warmer and dryer.

Most hardy spring flowering bulbs may be planted now but tulips go in at the end of the month. On heavy clay like mine it's a good idea to put a layer of grit or sand at the bottom of the hole and set the bulbs on this.

Potatoes, onions, carrots and beetroot should be out of the ground and stored now. Make sure that they are

dry and only store undamaged ones. When the ground is cleared it can be dug over, incorporating compost or manure. If you haven't done so already plant out spring cabbages as soon as possible – cover with netting or the birds will have them in a flash! Autumn onion sets can go in now, 8cms apart in well prepared soil. Broad beans can also be sown, but cover with cloches or the mice can get at them.

Going back to lawns, besides raking up the leaves one can be extremely energetic aerating and scarifying them to produce a perfect picture. Luckily I am spared all that work. Last November I was 'given' a 14-year-old dog Daisy, too old to train her to relieve herself in a suitable place and so there are many circles of dead and decaying grass all over the lawn. So no point in getting exhausted and no point in bothering about the dandelions and clover and buttercups!

I was amused at a letter in my paper about a visitor from the US who asked the gardener of an Oxbridge college how he managed to produce such a beautiful lawn in the quad. 'Well sir, we roll it and mow it and roll it again for 400 years!'

*Pamela Sephton
Girton Garden Society*

Garden tip of the month – October

October can be a genial month weather-wise, in which case keep the illusion of summer going longer by continuing to deadhead flowers and remove dry brown leaves, to set off the late season show. October can also be cold, wet and unsettlingly dark, so some bursts of brisk activity on one of the brighter days might include: trimming lavender and wisteria if not already shortened, and moving herbaceous plants if it's still mild enough. Before the leaves fall, it's worth considering where you will put them. Leaf mould is a gardener's friend: few plants disdain it and most love the extra organic matter whether you are on stony ground or heavy clay. One of the simplest leaf bins is to tuck them all into a large builder's bag. With enough moisture they will decay enough to use in a couple of years, and you can accelerate the process by mixing in grass clippings.

The usual round of seasonal pruning beckons, but if the roses and others are still blooming maybe wait a month before shortening bushes and decongesting climbers. Lots of people have had heavy fruit crops, and however careful you are when boxing and storing them a few are bound to rot, so remember to look them over every couple of weeks to turf out the rotten ones before they spoil their neighbours.

George Thorpe

BEAUTIFUL EYEWEAR AT DISCOUNT PRICES – SO WHAT’S THE CATCH?

No catch – we’ve been making great quality prescription glasses and sunglasses for over 30 years – and now you can buy your glasses directly from us.

Visit our factory shop – where you can choose from a wide range of contemporary frames with the help of our friendly and knowledgeable team.

We’d love to see you – please ring to book an appointment (we get quite busy!) and bring along your up-to-date prescription.

01954 231545
www.all-eyes.co.uk
sales@all-eyes.co.uk

20 Norman Way Industrial Estate
Over Cambridge
CB24 5QE

We are open between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday




Woodfines
SOLICITORS

Ensuring your wishes are met

- Making or updating your Will
- Probate
- Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Specialists in advising vulnerable people
- Disputed Wills
- Trusts and Estate Planning

Call us for more information or a confidential discussion
01223 411421 www.woodfines.co.uk

Parking available



Girton WI

At our September meeting, Girton WI was given a presentation about Ely Cathedral by Jan Munt. She gave us each a piece of a wooden replica of the

cathedral, and we had great fun building the cathedral as she called for the various pieces from its earliest buildings in 670 as a monastery and a shrine. Today the Cathedral costs £6,000 a day to run.



To find out more about Girton WI contact girtonwi@gmail.com. We have monthly meetings at the Pavilion on the first Thursday of the month and a walking group, darts team, film club and craft group.

Corinne Garvie



TenSing

TenSing has started a new term and we have lots of exciting things coming up this year! Already, we sang at the charity walk, Bridge the Gap, and got onto Cambridge 105! In October half term we are going to Bristol for our annual National TenSing Festival. This is where TenSing groups in England meet together for a weekend, learn new songs, dances and dramas, and have a lot of fun.



At the end of this school year in the summer, the European TenSing festival will be taking place. This happens every 6/7 years; the last one was in 2011. The 2018 festival will be in Norway, celebrating the 50th anniversary of TenSing. Groups from all round Europe will be coming together for a week in Oslo to sing, dance, act, and play music as well as lots of other activities. Throughout the year, we will be fundraising so that everyone is able to go and that money won't be a barrier stopping any of our young people from participating in this great opportunity.

TenSing is a youth group who sing, dance and act at sessions held every Thursday, 7–9pm at Histon Baptist Church, and supported by the YMCA. It is for young people, by young people, and anyone in Year 7 or above is welcome to join. If you are interested, or have any queries please contact me at lilyduncan@icloud.com or our administrator Terry at jking47@aol.com.

Lily Duncan

Girton Neighbourhood Watch

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



Why not become a Neighbourhood Watch coordinator?

Members work together, alongside the police, sharing concerns and observations, reducing crime and fear of crime and looking out for each other.

For emergencies dial 999
For non-emergencies dial 101

Girton Neighbourhood Watch Committee

Chair: Val Godby
v.godby897@btinternet.com • (01223) 276372

Vice-Chair: Geoff Varley
geoff.varley3522@btinternet.com • (01223) 276772

Secretary: Margaret Wheatley
wheatleymargaret606@yahoo.co.uk • (01223) 527093



For next meeting see GPN calendar
All Welcome!

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

Sadly, the outdoor bowling season has drawn to a close with our Club finals being played on Sunday 10th September. Ann Eusden, Janet Graaff and Pete Smith won the triples final against Pat and Mike Collier and

Roger Webster. Geoff McCall and Ann Eusden won the pairs final against Janet Graaff and Roger Webster. The men's singles final between Geoff McCall and Dave Fryer was tightly contested, but Geoff came out the eventual winner. The ladies' final was won by Janet Graaff, who beat Lynne McGill. A big thank you to all the Club members who gave their support on what was a rather cold and blustery day. To view photographs of the finalists, please visit our website www.girtonbowlsclub.co.uk. All the players involved in our competitions will receive their trophies and prizes at the presentation dinner to be held on the 29th September.

Well, what a season we have had!

- The Club finished League winners in the Ely and District Mixed Division 2, Afternoon League and will achieve promotion to Division One next season. Dave Fryer and a group of our players attended the presentation at Haddenham on the 27th August.
- We narrowly missed promotion in the Cambridge and District League but good luck to all our players next season.
- Tim Pearce Higgins finished the season at the top of the internal Ladder competition – congratulations to him.
- Dave Fryer, Geoff McCall and Paul Tippet lost 16–12 in the final of the Lord Eltisley Cup, having led until the 18th end. Congratulations on a great performance.



Ely and District Champs

We have been invited to join the Meldreth League next season, so the Club has decided to have only one team in the Business Houses League. This change will give those players who wish to play more games the opportunity to do so.

I understand that a tender has now been accepted for the building of the Community Centre, so hopefully a start will be made in October.

The Girton Bowls Club AGM will be held on 17th November, at Abbeyfield at 7.30 pm. All welcome, so please come along.

For any further information please contact our Secretary Margaret McCall – margaret.mccall@nthworld.com.

Lynne McGill



Girton Golf Club

The course is starting to put its autumn cloak on now as the mornings are misty (or rainy of late), the sun low into your eyes and the evenings start to draw in. The green keepers have been incredibly busy

with course maintenance week and the plans for multiple winter projects are on boards in the main reception area, with many exciting changes planned.

Our Charity Day with 160 players on the course raised in excess of £2500 to boost the funds for Blue Smile, our combined club captains' charity for 2017. Blue Smile is a Cambridgeshire children's charity which provides counselling and support in schools to help children fulfil their true potential and have happier childhoods. It can quite simply be life-changing.

The next Comedy Night will be held on 11th November, with tickets again at £15 for guests and £10 for members, with a supper at £8 available beforehand.

Three great acts will be amusing you, including – back by popular demand – big Aussie Colin Cole compering and Mark Dolan of Channel 4, Sky and ITV fame on the bill, along with the highly rated Gerry K. Contact the bar and catering for more information and to buy tickets. Numbers will be limited so don't be disappointed, book early.

Despite our continued success, membership is still open for all categories and ages: Associate, 5 and 7 day Members and, of course, Juniors. Our annual subscriptions are geared to support all those under 30 years old, so call the Pro Shop for more information, and details of all of our Junior and 'new golfer' classes.

Alan Henderson-Smith



Girton Netball Club

After a break over summer to recover from our end of season pot luck dinner, we restarted our training sessions on 11th September. We are looking forward to taking part in the Cambridgeshire Adult Friendly Winter League once again this

season. All matches are played outdoors on a Thursday evening in a friendly, sociable atmosphere. Will we be able to beat our 3rd place position in last year's winter league? Look out for our first match reports in next month's Parish News.

We are always very happy to welcome new members to the netball club, whether you've played netball recently, at school or have never played before. Over winter, our training sessions will be split between Girton Recreation Ground on some Monday nights (7.30–8.45pm) and Milton Community Centre on the Thursday nights when we don't have a league match (7–9pm). Club members continue to lead the Monday night sessions in the absence of a coach, while the Thursday training sessions are led by Helen Stepney, our wonderful netball co-ordinator from South Cambridgeshire District Council. Training sessions are run on a pay and play basis (with a free taster session in Girton) so you can come as and when you're able.

For more information on the club and details about where and when our next training session is, please contact Mel at girton.village.netball@gmail.com or see our Facebook page at tinyurl.com/girton-netball.

Sally Thorpe



Girton Tennis Club

The tennis club has use of the Recreation Ground courts and members who purchase a key have court access during most daylight hours. The club runs a supervised session for juniors

from 6.30 to 7.30pm on Friday evenings (weather permitting) and club members play after this until around 9pm under floodlights.

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

Our tennis year is now half-way through so we are now offering the opportunity for new members to join us for the rest of this year at half the normal rate. If you are interested, please contact Kevin.

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 or contact our Membership Secretary Kevin Keeves on 01223 276660 or by email at info@girtontennis.org.

Alan Franklin



Girton Colts Football Club

The new football season is under way and this year Girton Colts are fielding Under 15, Under 10 and Under 8 teams.

At the time of writing only the Under 15s had played a match. They began the new season with a closely fought 2–1 victory at Bar Hill. The squad were fielding three new players and there was an encouraging response to a new formation to get the best out of the new squad. The first half was very tight, with Girton squandering several good chances, including a bizarrely offside disallowed goal, before Bar Hill took the lead after a spell of pressure. The Girton boys resumed after the break with the wind behind them and dominated the second half. Despite this control of midfield, goals didn't arrive until late in the game when Bar Hill were thinking that they might get a victory in their opening game of the season. Jon Hanlon served up an accurate cross from the right wing for Alex Boyle to neatly volley home before good work from Cormac McGinty led to a close range finish from Osama Sabir to edge Girton into the lead. Some excellent defending and goalkeeping for the remaining 10 minutes saw the Girton boys to a well-deserved victory that promises much for the new season.

The Under 10s and Under 8s will both have their first matches on 16th September. The Under 10s return with exactly the same squad as last season but the Under 8s are a new team this year with a group of players representing Girton for the first time.

All three teams play at Girton Rec, with Under 15s matches being on Sunday mornings and the younger age groups on Saturday mornings. More details can be found at www.girtoncolts.co.uk.

Kevin White

• PAINT • DECORATE • DESIGN •

Full decorating and Painting service
Wallpaper removal
Design ideas and advice
Free estimates



Joanne Harmer
Telephone: 01223 277012
Mobile: 07787 068987
hello@joanneharmer.plus.com

K & S Services

All Aspects of Carpentry & Joinery
Internal/External Painting & Decorating
Wall & Floor Tiling Laminate & Wood Flooring
Kitchen Fitting Bathroom Refits
Fencing Heating Systems

84 Pheasant Rise, Bar Hill, Cambridge CB23 8SB

Tel: 01954 200869 Mobile: 07548 796094



The Complete Gas Heating and Plumbing Company

**Plumbing • Heating • Gas
Bathrooms • Water Softeners
Property Maintenance**

**Tel: 01954 204044 • Web: www.entiregroup.co.uk
Email: service@entiregroup.co.uk**



**01223 832 928
www.Rothwells.biz**

A few points that make us stand out from the others,

Rothwell's has been in business since 1993.

We're an honest local family firm.

Our large truck mounted machines mean more cleaning & drying power.

Members of both the NCCA and TACCA.

We will move the furniture for a thorough clean.
100% satisfaction or it's FREE.

Call Oliver and Max Campbell for expert help today.



GIRTON GOLF CLUB
Your local club.



Established in 1936 offering a mature, 18 hole parkland course.

Visitors welcome Monday to Friday and at weekends
by prior arrangement.

Adult memberships from £200.

Contact:

(01223) 276169

E mail: info@girtongolf.co.uk

www.girtongolf.co.uk

Cottenham Computers

01954 593025

Call the experts for good honest advice



We will come to your home or business to fix your computer

Got any of these issues?

- ✓ Computer crashing
- ✓ Network Wi-Fi connection Issues
- ✓ Virus / Malware infections
- ✓ Windows won't boot
- ✓ Can't access your email
- ✓ Can't access the Internet
- ✓ Computer running very slow

Services

- ✓ PC & Laptop Repairs & Upgrades
- ✓ Macbook & iMac Repairs & Upgrades
- ✓ Broadband / Wi-Fi Installations
- ✓ Full Hardware Diagnosis
- ✓ Hard Drive Data Recovery
- ✓ New PCs & Laptop sales
- ✓ 3 Years Hardware Warranty on New PCs

Working all day? Then we can collect and deliver FREE to and from your home or work place*

* Within 10Miles of Girton

We cover Girton & surrounding towns & villages

With over 16 years experience it is likely we have seen your problem before. We are happy to advise you free over the phone..

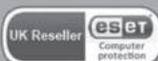
We don't charge a fortune
So give us a call TODAY! We won't bite!

Brilliant

★★★★★

Neil is extremely reliable and efficient. He sorted my laptop out very quickly and efficiently and talked to me in language I understood, which is very helpful as being a silver surfer it can be confusing. I have no hesitation in recommending him to all."

- Jill - Histon



For all computer related problems give us a ring!

www.cottenhamcomputers.co.uk



Microsoft





Summer with Girton Youth Project

GYP would like to share some of the fantastic things that we did over the summer holidays. We had a two week action-packed timetable which included our infamous bouncy castle day on Girton Rec, Paintballing, Laser Tag, a terrifying experience in Cambridge Escape Rooms, and a very rainy trip to Thorpe Park.



Thorpe Park



Laser Tag

We completed our summer with a week's residential sailing, departing from Poole and sailing around to Brixham, and exploring the Jurassic coast of England. The young people had to sail, navigate, cook and plan the trip from beginning to end. The experience was amazing for all (the photo does not do *Queen Galadriel* justice).



Queen Galadriel

If you are interested in being part of or enrolling your young person onto the Youth Project please email Rachel at rachel.rason@theymca.org.uk or contact 07771 357 187.

Rachel Rason



VACANCY

Club Co-ordinator

Girton Glebe Primary School

We require an efficient individual to join our team. Responsibilities include:

- Coordinating extra-curricular clubs
- Managing bookings and payments for school trips
- Researching and sharing enrichment opportunities
- General office administration and lunchtime supervision duty

Salary: £10.44 per hour
Appointment: 12.45pm – 5pm, Monday-Thursday, term-time only (17 hours per week).
Closing date: 12pm, Monday 16 October 2017
Interview date: week commencing 30 October 2017

Full details and application forms are available at www.girtonglebe.com/jobs.

Girton Glebe Primary School is committed to safeguarding, including the Prevent agenda, and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We follow Safer Recruitment practices, which include, but are not limited to, applying for an enhanced DBS check, right to work in the UK and qualifications check, satisfactory references and medical clearance for all newly appointed staff.

September is a month for celebration in Girton

Girton residents celebrated the completion of the new GTC Sensory Garden at Wellbrook Way on 4th September, with an official ceremony attended by MP Heidi Allen.

Created by Sylvia Newman Garden Design, the GTC Sensory Garden has been carefully planned to incorporate a number of features including: a walking sensory trail, York stone paths, grass with mounds and setts, hedging, standard trees, perennial and herbaceous borders for year-round interest.



Robin Hiley, Sylvia Newman and Heidi Allen.

It also has a Corten Steel Bug Hotel filled with twigs, hay, stones and bark, and plants specially selected to attract birds and insects. *Passing Through and Settling* oak benches are located in self-contained spaces for people to pause and enjoy the surroundings, marking the initial stage of the walking trail planned after the Village's first Community Art Project in 2015 led by Artist-in-Residence Holly Rumble.

Attractive focus

At the official opening Dr Robin Hiley, GTC Chairman said: "We are delighted to see the completion of our Sensory Garden which will add an attractive focus to this area of the Village for everyone to enjoy. In planning the design, it was very important that it should be appropriate for all users – from parents with pushchairs and prams, through to young children, teenagers and families and our older residents who may have wheelchairs or mobility scooters.

"The Garden will be maintained and monitored to ensure users respect the space and facilities it provides.

"I would like to thank Sylvia Newman and her team as well as my fellow Trustees for their vision and commitment in seeing this project through to a successful conclusion."

Sculpture railings

Dr Hiley also announced further good news with planning permission now received for the Sculpture Railings and Bus Shelter, which is again part of GTC's commitment to improving public space and enhancing the Village environment for all residents. GTC thank both St Andrew's Church and Girton Parish Council for their support.

This project will complete the boundary between the churchyard and the recreation ground car park, with some bespoke Sculpture Railings created by Sculptor Matthew Lane Sanderson.

The design now has the approval of SCDC and will incorporate a tree of life, along with the geese and quills that are historically associated with Girton. At the same time, the existing bus shelter will be replaced by a design in keeping with the Railings and a Heritage Consultant has advised on how this area can be treated in an appropriate and cohesive way.

Almshouses

The third cause for celebration was presented at an Open Meeting held on Wednesday 13th September to mark planning permission being received for three Almshouses on the former WI Hall site.

More than 20 Village residents came to find out about the project, learn more about the past and future of the old WI Hall and celebrate with a glass of fizz.

These three Almshouses will add to the portfolio of homes that GTC is building up to futureproof housing in the Village. Dr Robin Hiley concluded: "Securing planning permission and completing the exchange of land from the WI Land Trustees ensures that any proceeds from the sale will stay within the Village. This means that the future use of the site will be for the benefit of the community which is certainly an achievement to be celebrated."

www.girtontowncharity.co.uk

Family home available for limited term appointment

A two-bedroom house situated in Centenary Court, Wellbrook Way is available for a three year appointment.

This property is suitable for a family. It has fitted kitchen, large living room, two bedrooms and a small garden. Green features include solar panels, triple glazed windows, enhanced thermal insulation and a heat recovery system.

Applications are invited from residents of Girton or those having a close connection with the Village, who meet qualifications laid down by the Charity Commissioners.

Further information if required, may be obtained from the Chairman, Robin Hiley or any other Trustee. Applications should be made in writing either by letter, or using the application form available from the GTC Office. These must be returned by 5th November 2017.

GTC Office
22 High Street, Girton, Cambridge CB3 0PU.
Open 10.00am – 1.00pm Tuesday-Thursday.

t: 276008
e: gtc@girtontowncharity.co.uk
www.girtontowncharity.co.uk

Educational Grants 2017

Applications for an Educational Grant are invited from young people leaving secondary education and moving on to further or higher education or on to training schemes.

The Grant covers books, equipment, tools or other direct costs relevant to the course and is a maximum of £275* per year for up to four years. Payment date for grant applications received will be 30th November 2017.

Applicants must have lived in Girton for a minimum of two years immediately before leaving secondary education.

Please telephone the office for an application form.

* Terms and conditions apply

Appointment of Trustee

The Trustees of Girton Town Charity wish to be representative of the residents of the Village and we would welcome a new member of any age, sex, race or belief who shares an interest in the promotion of the Charity and its purposes.

As a Trustee you must be prepared to take an active and 'hands-on' part in the running of the Charity which will involve working on specific allocated responsibilities.

We have a monthly evening meeting to discuss the routine business of the Charity and new strategies are developed at an annual all-day meeting.

If you are interested in the position, please contact the Chairman or any other Trustee to talk about what is involved in carrying out the work of this vibrant charity.

Written applications to be addressed to the Chairman at 22 High Street, Girton, CB3 0PU.
Closing date 19th November 2017.

Girton Town Charity exists for purposes which include the relief of need in Girton, either individually or collectively, or the support of any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Girton.

Enquiries on behalf of individuals or village organisations may be made in confidence and addressed to any of the Trustees below:

Dr Robin Hiley (Chairman) 1 Fairway Girton CB3 0QF t:277296
Ann Bonnett 41 Church Lane Girton CB3 0JW t:276354
Ray Gordon 10 Pepys Way Girton CB3 0PA t:276933
Chris Green 43 Fairway Girton CB3 0QF t:276819
Jenny Knights 47 Fairway Girton CB3 0QF t:276405
Brian Pycok 49 Cambridge Road Girton CB3 0PN t:565247
Patsy Smith 27 Woody Green Girton CB3 0PG t:575288
Pippa Temple 10 Cambridge Road Impington CB24 9NU t:07775 446443

or to the GTC office:
Girton Town Charity
22 High Street, Girton, Cambridge CB3 0PU

t: 276008
e: gtc@girtontowncharity.co.uk
www.girtontowncharity.co.uk

Registered Charity No. 1130272
Girton Town Charity is a
Company Limited by Guarantee
Registered in England No. 6918381

F M FAMILY LAW

Our solicitors are specialists in family law with over 28 years' experience in supporting clients in divorce and relationship breakdown. Our services include:

We understand family matters

- Divorce
- Arbitration
- Children
- Separation
- Mediation
- Injunctions
- Negotiations
- Collaborative Law
- Cohabitee Disputes
- Emergency Application
- Financial Settlement
- Court Representation



www.fmfamilylaw.co.uk

Contact us:

Fiona McLeman (solicitor and mediator)
fiona@fmfamilylaw.co.uk 01223 229933
 Christina Hale (solicitor and mediator)
christina@fmfamilylaw.co.uk 01223 355333
 8 Wellington Court, Cambridge, CB1 1HZ



Regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority no 509228

Nursery & Forest School

Sallywags Nursery & Forest School provides care for children aged 3 months to 5 years, Monday to Friday from 7.30am - 6pm.

Forest School sessions run every day and are led by our own qualified Forest School Leaders.

Every day come rain or shine outdoor activities take place for all ages of children in our care

If you would like to know more about Sallywags or would like to arrange a visit please contact us on 01223 232400 or enquiries@sallywagsdaynursery.com or go to www.sallywagsdaynursery.com



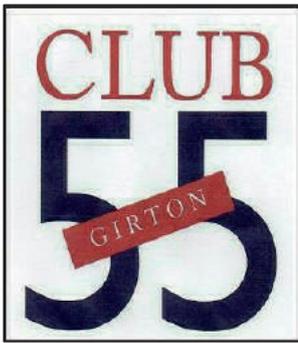
The natural way for your child to learn



Sallywags
day nursery.com



Westwick Hall Farm, Westwick, Oakington, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire CB24 3AR 48 Cambridge Road, Girton, Cambridge CB3 0PJ



Have we bitten off more than we can chew?

At Club 55 we are planning a Christmas Party for the over 55's to take place in Girton Pavilion on the 20th December. Of course there will be the usual Christmas goodies, carols, the Golden

Girties as well as other entertainment which we hope will include a filmed Pantomime. We have boldly planned 'the worst Pantomime ever' and are in the process of filming it at the moment. Club members have been cast and some filming has already been completed, but there is a very long way to go and of course the finished and edited film will have to be worth showing.

Our computer group is already involved and at our next Film Club meeting on the 5th October we plan to film one of our scenes there. This means that we have had to change the advertised film because it was too long to allow us the time we need for filming. There won't be any substantial changes to our normal procedure as the filming is planned to take place during the lunch break, which will include a buffet as usual. There will of course be the added attraction of watching us film our scenes with the audience taking part as volunteer extras, volunteers because we just can't afford to pay them. This all sounds very professional but I can assure you that we are 'driving by the seat of our pants' using computers, cameras and laptops to achieve a finished article, possibly – maybe – hopefully! We may well have 'bitten off more than we can chew' but no doubt we will have fun 'chewing it' – don't be lonely, come and 'chew' with us. You are never too old for a Panto. 'Oh, no you're not.'

Men's Shed

We have not been able to find suitable premises to open a local Men's Shed, a place where men can meet and pursue various pastimes and hobbies. If you think you know of a suitable place locally with electricity already laid on, toilet facilities and a few parking places please let us know by contacting the telephone number below. We will do the rest. If you have not heard of Men's Shed, pop it into Google and learn more. Maybe a company or business would like to become involved and has a spare shed or area where we could set up.

Girton Access Point

In St Vincent's Close Community Centre there is an internet access point for use by anyone who has access to the building. Wifi is also available and both

the use of the equipment and wifi is free. The equipment is controlled by Club 55's computer group but anyone can use it. The computers are running Ubuntu, a Linux based programme which is very easy to use. If you think you would like to use this equipment just come along between 10am and 12noon on any Monday (not Bank Holidays) and someone will give you a briefing as to its use, or if you would like to use it as a starting point to get involved with computing the same applies.

A number of older laptops are available for you to borrow if you would like to try something out at home before acquiring your own equipment – just call in as above and we will discuss the matter. You are also welcome to bring your own laptops, iPads and phones if you need assistance in setting them up.



Easy to use equipment at the access point

For your diaries

Thursday 5th October, 12noon: Film 'Music and Lyrics' with Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore, romantic comedy. Buffet £5. (*Changed programme, see above.*)

Thursday 12th October, 12 for 12.30pm: Lunch at The Anchor, Sutton Gault. (*Day changed as no transport available on Wednesday.*)

Thursday 2nd November, 12noon: Film to be announced. Buffet £5.

Wednesday 15th November, 12 for 12.30pm: Lunch at the Old Crown, Girton.

Wednesday 20th December, time to be announced: Buffet Lunch and Christmas Party at the Pavilion, Girton.

(All films shown at St Vincent's Close Community Centre.)

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

Sam Clift

RENATE AND SARAH

would like to tell all their lovely, loyal clients that we are still trading as normal every WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY, at Plum Tree Hair and Beauty (formerly Purity Hair and Beauty), 6 Thornton Way, Girton.

Please phone C.276600 or call in to book your appointments on these days.

GIRTON SOCIAL CLUB

At 48 Cambridge Road, Girton, is a small friendly Club looking for new members.

Small annual subscription with reduced rates for Senior Citizens. Children are welcome with parents.

Facilities include Pool, Darts, a CD Player and Licensed Bar. Also available for members to hold functions. Open Friday to Sunday lunchtimes, & evenings from 7.30pm.

Interested? Either call in and have a look around or 'phone:

01223 276890 during opening hours

Carpet & Vinyl Fitter

Pattern Book Service Free Quotes
No Obligation

John Spencer

18 Dodford Lane, Girton, Cambridge CB3 0QE

07454 697870

johnspencer.flooring@yahoo.com

The Girton Chiropodist

(Mobile Service)

ERICA NICHOLS

M.S.S.Ch. M.B.Ch.A HCPC Ch20454



Glebe House
39 Cambridge Road,
Girton CB3 0PN

Tel: 01223 520077
Mob: 07703 292354
e-mail: erica.n@me.com

C&C BLINDS

www.freewebs.com/candcblinds

SPECIALIST MANUFACTURERS OF:

any size, any colour
free measuring & fitting
shop in the comfort of your
own home. FREE ESTIMATES.



- Vertical Blinds
- Roller Blinds
- Dutch Blinds
- also
- Venetian, Wooden, Pleated, Roman
- Awnings
- Cleaning Service

email: colincoleman64@hotmail.com
tel: 01223 211171
mobile: 07761 262070

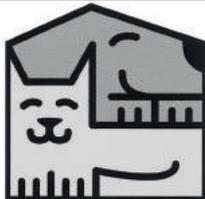
PhD LEVEL FEMALE TUTOR - MATHS/SCIENCE Cottenham

Several years of experience tutoring Maths & three sciences for all levels up to GCSE and Maths for A-level.

Mode of teaching is driven by the student's prime need.

Contact: asmachaud@hotmail.com 0778 605 9693

BSc 1st class, MSc, PhD. Imperial college



GINNY

Police checked and fully insured
Discretion assured

From feed visits to living in

Tel 01223 232972
or 07980 042601

Email ginnyr38@gmail.com

HOME/PETSITTING

Bespoke service for pets in their own home



Garden Design & Landscaping

Design - Paving - Driveways - Decking - Fencing -
Turving - Planting - and much more

Free Quotations and fully insured

01223 750311 07857 833138

cityscapescambridge.co.uk



Apples

We are rapidly arriving in the ‘season of mists and mellow fruitfulness’ – fruit being a case in point.

It is the time of year when people leave buckets of apples outside their gates for the benefit of passers-by. When I first came to Girton, I was amazed by the sight of so many apple trees laden with so much fruit. This phenomenon is in stark contrast to my experience farther north where we tried in vain to plant successful apple trees with more than three wizened apples braving the elements. A combination of damp cold and battering winds provided less than ideal growing conditions. More relevant is the fact that these Girton grown varieties (and I am told there are many) smell better, taste sweeter and are softer in texture than some of the shop bought apples. The only downside is the shelf life. Apples from the old Girton orchards are not treated to preserve their life indefinitely, so they don’t keep and need eating up – which is where I enter the picture.

Apples are part of our cultural history. Avalon – the ancient name for Britain – comes from *avall*, the Celtic word for apple. And much later on, it was under an apple tree that Newton discovered gravity. In the West Country the tradition of wassailing was originally devised to drive the devil away from orchards. If cider production was your livelihood, it was worth giving wassailing a go to ensure a good crop. This custom lingers on in some places, no doubt fuelled by the excuse for a party. I’m sure many of us are familiar with the saying ‘*An apple a day keeps the doctor away*’. Apples jog personal memories of my grandma whose knobby fingers could finely peel an apple in one intact thread of skin.

An apple plays a significant part in the biblical creation story. The story explains that the Garden of Eden harboured some significant trees: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The tree of life may have been a fig tree, if the tradition of Adam and Eve using fig leaves to hide their nakedness is anything to go by. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is thought to be an apple tree. Adam and Eve are forbidden to eat the fruit of this tree. All goes well until a serpent tempts Eve, who takes an apple from the tree and then offers it to Adam. I am not going to delve into the theology of this story, but for me, it offers a picture of human nature in its less glorious aspect.

When God discovers what Adam and Even have done, chiefly because they are hiding and trying to cover up

their misdeed, Adam tries to blame Eve for giving him the apple and Eve tries to blame the serpent. No one wants to take responsibility for what has happened, and worse, they accuse each other. This situation is hardly alien to us in the 21st century.

What bothers me is the reason why they took the apple in the first place. It was not because they valued and appreciated the apple for itself, for its beauty and taste. They took the apple to possess it and exploit it for their own ends. Since then, human beings have taken many other resources, and have not always truly appreciated their worth or even shared their potential equitably.

Next time you eat an apple, why not take a few moments to appreciate its shape, colour and texture; peel it, halve it and cut it into slices. This simple exercise can help us to reflect on our use of time; what slice of the day shall I offer to others, to myself, to God in prayer? What slice of my week shall I give to family and friends, to acknowledging the beauty of creation, to God in worship? What slice of something am I taking that I don’t really need? Recognising every apple as a gift is a prompt to remember that every hour and every day are gifts. Apples could be seen as symbols of gratitude or self-control, or a reminder of a lack of it!

Finally, I have read that Medlars, fruit which belong in the family of apples, are only eaten when they have gone rotten. Maybe there is a comparison to be made here with the example of Jesus – that only in dying to ourselves do we become alive to others.

Mandy

All Souls Service

The annual All Souls Service takes place in St Andrew's on Sunday, 29th October, 4pm and is open to all who wish to commemorate the death of a loved one.

There will be a chance to light a candle in their memory in the context of a quiet, reflective service.



Notices

St Andrew's Parish Registers

Weddings

Sunday 10th September, 1pm, the marriage of **Brian Edward Robert** and **Miriam Ann Noble**, conducted by Revd Mandy Maxwell.

For Hire: North Room adjoining St Andrew's

What is available?

A modern centrally heated room linked to the rear of the church. Ideal for meetings of up to 12 with tea/coffee making facilities, toilet facilities and adjacent car parking at the Recreation Ground.

The charges: £10 per hour.

Contact details: Bookings via the Rector on 01223 276235.

Cambridge & District citizens advice

Problem? Need advice?

We give free, confidential, impartial and independent advice and help on a wide range of issues.

Come and see our friendly staff at the Girton drop-in service at **St Vincent Close Community Centre** on **Wednesday** between **1-4pm**.

Girton TownCharity

Service funded by the Girton Town Charity

Cambridge & District CAB is a registered charity no. 1056102, authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority FRN 617537.

Girton Baptist Church



Notices

Tuesday 31 October
6.00 - 7.30pm

Look out for our **light stations** around the village!
Come and get your **hot drinks** and **goody bags**.

You can find us at:

- Girton Road (nr Co-op)
- Wellbrook Way
- Thornton Road (nr shops)
- Church Lane (opp cotton hall)

Run in association with Girton Baptist Church & St Andrew's Church Girton

Harvest

Thursday 12 October
Doors open at 3.30pm



- Crafts
- Friends
- Food

www.girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk

Tuesday Afternoon Friendship Group

Come and join us at 2:15pm on

10th October – Jan Payne

Sing to Remember

24th October – Victoria Granger

The Leprosy Mission + Bring and Buy

For more information or to arrange a lift please call

Christine Kimmitt - 01223 575881 or Chris Whitby- 01223 276044

Girton Baptist Church



Growing Believing Communities



St Andrew's Church

Rector: The Revd Dr Mandy Maxwell
 The Rectory, 42 Church Lane, Girton CB3 0JP
 Tel: 276235
 Email: girtonstandrews@gmail.com
 Website: www.girton.church

Associate Priest: The Revd Christine Barrow
 2 Cockerton Road, Girton CB3 0QW
 Tel: 575089
 Email: mcbarrow@me.com

Licensed Lay Ministers:
Mr Dugald Wilson Tel: 276940
Mrs Christina Deacon Tel: 525337

Churchwardens:
Mr Bruce and Mrs Wendy Hunter
 Tel: 503958

Sunday Services: October

1st	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Taizé Worship
8th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	All Age Family Worship
	6.00pm	Evensong
15th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
22nd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Prayer
29th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	All Souls Service

Weekday Services: October

10th	2.30pm	Service of Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
26th	11am	Service of Holy Communion (BCP) at Gretton Court

All are welcome to any of our services.

Girton Baptist Church



Minister: Revd Nick Lowe
 219 Wellbrook Way, Girton CB3 0GL
 Tel: 279289

Secretary: Mrs Virginia Rootham-Smith
 Tel: 926807

Website: www.girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk

Sunday Services: October

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

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

1st	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship with Communion
8th	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.00pm	Evening Worship at Landbeach Baptist Church (note earlier time)
15th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by John Searle
22nd	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by John Searle
29th	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship (t.b.a.)

Coffee Morning
 Come and join us for a chat
 over a cup of coffee and some biscuits!

Every Thursday 10:00 - 12:00

Girton Baptist Church
 Growing Believing Communities

*Come along and
 bring a friend!*

If you would like to discuss any Parish Council issues, please contact the following:

Chairman

Haydn Williams, 40 Church Lane, Tel: 474667
chairman@girton-cambs.org.uk

Vice-Chairman

Andy Griffin, 1 Churchfield Court, Tel: 07956 447674

Councillors

Jane Buckler, 28 Girton Road, Tel: 277636
Tom Bygott, 9 Station Road, Oakington, Tel: 232966
Julie Dashwood, 36 High Street, Tel: 276590
Douglas de Lacey, 9 Woodlands Park, Tel: 565219
Val Godby, 38 Woodlands Park, Tel: 276372
Anne Kettle, 11 Redgate Road, Tel: 277505
Mark Taylor, 16 Mayfield Road, Tel: 276563
John Thorrold, 53 Cambridge Road, Tel: 276760
Douglas Whittle, 23 Fairway, Tel: 704747
Lyndsay Williams, 51 Weavers Field, Tel: 07970 101578

Formal correspondence to the Council should be addressed to the Clerk.

District Councillors

Tom Bygott, Tel: 232966
cllr.bygott@scambs.gov.uk
Douglas de Lacey, Tel: 565219
scdc@de-lacey.org

County Councillor

Lynda Harford, Tel: 01954 251775/07889 131022
lyndaharford@icloud.com

Parish Clerk and Acting Finance Officer

Susie Cumming, Tel: 472181
clerk@girton-cambs.org.uk

Recreation Centre Bookings Administrator

Linda Miller, Tel: 472182
admin@girton-cambs.org.uk

Website: www.girton-cambs.org.uk/council.html

Postal address: Girton Parish Council
The Pavilion, Girton Recreation Ground
Cambridge Road, Girton, Cambridge, CB3 0FH

Contact numbers for bookings

Cotton Hall	07759 983420 (new number)
Orchard Close	277164
Pavilion	472182
St Vincent's Close	276447

Labyrinth and Conker Cairn

Some readers will have noticed there was no candlelit labyrinth and conker cairn on the Rec for the Autumn equinox this year. This is because I was called to do jury service at the crucial time! Sorry if you were disappointed – but do look out for it again next year.



If you can't wait till then, I will be making a corn labyrinth for Mill Road Winter Fair on Saturday 2nd December. The labyrinth (at Petersfield, opposite Parkside Pool) will be ready to walk from 11.00 am. The candlelit walk is from 3.30 to 4.15 pm. Suitable for children and grown-ups! Do come and join us.

Kay Barrett
singing.kay@gmail.com

Mobile Library

Thursday 26th October

Thornton Court	09.40 – 10.00
Abbeyfield	10.05 – 10.50
St Vincent's Close	10.55 – 11.30
Orchard Close	11.35 – 12.00
Gretton Court	12.05 – 12.40
Churchfield Court	12.45 – 13.15

Rubbish Collection – October

Thursday 5 October	Black bin
Thursday 12 October	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 19 October	Black bin
Thursday 26 October	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 2 November	Black bin

Wendy's of Girton
Private Hire Taxi Service

Girton Town Charity Hospital
 Scheme Provider
 Taxi-card Vouchers Accepted

Short or Long Distance Travel

Local
 Reliable Comfortable
 Affordable

Phone: 528675
 or 07815 057 202
 Email: wb9wg@yahoo.co.uk

DIRK RUSSELL
 repairs and maintenance for
 your home and garden
 dirkrussell@hotmail.co.uk

07803 255 405

handyman services
 fencing & garden clearing

**DIRK'S HOME AND GARDEN
 SERVICES**

Plum Tree Hair & Beauty

Salon in Girton offering hair & beauty services
 including barbering.

Appointments not always necessary.
 Now open daily & Saturday mornings.
 Call 01223 276600

Email info@plumtreehairandbeauty.co.uk
 6 Thornton Way, Girton, Cambridge, CB3 0NJ

**live happy
 this
 summer!**
 with
Slimming World

GIRTON SLIMMING WORLD GROUP meets

Every Thursday at 5.30 & 7.30 pm at
 Abbeyfield Girton Green, Wellbrook Way.

Call Chris on
 01954 230140 or
 07779 287055

New and rejoining members very welcome!

For more details
 Join us and Slim into Summer!

slimmingworld.co.uk
0344 897 8000

**Slimming
 WORLD**

**Pilates classes in GIRTON
 for all abilities**

Beginner level;
 Monday at 5.30pm and 6.35pm
 Tuesday at 6.30pm Friday at 10.35am

Intermediate level;
 Monday at 7.40pm Tuesday at 7.35pm
 and Friday at 9.30am

www.amandaplattpilates.co.uk
info@amandaplattpilates@btinternet.com
Amanda Platt 07733 307475

**CAMBRIDGE
 CITY TOURS**

Discover Cambridge
**Book a tour for your family and
 friends**

**Plan ahead for a Christmas
 outing**

Explore the breath-taking city of Cambridge
 with our expert guides.

Visit our website, email or call Yvonne today
 to book your tour.

07917 097531 info@cambridgecitytours.com
 www.cambridgecitytours.com

Abbeyfield

**Are you looking for
 care and support
 in your own home?**

Your home is more than just the place you live – the familiar surroundings
 house your memories, provide a relaxed and secure environment and
 give you access to your friends and family.

It is for these reasons that you may choose to remain independent in
 the comfort of your own home in later life.

Call us on 01223 223901

Cambridge
 Care at Home
 Service

Abbeyfield

**Our staff are here to
 make time for you**

Cambridge
 Care at Home
 Service

- Personal care and medication
- Accompany you to appointments
- Companionship and conversation
- Participation in hobbies and interests
- Meal preparation and light housework

**To find out more about
 your local service**

Call us for a chat on
01223 223901 or email
 us at **cahcambridge@
 abbeyfield.com**

www.abbeyfield.com/care-at-home

Registered Charity Number: 205719; Company No: 574918; Homes
 and Communities Agency (HCA) No: H11965



Your local language school open all year Is looking for homestays in Girton and Oakington

All year round

- For students aged 17+
- For professional students aged 25+
- January-May & Summer young students aged 14+
- Good weekly rates – twin room up to £280 per week

Interested in becoming a host?

Call Lesley for a friendly chat on
277229/277230 or email her at
lesley@cambridgeacademy.co.uk

"A great way to make international friends and supplement my income at the same time." CAE host



"My host was very friendly and helpful. I was treated like a real family member."
CAE student

Cambridge **CAE**
Academy of English

Gretton Court Girton

Ideal Retirement Apartments for over 55s to rent

Whether for yourself or a relative, Gretton Court offers independent living in a secure environment.



Studio, one or two bedroom self-contained apartments to rent.

In three acres of landscaped grounds.

24 hour support.

A not-for-profit development.

A lively community in 55 apartments.

Call our General Manager to visit.

01223 276266

www.grettoncourt.co.uk