

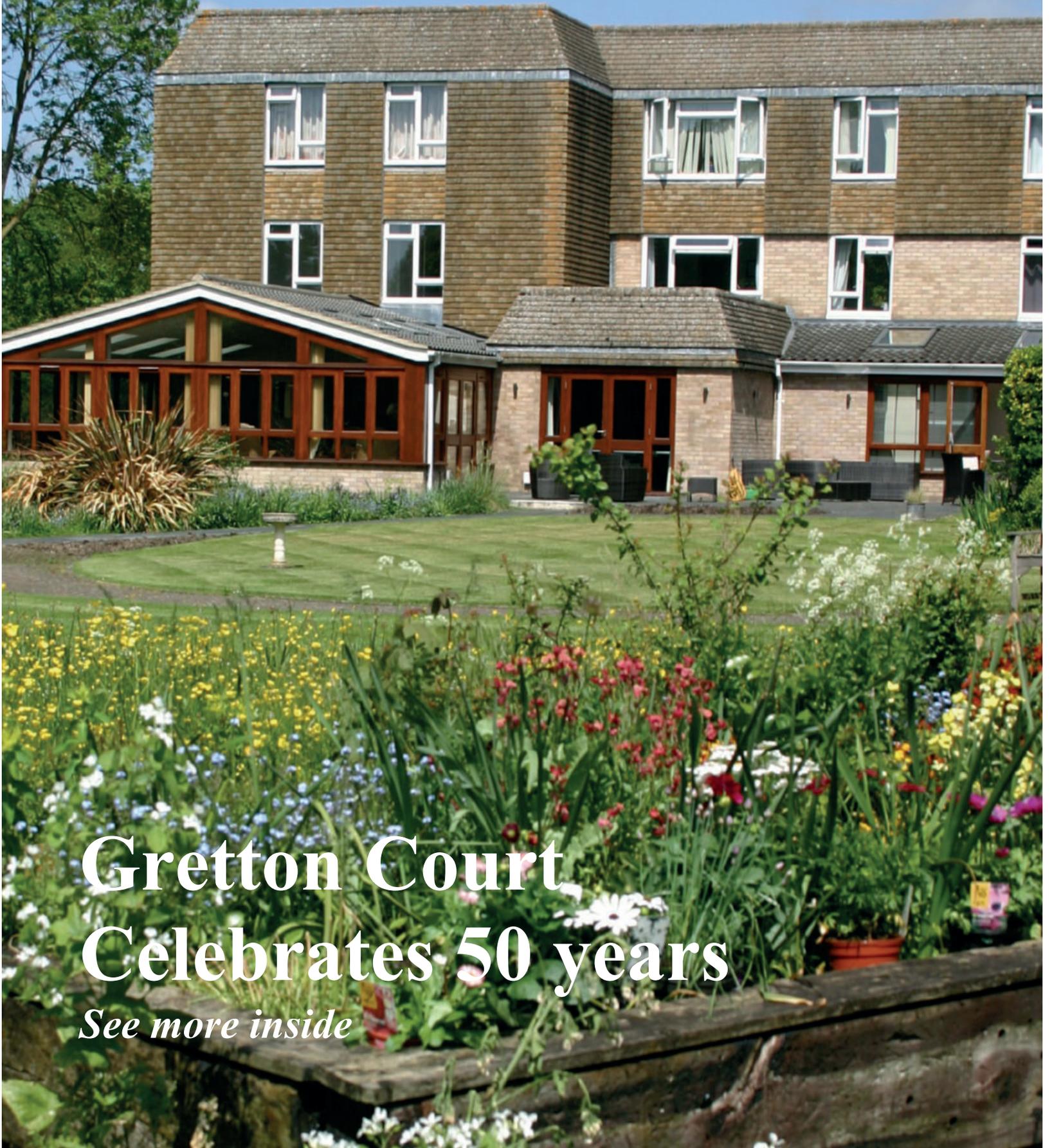


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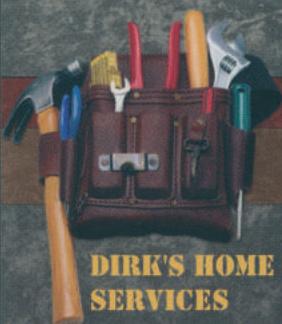
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The Village Diary

June

- Fri. 1** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sat. 2** **Girton Walking Group**, meet Lolworth 10am
Lolworth–Childerley–Bosworth circular
- Thur. 7** **Girton WI**, The Pavilion, 7.30pm
A Curious Tale of Redundancy – Jane Bower
- Sat. 9** **FOSA**, Coffee Morning, 10.30am–12.30pm
3, Bandon Road
- Tue. 12** **Girton Neighbourhood Watch**, Meeting
St Vincent's Close, 7.30pm
- Sun. 17** **Girton College Garden Party**, 12–5pm
Access from Girton Road, all welcome
- Tue. 19** **Girton College Music Society**, 3.30pm
May Week Concert, Chapel
Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Fri. 22** **Midsummer Music Festival**
St Andrew's Church, 7.30pm
- Thur. 28** **Girton 5k and 1 mile Fun Run**
Recreation Ground, from 7pm
- Fri. 29** **Girton Craft Club**, 2–4pm
Orchard Close Community Centre, all welcome
- Sat. 30** **Girton Churchyard Volunteers**, Work Party
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GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

The Parish Council's Annual General Meeting was held on 15th May, with Cllr Haydn William re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Andy Griffin as Vice-Chairman. The current members of the Parish Council are listed elsewhere in this edition. There are four vacancies at present. Three retiring Councillors have indicated that they are prepared to be co-opted, and any residents who feel they would make a good councillor are encouraged to make an application to the Clerk.

It was agreed to continue to hold monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the month, but with a change of start time to 7.00pm (rather than 7.30pm).

The Chairman reported delays in the car park refurbishment caused by unconscionable increases in costs following the new tendering process conducted by the project management company. The Parish Council has also received a number of complaints from concerned parents regarding delays with the relocation of the footpath in the car park.

The meeting also approved Girton Village Celebrations' request to locate a storage container on the Recreation Ground for their and other village organisations' use.

The Post Office vacancy is now advertised on the PO web site. The potential income from the position is reported to be rather meagre so long term prospects for the facility are likely to be bleak.

Next meetings (note the new time)

The next Parish Council meetings will be held at St Vincent's Close Community Centre at **7.00pm** on Tuesday 19th June and Tuesday 17th July. 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.

From Our Councillors

County Councillor Lynda Harford

At their May meeting County Councillors decided by majority to approve Alconbury rather than Northstowe as the new site for the Council's Headquarters building. A commitment has been made to retaining a presence in Cambridge as the Council adopts a 'hub and spokes' model for its administrative operations in the future. A commitment has also been given that public access to

the Shire Hall site and its Ancient Monument Status will be protected. The move will provide savings for the Council (a figure of £57m has been given) and this refinement of the model used to deliver Council services is seen as one which will bring those services closer to local communities.

Good news this month on the funding front: Living Sport has just been awarded £500,000 of National Lottery funding to help people in new communities in the local area to stay active following a house move. Living Sport is the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Sports Partnership that was formed in 2006 to encourage the engagement of local authorities with sports bodies and to increase community participation in sport. Its purpose is to inspire everyone to lead healthy lives by increasing and improving opportunities to be active and to participate in sport and physical activity. Research by Sport England shows that there are nearly 15 million people who regularly participate in sport and physical activity and as a result benefit from increased confidence as well as improved physical and mental wellbeing. However, even strong habits can be disrupted when people go through a major life change such as moving into a new community which initially can be lacking in established facilities for sport and physical activity. The funding will be used to support the Active New Communities project which is supporting eight growth sites in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough due to be occupied over the period 2018–2021. In the first year the project will focus on Northstowe, Alconbury Weald and Hauxton.

Each year the County Council's Registration Service publishes details of the most popular names registered in Cambridgeshire for the preceding twelve months. Most popular boys' names for the last year were: Oliver, Harry, George, William and Joshua. I wonder if we will see Louis gain popularity this year. For girls the most popular choices were Olivia, Amelia, Charlotte, Isla and Emily. Will Megan be in next year's top five names for girls? Among the most unusual names registered were Zebedee and Orion for boys and Sailor and Armani for girls.

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.

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District Councillor Tom Bygott

Election results

May I take this opportunity to thank all those who voted in and helped with the election on 3rd May. We have a thriving democratic tradition in our country, and much of it is down to hard work by campaign helpers and those who run the elections and count the votes, whose work is often unsung. I would especially like to thank the other parties and candidates for a good-natured campaign; politics is at its best when people have different ideas and beliefs, and propose different plans and policies, yet respect one another and remain on friendly terms.

I am delighted to be given the opportunity to serve as your District Councillor for another four years, and will work hard to represent your interests at the District level. I would like to congratulate Cllr Douglas de Lacey who was also re-elected in Girton ward, and Cllr Bridget Smith and her colleagues who will form the incoming administration in South Cambs. My first loyalty is to the people of Girton and our other villages, and it is in all our interests for South Cambridgeshire to continue to be one of the best places in the country to live, and its District Council to be successful.

Trial of community street sweeping and litter picking

A trial is to be run by the District Council and local communities into how our villages can become cleaner and how littering can be reduced. Equipment such as a ride-in street sweeper is being made available for use by volunteers in parishes, along with extra support for coordinated litter picks.

Around 20 villages from across the District said they were interested in receiving more help with additional street cleaning, and seven have been chosen for the trial. Volunteers have been trained to operate the ride-in sweeper, which can be borrowed for use on paths covered in tarmac, including cycleways. A leaf and litter vacuum will also be made available, which can be used in car parks, around shops and on playing fields. Both pieces of equipment will be able to be booked out by communities taking part in the trial and used by volunteers who have gone through training and Council organised checks.

The second new project being developed will see the authority supplying tools like litter-pickers, gloves and bags to communities who want to run their own 'big clean' events and environmental action days. Staff from the Shared Waste Service will be paired with volunteers to encourage communities to separate out items that can be recycled, and give out food caddies and recycling advice. The Council will collect and dispose of waste collected by volunteers.

Bike Life initiative

Bike Life, founded in 2014, has been used to develop cycling strategies, justify investment and delivery of schemes, support air quality plans, and demonstrate the benefits of cycling.

The County Council and the Greater Cambridge Partnership will be working together with sustainable transport charity Sustrans to produce reports capturing data on infrastructure, travel habits, public attitudes and the impact of cycling as part of the Bike Life initiative. The reports, due to be published in 2020 and 2022, will help to build the case for a better cycling framework and inform planning at a local level.

The cycling network in Cambridge and surrounding area is set to expand further in 2018. This includes five cross-city cycling schemes, 12 Greenway routes linking the City to local villages and employment sites, and The Chisholm Trail, which is a mostly off-road walking and cycling route between Cambridge North and Cambridge stations.

Cllr Tom Bygott
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A View From the District

As many predicted, the election left a lot of blood on the floor. The Liberal Democrats were determined to fight an aggressive campaign, but even they were astounded by its success: most Cabinet members, the Council Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and many other Conservatives all lost their seats. So, sadly, did most of my fellow-Independents – there are now just two of us. I was very pleased to increase my majority and gain nearly 52% of the votes. Congratulations too to Tom Bygott who retained his position. The Council now consists of 45: 30 Liberal Democrats, 11 Conservatives, 2 Independents and 2 Labour. Our Ward now includes Madingley and Dry Drayton, so the workload will be significantly greater.

The final outcome of Committee places will not be known until the Council Annual Meeting on 23 May, but the size of my Group means a significant reduction in our eligibility. However, I gather I may stay on the JDCC, overseeing the development of Eddington and the NIAB site; this is probably the most useful thing I do for the village.

Most business stopped over the election period but I have had meetings with the CEO. There is still no news over the Local Plan. We are still in danger of being 'designated' because of our poor planning record; this would mean all planning applications

would be decided by Government inspectors. We are in discussion with DCLG over this. In any event there will be hard fight ahead of us to put right the errors of the past. One big problem we face is recruitment and retention of good officers; a major concern when house prices are so high and council jobs available in other parts of the country. The lack of a Local Plan makes our Planning Officers' job more difficult since they have to assess the likely success of an appeal against refusal.

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

Girton WI

Our May meeting was our Resolution Meeting.

We began the meeting by being thoroughly entertained by a mixed group of singers from Cottenham called 'Sing for Fun'. The group were very enthusiastic singers and all had smiles on their faces and really sang their hearts out, so they were obviously aptly named. They sang a wide variety of songs from musicals to a Beatles medley and many more.

We were asked to join in with them on a few of the numbers, which we all did with gusto. 'Mud, mud, glorious mud' was a particular favourite.

This was a much-welcomed start to our meeting, before we went on to the more serious matter of our proposed Resolution. Susie Cumming, our President, read out the resolution: **Mental Health Matters.**

Mental Health matters as much as physical health. The NFWI urges all WI members to recognise the importance of parity between mental health and physical health and to take action to make it as acceptable to talk about mental health issues as much as physical health issues, and to lobby government for better support for mental illness.

Wendy Hall then talked about children's mental health issues and how a charity in Cambridge called Blue Smile is helping children in schools to address these issues through Arts based therapy. Margaret Pearce Higgins put forward the other end of the scale and talked about mental health issues amongst the lonely and elderly and also touched on post-natal depression. Other members then came forward and shared their own experiences.

After a much-needed break for refreshments and plenty more chat regarding various aspects of mental health,

Susie asked us to take a vote as to whether we wanted the proposed resolution to be taken forward by our local representative to the NFWI AGM on 6th June 2018. The vote from all present at the meeting was a resounding yes.

Wendy Hall

Girton Yard Sale – Saturday 12th May

Many thanks to all those of you who hosted a stall and those of you who went around the village buying from those stalls. Although there were only 27 stalls this year (the lowest ever) we have managed, once the Gift Aid has been added in, to have raised over £800. Well done everyone!

The 'Ladies of Girton' Cake Stall sold out very quickly and even managed to pack up before the rain started. It was such a shame that the rain decided to pour down from 1 o'clock onwards. It put a real damper on things.

This was the fifth year I have organised the sales and this year I have decided it will be the last one I shall arrange. The numbers of stalls this year was the lowest we have ever had and the footfall through the village was lower than we have ever had too. All good things come to an end eventually and I think this event has sadly run its course. Saying that, if anyone would like to take over running the event, I have everything set up on my PC and you are most welcome to take over! Just let me know.

Jenny Knights

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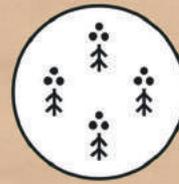
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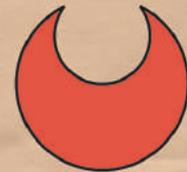
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Tuesday 19 June at 3.30 pm (until 5.00 pm)
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Oberammergau 2020 Pilgrimage

Shirley Holder (Licensed Lay Minister at Great St Mary's, Cambridge), who is a Girton resident, will be leading a pilgrimage holiday to Austria and Oberammergau from 4th–11th September 2020. Five nights will be spent in a picturesque village in the Tyrol, with a pilgrimage inspired programme including a walk on the Jacobsweg, a day in Salzburg and a visit to Berchtesgaden and the Eagle's Nest. We shall then go to Oberammergau for the Passion Play and will stay in villagers' homes to experience the community spirit and involvement. Only 16 places left, to be filled by 20th June 2018.

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If you'd like to open your garden or know more details of what is involved, please contact Mary Rodger on 277316 or mary.rodger32@gmail.com. Closing date for entries is 20 June 2018.

Girton 5k & 1 mile fun run

Thursday 28th June 2018
 Girton Recreation Ground

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Located at the end of Girton High Street, it houses 55 apartments within some three acres of landscaped gardens, and is managed on a not-for-profit basis by a board of trustees.

Chairman of the Trustees, Mr Alistair Lorimer, says: 'Fifty years ago Gretton Court was established to provide accommodation for elderly people who by reason of the infirmities and disabilities of old age had need of such accommodation. Initially incorporated under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 as Barton Housing Association Ltd, the company's name changed to Gretton Court Ltd in 2011 and is now under the provisions of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

'This is a not-for-profit company, by its Rules, and is directed by a Board of Trustees, all unpaid volunteers, whose duty is to oversee the running of Gretton Court. On-site management is delegated to a General Manager who with his team of Wardens and support staff is responsible for the day-to-day running of Gretton Court.

'Gretton Court continues, despite the vast and rapidly increasing growth of the "retirement living industry" over the last 35 years, to provide a place of calm comfort and secure accommodation for the elderly.'



Rents, which range from £490 pcm for a studio to £990 pcm for a two bedroom apartment, include water rates, central heating, hot water, resident services, maintenance and cleaning of all public areas, sitting rooms, corridors, gardening etc. There are no hidden extras. A range of public sitting rooms and two conservatories are available for the use of residents, with many social activities organised by the residents themselves. The lovely gardens are well known to many Girtonians who have attended their Garden Party during Feast Week, and residents who enjoy gardening can have their own gardening plots with the use of a large greenhouse. Garages are also available to rent for residents with a car.

Support is provided 24 hours a day, all year round, and residents who need them can arrange their own care arrangements with outside organisations. Each apartment has its own emergency call system which can be used at such times as needed, and there is always a member of the support staff on duty at any time, with a manager on site at specific times during the week.



Peter Stevenson, General Manager at Gretton Court, says: 'All surplus income is ploughed back into the development to maintain the amenities, which now include a second purpose built conservatory which was recently completed. We have a very lively community with many activities organised by the residents' committee, including bridge, croquet and visits to places of interest. While exclusively for people over the age of 55, a number of our residents are still at work.'

For further details go to www.grettoncourt.co.uk.

Bernard Stewart-Deane



News from Girton Glebe Primary School

We have had an incredibly busy month at Girton Glebe Primary School, with our pupils involved in a range of exciting activities. Please read on for a round-up of recent events ...

Grafham Water Residential

Between 14 and 16 May, our Year 5 pupils visited Grafham Water Centre for three days of action-packed outdoor adventuring. Accompanied by three members of school staff, the children took part in a range of challenging activities designed to push them outside of their comfort zones and develop their teamwork skills.

During their visit, children and staff completed high-wire climbing activities, kayaked across the lake, built rafts, enjoyed a morning of stand-up paddling and completed a 6-mile bike ride. The children had a fabulous time at Grafham and worked incredibly well together to complete such demanding tasks. Many thanks to Miss Pyle, Mr Smart and Mrs Harman for accompanying the group on this residential.

Year 5 Primary Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Toby, Skye and Ben from Cherry class who travelled to Monkfield Primary, Cambourne on 3 May to represent Girton Glebe in the heats of the Year 5 Maths Challenge.

Over 90 minutes, the children took part in a series of different rounds, each designed to challenge various aspects of mathematical understanding.

The team fought hard against the nine other primaries in attendance and even came away with the highest score in the second round. Congratulations to our three mathematicians, they were fabulous ambassadors for Girton Glebe Primary!

The Museum of Zoology

On 15 and 16 of May, Girton Glebe Primary sent two year groups to the Museum of Zoology in Cambridge to explore the lower galleries. During their visit, the Year 3 and Year 4 children spent time comparing different skeletons and finding out facts about a range of animals. They also completed a treasure hunt where they had to find and name the stuffed animals on display. The blue whale skeleton was a hit with all of the pupils and they had a fabulous time travelling by public transport en masse from Girton.

Many thanks go to the museum for hosting our pupils and to the staff and parent volunteers for accompanying both sets of pupils on their visit.

Atkins Global – A Kind Donation

Huge thanks to Atkins Global who have made a second generous donation towards the installation of new fire doors in the school hall. Money was collected at a staff fundraising event and their donation is hugely appreciated in assisting us in covering the costs of the new doors, which were installed in February.

Transition to Girton Glebe

It has been lovely to see our September 2018 intake begin their transition to Girton Glebe and, throughout late April and May, children have been visiting our Foundation Stage classroom to meet Ms Cansdale and her team ahead of the summer break.

We have an exciting series of events planned between now and July for our new intake and, at the beginning of June, our Year 5 pupils will start their work with Relate as they train to become buddies ahead of their own transition in to Year 6. Many thanks to Girton Town Charity for continuing to support this vital piece of our transition arrangements.

Whilst we are still in the process of registering new pupils from the admissions waiting list, our EYFS numbers for September 2018 will be at their highest in four years and this is testament to the exceptional work that is going on, not only in Foundation Stage, but across all year groups and within the wider school community. I am delighted that new parents are choosing to vote with their feet and must express enormous thanks to staff, governors and all parents and carers within the school community for their support.

Mr Andrew Simpson
Headteacher

PERSONALS

Holmes, Mark. Mark is an old friend I would love to get in touch with. He is a music teacher whose last address was in Thornton Court, Girton, where he lived with Rachel Lawrence. I used to live with him in Ramsden Square, Kings Hedges. Any information, please get in touch at pcn1976@hotmail.com. – Pritesh Chauhan

[Do you have a personal message you would like us to print in the Girton Parish News? It could be a life event such as a birth, marriage, or death, a significant celebration, or a long-lost friend you would like to get in touch with. If so, contact the Editor – details on p. 3.]



Upcoming Events at Girton Golf Club (Visitors Welcome)

Mexican Night

On **Wednesday 6th June** Join us for a mid-week fun evening of Mexican Food of many flavours and levels of heat. Just £15 a ticket for a great mid week evening out.

Sunday Roast – Fathers Day

On **17th June** treat your Dad to a great lunch at the Golf Club, or Dad, bring the family and tell them they are paying. A really good lunch for £12.95 for 2 courses – less 15% for all members social and playing. Limited spaces so book now – these lunches sell out quickly.

Girton Feast Week Open House

Sunday 8th July - come along to our club house between 10:00am and noon (before Open Gardens) for free coffee and cake and have a look around your local golf club. See what we are up to and what social activities we have planned for the coming months, book on the spot if interested. Social membership will be available giving you members prices for events and discounts off food and beverages.

Caribbean BBQ and Entertainment

Saturday 4th August we are holding a Caribbean Night with BBQ and Bob Marley tribute act. Should be a great evening on the patio and inside if cool. Good night, good food, good fun – and very local. Call the club to book your tickets.

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News for Older Residents

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It is played at a slower pace with no running or jumping and you do not need to have any experience of the game. The first session is free, so why not give it a go?

For further information contact Hannah Black, Tel: 07969 355782 or email: jane.jones@forever-active.org.uk

P.S. If I can 'borrow' netball posts within Girton, Jane Jones will happily come and offer a taster session in the village.

The **Histon, Impington and Girton Community Car Scheme** (HIGS for short) provides transport on weekdays, for medical and social journeys within the area. The volunteer drivers are all DBS checked and have appropriate insurance. The minimum charge is

£3. To book, phone **07982 108 927** and leave Lesley a message about your requirements. Please give her at least 48 hours' notice. Ask me if you want to know more about the scheme.

Healthy Ageing

Recently I heard a local medical researcher tell his audience that, increasingly, it is thought that the benefits of socialising can even outweigh the benefits of regular exercise and a healthy diet and lifestyle. So, here is the list of the verified benefits of **socialising**:

- Stronger immune system
- Moderated blood pressure
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- Improved physical activity
- Reduced depression
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- Improved nutritional intake
- Improvement in primary relationships

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FEAST WEEK VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY JULY 14th 12 - 5pm

CALLING ALL GARDENERS - COMPETITION TIME

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

The **Girton Allotment Society** and the **Girton Garden Society** will be organising a **mini fruit, flower and vegetable show** in the main marquee

The categories chosen for our part of the show represent the fruit, vegetables and flowers most likely to be ready in early July, weather permitting!

Growing your own fruit, flowers and vegetables reduces transport costs and air miles as well as being very satisfying.

We would like to encourage all adults and children living in the village to show off their gardening and growing skills by entering **any or all of** the following competition categories:

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

| Children | Vegetable/fruit/flower classes |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 7v. 3 different coloured vegetables | |
| 8v. The funniest looking carrot | |
| 9v. The longest bean | |
| 10v/f. An animal modelled from vegetables, fruit and/or flowers | |

Rules • All entries must be brought to the main marquee between 10 and 11.30am and a small entry card filled in.

- The vegetables and fruit will be displayed on 22/23cm white paper plates.
- Judging and awarding of rosettes will take place at 12noon.
- The winners will be announced during the afternoon and entries can be collected after 4pm.

Contacts: Girton Garden Society- Kay Green 01223276819

Girton Allotment Society- Patsy Smith 0122357528



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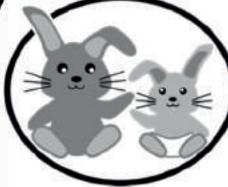
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*Bluebells in Girton College.
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GIRTON FEAST 2018
FRIDAY 6TH TO SUNDAY 15TH JULY

Summer Evening Concert: Friday 13th July
 Village Fete Day: Saturday 14th July
 Local Bands evening: Saturday 14th July



There is something for everyone to enjoy during Feast Week. From Table Skittles to a Village Ramble and Pub Lunch, from Pimms & Cake to 'Macbeth' at Girton College, from Music on a Summer's Evening Concert to the Village Fete Day, from Hymns & Pimms to Roll-up Bowls.

OUR FIVE STEP GUIDE TO ENJOYING FEAST WEEK:

1. **Buy your programme** – on sale from June for your chance to win a programme prize – and check out our website for more information: www.girtonfeast.org.uk
2. **Enter the vegetable and flower competitions.** Bring your entries along to the Village Fete on Saturday 14th July
3. **Decide which events you would like to join during the week and come and have fun!!**
4. **Enjoy Music on a Summer's Evening** in the marquee on the recreation ground on Friday 13th July, when Cambridge Wind Band and the Silver Swan Madrigals will be performing.
5. **Come along to the Village Fete Day** on Saturday 14th July (12 noon to 9pm) where there will be entertainment, stalls, children's rides, belly dancers, food and beer tent with REAL ALES. Three local bands will perform from 5 pm:
The Corellis, Major Rat Run and Chords against Humanity.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

If you are able to help with putting up posters, car parking, litter picking, selling programmes, please contact Carol on 276103 or Rowena on 565247.

GIRTON PARISH NEWS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2018

As part of Feast Week 2018, the *Girton Parish News* will be organising a Photographic Competition for residents of Girton. Entries are invited in the following categories:

For photographers who are under 18
on 1 July 2018:

J1: A Few of my Favourite Things
J2: Open class: My Best Photo

(There will be a special award in these categories for the best photographers under 12)

For photographers who are 18 and over
on 1 July 2018:

S1: Girton Through the Year
S2: Portraits and People
S3: Water

(This last category is to tie in loosely with the theme of Feast Week, 'Pirates', and can be any aspect of water – from the kitchen tap to the mighty oceans!)

Deadline for submission is Friday 29th June.
Winning entries will be displayed at the Family Fun Day on Saturday 14th July.

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

Entries can be submitted both electronically and as prints, but **judging will be based on prints**. Minimum size 5 x 7 inches; maximum size A4. Prints must be card mounted, with a title for the photograph on the mount, and the category code on the back. Entrants may submit 2 prints per category. Submitted prints must be accompanied by an entry form and an entry fee of £2 per print for seniors, £1 per print for juniors. Winners will be notified by Friday 13th July.

Prints should be brought to the North Room of St Andrew's Church between 19.00 and 21.00 hours on Friday 29th June (otherwise to Graham Jones by prior arrangement, 01223 276491). Entry forms will be available at that time for late entrants.

All winning entries (best photograph in each category plus any commendations) will be on display in the Pavilion on Saturday 14th July at the Family Fun Day. Photographs may be removed after 5 p.m. on that day. Additionally, it is hoped to set up a rolling screen display of **all** entries in the Pavilion.

Winning entries will be published in the GPN over the following months and permission for publication is a condition of entry, although the photographer will retain copyright in the photographs published.

Village representatives see Railings Sculpture progress

A party from Girton which included Parish Councillors, representatives of St Andrew's Church and GTC Trustees visited Sanderson Sculpture Ltd. in Herefordshire at the beginning of May to see at first hand how the Railings Sculpture, which will be erected between the Church and car park, is progressing.



The group was welcomed by Matthew and Rachel Sanderson who showed them around their sculpture park and the workshop where the Railings are being created.

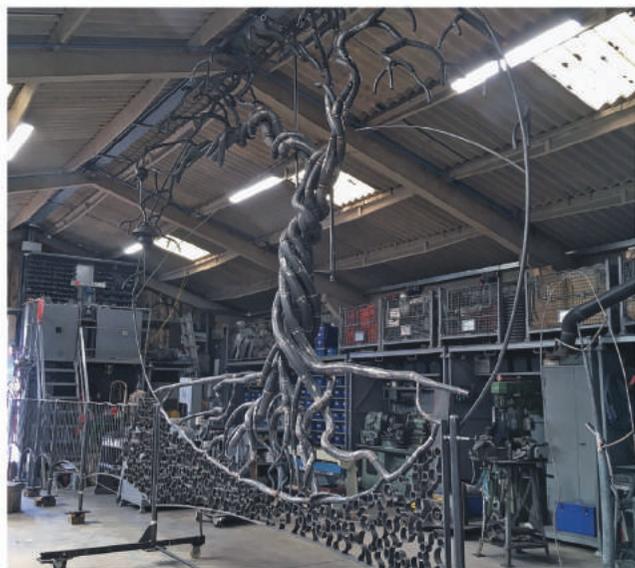
The design, which has been approved by SCDC, incorporates the geese and quills historically associated with Girton when flocks of domestic geese provided quills for the University, as well as a tree of life. The Fibonacci sequence is used to define proportions throughout the various design elements.

At the same time, the existing bus shelter will be replaced by a design in keeping with the Railings and St Andrews Church. A Heritage Consultant has been advising on how this area can be treated in an appropriate and cohesive way.

Dr Robin Hiley, Chairman of GTC said: "We were all overwhelmed by the scale of the railings sculpture in the studio and the level of progress that has been made. With the sculpture now 50% complete, we have instructed Project Managers Northmores to move forward on constructing the foundations and footpath which will also involve replacing the existing bus shelter.

"This project, which is wholly funded by GTC, has involved working with both the Parish Council and St Andrew's Church. It was therefore important that in planning this visit, an open invitation was extended to representatives from both these groups to that they could also see how our plans are coming to fruition."

Matthew Sanderson, who was awarded the project back in 2015, uses both hand skills and modern



Work in progress - the Girton Railings sculpture. L to R: Shelia Hiley, Ann Bonnett, Jenny Knights, Matt Sanderson, Jane Buckler and Robin Hiley.

industrial technology to interpret historical craft techniques creating original, robust, visually delicate, large scale artworks. Born in Cambridge, he lived and worked in East Anglia for many years supplying work for permanent and temporary sites nationally and internationally. A few years ago he moved to Herefordshire where he has larger and more permanent studio space for his structures.

High Street Development

The planning application for the proposed new High Street Development has now been submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council. A reference number has been allocated - S/1823/18/FL.

GTC welcomes new Trustee



Yvonne Higgons has joined GTC as a Trustee bringing with her many years' experience as a senior manager and consultant in the public, commercial and charity sector. This has included international work as a UK delegate on

behalf of BSI, acting as a Course Director for MBA and DMS programmes, developing open learning and online training programmes for blue-chip companies such as ShellExpro, Lloyds TSB and P&O containers, as well as consultancy for local organisations such as Raspberry Pi Foundation, Citizens Advice Bureau and the National Extension College.

Yvonne says: "Now that I have (almost) retired and have more time, I am looking forward to using my skills, particularly my experience in planning and managing complex projects within tight budgets, to support all aspects of GTC's work. I am also interested in harnessing the benefits of technology to streamline the charity's administration."

On a personal note, Yvonne has three children and is now enjoying her first grandchild. Other interests include singing in a chamber choir, reading, gardening and travelling.

Are you interested in becoming a Trustee?

GTC is looking to appoint a new Trustee who is representative of the residents of the Village and 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 part in the running of the Charity, with specific allocated responsibilities. A monthly meeting is held to discuss progress and new strategies are developed at an annual all-day meeting.

Please contact the Chairman or any other Trustee to talk about what is involved. Written applications should be sent to the Chairman at 22 High Street, Girton, CB3 0PU. Closing date is 2nd July 2018.

Family home available for limited term appointment

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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 7th July 2018.

GTC contact information below.

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GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Colts Football Club

Girton Colts FC are looking for a new chairman after the

decision of long time incumbent Garth Hanlon to step down in the context of work and other sporting commitments. The role would suit anyone with an interest in youth football in Girton and good organisational skills. The role involves only a handful of meetings a year and representing the club on a few occasions.

Garth comments:

'After some 10 seasons as Chairman of Girton Colts FC, I have decided to step aside at the end of this season and let someone else take on the role. It will be important to find a replacement in the coming weeks and help with the transition as we move into a new season at the end of the summer.'

'In the meantime and quite obviously, we need to find somebody who would want to be Chairman/Chairwoman. It is not a massive time-consuming role but has some responsibilities for obvious reasons. The Club is certainly in a healthy position moving forward in terms of running at least three teams next season and I hope somebody can take on the role. Of course this could be an existing Committee member or a parent.'

Should you be interested in this rewarding role please email the Club Secretary on secretary@girtoncolts.co.uk

At the start of this season, the coach and manager of Girton Colts Under 15s were wondering how the team were going to get on in a new league against a number of teams they had never played before. Writing this report now at the end of the season, we can now report that the Under 15s emerged as Champions with a final tally of 41 points. They played 18 games, won 12, drew 5 and lost 1. They stayed top for a considerable amount of the season and can reflect upon a great team performance across all parts of the pitch – from a solid defence, to a fit

and attacking midfield and then a forward line which scored plenty of goals to leave us with a goal difference of +37. The boys (and parents) deserve credit for a fantastic attitude to training and matches and to emerge at the top was clearly well deserved. We look forward to another challenging season next year.



The U10s started the season in great form and after Christmas were put in a new division against harder opposition. Even in this division they started well with two early wins. However the season has tailed off slightly with 3 defeats and 3 draws in the last six games. The season ended with close run defeats against Steeple Bumpstead and Ely. On both occasions Girton were leading mid-way through the second half but couldn't hold on. Overall though it has been an encouraging season with a marked improvement in play and the team can look forward to next season with optimism.

The U8s have found it tough going in their first season. They have faced a number of teams of a higher standard but they have always remained positive and tried their best. Their performances have improved steadily during the season and the experience should stand them in good stead for next season.

The U6s are continuing to train on Saturday mornings and are all making good progress. They have the option to enter an U7s team in the league next season.

As ever Girton Colts are on the look out for potential football managers to help run teams. Anyone interested can email secretary@girtoncolts.co.uk.

Kevin White

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GIRTON scoreboard

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Girton Netball Club

This month we enjoyed a friendly against the winners of the Winter League – the Thundercats from Netherhall. It may be called a ‘friendly’ but we were as competitive as ever and played our hearts out.



Gemma Eungblut was on fire in her debut as Centre and Paula de Matos proved she can play in any position when she found herself Goal Keeper. Two of our team members, Claire Custance and Mel Gulston, have recently completed an umpire course and will be keeping a close eye on our footwork in training. We are about to compete in a series of matches in the Summer league and will keep you informed – win or lose (win, we hope!).

We are currently deciding on the colour of our strip (related to Girton in some way) so if you have any ideas, please let us know.

As always, we welcome new members to our club whatever your previous experience of netball may be.



Claire Custance scoring one of her many goals against The Thundercats

June 2018

Training sessions are run on a pay and play basis (first session is free) so you can come as and when you're able. Our training sessions are held in Girton Recreation Ground on a Monday evening (7.30pm - 8.45pm) - if you would like to come along, please contact Mel at girton.village.netball@gmail.com or see our Facebook page at tinyurl.com/girton-netball for information on when and where we'll next be meeting. We are a super-friendly and welcoming group and every training session contains much laughter. The game is so addictive I recently purchased a netball hoop and stand for the garden.

Claire Chapman

Girton Golf Club



Despite the amazingly variable weather the golfing season is well underway and many competitions and matches have been taking place at the golf club including ladies', mens' and seniors' matches in both strong sunshine and pouring rain.

In addition the social events are progressing at a pace and we held an exciting Indian Night on 12th May with wonderful Punjabi curries, both meat and vegetarian, sensational Indian Lady Dancers who were amazingly agile and the most stunning Indian Drummer who had many of the 110 people there on their feet with a performance that was both loud and energetic. The evening concluded with a showing of 'Slumdog Millionaire', which was indoors due to the torrential downpour that struck the village. Fortunately we had anticipated the weather and set up an alternative indoor screen.



On 8th July before the Open Gardens element of Girton Feast Week we are throwing open our doors to anyone who would like to come along and have a look around the clubhouse and enjoy coffee and cake on us.

Girton Parish News

Just turn up and have a look at Girton Golf Club and see what social events and activities we have coming up in the coming months whilst trying our great coffee (free on the morning).

Before that, if you like Mexican food then come along on Wednesday 6th June for a fun evening of a range of Mexican food in a relaxed and lighthearted environment. Contact the club to book your seat or table and have a mid-week change of diet and scenery

Fathers' Day on 17th June can be celebrated by bringing the Dad in your family to the Golf Club for a Sunday Roast lunch. Book soon as these lunches are sold out very quickly – only £12.95 for 2 courses, less your member's discount.

Should you, or any member of your family, think that you might like to try out the sport then contact our pro shop where they can explain all of the options for all ages to get into the game, or at least to try and see if you enjoy it. These include lady only sessions and are available from 6 years old upwards.

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Girton Bowls Club

The season has started well in spite of one of our pre-season friendly matches being cancelled due to heavy rain. Luckily the weather has

now improved.

In the Ely and District League in which we gained promotion last season, so far we have had a 4-2 win against Soham, a 1-5 loss against Cottenham, and a very close and thrilling win over Mitchell Lodge of 5-1. In the Cambs and District League we have gained wins in both our games, the first against City 5-2 and the second over Fenstanton 5½-1½. In the Meldreth League, which we have entered for the first time this season, we have yet to gain a victory. We have lost our first two games 1-6 to

Meldreth and 1-6 to Newnham, but I am sure we will improve as the season progresses. Our first game in the Business Houses League was played on 17th May.

Well done everyone, a tremendous start to the new season. You can keep up with the results of all the games we play on our website at www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com.

We took part again this year in the Yard Sale in aid of the Arthur Rank Hospice on 12th May, which proved quite successful. We raised approx. £140 and were pleased to be able to make a donation of £50 to the Arthur Rank Hospice, despite the wet weather. We will also be taking part in the Girton Feast again this year in July. The theme is Pirates.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Club who have been continuing to maintain the green over the winter and also those additional members who have now been seconded onto the maintenance team and who will all be giving up their own time to enable us and all the visiting teams to enjoy a Green we can all be proud of. The William Collyn Community Hall is progressing well and we are all looking forward to being able to make use of the facilities next season.

Please come along and join us any Thursday evening from 6 pm and try your hand at Bowls, Equipment will be provided all you need to play are flat soled shoes. For any further information please contact our Secretary, Margaret McCall at Margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com

Lynne McGill



Our first game in the Meldreth league, played away at Meldreth

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Girton Tennis Club

The Wimbledon tickets that were balloted to club members in April have now all been purchased. We look forward to hearing, and maybe reporting, some of the highlights of the visits to London.



Nearer to home we are delighted to report that the Summer League is in full flow. Our men's team have just celebrated a well-deserved win (6-2) against Haslingfield. The Mixed team will be playing 6 matches and the first is on June 28th at Orwell. We would be pleased to hear from any of our female members who would like to consider playing in a mixed team match. These are always very sociable events with an emphasis on enjoyment. If you are interested please contact Mark Lawton via our committee email address: committee@girtontennisclub.uk.

Thanks go to three of our club members who have recently fixed the fence at the back of the courts. This stops balls from rolling underneath and onto the recreation ground – a great improvement.

Under new rules being introduced by the Lawn Tennis Association our club should have a nominated Welfare Officer. If you are interested in knowing more about this voluntary role or would like to consider taking it on, please email committee@girtontennisclub.uk.

Our club membership year started from the 1st April so there is still time to renew your membership or consider joining us if you haven't already done so. We play on the Girton Recreation Ground courts and members who purchase a key have court access during most daylight hours. Potential new members are very welcome to come along to our Friday club nights for one or two free sessions to check it all out. We run supervised sessions for juniors on Friday evenings (6.30-7.30pm). Adult club members play from 7.30pm on Friday evenings.

We will be running an open-court afternoon on the 14th July as part of the Girton Feast. Do come along and try playing tennis then if you are wondering what it is all about. Details about our activities can be found on our web site www.girtontennisclub.uk or by contacting our Membership Secretary Kevin Keeves on 01223 276660 or by email info@girtontennisclub.uk.

Alan Franklin

*And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days,
Then Heaven tries earth if it be in time,
And over it softly her warm ear lays.*
Janus Russell Lowell (1819-1891)

The beginning of June sees the change from late Spring to early Summer. Now the fear of frosts and icy winds is past and we can put behind us the memory of those dreadful cold and wet weeks of early Spring.

As I write this in May I am trying to catch up with all the work that should have been done by now. The digging has been awful. I put the fork in and found it almost impossible to turn over the solid sod, let alone break it up. As I got towards the end of the bed, all I could think of was collapsing in a chair with a lovely hottie at my back!

So much will be late this year. I didn't put in onion sets and seed potatoes until 2nd May and even then I felt really cruel as the ground was still so cold and wet. I sowed carrots, beet, lettuce, etc. a little earlier and just hope that a few manage to germinate.

However, by the beginning of this month, plants started indoors – tomatoes, courgettes, aubergines, etc. – will have been planted out and will be enjoying the sun. My barista neighbour is again supplying me with used coffee grounds and these mixed with my crushed up egg shells should keep the slugs at bay.

For the first time I planted out onion sets in the Autumn and amazingly they have all come up but are very small as yet. I hope that they will swell out as it gets warmer.

Besides the awful digging, another hard job was getting rid of all the wild garlic that had invaded my rockery – and my rockery is big, almost the width of the garden. I had to move heavy rocks and dig deep down to try and get all the bulbs and their wretched little bulbs. When I went to visit my Swiss friend in Basel, she took me to a wood which was carpeted with wild garlic and told me that the locals regard it as a delicacy and come and gather large clumps to sell in the market! Well, I think that there is a right place for everything, and my rockery isn't the place for wild garlic!

By the beginning of June I always feel that I can start to relax. The heavy work is done and everything is planted out. The garden will be full of colour, with the roses and the perennials and annuals mostly flowering. So I shall get out my deck chair, put my feet up and just enjoy my garden, and I hope that you all do too.

Pamela Sephton, Girton Garden Society



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Girton Garden Society

On Thursday 10th May we had a talk by George Thorpe about Herbaceous Perennials.



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In these, features are often repeated every 10 metres or so. The effort of maintaining them is considered equal to the effort of planting out annuals. Should gaps appear, these can be remedied by filling them with annuals such as cosmos and nicotiana.

Borders are often divided into areas of cool and warm colours. Backdrops to show the flowers off to good effect include dark purple beech. A mulch of leaves and grass clippings helps maintain areas of dry shade, where bright colours can be favoured.

We were shown Graham Stuart Thomas's two books of perennials which would be a 'must' for any enthusiastic gardener.

Felicia Moor

Garden Tip of the Month – June

I was looking at a friend's hanging basket as he watered it and the water ran straight off the top, which is usually a sign that the compost has completely dried out. He persevered and it started to soak in. If this happens to you one remedy is to take it down and dunk it in water for half an hour; an old washing up bowl should be about the right size.

I read through my notes for last June and would like to give the same advice again, at least about trimming off long extension growths from wisterias. The space behind our house is narrow enough without the wisteria trying to take over, so I may snip bits off several times each summer.

Early summer is a good time to prune spring flowering shrubs like forsythia, which leaves plenty of growing time left for them to form the young wood bearing the buds that will open next spring. It's also timely to prune or trim evergreens like bay and box.

Advance notice of garden visiting opportunities:

Sunday 2nd July, 2–5.30pm, Clare College Fellows' Garden opens under the National Garden Scheme. A well designed, beautifully maintained garden with lovely borders and some great plants.

Sunday 9th July, Girton Open Gardens. Details and maps of participating gardens will be available before the day, and do come to our nature reserve, Town End Close.

George Thorpe

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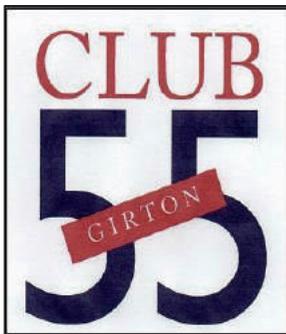
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Last of the Summer Wine



Waiting for lunch.

Our first impromptu 'Last of the Summer Wine' lunch at the Abbeyfield restaurant on Wednesday 9th May proved to be very enjoyable, and once the new Chef is settled in at Abbeyfield it is quite likely that this will be a regular feature in our calendar.

Men's Shed

You will be aware that we are in talks about setting up a 'Men's Shed' and over the next few weeks we will be contacting a number of men in the area in an effort to see how many people would be interested in using such a place if it were to be set it up. Men's Shed is a larger version of the shed at the bottom of a man's garden where he goes to work on his hobbies or simply to seek solace. A local Men's Shed will be a place where men can go to meet with other men to enjoy their company and to take part in various and varied hobbies from woodwork to gardening. Although it is called 'Men's Shed', women are not banned. It is aimed at the older person, but younger people, maybe with a medical need, could benefit from it. If you think you would be interested in such a

project either to use it or help run it, please let us know by calling the number below.

Coffee Morning at Orchard Close

Our advertised coffee morning held in Orchard Close Community Centre on the 1st May was reasonably well attended. The morning was aimed at people who rarely get out and about and the lack of attendance from this particular group was disappointing, so it is unlikely that this will become a regular feature. However, Club 55 will be holding a 'Fish and Chips out of the paper' lunch (it saves on washing up, you know) in August at this community centre, so watch out for the date to be advertised later. Salt, vinegar and tomato sauce will accompany the fish and chips and all will be available at a very reasonable price.

The Anchor at Sutton Gault

Our visit to The Anchor public house at Sutton Gault on Wednesday 16th May for lunch saw our party leave Girton on a bright morning but in a biting wind that was blowing in from the north. Having arrived and having settled ourselves down for lunch the staff began serving the starters. I was a little concerned when one of the waitresses came to me and said that she had an order of Whitebait left over and the last person to be served had ordered Stuffed Dates. After a quick check it became clear that someone had taken the wrong starter. The issue was quickly corrected but the incident brought a smile to my face when the recipient of the wrong order explained, 'I ordered Whitebait but when the food came I wasn't sure what it was, it was in fact stuffed dates but it looked like little "slugs" to me.'

Club 55's Christmas Spectacular Trip to Thursford Cancelled

I have had to cancel the Christmas Spectacular trip to Thursford on 21st November 2018 due to a lack of support for the trip. Unfortunately it was not possible for us to make this trip financially viable so the decision was taken to cancel it. Tickets may still be available from other sources.

For your diary:

Thursday 21st June, 12 for 12.30pm: Lunch at 'The Boot', Histon

Thursday 28th June* at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, 12 noon: Film 'Darkest Hour', Buffet £5. *Film is due for release on 4th June; if unavailable programme will change.

Wednesday 18th July, 12 for 12.30pm: Lunch at Girton Golf Club.

Thursday 26th July at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, 12 noon: Film to be announced.

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Both Ken and Ruby were actively involved in the Girton community. Ruby worked for many years at Graves Nursery. Together they organised and hosted local events for the Zipper Club, a charity set up to support people who needed heart surgery; the 'Zip' in Zipper referring to the days prior to keyhole surgery. They were also regular members of St Andrew's Sunday congregation and were always keen to support the needs of people overseas through the work of the Action Abroad committee.

In 2005, Ken Dench and David Perril decided to stage an art exhibition in the church in order to raise funds for the Action Abroad charities. A successful two-day event was held on 16th and 17th September 2005. At this point Nora and Adrian Rutherford joined Ken and Ruby to form a team for future planning. It was soon agreed that a three-day event would be more effective.

May 2006 was the first of these three-day events using borrowed equipment, which was less than ideal. Under Ken's guidance, Adrian was put to the task of making the bespoke display boards. Nora took up the paperwork and the daily management of the event. On receipt of the paintings from the artists, Ken, Ruby and their daughter Trish would spend the day hanging them to their best advantage for public viewing.

From 2007 to 2017, Ken and Ruby came each morning to act as stewards of the annual art exhibition for a couple of hours, returning each evening to take charge of the accounting and check the entries of the daily sales of paintings and cards. The art exhibition meant a great deal to Ken but as the health of both himself and Ruby declined, their daughter Trish took over the work.

This year Ken was remembered with great affection by his fellow artists, especially those who had worked with him on committees in the Cambridge art world. Ken's



St Andrew's Church



Bluebells by Ken Dench

invaluable artistic guidance, dedication and enthusiasm will be sorely missed.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mary Rodgers and Alice Thomson for their professional help this year. It was very much appreciated.

Mandy

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Notices

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19th June – Lloyd Wilson
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Sunday Services: June

| | | |
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| 3rd | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 7.00pm | Taizé Worship |
| 10th | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | All Age Family Worship |
| | 6.00pm | Evensong |
| 17th | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 6.00pm | Evensong |
| 24th | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Morning Prayer with speaker from Domboshawa Theological College, Zimbabwe |

Weekday Services: June

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| 12th | 2.30pm | Service of Holy Communion at Abbeyfield |
| 21st | 11.00am | Service of Holy Communion (BCP) at Gretton Court |

All are welcome to any of our services.



Girton Baptist Church

Minister: Revd Nick Lowe
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Secretary: Mrs Virginia Rootham-Smith
Tel: 926807

Website: www.girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk

Sunday Services: June

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.

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| 3rd | 10.30am | Morning Worship |
| | 6.30pm | Evening Worship with Communion |
| 10th | 10.30am | Morning Worship |
| 17th | 10.30am | Morning Worship with Communion led by John Searle |
| | 6.30pm | Evening Worship led by Greg Stevenson |
| 24th | 10.30am | Morning Worship |
| | 6.30pm | Evening Worship leader t.b.a. |

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For next meeting see GPN calendar

All Welcome!

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Thursday 28th June

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| 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 |

Contact numbers for bookings

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