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The Village Diary

February

- Thur. 1** **Girton WI**, The Pavilion, 7.30pm
Life as a Stunt Woman – Lucy Tranquillian
- Fri. 2** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent’s Close Community Centre
- Sat. 3** **Girton Walking Group**, Market St.
Swavesey
Meet 10am for a circular walk to Over
- Sun. 4** **Girton College Music Society**, Stanley Library
Little-Known Masterpieces for Piano, 2.30pm
- Thur. 8** **Girton Garden Society**, St Vincent’s Close, 7.30pm
Madingley Hall Gardens – Richard Gant
- Sun. 11** **Girton College Music Society**, Stanley Library – Duets, Arias and Songs for Soprano and Tenor, 2.30pm
- Sat. 17** **Orchards East Cambridge Launch**, Girton College and Orchard, 10am–3pm
- Tue. 20** **Parish Council Meeting**, 7.30pm
St Vincent’s Close Community Centre
- Thur. 22** **Girton Musical Theatre**, *The Merry Widow*
Girton Glebe School, 7.30pm
- Fri. 23** **Girton Craft Club**, 2–4pm, Orchard Close Community Centre, all welcome
Girton Musical Theatre, *The Merry Widow*
Girton Glebe School, 7.30pm
- Sat. 24** **Girton Churchyard Volunteers**, Work Party
St Andrew’s Churchyard, 10am–12 noon
Girton Musical Theatre, *The Merry Widow*
Girton Glebe School, 2.30 and 7.30pm
Impington Music Society, IVC, 7.30pm
Students of the Perse School
- Sun. 25** **Girton College Music Society**, Fellow’s Drawing Room, Choral Exhibitioners’ Concert, 2.30pm

March

- Thur. 1** **Club 55**, Film, ‘Dunkirk’
St Vincent’s Close, 12 noon
- Fri. 2** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent’s Close Community Centre
- Sun. 4** **Girton College Music Society**, Stanley Library, 2.30pm, Recital for Cello and Piano

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Girton Parish Council

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

January's GPC meeting

We were pleased to welcome our newly co-opted member Cllr Zoe Kirby to the meeting, but sad to receive the resignation of Cllr Mark Taylor due to employment restrictions. Mark has served on the Parish Council for 12 years, and his enthusiasm and expertise, particularly as Chairman of the Planning Committee, have been greatly valued. It is Mark's hope, and ours, that he may be able to rejoin the Council in the future. The 2018–19 precept request was agreed with a 5% uplift, 3% to cover inflation with the remainder to leave a margin for reserve funds. The Recreation Ground grass cutting contract was awarded for the next three years, reviewable annually, with a decision on the verge cutting contract deferred until the next meeting. The Council also approved the engagement of an accountancy firm to bring the accounts up to date and prepare the year end return.

Traffic issues

There have been a number of recent incidents where vehicles have misjudged the bend at High Street/Cambridge Road junction, causing damage to property. These matters are being followed up by the Parish Council in conjunction with our County Councillor, but Cambridgeshire Highways suggest that current data is insufficient to implement traffic management measures. In light of this, residents are reminded of the importance of reporting all incidents where damage or injury has occurred so that there is a body of evidence to support requests for Highways intervention. Also on highway safety issues, Cllr Harford is currently liaising with Girton Glebe School on an initiative to get the children involved with creating road safety notices.

Have your say

There is currently a public consultation on updates to the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan, which can be accessed at www.scambs.gov.uk/mainmods. There is also an online survey into public support for increases in expenditure on Policing. Parishioners are urged to make their views known at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W3CD8P3.

Next meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held at St Vincent's Close Community Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th February and Tuesday 20th March. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings and to speak in the open public session at the start.

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

Early Days in Thornton Road

In the May 2017 issue of the *Girton Parish News* I recalled the visit by a member of the royal family to the mysterious bulk food storage depot then in Thornton Road, Girton, speculating that the date was c. 1948. Sadly I have to admit that my memory has let me down! Thanks to the encyclopaedic knowledge of local historian Mike Petty and the ever-helpful staff of the Cambridgeshire Collection at Lion Yard the date of the visit can be pinpointed to 14 February 1953. HM Queen Elizabeth, by then Queen Mother, came to Thornton Road to see the relief work being organised by local members of the Women's Voluntary Service (WVS) in response to the loss of life and devastation caused by severe flooding along the east coast. The visit was reported in the *Cambridge Daily News* together with a photo. The site of the sheds (or huts, as we called them) is now occupied by Thornton Court.



Cambridge Daily News, Cambridgeshire Collection, Cambridge Central Library

In getting the date wrong I've misled the Royal Archive at Windsor, the Archivist at Girton College, the local office of Historic England and readers of the *GPN*, to whom I must apologise. (But at least I got the right place and the right member of the Royal Family!) Information about the exact date of construction of the huts and their original purpose would be welcome.

More information would also be welcome about the circumstances in which the detached house midway along Thornton Road came to be used as a school. It seems certain that it was a branch of the private Shrubbery School and was known as 'Thornhill School'. Only on the fringes of the Great Fen could the almost imperceptible gradient of Thornton Road be described as a hill!

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From Our Councillors

County Councillor Lynda Harford

The report commissioned (and paid for) by the Greater Cambridge Partnership on the **A10 (Ely to Cambridge Transport Study)** has now been published. The report was written jointly by County Council Officers and an independent consultant. The subsequent press release by the County Council did not cover all the detail that may be of interest to many of you. There is much of significance for residents to the north of Cambridge and importantly, in the context of the planned new town at Waterbeach, it demonstrates that high quality off- and on-road links to Waterbeach are both possible to build and economically justified. The key report can be accessed at: bit.ly/2Di5Rwb. In particular, look at: page 30 for the 5 options, pages 31–35 for the maps and page 62 for the crucial table of cost/gains.

A recent survey of the **Cambridgeshire Guided Busway** by the Greater Cambridge Partnership has revealed the following: since the busway opened in 2011 the two operators have between them carried over 20.2 million passengers; nearly half of those surveyed said that if they hadn't been able to use the busway, they would have travelled by car; 6 in 10 said that the busway's reliable service was its most important feature with over 90% expressing satisfaction with the service; 1 in 5 thought that increasing the number of buses would encourage higher ridership; and 1 in 4 said they had also used the busway route for journeys by foot or cycle.

The County Council's new **Innovate and Cultivate Fund** offers funding for community initiatives that support and strengthen local communities and, in so doing, also reduce pressure on County Council services. Applications are being invited from organisations and groups that offer support for adult social care, children and families' services and the waste service. There are two funding streams: the 'Cultivate' stream offers small grants of £2,000 – £10,000 and the 'Innovate' stream is for larger grants of up to £50,000. Deadlines for the next round of applications are: 1 May for 'Cultivate' and 9 March for 'Innovate'. Application forms and further information is available on the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation website, info@cambscf.org.uk. Meanwhile the County Council is offering an opportunity for prospective applicants to talk through their ideas prior to submitting an application. The Innovate and Cultivate Fund Advice Session has been arranged for Thursday 8 February 2018 between 9.45am and 12.00 midday at Ely Community Centre. You can also book a group advice session on writing a good application or sourcing data to support your application. If you are interested in attending you do need to book an appointment at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/innovate-cultivate-fund-advice-session-tickets-41337609904.

It is expected that demand will be high and, as a result, those without appointments are unlikely to be able to be seen on the day. For any queries on the advice sessions, contact lianne.parrett@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Please do contact me about any concerns or questions you have about any local or strategic issue. If you would like to receive a copy of the full report that I write for the division's parish councils each month, please email me and I will add you to its circulation.

Lynda

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District Councillor Tom Bygott

Turning circle for Citi 6 Bus

Many thanks to everyone who replied to my question in the *GPN* in June 2017 about whether there should be a turning circle nearer the Busway for passengers from Girton to change onto the Guided Busway in order to travel to such places as St Ives, Histon or Cambridge North station.

This project has now moved a step closer, as it has been accepted as part of the plan for the Oakington Village Travel Hub, one of three Rural Travel Hubs to be shortlisted in South Cambridgeshire.

The Oakington Travel Hub is planned to be near Station Road, next to the Guided Busway and adjoining footway and cycle path. The facilities proposed include secure cycle parking and cycle lockers, a stop with room to turn around for a bus, a drop off area and more than 40 car parking spaces.

The other two Travel Hubs planned in the first phase of the initiative are in Sawston and Whittlesford. Plans for the three pilot areas will be discussed at the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Joint Assembly on Thursday 18 January, and Executive Board on Thursday 8 February. If approved, full business cases for two of the rural travel hubs will be drawn up, including expected construction costs. Residents and partners in each of the three areas would then be invited to help shape new facilities at their hub.

Plans for new swimming pools

The latest phase of the development of Cambourne, the Cambourne West Development – 2,350 new homes to be built on land between the existing development and Cambourne and the A428 and A1198 – has been formally granted with agreements signed for £45m of community and sporting facilities alongside the new homes. These include an athletics track, and funding towards a new swimming pool at Cambourne. There are

no detailed plans yet for when the pool will be built or its site within Cambourne.

The other planned swimming pool that I have been supporting is the proposed Cambridge West pool, at the sports centre on the West Cambridge site. The proposed site is within walking distance, or a short cycle ride from Girton.

Prior to the London 2012 Olympics, there were hardly any regulation sized Olympic swimming pools in the United Kingdom. There are now 11 such pools in the entire country, including the two at Olympic Park in Stratford. When the Cambridge West Swimming Pool is built, Cambridge will be the first university in the country to have one. It is currently scheduled to be part of Phase 3 of the Cambridge University Sports Centre, but no dates have yet been set for construction.

A10 upgrade

The Greater Cambridge Partnership has published a study recommending a £500m transport upgrade for travel between Ely and Cambridge, including the dualling of the A10. The reports can be found at: www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/ely-to-cambridge-a10-transport-study

The report will be considered by the Combined Authority's Board on Wednesday 28 February. The public will be invited to give their views on the initial options for various cycling, walking, public transport and road-based improvements in and around the A10 during the summer.

My additional suggestion for this transport corridor is to build a branch of the proposed Cambridge Light Rail system next to the railway line between Cambridge and Ely, with the existing line reserved for fast long distance trains, with a frequent Light Rail service stopping at Cambridge North, Milton, Waterbeach, Waterbeach Barracks and any other development sites along the route.

Winter Flu

Our wet and windy climate is particularly suited to people catching colds and flu viruses at this time of year. This poses serious challenges across the NHS, with doctors' surgeries and hospitals at peak capacity. Most illnesses with these symptoms are viruses, and have no effective treatment other than the alleviation of symptoms (unlike bacterial infections which can be treated with antibiotics).

Large numbers of people each winter travel to the Addenbrooke's A&E Department or to their doctor's surgery unnecessarily with flu-like symptoms, and this poses a risk to elderly and other vulnerable patients who may catch infections in the waiting areas. If you are suffering with a cold or flu, or are concerned about

someone who is, and have concerns about more serious developments, e.g. pneumonia, the best course of action is to telephone your local GP service or in more serious cases call NHS 111. Making a telephone call avoids the risk of passing germs on to others. However, in the vast majority of cases, no advice is necessary other than to drink plenty of fluids and stay in bed.

Similarly, many people travel to work and spend their day coughing and sneezing over their work colleagues, rather than taking a sick day. People who are busy in their jobs should consider working from home and telephoning their colleagues rather than spreading infections.

*Cllr Tom Bygott
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A View from the District

I mentioned in my November report that our joint development committee had rejected the office block at Cambridge North station. Instead of appealing, the developers presented to the December meeting proposals for a slightly smaller and re-positioned building which addressed all our concerns. When the detailed plans are ready, approving them should be a mere formality: a very pleasing outcome. We were also given presentations about the two Marshalls developments: one with enthusiastic language about it being 'unique in terms of health and wellbeing' with many 'dedicated cycleways'. Questioning elicited, however, that these are nothing more than slightly sub-standard shared-use paths.

I have been trying to make the developers of Cambridge North Station take responsibility for their massive error in presenting us with their plans to honour the Cambridge mathematician John Horton Conway and his 'Game of Life', and then erecting a design which uses Wolfram's Rule 30, the work of a mathematician from Another Place. But as officers approved the detailed drawings I have made little headway apart from an invitation to be involved in an article on architectural blunders in a future issue of the journal Cambridge Architecture.

Following the appalling behaviour of our Leader over the Local Plan, the Inspector has again written to the Council. We are now able to go out to consultation with a vast number – 300 – of 'main modifications' which if approved would be built into the Plan. Even with these it is not clear the Plan will be acceptable. Officers put on a brave face at a Member briefing but the situation is clearly not good.

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For Girton there are at least 3 relevant amendments:

- SC-MM030 car clubs in NIAB become merely optional
- SC-MM031 ditto dedicated bus routes; cycle routes are no longer required to be segregated from pedestrians
- SC-MM035 The area of the NIAB development is increased, and this allows 100 more dwellings. Officers deny this is an increase since the original plan gave it as an option, but it looks that way to me.

The details are at www.scambsgov.uk/mainmods and if you wish to comment the deadline is 16 February. If you do comment please note the stern warning on that page: 'The Inspectors have advised the Councils to take a rigorous approach to accepting only those comments that relate to the advertised modifications. Any comments made that go beyond commenting on the Main Modifications or the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal that are the subject of this consultation will not be registered.' You should give reasons if you wish to register an objection to any part of the Plan.

We opposition leaders had a meeting with the Council's CEO on 9 February. We discussed the Combined Authority and our relationship with the mayor. SCDC will be responsible for the £100m housing grant. The CEO thinks the CA does provide us with more access to the levers of power. We asked that both the mayor and the PCC be asked to meet the Council. We discussed concerns that the new rubbish collection regime appears to have a number of rules which have not been made clear. Side waste is no longer welcome for the blue bin unless it is in a transparent sack – something that supermarkets have only just begun to stock. I fear that this will mean residents just putting recyclable paper and card into the green bin because it is easiest. We have asked for investigation.

The news on planning throughput was encouraging, but the news on successful appeals over rejected planning applications decidedly was not: we are very close to being designated as a result. 'Designation', as I think I explained some time ago, is like a school being put into special measures; it would mean we would lose all control over planning matters. We shall be meeting the senior planning team very shortly.

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

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If you are interested in becoming an on-call firefighter please go to our website at www.cambsfire.gov.uk and search for on-call firefighter under the careers section or contact the recruitment team at recruitment@cambsfire.gov.uk.

Thank You! Thank You!

What a generous village Girton is! I recently appealed in this magazine for sleeping bags and blankets for rough sleepers at Jimmy's Night Shelter in East Road, Cambridge, where I volunteer. Your response was to give me 23 sleeping bags and so many blankets and single duvets that I lost count of how many there were. In addition I was given a bag full of hats, gloves and scarves and also some warm clothing (jumpers and coats).

Jimmy's wish me to pass on their thanks as these items have all been put to good use already. One evening, as soon as I arrived with one bag of sleeping bags they were being given out immediately to people coming to the door.

Thank you so much.

Jenny Knights

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Girton Garden Society

Thursday 8th February at 7.30pm
St Vincent's Close Community Centre

Madingley Hall Gardens

by Richard Gant (Head Gardener)

Competitions:

Winter Flowers from the Garden
Three onions or a winter cabbage

Visitors most welcome, £2

Girton Walking Group

Saturday 3rd February. A circular walk between Swavesey and Over, approx. 4.75 miles. Meet at 10am in Market Street, Swavesey (parking area in the middle of the street, opposite the White Horse pub).

For further information please email Claire Nickson at cnludlow12@gmail.com

Girton College Music Society

Little-known Masterpieces for the Piano

Sunday 4 February, 2.30–3.30 pm

Stanley Library, Girton College

Featuring **Marianne Schönle** (London)

Girton alumna Marianne Schönle returns to perform some lesser-known gems of the piano repertoire, including Robert Schumann's Novelette Op. 21 No. 8 and Olivier Messiaen's 'La Bouscarle' from the *Catalogue d'Oiseaux*. The programme will also include Joseph Haydn's Piano Sonata in C minor, Hob. XVI:20

Admission free; retiring collection

Duets, Arias and Songs For Soprano and Tenor

Sunday 11 February, 2.30–3.30 pm

Stanley Library, Girton College

Featuring **Amelia Atkinson** (soprano)

Ruari Paterson-Achenbach (tenor)

Nicholas Maier (piano)

Programme to include works by Fauré, Britten, Schumann and Mendelssohn

Admission free; retiring collection

Choral Exhibitioners' Concert

Sunday 25 February, 2.30–3.30 pm

Fellows' Drawing Room, Girton College

A varied selection of music performed by Girton's choral exhibitioners and scholars and curated by Gareth Wilson, Director of Chapel Music

Admission free; retiring collection

Recital for Cello and Piano

Sunday 4 March, 2.30–3.30 pm

Stanley Library, Girton College

Featuring **Christopher Hedges** (cello)

Lucy Morrell (piano)

Programme to include works by Beethoven.

Admission free; retiring collection

Girton Musical Theatre
The Merry Widow
Music by **Franz Lehár**
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February 7.30,
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Orchards East

Cambridgeshire Launch

Saturday 17th February, 10am–3pm

Girton College and Orchard

Orchards East is an exciting new environmental and cultural project covering six counties in the East of England: Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Landscape Group in the School of History at the University of East Anglia (UEA) is undertaking a three year project to research, conserve and promote the region's orchards, their legacy and their future. A collaborative project working with existing county orchard groups, other interested organisations and orchard owners, Orchards East hopes to stimulate interest and engage a wide range of new volunteers in all things orchard. Among other things the project will:

- Survey and record the history of orchards across the region;
- Identify surviving sites and record new orchards;
- Research the history of fruit growing in the region;
- Undertake surveys of the biodiversity and wildlife of orchards;
- Help restore important old orchards and create new community orchards.

The launch of Orchards East in Cambridgeshire will involve a morning of short presentations to explain more about the project and how to get involved.

The morning presentations will be followed by a guided tour of the old orchard at Girton College, led by Paul Read (Chair, Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group) and Roland Randall (Girton College).

Over a light lunch (which will be provided) there will be an opportunity to talk, look at stands and displays and hopefully taste something fruity!

This is a FREE event but booking is required.

To find out more and book a place, please contact: gen@orchardseast.org.uk or visit www.orchardseast.org.uk

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Saturday 10th March 2018

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Girton Community Choir

With Christmas well and truly in the past and the evenings becoming slightly longer, maybe it's time to think of getting out and meeting people again.

The Community Choir is always looking for new members and would welcome anyone who enjoys singing. You don't have to read music, or have any training, but an enjoyment of music and a sense of humour are essential!

We meet in the Girton Glebe School Hall at 7.30 – 9.15pm every Wednesday during term-time, excluding half term, so no meeting on the 14th February. Come along and give us a try – we don't charge for trial sessions – or phone Jane on 01223 474667 to find out more.



Happy birthday, maestra!



News from Girton Glebe Primary School

It was lovely to welcome all of our children back to school on 4 January for the first day of the spring term and it is even more exciting to see the wonderful array of engaging work they are taking part in as topics for the New Year get underway. Please read on for a round-up of some of the things which have been taking place in and around school since the start of term...

Staffing Update

I would like to offer an official Girton Glebe 'Welcome' to Miss Alex Browne who has joined us in Year 4 this term. Although Miss Browne spent a lot of time in school before Christmas, she is now with us full-time and we are very excited to have her as part of our teaching team.

At the very end of the autumn term we appointed Mr Tom Austin to the role of class teacher and Assistant Headteacher. Mr Austin will be joining us after the Easter break and will take over the role in Year 6 following the departure of Mr Kohler.

Tree Shredding

Many thanks to FOGG and members of the local community for hosting such a successful Christmas tree shredding event on Sunday 9 January. It was incredibly well attended and raised a total of £446 for the school. Such wonderful support is always greatly appreciated. Well done to all who ran and organised this fundraiser and many thanks to members of the community for turning out in support of this event.

The Golden Mile

We are very excited to announce that pupils at Girton Glebe Primary School are now taking part in an initiative known as The Golden Mile led by Premier Sport.

During The Golden Mile, pupils choose to run, jog, or simply walk and chat to their friends whilst travelling around the Golden Mile track at scheduled times during the school day. Class teachers have allocated 15-minute slots throughout the week in which they take to the track with their children so that they can complete laps of our track and add to their individual totals. These totals are collected weekly by our Golden Mile Monitors and entered on to a database so that the children can see how far they have run as the weeks progress.

We were visited by Premier Sport on Wednesday 17 January and, throughout the morning, they led a whole-school assembly and trained our Golden Mile Monitors in time for our launch on 22 January. The children are now eagerly 'collecting' miles and earning points towards certificates.

Antarctica Day Update

If any of you follow us on Twitter (@GirtonGlebePS) you will be aware that there have been some very exciting developments regarding the Year 6 Antarctica Day project. Four of the flags that our pupils designed in celebration of Antarctica Day departed for Deception Island, in the care of a German researcher named Carsten, in mid December and reached their destination at the end of January. The flags are now heading to the Princess Elisabeth Station along with those produced by other pupils from around the world.

Mr Andrew Simpson

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Just over 12 months ago, the doors of the Arthur Rank Hospice's new home opened to patients, with services and care now being delivered at the purpose-built Shelford Bottom facility, as well as in people's own homes via the Arthur Rank Community Team. The new hospice is a spacious, attractive and therapeutic environment, designed with great consideration for the patient's needs with vastly improved facilities allowing for increased service capacity.

Across its array of services, Arthur Rank Hospice provides compassionate, innovative and essential care to more than 3000 people each year, who are living with a life-limiting (non-curable) illness or condition in Cambridgeshire. This could include lung disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, certain forms of cancer and heart failure, amongst other conditions. The hospice is best known for its Inpatient Unit, day therapy and Hospice at Home services, but holistic care and support are also provided by the Specialist Palliative Care Home Team (which includes both triage/central referrals, and clinical nurse specialists who deliver their care within the community); patient and family support (counselling, social workers, chaplaincy); complementary therapy, physio and occupational therapy and outpatient clinics for lymphoedema and pain management.

Many people who have visited the Hospice are often astonished by the environment, with many describing it as 'like a hotel' or 'somewhere I'd be happy to stay' or it being 'so bright and spacious'. Referrals to the services are commonly made by an individual's GP but can also be made through District Nurses, Arthur Rank Community Team Specialist Nurses and other health professionals. The referrals team occasionally receives enquiries directly from individuals and in these instances, the information is gathered, however, the individual will be required to ask the aforementioned professionals to agree a referral is necessary. When a person has already received the Hospice's care they can self-refer by contacting our Referrals Office on 01223 675800 (9-3pm, Monday to Friday),

To learn more about Arthur Rank Hospice's services please ask your GP for more information or call the Hospice on 01223 675800 or visit our website: www.arhc.org.uk/arhc-services.asp.

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Barrie Spencer

Barrie, who passed away three weeks before Christmas, was very well liked and respected in Girton. His family found great comfort seeing so many people at the funeral, and also by the many cards and kind thoughts received since his death.

Barrie loved Girton, having lived here for over 37 years, and was involved in much of the life of the village. He had been a member of the tennis club for over 30 years, was on the PTA at Girton Glebe, then on the PSA at Impington Village College. He had an allotment for 10 years, helped with maintaining the churchyard and for many years organised the British Legion Poppy Collection in Girton. He was a keen cyclist, went on many sponsored walks and enjoyed playing badminton.

Barrie will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Marian Spencer





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News for Older Residents

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What about trying **Walking Netball**?

Forever Active in partnership with the Lets Get Moving Cambridge City team, are running a taster session on Tuesday 6th March at Impington Sports Centre (indoor sports hall) from 7–8pm.

This is ideal for anyone wanting to start something new or returning from injury. Walking netball will allow you to start gently and build up gradually. There is no running and jumping and regular weight-bearing exercises will help keep your bones strong.

The cost is £4 payable on the night but to help with planning, please book your space by emailing jane.jones@forever-active.org.uk or by leaving a message on 07887 760 426.

Wellbeing Group for over 65s

Cambridge Group Therapy Centre is commissioned by Cambridge and Peterborough NHS to provide various kinds of groups. They hope to start a group in Girton and are planning a taster session in the village on Tuesday 20th March. I will have more details next month but in the meantime further information can be found on their website

www.grouptherapycambridge.org.uk.

Patricia Johnston

Older Residents' Coordinator

07469 660 866

patricia.johnston@ageukcap.org.uk

Comberton Ramblers Club

The Comberton Ramblers Club walk on alternate Sundays. All walks start at 10.15am and are from 4–7 miles, usually ending near a public house.

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The Merry Widow

Are you feeling deflated after Christmas? Do you wish the Party Season had never ended? Seek out your glad rags for a very special party in Paris! Well, Girton Glebe School Hall, actually, but you can use your imagination.

It begins in the sumptuous setting of the Pontevedrian Embassy in France's capital city. The ambassador and his wife are throwing their annual party as part of the Duke's birthday celebrations and all of High Society is there. Even the recently widowed Madame Glavari, who is not only young and beautiful, but VERY rich, and so very desirable. She is also in the possession of a very interesting secret; can you guess? Unfortunately, the only person who is not interested in her, is her ex-fiancé, Count Danilo Danilovitsch, who was desperately in love with her but prevented from marrying her by the Pontevedrian class system. His wounded male pride makes him want nothing to do with her – he says – but is happy to arrange her marriage to someone else to save his country from bankruptcy – he says.

Meanwhile Valencienne, the ambassador's wife, along with several other Pontevedrian wives, is rather tired of life as the consort of a career diplomat and seeks excitement in the arms of the dashing French Count de Rosillon. And who can blame her? The Count is a possible suitor for Madame Glavari, but all her money will pass to France if she marries him. This is a tricky situation for the embassy staff and The Widow, however Merry she may appear to be. And if Baron Zeta finds out about the affair between the Count and his wife ... total DISASTER!

Will another party help solve the situation? Probably not, you might think, BUT with the help of an invaluable diplomatic personal assistant, some ladies of unusual dancing skills and a surprise guest 'Professional' dancer, there is a divorce, a reconciliation and a surprisingly happy ending. For some. Who would have thought it?

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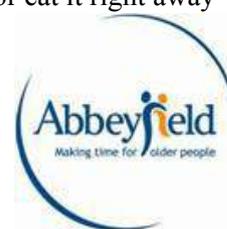
400g of smoked mackerel
 200g light cream cheese
 1 tsp horseradish (optional)
 small bunch of parsley
 1 lemon

Peel skin off mackerel and discard.
 Break mackerel up into chunks.
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 Taste and add seasoning.



You can either put into pots as an elegant dinner party starter, or serve on top of a light salad, or eat it right away with toast!

A simple appetiser from the Abbeyfield Chef



GPN Codeword No. 2

In this puzzle, each distinct number in the grid corresponds to a different letter in the alphabet. Good luck!

Erin Austin

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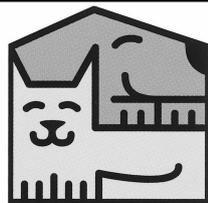
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There are always jobs to do and some can be done indoors. One important job is to clean, sharpen and oil your tools. Digging, especially on our clay soil, will be easier with a sharp spade. If not cleaned, the plant material left on could spread disease in the coming Spring and a well sanded and oiled handle helps prevent those sharp splinters getting in your hands.

There is always something in flower at this time of the year ... not all plants enjoy the hot summer. Early crocus, *C. tommasinianus*, will give a splash of pale lilac on those days the sun breaks through, and of course the snowdrops. Hellebores come in various shades from white through greeny-purple to the very dark purple. For a winter display of colour, cyclamen can be planted under the snowdrops and hellebores, as they enjoy the shade.

Vegetables must not be forgotten ... seed potatoes can be placed in egg boxes in the light to chit.

Sowing seeds outdoors will depend on the weather conditions. I take note of my father’s gardening diary and see that in 1965 he was planting and sowing broad beans, shallots, onion sets, peas and parsnips. I like to follow his example.

A heated greenhouse will enable you make a start on tomato plants by sowing the seeds in trays now and potatoes planted into tubs will give those lovely new potatoes much earlier.

Leeks and parsnips may still be in the ground. They may not look their best but will always make warming soup for when you come off the garden and in for lunch. A favourite of mine – parsnip and apple soup – makes a mellower but equally warming alternative to last month’s spicy parsnip soup recipe.

Parsnip and Apple Soup

Heat half a tablespoon of oil in a large saucepan, add half a finely chopped onion and season. Cook 2–3 minutes until softened and then add 5cm of peeled and grated ginger and 2 finely chopped garlic cloves. Cook one more minute. Add 500g roughly chopped parsnips and 2 peeled and roughly chopped apples and turn to coat. Pour in 400ml of vegetable stock, bring to the

boil and simmer 20 minutes until the parsnips are tender. Blend until smooth, season to taste and serve with fresh coriander sprinkled on top.

Remember you don’t have to do all the work ... check out garden walks such as at Anglesey Abbey and Wimpole Hall!

Judith Addison, Girton Garden Society

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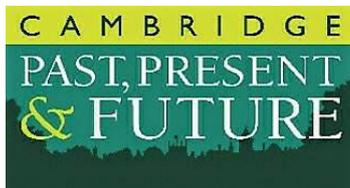
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Healthy Walking

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Keep fit and greet the changing of the season by joining our healthy walkers this February for one of our Walking for Health accredited sociable walks around the park. Meet at the Stable Rooms at 10am for a longer walk or 10.30am for a shorter stroll. Walks end around 11am with tea and coffee in the Stable Rooms. All welcome, suitable for all abilities.

NB: Free of charge and no need to book, please arrive 10 minutes early to register if it's your first session. Donations towards the upkeep of the park are always welcome.

Directions: Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, members free.

Hedge Laying at Coton Countryside Reserve Wednesday 7 February: 10am to 3pm

Enjoy learning this ancient practice of partially cutting through stems, laying and weaving them together to produce a thick living barrier and wildlife 'corridor'. Wear warm, waterproof clothing and tough shoes, and bring a packed lunch and drink.

NB: No need to book. Meet at Martin car park notice board. All instruction, equipment and tools provided. This is a free event but donations are always appreciated.

Directions: Approach the reserve along Grantchester Road, just under a mile from the M11/Barton Road

junction and you'll see the car park on the right. CB23 7PZ. OS grid reference TL 414 577 GB.

Family Bushcraft Fun

Saturday 24 February: 11am to 3.30pm

Whether you're after some Bear Grylls active action or prefer the more sedate pace of Ray Mears, the whole family will have fun learning some of these essential bushcraft skills: making shelters, starting fires, cooking on open fires, using camouflage, playing outdoor games and tracking around the park. A great chance for some quality time with the family and you'll come away with some useful skills and fantastic memories!

NB: Booking essential. £30 per family/small group, children must remain accompanied throughout. Dress according to the weather and bring a packed lunch and a drink. Meet at Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

Directions: Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, members free.

For more information on any of the above events:

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All Welcome!

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

As the weather continues to be wet and windy and the evenings dark, it is hard to imagine that we will ever be out on the bowls green again, but play we will. The forthcoming season is certainly one to look forward to, with our entry into the Meldreth League, our members will have the opportunity to play even more games than before.

The Club will also be taking part in the Garage Sale day in the village and also making our contribution during Feast Week.

Work on the Community Hall in Wellbrook Way is coming on apace and it is now possible to see the size and shape of the building from the layout of the foundations, which are now in place.

If there are any of you out there who would like to try your hand at outdoor bowls, please come along and join us on a Thursday evening when we start again in April, or contact our Secretary Margaret McCall – margaretmccall@ntlworld.com – for more information. You can also visit our website at www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com to catch up with events and see a photographic record of the Club's activities to date.

Lynne McGill

Girton Golf Club

We can now start to look forward to the new year getting under way with so many changes at the Golf Club over the winter months.



Changes have been made on the course; new administration staff have started as replacements for our long standing Club Manager/Secretary Vanda Webb, now retiring after nearly 20 years; and the new Bar and Catering Manager and staff have by now started to get their bearings. Our new administration staff are Balbir Gilroy and Joanne McEvoy, who will be sharing duties and hours to ensure we have great cover in the office. Steve Drager is our new Bar and Catering Manager, who with new Chef Kevin Fox and his staff will be creating exciting new menus and running events at the club house.

Speaking of events, the next Comedy Night, with three excellent comedians, will be on 14th April, and will

cost £10 for members and £15 for non-members. However, that £15 will now include 12 months' Social Membership enabling access to the club house for coffee, lunches, meals and events at members' prices, including discounts on drinks and food. Just provide details when buying tickets and a membership card will be supplied. This will also put you on the mailing database to keep you up to date with all that is happening at the Golf Club, and this year we are planning many more fun events.

We are still open for new membership and 12 months' of 7 Day Membership of Girton Golf Club is available for only £73.05 a month, and 5 Day Membership for even less, so if you're interested speak to our Pro Shop and find out what membership type suits you best. Remember we offer significantly reduced rates for anyone under 30 years old and great Junior Membership rates so call and ask today on 01223 276169. Or call in for morning coffee with a cake perhaps and discuss joining as a Social Member.

Alan Henderson-Smith

Girton Netball Club

2018 has started with some great training sessions focusing on attacking play and how to outwit defenders. We're looking forward to putting these new tactics into action when we restart our league matches – we'll report on how we get on in next month's Scoreboard.



Moving up a (little) notch in the netball skills level, many of our club members are going to watch international netball at the Olympic Park's Copperbox Stadium in London. England take on New Zealand and South Africa play Australia as part of the Quad Series; there should be lots of brilliant netball to discuss and to inspire us in our next matches.

As always, we welcome new members to our club whatever your experience of netball – none, at school, or international level, we'd love you to come along. Our training sessions are currently split between Girton and Milton; please contact Mel at girton.village.netball@gmail.com or see our Facebook page at tinyurl.com/girton-netball to find out where and when we're next meeting. Training sessions are fun and sociable, and are run on a pay and play basis so you can come as and when you're able.

Sally Thorpe

Girton Tennis Club

Our tennis club website has recently changed so please use the addresses given at the bottom of this section to view or communicate via our website.



The club gets an allocation of Wimbledon tickets every year that become available for members to purchase. The number allocated is dependent on the number of members who are also LTA British Tennis Members (BTMs), have linked themselves to Girton Tennis Club as their 'place to play' and have 'opted in' to the BTM ballot within the LTA by 23rd February 2018.

If you are a club member, please take the following actions for the benefit of your club and all our members:

1. Visit the LTA website www.lta.org.uk.
2. Click on "Sign up" (top left hand corner).
3. Complete the form to register as an LTA BTM (remember, it's free to you as one of our members).
4. Specify "Girton Tennis Club" as your place to play.
5. "Opt IN" to the Wimbledon ballot.

Our club AGM will be held in March and is provisionally called for Tuesday 6th. Final details will be published in the next edition and also via our website. Remember to use the new web address below if checking this online.

Our tennis club has use of the Recreation Ground courts and members who purchase a key have court access during most daylight hours. Club members meet and play from around 7.30pm to 9pm on Friday evenings.

Details about our activities can be found on our website www.girtontennisclub.uk or by contacting our Membership Secretary Kevin Keeves on 01223 276660 or by email info@girtontennisclub.uk.

Alan Franklin

Girton Colts Football Club

Girton Colts Under 15s have had a fantastic start to the season and until very recently were unbeaten in the league in the period up to Christmas. A combination of a very solid defence, a strong midfield and a good attacking line up saw the team consolidate their position at the top of the league at the end of the year.



However, all good things must come to an end and the unbeaten run finished with a narrow 1–0 defeat to Kedington in the first game after Christmas. It was a close game with a team who have given Girton very good games in the past so there is certainly no shame in losing to a team of such a good quality. The U15s now face all those teams they played in the first half of the season and hopefully they will continue to play well and, importantly, enjoy the games.

The U10s won 5 of their 7 league games before Christmas and as a result have been put in a tougher division for the second half of the year. The first game after Christmas was the last game in the old division, away at Newmarket. The team started well and after taking an early lead looked as though they would win the game easily. However, Newmarket began to get more into the game and some poor Girton defending, particularly at corners, allowed them to take the lead. Girton equalised late on but then conceded a very late winner.

The U8s have yet to resume after Christmas but they have a full programme of matches to look forward to.

Kevin White

Garden Tip of the Month – February

February is a grand month for pruning deciduous trees and shrubs: from miniature roses to great arching apple trees there is plenty to get to work on! Of course there are exceptions; vines and maples can suffer, if pruned so late that their sap is already rising, and a selection of early flowering shrubs won't put on such a good display in April if you prune them hard in February! Evergreens are usually best left till late spring, when their regrowth is quicker. I'm often surprised how many gardeners make their pruning cuts with scant regard for the position of the buds. Aim for a sloping cut (i.e. more like / than |) just above a well-positioned bud. Once you've got your eye in it is only slightly slower than a random cut, and it has the benefit of aiming the growth the way you choose, and reducing the number of dying snags, which can harbour disease, and don't look good.

If you are having a general tidy-up spare a thought for your garden wildlife. Most gardens have some parts that are rather awkward to maintain: a bit of straggly grass beyond a tree, which is tricky to mow for example. Could you let it be a long grass habitat? Perhaps just cut it roughly with shears once or twice a year. How about a mini-log pile for beetles? Many beetles are useful allies as they eat slug eggs!

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Friends of Girton Glebe Tree Shredding & Repair Cafe



FOGG's annual Christmas Tree Shred was held on Sunday 7th January, generously supported once

again by Acacia Tree Surgery, Wheelie Fresh Bins and Girton Allotment Society. Thank you to everyone who kindly gave their services and to all who supported our community event. Donations from the tree shredding and bin cleaning services together with other proceeds raised a fabulous £450 for school, and the tree shreds will be used to maintain our outdoor spaces.



For the second year running, the event also hosted a Repair Café. A Repair Café brings together skilled volunteer repairers with people who need things mending. Items repaired this year included clothes, electronic items, bicycles and soft toys. A big thank you to the Cambridgeshire Repair Café Network and Cambridge Carbon Footprint volunteers who came to repair items and helped us to organise the café, and to Mackays of Cambridge who provided the repair tools and Chris from Chris's Bikes who loaned us a bicycle repair stand. After a small contribution to cover Repair Café costs, all donations made for repairs were kindly given to FOGG. Future Repair Café events are listed at circularcambridge.org/repaircafe/.

Next in the FOGG calendar is our Spring Jumble Sale at 11am on Saturday 10th March – we look forward to seeing you there.

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Girton Carol Singing 2017



Almost a hundred people joined in with traditional carol singing over the course of 3 evenings before Christmas. Unfortunately we ran out of time when singing at the Church End of the village, so apologies to anyone in Northfield who was hoping to hear us. Thank you to everyone who sang, collected and donated money for the Young Carers Fund, including donations from the Church Choir singing at Gretton Court. £925 has been raised for this worthwhile cause!

Helen Wilson

GIRTON PARISH NEWS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2018

GET YOUR CAMERAS READY!

The *Girton Parish News* will be organising a Photographic Competition in conjunction with Feast Week 2018. Here's a brief summary of the classes we propose, so start snapping!

Adults (19 and over):

1. Girton through the year – should reflect the season, but can be people, events, scenery, whatever
2. Portraits and people
3. Water (to loosely tie in with the theme of Feast Week, which is 'Pirates') – any aspect, from oceans, rivers, ponds and puddles, to the household tap!

Under 18:

1. A Few of my Favourite Things
2. Open class: My Best Photo

William Collyn Centre progress



Work started on the new GTC Community Centre last Autumn and since then contractors Godfrey & Hicks have made significant progress – although the site is currently very muddy!

The area has been stripped back to the road formation level. Piling and ground beams have been installed, as well as the drainage runs. Road and car park formation is now underway and the steel frame will be erected in early February.

Looking ahead, GTC is now asking for expressions of interest in bookings for the William Collyn Centre. If you are an organisation or club that would like to use the Centre on a regular basis, please email details to gtc@girtontowncharity.co.uk and include the following:

- Club or organisation name
- Contact name plus email or phone number
- Daily, weekly or monthly booking
- Day of week
- Time (from and to)
- Facility required e.g. large or small room, kitchen, changing rooms etc.

Just to remind Village residents that the Hall will be fitted with a high-quality sound system, data projector and screen as well as upgradeable hearing loops. Accessibility is also top of the agenda, to ensure everyone can use the facility.

We have not yet costed our lettings, but can confirm these will be in line with other halls and community buildings in Girton.

www.girtontowncharity.co.uk

Educational Grants 2018

Applications for an Educational Grant are invited from young people over 18 leaving secondary education and moving on to higher education and some training schemes or NVQ qualifications Level 4 and above.

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.

Next payment date for grant applications received will be July 2018.

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

Contact the GTC office for an application form.
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Girton Garden Society

The final Garden Society talk of 2017, on Thursday 14th December, by Peter Jackson was on the topic of 'Plants for Winter Interest'.

'Inserts' was one of the main messages we carried away from this excellent talk. Mr Jackson's pots are always filled with plants at their prime, thanks to his system of exchanging the contents. In the waiting area are the next generation of plants in their insert pots, ready for display when they are in flower.

So many were the plants in their prime in winter that we all felt the need for more garden space.

- With snowdrops starting to flower, we were reminded that they need to be planted 'in the green'. Dry bulbs in August have limited chance of success.
- Hellebores – greatly improved by breeding – must not go to seed. Some seaweed fertiliser is of benefit.
- Cornus shrubs should be thinned by cutting out half the stems, not cutting them all down. For propagation, stems can be bent over and buried to get them to root.
- Mahonia CAN be cut right down after flowering and they will speedily grow up again.
- Nandina is an evergreen shrub that tells the seasons by its changes of colour. The harder the winter, the more vivid the reddish leaves.
- For fragrance, *Daphne odora* takes a lot of beating.

There is no excuse for our winter gardens not to be a real pleasure to us!

Felicia Moor



Happy New Year from all of us at Girton Youth Project! We've had a fantastic 2017 with lots going on around the village. It's been a busy year and the club has seen a lot of new young faces attending, who've been eager to get involved in our huge range of opportunities on offer. Towards the end of the year we've been involved in a lot of festive activities and our work continues within the local schools and events, bringing our unique games and fun to young people around the community, from those who are already familiar with us to those who may have never been to the club.



From sailing and paintballing to ice skating, this year has been full of variety and we have more activities, games, trips and fun planned than ever this year, so it's a perfect time for the young people to join us. Whether it's at the club on Monday between 4.30–6pm and Thursday between 5–9pm, or locally at our events and in the community, the young people have a safe place where they can relax, socialise and have fun in the Xbox room, playing table tennis, making the craziest creations, playing team games or attending our exciting trips and loads more. We look forward to this year and really hope to see even more faces getting the GYP bug!

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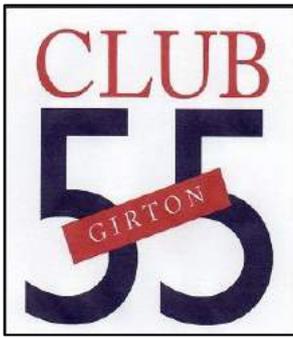
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It's not written in stone yet but here is what we at Club 55 – Girton are looking at for our outings, lunches and entertainment for 2018.

Firstly we seem to have had a modicum of success with our panto & another is already in

the planning stage for a lunchtime Christmas Party at the end of this year. We have already secured 40 tickets for the annual Christmas Spectacular at Thursford and are looking at a river cruise with lunch on board in June or July but as yet we do not have details of the trip.

For your diary:

Thursday 1st March, 12 noon: Film St Vincent's Close. 'Dunkirk' Buffet Lunch £5

Thursday 15th March, 12 noon for 12.30pm: Lunch at Arbuckle's, Ely, mini bus available.

Christmas Spectacular Thursford

Wednesday 21st November 2018

Leaving Girton around 10am for a 2 course traditional turkey lunch including tea/coffee and mince pies (*vegetarian option available*) at Fakenham Race Course, followed by a 2pm Matinee performance of the Christmas Spectacular at Thursford & return to Girton by Richmond's coach.

Return coach fare, lunch and tickets for the performance will cost £75 with a pick up point in Girton.

Club 55 members & friends will be given priority but the sale of tickets will also be open to members of other Girton groups.

If you would like to go on this trip you will be required to pay a £20 deposit by 25th May followed by full payment by 31st August 2018. *Tickets not refunded if they cannot be resold & to be viable 25 must be sold.*

To receive a booking form please contact the telephone number below at the earliest opportunity. Only 40 tickets available.

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

Sam Clift

CINDERELLA

Review by Angela Blackburn

At the Club 55 Christmas Party on Wednesday 20th December we were privileged to see the World Premiere of 'Cinderella', a new movie from Paracetamol Productions directed by Sam 'Spielberg' Clift. A brilliant script in rhyming (well, mostly) couplets was crafted by Graham Jones. Key members of the cast were present at the Premiere, showing off



their glamorous costumes, master-minded by Wardrobe Mistress Anne Crowson. Sam as the Wicked Stepmother was sporting a multi-coloured wig with stockings to match (as he unfortunately insisted on showing us), and he did get a bit exuberant with a feather duster, but fortunately there were enough Senior Citizens present to keep him in order.

As is traditional in a pantomime, there was a lot of cross-dressing, with the convincingly ugly Ugly Sisters being played by Graham Jones and Graham Clare, and a charming Prince Charming played by Ann Jerram. The plot was updated to make it relevant to contemporary Girton, with the Fairy Godmother being replaced by a Fairy Grandmother (Joan Bland, age 95), and a pair of wellies appearing in place of the glass slippers.

The St Vincent's Close Studios excelled themselves with the Special Effects. There was a hair-raising ride by Cinderella (Patricia Kissane) through the streets of Girton on an office chair, and Flying Florrie Leggett (94), alias Miss Chievous, took off on a motor scooter like ET into the sky and into the teeth of an artillery barrage. But it wouldn't be a Panto without a happy ending, and eventually the missing welly was united with its rightful foot, and we are assured that Prince Charming and Cinders lived Happily Ever After.

Afterwards, Sam presented the Golden Girtie Awards to the stars of the show: Best Actor, Joan Bland; Best Comedy Actor, Florrie Leggett; Best Dressed Actor, Anne Crowson as Buttons; and special awards to Mavis Diss for services to the community, and to Patricia Kissane for participating so wholeheartedly in spite of physical disability.

We were left with a tantalising glimpse of what might be in store for us next year. Will a Giant Bean grow on the Allotments? Will there be a sighting of a Lad with a Cat and grand political ambitions as regards Girton Parish Council? We can't wait!



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A Trip through History

During the Christmas holidays I took the boys to the British Museum, partly to keep a promise and partly because I enjoy walking around there myself. We decided to go and see 'Ancient Egypt' as one of the boys had been doing a project on the Ancient Egyptians at school. It was terrifically crowded, but we managed to shunt past the human mummies, the mummies of cats, a number of beautifully painted coffins, funerary ornaments and other grave goods.

I noticed another room which was named 'Death and the Afterlife', but we had seen enough of the Ancient Egyptians and were headed towards Europe Iron and Bronze Age Cultures. Browsing in this general direction we came across the Mildenhall Treasure (of the Late Roman period) and the Sutton Hoo Burial Hoard (Medieval Germanic-style).

What do these Ancient Egyptian, Romano-British and Anglo-Saxon artefacts have in common? Well, not much at a glance. But they do all demonstrate the ingenuity, artistry and creativity that has been a persistent feature of human nature. The craft skills apparent in the manufacture of these objects would be hard to rival today. The objects also share a desire to express beliefs held in particular cultures at particular times.

The Ancient Egyptians obviously believed in an afterlife. One of the exhibits that caught my attention was a set of tiny pottery figures which were meant to accompany the deceased on their journey through the afterlife. It was supposed that the figures magically became the servants to do the manual work for their master and maintain his / her status.

The Mildenhall Treasure (c. 4th century AD) is fashioned to reflect late-Roman dining habits and many pieces are engraved or embossed with figures from Roman mythology – the triumph of the god Bacchus over Hercules; satyrs and maenads; merry-making of the god Pan, etc. However, in some pieces there are apparent hints of the emerging faith, Christianity. It was common to keep old motifs and give them a Christian spin. Of particular interest are two silver spoons engraved with 'Paul' and 'Saul' – unmistakably Christian.

The Sutton Hoo Burial Hoard (6th – early 7th century) is fascinating. As many of you will know, the Warrior Lord was buried in an entire ship with everything he needed for a similarly successful afterlife; the famous helmet, buckets for supplies, elaborate belt buckles, weaponry, etc. The artefacts are beautiful in themselves, but have the ultimate purpose of proclaiming the belief that death is not the end. I have often reflected that



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because life was shorter and harder without the advantages of modern medical science, a belief in the afterlife was perhaps more readily adopted.

When Christianity arrived, it too offered the concept of an 'afterlife', but differed significantly from the pagan alternatives.

Christianity proclaims eternal life which embraces life lived with God in the *here and now*, as well as existence in the presence of God after death.

Moreover, Christianity was not concerned to appease 'the gods', nor were individuals thought to retain earthly status in death, as all are equal in the sight of God.

And unlike the Ancient Egyptians, the heart was not destined to be weighed on the scales of justice with the threat of eternal punishment or eternal reward. Christian believers may stand stripped of all earthly accretions before God, but do so with the full assurance of Christ's saving work.

It is a sad fact that later Christian iconography and artistic expression depicted harrowing scenes of heaven and hell, which could be seen more as a means of social control than of conveying the truth about God.

It is fascinating that throughout human history people have reached outside of themselves to find answers to life's Big Questions. Life after death does sound like a fairy story to some, but to others it is Good News indeed. Not many people go for full burials these days, and the practice of filling the grave with ornaments has disappeared from our culture. I wonder, what do our end-of-life rituals say of us?

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20th February – David Burroughs
A guided Life

For more information or to arrange a lift please call

Christine Kimmitt - 01223 575881 or Chris Whitby- 01223 276044

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St Andrew's Parish Registers

Funerals

Wednesday 22nd December 2017, 12pm, **George Muddle** at St Andrew's. Minister: Revd Mandy Maxwell

Thursday 28th December 2017, 12pm, **Barrie Spencer** at St Andrew's. Minister: Revd Barbara Johnson

Tuesday 9th January 2018, 12.30pm, **Revd Dr Lionel Wickham** at St Andrew's.

Tuesday 16th January, 10am, **Joyce Hunt** at St Andrew's. Minister: Revd Mandy Maxwell

Friday 19th January, 2.30pm, **Pamela Jean Vanderhoof** at City of Cambridge Crematorium. Minister: Revd Mandy Maxwell.



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St Andrew's Church

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Sunday Services: February

4th 10.00am Holy Communion
7.00pm Taizé Worship

11th 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am All Age Family Worship
6.00pm Evensong

18th 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion
6.00pm Evensong

25th 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Prayer

Weekday Services: February

13th 2.30pm Service of Holy Communion at Abbeyfield

27th 11.00am Service of Holy Communion (BCP) at Gretton Court

All are welcome to any of our services.



Girton Baptist Church

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Sunday Services: February

We welcome families with children of whatever age. Classes with interactive activities are available for children each week during the morning services. Tea and coffee is served after the service.

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

4th	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Evening Worship with Communion
11th	10.30am	Morning Worship
18th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion led by John Searle
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by Christine Kimmitt
25th	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Evening Worship led by John Searle

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. [Psalm 136.1]



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Mobile Library

Thursday 22nd February

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

Cambridgeshire Energy Switch

Cambridgeshire Energy Switch is a scheme that builds on the strengths of Cambridgeshire County Council, the District Councils and residents, and brings them together in order to get a cheaper energy tariff. Taking part in the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch is free and without obligation. The more people that participate in the scheme, the more likely we are able to achieve cheaper energy prices.

The Cambridgeshire Energy Switch holds its next energy auction on Tuesday 13 February 2018. The supplier who offers the cheapest tariff in the auction will offer registered households a new energy contract. From Monday 26 February, personal offers will be sent out and households will be able to see straight away how much money they could save on their annual energy bill. They then decide if they want to accept the offer or not.

We are working with iChoosr to provide the energy auctions. iChoosr is an independent and completely impartial service provider. They aim to provide a better energy deal and also ensure that the switching experience is straightforward.

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How can I sign up for the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch?

- Go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch
- Find your annual energy statement or recent set of energy bills
- Click on the button 'Sign up now'
- Fill in your energy details and confirm your registration

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions about the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch. You can call us on 01223 715349 or send an email to energy.switch@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

For more information visit:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/economic-development/energy-across-cambridgeshire/cambridgeshire-energy-switch/

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