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The Village Diary

July

- Wed. 4** **Girton WI**, Abbeyfield, 7.30pm
Cambridge Tour Guides – Yvonne Pinchen
- Fri. 6** **GIRTON FEAST WEEK BEGINS**
Rotary Memory Café, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent’s Close Community Centre
- Sat. 7** **Girton Walking Group**, Walk from Girton to Histon. Meet 10am at the Pavilion
- Sat. 14** **Village Fete Day**, 12 noon–9pm
Girton Recreation Ground
- Sun. 15** **GIRTON FEAST WEEK ENDS**
- Tue. 17** **Parish Council Meeting**, 7.00pm
St Vincent’s Close Community Centre
- Wed. 18** **Club 55**, lunch, 12 for 12.30pm
Girton Golf Club
- Fri. 20** **Flags of Eddington Parade**, 1.45–5.30pm
Storey’s Field Centre, Eddington
- Thur. 26** **Club 55**, Film, ‘The Mercy’, 12 noon
St Vincent’s Close Community Centre
- Fri. 27** **Girton Craft Club**, 2–4pm
Orchard Close Community Centre, all welcome
- Sat. 28** **Girton Churchyard Volunteers**, Work Party
St Andrew’s Churchyard, 10am–12 noon
- Sun. 29** **Cambridge Early Music**, Girton College Chapel
English Restoration Music for Three Violins, 4pm

August

- Wed. 1** **Girton WI**, Social Event
Tea at Girton Golf Club
- Fri. 3** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent’s Close Community Centre
- Sat. 4** **Girton Walking Group**, Cambridge Science Walk
Meet 10am at Bunkers Hill/Huntingdon Rd junction
Cambridge Early Music, Girton College Hall
Purcell, Handel and the original Academy of Ancient Music, 7.30pm

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GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

The copy deadline for this month's *Girton Parish News* has come before the June Parish Council Meeting has been held, but agenda items include presentations from Cambridgeshire County Council on cycling and walking provision between Girton and Oakington, and the village-wide litter-picking initiative undertaken in Histon & Impington and Oakington, with a view to introducing a similar project in Girton. Other agenda items include the appointment of a new Cotton Hall trustee, approval of the draft Annual Return, and a request for permission to install a memorial bench.

The Annual Parish Meeting held in May was reasonably well attended with interest being increased by the GTC High Street Alms housing development plans.

The efforts to regain control of costs for the car park redevelopment project continue but are proving extremely tortuous. We hope that matters can be resolved in time for work to be carried out in the summer holidays. Repeated attempts to contact SCDC concerning the replacement to the Holm Oak near Cotton Hall have gleaned the response that 'the matter is in hand but that nothing can be expected until the autumn planting season is upon us'!

Readers will have noticed that a very modest amount of pot-hole patching has been carried out on the Cambridge Road near the Pavilion. It is not clear why many other holes have not been deemed worthy of repair, however. County Cllr Lynda Harford has investigated and understands that this is only preparatory work to more serious resurfacing.

Planters Thank-You

The village planters are now displaying their midsummer blooms in all their loveliness. The Parish Council would like to thank all those individuals and organisations who kindly sponsor planters, including Gretton School, Girton Allotments Society, Girton Village Celebrations, Panther Taxis, Scallywags Day Nursery and Wendy's of Girton. Thanks also to the residents who water and maintain the tubs, particularly during the summer months.

Next meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held at St Vincent's Close Community Centre at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17th July and Tuesday 21st August. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings and to speak in the open session at the start.

Please see page 34 for a full list of councillors.

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The students of the University of Cambridge's degree programme for Sensor Technologies are currently embarking on their team challenge, which is to develop 'a cyclist's mobile sensor hub for big data citizen science'.

The project aim is to design sensors that can fit on bikes to measure the air quality, bike traffic and road surface quality experienced by the cyclist. By encouraging Cambridge residents to assemble and use the easy-to-build sensors, as well as access the analysed data, this project will bring the world of science closer to the community and promote engagement with issues relating to the quality of the local environment.

We are looking for volunteers to contribute to the project by using the sensors and therefore helping to collect data. A number of workshops for interested parents and children are planned for late July/early August.

Volunteers can easily get in touch by emailing info@cambikesensor.net and more information is available on the internet at www.cambikesensor.net.

The workshops are likely to take place in the Makespace Cambridge in Mill Lane.

From Our Councillors

County Councillor

Lynda Harford

Thank you to all of you who have been in touch during the month. As is often the case, the largest number of your communications have been about highways related issues. The condition of many of the roads and footpaths in the village leaves a lot to be desired and I continue to press for work to be done. There is going to be some work done to Cambridge Road in the near future and I am waiting for Officers to let me know when the contractor has it scheduled. Meanwhile some patching has been done to the table near the pavilion and I have recently also put in a request for work to be carried out on a stretch of footway along Girton Road.

I have also heard from many of you on matters relating to road safety. Girton has a large cycling community and it is worrying to hear from some of you about conflicts between motorists and cyclists particularly when children are involved. Whilst there are some physical highways improvements that would help with safety issues, there is also the matter of behaviour and this is something that more than one of you has suggested we might as a community work on. I have now spoken with one of the County Council's Road Safety / Education team to see whether or not we might, as a community, with its support, start a 'Safer Girton' campaign. Please do let me know what you think about this.

I am currently working with the Parish Council on making an appropriate application to the County Council's Local Highways Improvements scheme for funding for a project that would benefit the village. Speeding is a major concern so something to address, and this might be a project that many of you would support. A bid is not guaranteed to be successful but one of the criteria against which bids are judged is community engagement and the value of the proposal to the community as a whole. Please do let the Parish Council or me know your views.

The work that the County Council's Road Safety team does with school pupils was rewarded recently. One of the schemes that it promotes is STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation & Recognition). The Barnabas Oley C. of E. Primary School was the national winner of this year's STARS award for its efforts to increase levels of walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable transport for journeys to and from school. Girton Glebe is currently signed up to the scheme and has previously won bike and scooter storage for its work on sustainable school travel.

Schools and pre-schools are just two of the beneficiaries of a social enterprise scheme in which the County Council is partnered with Cambridgeshire Community Reuse & Recycling Network (CCORRN) on a scheme called Cambridgeshire Community Repaint. The scheme facilitates the reuse of unused / surplus to requirements

paint. If you have any to dispose of you can take it to the Household Recycling Centre at Milton, one of the six sites from which CCORRN collect. Following appropriate sorting and treatment the paint is distributed either on a nominal charge basis or through a monthly award programme. To date 159 community groups, support workers, schools and pre-schools as well as low income households have benefited from the scheme and around 21,000 people have enjoyed improvements to their environment and facilities as a result. The scheme has also provided work experience and volunteering opportunities as well as community payback placements for over 70 individuals. Information about the types of paint that can be accepted is available at: www.ccorrn.org.uk/community-repaint

A word of warning if you are driving to Cambridge station to drop someone off: bus lane cameras went live at the station on 1 June! Similar enforcement equipment has also been installed to replace the out of date rising bollards at Emmanuel Road, Bridge Street and Regent Street / St Andrew's Street. Described as 'bus gates' they restrict unauthorised traffic through the use of automatic number plate recognition cameras. By the time you are reading this the two week grace period when transgressors simply received a warning notice will have ended and fixed penalties will be in force.

Please do contact me about any concerns or questions you have about any local or strategic issue and particularly this month with your views on the subject of road safety/improvements. 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

Advice and support for local businesses

Free drop-in sessions and practical workshops centred around starting a company, or growing an existing one, are being offered to residents and businesses in South Cambridgeshire. These are being provided during regular times at the District Council's Cambourne offices by experts at Nwes, the UK's largest not-for-profit enterprise agency, and are aimed at South Cambridgeshire residents who are thinking of starting a business, and owners and managers of existing local firms. They will focus on either start-up companies or growing a business. One-to-one advice sessions last for around 30 minutes, and participants might also be able to sign-up for a further programme of support.

Additionally, a free workshop called 'First steps to start-up' is being made available. This will offer detailed insights into starting a business, and is tailored towards those considering ideas for new ventures. This will cover elements such as calculating start-up costs, registering with HMRC and the

legal side of naming a firm. They'll also run through how to plan and present financial forecasts.

Separate free workshops aimed at existing business owners or managers are also being offered. These sessions will include practical and tutored sessions to help delegates spot, manage and maximise opportunities for their companies to grow. Topics will include learning styles, disruption and innovation, how to build strong teams and effective communication.

To register, visit www.scamb.gov.uk/content/latest-news-workshops-events-support-awards-funding-and-grants-0

New train timetable

A new railway timetable was introduced by Thameslink and Great Northern in May. Despite problems in other parts of the country, it has dramatically improved services at Cambridge North Station. For most of the day, Mondays to Saturdays, there are four services to London an hour – two fast services to King's Cross on the hour and half hour, and a slow service each to Liverpool St and King's Cross in the gaps in between. On Sundays, there are two trains to London per hour – a fast service to King's Cross and a slow service to Liverpool St. Trains start at 5.30am Mon.–Sat. and 9.12am on Sunday, and the last return train departs King's Cross just after 11pm every day.

Despite this, Stagecoach is still only offering an hourly service to Cambridge North on the busway.

Check these times before you leave at ojp.nationalrail.co.uk and www.thebusway.info.

Cllr Tom Bygott
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A View from the District

At its Annual Meeting South Cambridgeshire District Council did me the great honour of unanimously voting me to be the Chairman of the Council.

Although in part this is a ceremonial role (think of 'Speaker' rather than 'Prime Minister') it also carries significant powers. While the Leader is responsible for policies, I am responsible for the Council's protocols: agendas and the smooth running of the Council as well as developing, where necessary, the Constitution. And we have already had some constitutional crises, since those who last revised it never imagined that the Chairman could be anything but a member of the ruling Group.

I gained approval for conducting my first Council meeting appropriately yet in much less time than my predecessors, and I hope that will set the stage for future meetings. I also have plans to involve our constituents much more in the way Council is run.

My first formal role outside the Council Chamber was to lay a wreath at Madingley American Cemetery on Memorial Day (28 May). The ceremony ended with a

single-plane flypast (we were not told what type it was) but owing to heavy low cloud this was a bit of a wash-out. However, in the afternoon the Flying Fortress normally based at Duxford did a circuit of the cemetery and overflew our house on both the way there and the way back – by which time the cloud had vanished.

My second was a Civic Leaders' tour of RAF Alconbury. Since the closure of the runways in the late 1990s it has been a control centre for the USAF in Europe and Africa, and a combined RAF/USAF intelligence centre. We were given valuable insights into the way intelligence works and how we fit into the picture.

I have now been to Council meetings of both my new responsibilities: Madingley and Dry Drayton. Like Girton, both had problems getting a full tally of Councillors to stand in the election. My first impression is that both could do with help in the way the Council is run and I hope I can offer that.

I remain on the Joint Development Control Committee (JDCC), which acts as the planning authority for large developments including the University Farm ('Eddington') and the NIAB site ('Darwin Green'). I am a substitute member of the Planning and Licensing Committees. Before I could sit on any of those I had to have two days of training, both well run and very informative. The involvement of untrained members who may not understand the issues could potentially involve the Council in a legal review of decisions taken.

The City's 'North-West Sub-Group' was given updates on the development on 6 June, and discussed allocations of funds to start-up community groups. It is clear that a community is already developing and we hope to nurture and encourage it. However there are also complaints from residents which I need to take up with the University.

The really good news of the past month is that we now believe we can demonstrate that we fulfil the Government's criteria for a 5-year housing land supply, even before the Local Plan is approved. This means that those whose planning applications we reject are no longer likely to have them almost automatically approved on appeal as has been the case up to now.

I recently mowed the sides of Dovehouse Close footpath (between High Street and Church Lane). We appear to have residents who think it appropriate to bag their dog mess and then drop it into the grass. I wish they had the task of cleaning the mower. I also see that some think it right to leave bags of dog mess outside the dog bins like offerings at a shrine. Please, if the bin is full, take the bag home and put it in your black bin!

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Flags of Eddington Parade & Storeys Field Centre event Friday 20th July 1.45-5.30pm

Join children and families from St Lukes, Mayfield, Girton-Glebe and University of Cambridge Primary Schools as we parade through Eddington. Marvel at the 150 hand-painted flags and join us as we parade to the lake and back before officially opening the new Storeys Field Centre.



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Girton Musical Theatre is joining forces with the choir of Little St Mary's Church to bring you two opportunities to enjoy the music of Gilbert & Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*, as a singer, or an audience member! The choirs will provide soloists and you are invited to come and sing with the chorus!



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THURSDAY 12th JULY
at Girton Glebe, 7.30pm.



There will be a chance to learn some of the famous choruses such as "A policeman's lot is not an 'appy one" and "With cat-like tread", and then to join in with a mini performance, from the comfort of your seats, if preferred. Dressing up welcome, but not compulsory.

£5 entrance.

Tickets in advance from www.ticketsource.co.uk/girtonmusicaltheatre,
or on the door.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Running Group at Eddington

Have you ever wanted to join a running group? Well, Eddington has started a running group on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. It's free to join and we encourage anyone from any background to come and have a go. It doesn't matter if you have run all your life or never run at all, we welcome everyone. All you need is a pair of trainers and to meet outside Storey's Field Community Centre in Eddington at 7pm, ready and raring to go! If you would like more information on the group, contact Joe Notarnicola at joe.notarnicola@cambridge.gov.uk.

Walking Tours of Eddington

The North West Cambridge Development has teamed up with Visit Cambridge and Beyond to provide tours of Eddington.

Members of the public will be able to book a spot on a tour of Eddington on the second Wednesday and last Saturday of every month. Participants will be asked to pay a refundable deposit of £3 to secure their place.

Tours will include a walk around the public areas of Eddington, with guides providing information about various landmarks as well as the origins of Eddington, the development's aims for housing, community and sustainability, and details about the architecture on the development.

The next tours are on 11 July, 28 July, 8 August, and 1 September – book your place online at visitcambridge.org or call 01223 791501.



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Girton Walking Group

July 7: a walk to Histon and back through Girton Woods and fields. Meet at 10am at the Pavilion.

August 4: A Cambridge Science Walk led by a local resident. The walk will be urban, around the scientific parts of Cambridge, taking in roads and buildings named after Cambridge scientists and mathematicians. Meet at 10am at the junction of Bunkers Hill and Huntingdon Road.

For more details contact Gina Lane, ginaklane@aol.com.

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News from Girton Glebe Primary School

The final half of the Summer term is in full flow and Girton Glebe Primary School has been its usual hive of activity. Please read on for a summary of the latest news and events ...

Sports Day

Thursday 7 June saw us host Sports Day on the Girton Glebe school field for the very first time. Since the field officially opened in autumn 2017, it has been used extensively for whole-school events, PE lessons, outdoor learning and break times and we were delighted to use the space to host Sports Day in front of a packed crowd of enthusiastic parents and carers.

The afternoon, which has historically been held on the Recreation Ground, consisted of eight carousel activities with the children competing against other pupils in their own year groups. The final events of the afternoon were the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 track sprint and the Key Stage 2 boundary sprint.

Our children performed admirably throughout the afternoon and the support from parents and carers was incredible. Many thanks to all Girton Glebe staff and volunteers for their hard work in preparing for this event.

Swimming at Girton Glebe

The Girton Glebe pool has been open since the first week in June and swimming sessions are well underway, with all pupils, from Foundation Stage to Year 6, taking part in lessons at least twice each week. Swimming forms a huge part of the PE curriculum in the summer term and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a wonderful resource on school grounds.

In addition to weekly lessons, our pupils take part in after-school swimming clubs and community swims, also held in the school's pool.

On Sunday 10 June, a team of dedicated FOGG (Friends of Girton Glebe) volunteers gave up their afternoons to paint and pamper the swimming pool and school grounds. We are incredibly grateful to the team for all of their hard work who, throughout the afternoon, painted the benches and fencing in the pool area and Tommy's train on the Key Stage 1 playground, spruced up the courtyard and

Millennium gardens and kept the wisteria outside of Birch class in check. Many thanks to all who came out in support of Girton Glebe!

Fabulous Forest School

We are incredibly fortunate to have such an extensive Forest School area at Girton Glebe, and outdoor learning is an embedded part of our teaching curriculum. With the help of Mr Smart, our Forest School leader, children take part in a range of challenging activities around school grounds where they have access to tightropes, rope ladders, den building and, our latest addition, a wooden dingy which is used for storytelling and role-play.



Recently, our Foundation Stage children spent the morning with Mr Smart and Ms Cansdale around an open fire, honing their cutting and cookery

skills as they made elderflower cordial. At the beginning of the summer holidays, a canopy (kindly funded by FOGG) is due to be installed over the fire circle so that it can be used all year round.

Feast Week – An Invitation

Pupils from Girton Glebe Primary will be performing on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 14 July in celebration of the annual Girton Feast Week and we would love to entertain you with music and dance should you be able to join us! Our pupils will be in the entertainment marquee from 12.15pm and we hope to see you there!

Our Year 6 pupils will also be performing *Macbeth* in the grounds of Girton College at 7.00pm on Monday 9 July.

Feathered Friends and Wild Challenges

Our Foundation Stage classroom has been home to a few guests as the eggs that our pupils had been keeping warm in their incubator (part of their topic on ‘Growing’) have hatched! The chicks spent some time in the classroom before returning home with Ms Cansdale – they will make a return to Girton Glebe once they have fluffed up!

Our EYFS children have also been working on a series of Wild Challenges set by the RSPB. This is a free scheme that encourages children to connect with, and learn about, nature through fun and engaging activities. The first task that they completed was producing butterfly feeders using mashed up bananas in our forest area.

Mr Andrew Simpson
Headteacher



Girton Scout Group Spring and Summer 2018

Since January the Cubs, Scouts and Leaders have been busy attending events in the U.K. and Poland.

In February all of the Leaders attended the Rover Conference, this year in Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

In March Leaders attended the annual ScoutNet reunion, this year in Gdansk. Leaders from Germany, The Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Lithuania, Russia and Poland meet to discuss the activities that each organisation provide for children and young people in their country.

In April the Leaders and Cubs, Gabriel and Aaron attended the St George’s Day parade in Chesterfield. The service was held in the famous Church of the Crooked Spire, St Mary and All Saints. The Mayor of Chesterfield took the salute on the way to the Church.

The Cubs attended Wet Camp and enjoyed kayaking, a scavenger hunt and campfire. The theme of the weekend was Mexico and they all said that they enjoyed hitting the Piñata.

The Scouts went to the Yorkshire Rally, this year in Bradley Wood Campsite near Brighouse. They enjoyed cooking their own meals on an open fire, and taking part in several activities including an incident hike and playing human battleships.

If anyone is interested in joining the group as a Cub, Scout or Leader please contact:

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Eddington Number Challenge: Get Cycling and Walking this Summer

As the weather gets warmer we would like to invite you to take part in the Eddington Number Challenge.

The Eddington district is named after Sir Arthur Eddington, who as well as being a world-renowned astrophysicist and mathematician, was also a keen cyclist. He created the Eddington Number, which is a way of measuring your cycling progress and mileage. It is the largest number of miles you have walked or cycled on the same number of days. They do not have to be consecutive days. If you cycle or walk five miles a day for five days, you will have an Eddington Number of five.

The Eddington Number Challenge started in May and will continue throughout the summer. The Challenge aims to encourage people to get cycling and walking – you can then use that data to calculate and improve your Eddington Number on a designated website (EddingtonNumber.co.uk).

Whether you’re starting out or speeding off, there is an Eddington Number for everyone. To learn more visit EddingtonNumber.co.uk and use the #EddingtonNumber hashtag on social media or join the Strava club to meet other cyclists and walkers involved in the challenge.



Upcoming Events at Girton Golf Club (Visitors Welcome)

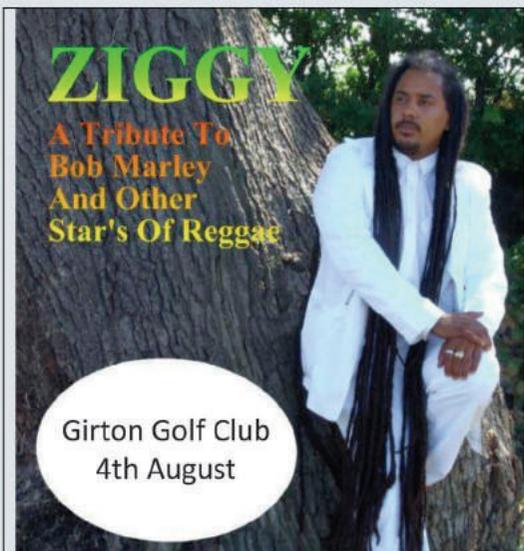
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Girton Feast Week Open House

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 for only £15 per member or £20 non members (includes 12 months social membership).

Fish and Chip Supper

Friday 17th August come and join us for a fabulous Fish and Chip supper, call for details

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Summer with Girton Youth Project

Hello everyone. I hope you like what we have planned! We try to make our summer events as inclusive as possible, so please check the age restrictions. Please also make sure you check where each event will be held and whether there will be a cost to getting involved. We will need permission forms from parents or guardians for all trips, so do check with GYP staff about getting one.

This is only the first week of trips; for a full timetable please ask staff at Youth Club sessions or email Rachel on rachel.rason@ymcatrinity.org.uk Alternatively you can see a full timetable on our Facebook page.

There won't be evening Youth Clubs between the 30th June and 17th August, or Monday club for the whole of the summer. However, we will be running Thursday sessions as usual the rest of the holidays. Monday group are welcome to join us on Thursdays, so don't forget us!

Monday 6th August			
12pm–4pm	All ages welcome	Bouncy Castle Day	Recreation ground
FREE	As usual we have booked the biggest inflatable we could get, along with extreme air-o-ball (bouncy castle basketball) so everyone will find something to climb on or race over! All are welcome, but under 8's must be accompanied and if you are new to the club, please introduce yourself to a member of staff.		
Tuesday 7th August			
12pm–3pm	10+ years	Zorb Football	Recreation ground
FREE	The most fun you can have playing football, in a bubble! Probably with interesting tackles with the older group. Only sports clothing required, all equipment supplied!		
Wednesday 8th August			
11am–3pm	All ages welcome	Animation Day	Cotton Hall
FREE	We will be creating our own movies in small groups, groups will have to decide their own concept and create their own costumes before becoming a film star for the day. All participants will be given a dvd of their efforts and lunch will be provided.		
Thursday 9th August			
11am–3pm	All ages welcome	TRIP – Punting	
	Join us for a tour of Cambridge on a guided punt down the River Cam. We will meet at Cotton Hall and get the bus in to town where we will be given an hour punting session on the river Cam. Please bring a packed lunch.		
Friday 10th August			
11am–3pm	All ages welcome	Spray Painting Day	Cotton Hall
FREE	This workshop will be hosted by our very own staff and young people, showing and teaching their skills to the participants. We will show how to do your own stencils and then spray them to the best effect on to board or t-shirts which you can take home with you at the end of the day. Sandwiches will be provided.		

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Girton WI

Our Speaker for our June Meeting was Jane Bower, a Girton Resident who is a teacher, actress, writer and artist. The title of her

talk was 'A Curious Tale of Redundancy'.

Jane told us that because she had been made redundant from a job at a very young age it has enabled her to become all the things that she was going to tell us about.

Jane started out as a teacher. In 1989 she was appointed Arts Advisor for South Cambridgeshire primary schools. She went on to work independently as an Arts advisory teacher in over 600 schools in the UK and abroad and has done much more work in Arts education. She is also an author of several books on practical Arts teaching and is an artist herself.

However, it was the tales of her acting career that filled the main part of her talk. Jane became a professional actress in 1999 and performs her one woman shows that she has also written herself. The latest one is called 'Daddy's Diaries', which is a dramatisation of her father's and grandfather's war years from their diaries and memoirs. Some of our members had been to see this in Cambridge and thoroughly enjoyed it. She was also commissioned by the actress Maureen Lipman to write a play about the relationship between the actresses Ruth Draper and Joyce Grenfell, and she went on to perform it with Maureen Lipman on stage at The Stables Theatre, Milton Keynes. The producer was Richard Price. Jane had many amusing anecdotes of her time rehearsing and performing with Maureen.

After a break for tea and cake, and the raffle, there was a special draw for a Denman Bursary given from Girton WI. The winner was our former president Margaret Pearce Higgins. We look forward to seeing which course Margaret will choose to go on at Denman.

On a final note, please don't forget to visit our Cake Stall and Tombola on Girton Feast Day (Saturday 14th July). There is nothing like a Girton WI cake for tea.

Wendy Hall

LOST AND FOUND

A man's watch has been handed in to the Parish Office. This was found on the Recreation Ground in the first week of June. For more information contact the Parish Office, 01223 647181 or email admin@girton-cambs.org.uk

HOT SMOKED SALMON SALAD



Ingredients

500g new potatoes, halved
200g pack asparagus tips
250g bag mixed salad leaves (including young beetroot leaves and watercress)
Bunch parsley, leaves picked and roughly chopped
Fine diced chives
Small tin of sweetcorn
140g radishes, thinly sliced
8 x hot-smoked salmon steaks, skin removed
4 spring onions, sliced diagonally

For the dressing:

3 tbsp lemon juice
125ml olive oil
1 tsp wholegrain mustard
2 red chillies
4 mint leaves shredded
Small handful of oregano shredded
Salt and pepper

Method

Boil potatoes in salted water for 10 mins until tender, adding the asparagus tips for the final 2 mins of cooking. Drain and allow to cool. Whisk together the salad dressing ingredients, then season to taste.

In a large bowl, toss together the potatoes, asparagus, salad leaves, herbs and radishes and sweetcorn. Add two-thirds of the dressing, thoroughly mix through the salad, then spread the salad over a large platter. Break the hot-smoked salmon into large chunks, then scatter over the top along with the spring onions. Finish by pouring remaining dressing over the top.

Kevin Fox, the Golf Club chef



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Just too late to include in my article of two months ago, there took place a pleasant sociable gathering one Saturday morning in April. Two dozen or so Society members including some children gathered to work together on preparing an area of wildflower meadow. A spare piece of land alongside a hedge had been cleared of rubbish, couch grass, etc. The Saturday work party raked it over; wildflower seed had been mixed with grass seed; children were given the task of scattering the mix over the prepared ground.



Sowing the wildflower meadow

Nowadays it is largely a memory from years ago to see swathes of multicoloured flowers adorning English meadows. Changes in agricultural practices are largely responsible for the loss. Interesting that a designer made a miniature wildflower meadow a feature of his show-garden at a major flower show. If all goes well with this Allotment Society project, members will be able to wander over to the 'meadow' area and see wild flowers evocative of former days.

It is now the evening of Sunday 10th June, the close of a beautiful day, sunny and warm. Across the site, individuals, couples and families have been busy: digging, weeding, planting, watering, talking (all part of it!), even some early harvesting. 8pm and relaxing to look out over the site. The sun glints off greenhouses; so many different shades of green; the colour of flowers on some plots; foliage of fruit bushes and trees, potatoes; so many designs of supports for climbing plants and protection from pigeons and crows; buildings both smart and dilapidated. And still the human element, mainly watering at this stage of the day.

My May article was extra-gloomy, even for a gardener/vegetable grower. We had had such awful conditions for starting off the season: prolonged cold, rain and winds. But I ended hopefully, 'All things shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.' And, on the whole, so it has turned out. The consensus is that we

may be a couple of weeks behind compared to other years. But the growing processes are in full swing. Beans have remembered how to twine around their supports; courgettes and marrows are producing their lovely golden flowers (even the tiny young fruit); pea pods are filling; tomatoes are in flower; strawberries are ripening; the front cover picture of sweet peas was taken on the allotment. I could go on and on about burgeoning crops.



All manner of things shall be well

And the best indication that all is well: we are already harvesting. My dinner this evening included new potatoes (variety 'Swift'), beetroot, lettuce, broad beans, peas, mint, strawberries. Tomatoes had to be shop-bought at present and we are not allowed to keep chickens. Otherwise it would have been 100% allotment grown. Plenty of other members are likewise safely gathering in.

Actually I wasn't intending to dig potatoes yet; but wilting had occurred amongst first earlies. So I dug to check and was pleased to find more than enough healthy young potatoes from two plants for a meal for two.

So, to sum up: we have been luxuriating in days of beautiful weather. (I've vowed not to complain, and therefore I won't mention that when digging those two potatoes, the soil was dry as dust. And members trudge to and from the pumps with heavy cans of water.) Those miserable days of two months ago fade like a dream at the break of a new day. My next article hopefully will record intervening months of freshly picked, healthy, tasty produce. (No need for Tesco and its 'freshly clicked' delivery van slogan.)

Now for something different. I've been reading a book *The Last Wolf: The Hidden Springs of Englishness* by Robert Winder. Its thesis is that the special nature of Englishness flows originally from the land's resources of climate, wool, water and coal. Chapters on agriculture trace the development from open-field and strip farming, the Black Death which decimated the population, tenancies, then the Enclosure Acts which took common land from the people. Arising from the enclosures, local authorities eventually were charged with allotting areas of land in villages, towns and cities to people for growing their own vegetables and fruit ... the beginning of the allotment movement. We are part of history!! I recommend the book.

Graham Jones, Girton Allotment Society


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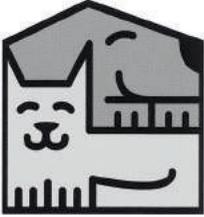
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Garden Tip of the Month – July

Some of us have allium leaf miner damage, which is new to me and a worrying pest. I missed the row of little holes in the leaves, but their crooked shape is worsening by the week, and without a cure it may be goodbye to a promising crop. I might try a mulch net next year to exclude the little flies that bite the leaves and lay their eggs.

I joined a mailing list from Blightwatch and had several emails telling me whether or not blight was likely (minimum air temperature 10°C and 90% or more relative humidity for 6 hours: four times in early June). I'm interested but it hasn't prompted me to start a defensive spray programme: last time I tried that it seemed to make no difference whatever! At least I have a blight-resistant main crop in 'Sarpò mira'.

Pruning news is still largely about broadleaved (i.e. not needle leaved) evergreen shrubs (including hedges: laurel, privet ...) and prunus (cherry, plum, gage ...), while the risk of silver leaf disease is lowest. If you haven't got round to pruning spring flowering shrubs (forsythia, flowering currant ...) it's time to get on with it!

Now might be a good time to sow rocket and other leafy herbs, as they are likely to bolt. Sunday 8th July sees the return of Open Gardens in Girton: an easy way to get planting ideas as well as being most enjoyable.

George Thorpe



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

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Netball Club

The Summer League, now well under way, has a fun element compared to the Winter League – the first half of the match is played as normal but the second half is played according to the wildcard of the umpire's choosing. In our second match of the season, played against Warboys 3, the wildcard was 'only a bounce pass to be used (must be thrown from below the shoulder, except for shooting)', which proved tricky for both teams and there was only one goal between us by the end. In our third match against Stretchworth, the wildcard was even harder because every time a team scored a goal, each player in that team had to move up a position so we ended up with our shooter in Centre for most of the match and two expeditious attackers defending two very tall women in the D! Despite the challenge (level at half-time, losing by 6 goals by full time), the match was still incredibly good fun – we showed versatility and resilience and Paula De Matos was named player of the match for her enthusiasm. In our match against Stretham, we were winning 19–10 at half-time. This was followed by the wildcard of 'being able to shoot from outside the D'; in the end we won by 5 goals. Player of the match Lisa Le Moal runs a bootcamp in Girton on Monday and Wednesday mornings and will be at the Girton Feast if you want to come and chat about joining Girton Netball.



Playing against Stretham

Girton Netball training sessions are run on a pay-and-play basis (first session is free) so you can come as and when you're able. They are held on Girton Recreation Ground on a Monday evening (7.30–8.45pm) – 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](https://www.facebook.com/tinyurl.com/girton-netball) for information on when and where we'll next be meeting.

Claire Chapman



Girton Bowls Club

The bowls season is now well underway with many of our members involved in League matches, internal club competitions and external competitions.

Two teams comprising Bill Ewart, Graham Clare and Robin Bradford and Dave Fryer, Paul Tippet and Geoff McCall have entered a triples competition in the Lord Eltisley Cup, and Bill Ewart and his team have also entered the Lacon Cup. Margaret McCall and Roger Webster are taking part in the Cambridge and District Treasurers and Secretaries competition and won their first round match and are now through to the second round. Also in the C&D league, Dave Fryer and Geoff McCall won their first round doubles match, Janet Graaff won her first round singles match and Pauline and Ron Marsh and Dave and Evelyn Fryer entered the mixed doubles.

To date, we are lying mid-table in the Ely and District League. In the Cambridge and District League we are lying 2nd, having won 4 matches, lost one and drawn one. In the Meldreth League we are in 7th position and in the Business Houses thus far we have lost to Great Chesterford, won against Milton and drawn against City. To keep up with all the League results and match photos, please go to our website at www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com. Currently Evelyn Fryer is at the top of the ladder table.

On Saturday 9th June Girton entered two teams of three into a knockout competition held at Cottenham (see photo). Both teams played four matches of six ends and both teams won two matches and lost two matches, one of which was played against each other as they were both drawn in the same half of the competition. The weather remained fine and everyone had a most enjoyable day. It was also a fact-finding exercise as the Club hopes to hold similar events at Girton next year.



Maintenance of the Bowls Green is ongoing, thanks to our team of volunteers. Their hard work has been acknowledged by many of the visiting teams who have commented on how well the Green plays and what great condition it is in.

The Bowls Club will be taking part in the Feast Week again, starting with an open afternoon on 9th July from 2pm until 4pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and play a few bowls and enjoy a cup of tea. We will have a stall on Feast Day again this year and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to join in the fun. Remember, this year's theme is Pirates.

If you would like to try your hand at Bowls, our Club nights commence at 6pm every Thursday, all equipment is provided, and all you need to play are flat-soled shoes. For any further information please contact our Secretary, Margaret McCall at margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com.

Lynn McGill



Girton Golf Club

Plenty is happening at Girton Golf Club in the coming days, weeks and months with the weather having produced a course in wonderful condition, thanks to our team of brilliant green keepers whose hard work is so appreciated, and our club house staff ensuring we are all fed and watered to a remarkably high standard. The club house is busy with both club activities, and gatherings of families, local clubs and parties.

We have just enjoyed a really great Mexican Night and now have our Feast Week Open Day on Sunday morning 8th July from 10.00 to noon, with free coffee and cake for all at the club house. Just pop in and look around to see our facilities, menus and upcoming events. And join as a social member while you are there.

Our summer BBQ is on 14th July, and 8th August brings the Caribbean BBQ with music by a great Bob Marley tribute, reggae playing act, Ziggy. Tickets are available from the club at only £15, or including 12 months' social membership at only £20.

Events coming up include a Fish and Chip supper, a Chinese Night, Sunday Roasts, a Thai Theme Night, a Variety Show and our much-loved Quiz nights, so we look forward to seeing you all at the Golf Club in the coming weeks.

The golf competitions are happening thick and fast. All sections of the club are playing matches against many other Cambridgeshire clubs, both home and away, with Juniors, Ladies, Men and Senior teams achieving mixed results, but all enjoying the summer weather. Playing golf is such a great activity for health and well-being; talk to our professionals about how you can get into this inclusive and very social sport.

Alan Henderson-Smith



Girton Colts Football Club

As the outgoing Chairman of Girton Colts FC, it gives me great pleasure to report on a very enjoyable season for the club across the various age groups.

The Club's Presentation Day on the 10th June was well attended by parents and players and showcased the enthusiasm of the younger players in the Club. The awards and the special prizes given out by coaches and managers were a great recognition of the efforts of a wide number of individuals in the Club. Apologies were received from the Under 15s team, many of whom were on a rescheduled Duke of Edinburgh weekend. The Under 15s won their league this season and will be presented with their medals at a special ceremony organised by Cambs FA in the coming weeks.

The Club is in a very strong position for next year and I am pleased to report that we should be running five teams next season which will be a fantastic achievement and reflects the enthusiasm and commitment of both parents and players within the Club.

I have really enjoyed my Chairmanship over the past few years and have now passed over the baton to Andrew Hawkes, who, I am sure, will take the Club onto bigger and better things.

Garth Hanlon



Girton Tennis Club

Our club will be running an 'open court' session during the afternoon on the main Feast Saturday (14th July) so please come along and have a go. Racquets and balls will be provided so just come along – wearing flat-soled shoes, please.

The men's Summer Tennis League has now finished and our captain Mark reports:

'Well, what a season! After our gruelling winter coaching programme, organised by Victor, we started with renewed optimism, a number of new shots and strategies. The first match against Newmarket, instead of denting that optimism, stimulated a steely resolve that soon brought us our first win against Haslingfield 3. This was, I believe, our first win in at least 4 years and was quickly followed by a draw against David Lloyd 5. We finished with 3 points and 38% of games won, again an improvement on last year's single point and 33%, hopefully cementing a 6th place finish in the league.'

The mixed team are now starting their matches, so please get in touch if you are interested in playing a few friendly matches against local teams this Summer.

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 to 7.30pm). Adult club members play from 7.30pm on Friday evenings.

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- **Roll up bowls on Monday 9th and Thursday 12th July.**
- **For children, there is the Bobtails Summer Party on Monday 9th and Thursday 12th July, a children's disco in the marquee and the FOGG picnic on Saturday 14th, on the recreation ground.**
- **Granta Blue Morris dancers will be performing outside Cotton Hall on Tuesday 10th, this is also the night of the pub quiz.**
- **If you like singing, why not come and join in the sing-along to The Pirates of Penzance on Thursday 12th July.**
- **Cambridge Wind Band and the Silver Swan Madrigals will be performing at our Music on a Summer's Evening Concert on Friday 13th July.**
- **The Village Fete Day on Saturday 14th July (12 noon to 9pm)** will have bouncy castles, children's rides, Girton Glebe School performances, and three local bands in the evening - **The Corellis, Major Rat Run and Chords against Humanity.**

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The Route to Bap Paradise

By Sam Clift

Have you been keeping an eye on the A14 upgrade? The amount of earth being moved is phenomenal, with bridges springing up in the middle of fields, Bailey bridges appearing over the dual carriageway, large areas of land being cleared, trees being felled and ponds appearing here and there. An awful lot of this work is happening in our parish. Don't get me wrong – I'm not complaining (well not much). I just want to know what the route will be to Tesco's at Bar Hill. What would life be like if I couldn't get there for my sausage bap with brown sauce? Will it be easier to negotiate the now crammed A14 and make life much better for those who use it daily?

I have been familiarising myself with the new route by studying the plans. I don't want to get to Tesco's for my bap and then be unable to find my way home. I'm also frantically searching the internet for Sat Nav updates just in case! Mind you, those people who don't update the software in their Sat Nav may be lost for ever. You have heard of the Bermuda Triangle – this could be the Girton Triangle. At least in the middle of all this we have the Crematorium, somewhere to end up if the worst comes to the worst!

Let's go to Bar Hill via the Huntingdon Road once the works are complete. We will leave Cambridge more or less as we do now over the long sweeping bridge over the A428, then down round the curve towards the M11 underpass. But before we get to this point we will find a roundabout (Girton Roundabout East). There will be a road coming into that roundabout from the A14 Eastbound similar to the present route from the A14 to the Crematorium. It appears that you will be able to enter this roundabout from the A14 Eastbound but not leave the roundabout via that road.

For us leaving Cambridge we will take the first exit straight on and under the M11 as we do now. Continuing straight on we will find a second underpass which will carry a new slip road from the A14/A428 over us to the A14 Westbound near to where it joins the M11. Having negotiated that underpass, surprise, surprise another roundabout (Girton Roundabout West) from which we will be able to take the second exit, a slip road onto the A14 Westbound and enabling us to use the A14 to Bar Hill and beyond. Non-motorway traffic to Bar Hill and farther afield will take the first exit, straight on, passing what is now the rear of the Crematorium. A new entrance to the Crem will be built from this new piece of road and the entrance or exit to it from the A14 will be closed.

In other words, your trip to the Crem will be via the back door but possibly a much prettier route for your last journey.

Our non-motorway traffic's next negotiable object is, you've guessed it, a roundabout at the Dry Drayton to Oakington Road. Left here, the first exit, will take you to Dry Drayton and right, the second exit, will take you over the new A14 towards Oakington. Once over the bridge you will be faced with yet another roundabout: first exit (left) to Bar Hill; second exit (straight on) to Oakington. There seems to be no entry or exit to the A14 from this junction so traffic wishing to enter or leave the A14 from here will have to do so from the new Bar Hill roundabout.

Now on the opposite side of the A14 to the Crematorium this new road will take us to the Bar Hill to Longstanton Road. All we have to do now is negotiate the new roundabout at Bar Hill and we will be smelling our sausage bap. Non-motorway traffic will be able to use this route to get from Cambridge to Bar Hill and beyond and vice versa.

With a full tummy and the taste of brown sauce tingling the palate one will be able to return via the same route, either down the A14 or via the new road.

In either case one will end up at the roundabout just before the M11 underpass (Girton Roundabout East). From here one will be able to retrace one's route into Cambridge via the Huntingdon Road.

Tucked into the triangle between the A14/A428 road and the M11 will be the Girton Park and Ride scheme with the M11 underpass roundabout (Girton Roundabout East) at its point, and it seems that the bus station or bus stops will be integrated with this elongated roundabout so minimising bus journeys.

Clearly this is a fantastic piece of engineering and the cost will be astronomical, but when it is finished we will have a route directly from the Midlands and the North to our East Coast ports and on to Europe.

I know this whole project is controversial, but it is well on its way now so let's hope that noise, pollution, constant road closures, and alternative routes will not spoil our idyllic village life here in Girton and other local villages.

Well there you are, I know how to get my sausage bap – well, I think I do. I hope I've got it right. Once my headache clears I will look at other routes. I might find a better sausage bap somewhere else.

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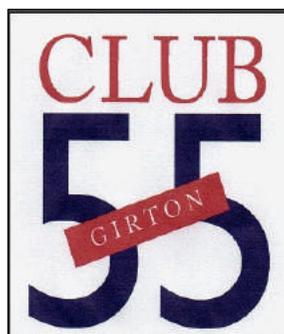
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If you don't get out very much and would like the chance to meet up and make friends, why not come along to our fish and chip day at the Orchard Close Community Centre in August. We are only a phone call away and

will help you get there if you want to come. You have plenty of time to think about it and make arrangements. We will be chatting, that's non-stop, eating Fish and Chips from the paper and strawberries and ice cream afterwards, and we might even have an old fashioned singalong. All this will be reasonably priced so you really have no excuse to stay at home.

Patricia Johnston, our Older Residents Coordinator, will have all the details so if you want to discuss anything with her she will pass it on to us. It is a great chance to get out and make friends.

Due to the early date by which we need to produce our reports for this month's newsletter we don't have much news because our events will take place after the deadline. They should be reported in next month's issue.

Last of the Summer Wine

A gammon steak, enough to feed a family of four and their dog, turned up on the plate of one of our group of men who visited the Jenys Arms at Denver Sluice. Eight men in all took part in this little jaunt to the Fens and enjoyed each other's company, but had to help out with the bowl of chips that accompanied that enormous piece of bacon. If you would like to join us on one of these 'happenings' let us know. 'Compo' will be happy to see you and there is no telling what we might get up to.

For your diary:

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 'The Mercy', a true story about a man who leaves his wife and children behind to embark on an adventure on his boat. Colin Firth and Rachel Weisz star. Buffet £5.

Wednesday 15th August at Orchard Close Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm: Fish and Chips from the paper, strawberries, ice cream and singalong.

Thursday 6th September at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, 12 noon: Film 'The Post'. Buffet £5.

For more details contact:
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A momentous year – GTC is building for the future

The last year has seen an unprecedented number of developments and projects for GTC reported Chairman Dr Robin Hiley at the Girton Parish Meeting on 22nd May. Here he shares the highlights.

Increasing Almshouses to meet growing demand

GTC currently owns 16 almshouses and with the exception of the High Street bungalows, all these properties are now managed on the Charity's behalf by the CHS Group, based in Histon.

Over the last year we have seen the first successful changeover from the initial group of residents living at Centenary Court where a rolling programme of three-year appointments is now in place.

Work will start soon on constructing a terrace of three further almshouses on the former WI site and a planning application for redeveloping the High Street site to provide 16 apartments is now with the Planning Department of SCDC. The apartments will replace the existing six bungalows which no longer provide the quality of housing that we wish for our residents nor do they provide satisfactory accommodation for couples.

Proposed designs were shown to our current residents, the Planning Authority, our neighbours and the wider community in February and March with representatives attending from Project Managers Northmores and Mole Architects.

The William Collyn Community Centre

Good progress has been made on the £2.1 million build of our new Community Centre which is on schedule to be completed by the end of the year. Contractors Godfrey & Hicks have recently installed the high roof fascia, guttering and the lower roof, as well as fitting the windows and completing the screed inside. The internal walls have been erected ahead of the first fix for electricals and plumbing

Community Art Project

Located at the entrance to Wellbrook Way, the Sensory Garden was completed last Summer and formally opened on 4th September in the presence of our MP, Heidi Allen, and Parish, District and County Councillors. Since then it has established itself as a place to visit, rest or play for residents of all ages, whatever the season.

The Sculptural Railings being created for the Village by Matthew Lane Sanderson are 50% completed and



GTC Chairman, Dr. Robin Hiley.

are on schedule to be installed during the Autumn. The design, which has been approved by South Cambridgeshire District Council, incorporates the geese and quills historically associated with Girton. Project Managers Northmores have been instructed to move forward on constructing the foundations and footpath which will also involve replacing the existing bus shelter.

CarePlus Grant Scheme

This Scheme helps Girton residents to live independently in their own homes by providing additional short-term care to suit their needs over and above any statutory care for which they are entitled. In particular it assists residents to return home from hospital as soon as possible. During the last 12 months, 17 residents received grants of up to £1,700 which are paid directly to the professional care providers.

Educational Grant Scheme

Over the last year, 26 individuals benefitted from this Scheme which helps with the costs of buying books and equipment for study in further and higher education, as well as for some apprenticeships and similar qualifications at NVQ Level 4 or above up to a maximum of £275 per academic year.

Hospital Taxi Scheme

This helps people go by taxi to outpatient appointments at Addenbrooke's, Brookfields or Chesterton Hospitals when alternative transport is not practical. Operating on a membership basis, with an annual registration fee of £6, each return trip is capped at £7. The Trustees continue to be grateful for the full co-operation of the Girton taxi companies: Nelsons and Wendy Barrett who carry this out on our behalf.

Prescription Delivery Service

GTC funds a Prescription Delivery Service, run by the pharmacists at the GP practices at Pepys Way and Huntingdon Road Surgeries which is available for those Girton patients living within the Pepys Way dispensing area who are unable, through reason of incapacity, to collect their dispensed medicines.

Youth Project with the YMCA

Rachel Rason has quickly established herself and managed all aspects with great skill. The Trustees have been delighted that the project has continued to be strong through change of leader and were very happy to agree to co-fund training and additional support for the Summer sailing activity.

Citizens Advice Bureau

GTC supports outreach sessions of Cambridge CAB which provides advice on many issues but especially those relating to personal finances, employment and housing. The sessions, for which no appointment is necessary, take place in the St Vincent's Close Community Centre on Wednesday afternoons.

Age UK Activities

GTC supports the Age UK Community Warden Scheme run by Gail and Patricia as Older Residents' Coordinator. Both are highly valued for the contact, support and reassurance they provide for older residents of Girton.

Grants to local schools

GTC has worked closely with Girton Glebe Primary School over the last ten years helping to meet the costs of a variety of educational enrichment and other activities, ranging from wrap-around support for the children of families-in-need to funding Relate's 'Be-a-Buddy' Scheme at the School.

Last year GTC matched the amount raised by the Cottontails Pre-School's own fundraising efforts in 2016-17 which was a highly successful campaign.

Grants to individuals

GTC helps to relieve need in the Village by making grants to individuals for many purposes in order to try to make their lives more comfortable. In total 14 grants have been made so far this year to cover a range of situations.

As always I would like to thank all my fellow Trustees for all their hard work and for their unstinting support during the last 12 months, as well as our Administrator, Gilly O'Brien, who runs the office and gives reliable support to the Trustees. We should all be grateful to this team of people for their excellent contributions.

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So, I thought it would be good to have a fun creative session. This will be on Wednesday 25th July from 2.30–4.30pm in Orchard Close Community Room. No artistic flair is necessary but artists among us are also very welcome to come along and either join in or bring your own work to do alongside us. Gilly who, unlike me, is very creative will come and encourage us.

Everyone is welcome for this relaxing and enjoyable afternoon. Booking is essential to ensure there are sufficient materials and refreshments.

My availability in July and August

Tuesdays and Wednesdays are my usual working days, though if necessary I am in the village on Mondays and Thursdays. I keep Fridays for other things. During the summer months my work pattern will be different in some weeks. For example, in the last week in July I will not be available after our fun creative session on Wednesday 25th July until Wednesday 1st August.

Please continue to send emails and/or leave me phone messages and I will respond to them as soon as I can.

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When someone answers a call by replying, 'Hineni,' they are indicating a willingness to listen, to obey an instruction, to step up and do whatever is required in the circumstances. Significantly, Cohen's final words are, 'I am ready Lord.'

When the great prophet Samuel was a young child he was dedicated to the Temple guardianship to be tutored by the aged priest Eli. One night in the stillness of his sleeping quarters, young Samuel heard a voice calling him by name. A lovely old hymn tells the story of Samuel's experience.

*'Hushed was the evening hymn
The Temple courts were dark
The lamp was burning dim
before the sacred ark
When suddenly a voice divine
rang through the silence of the shrine.'*

Realising that God had a special message for the boy, Eli advised him to respond with 'Hineni,' meaning, 'Here I am. Speak Lord, for your servant listens.' From that time onwards, the flow of communication continued throughout Samuel's lifetime, in turmoil and conflict, joy and celebration, interpreting the will of God and mediating for his people.

When a burning bush caught the attention of Moses, he had no intention of changing his quiet, pastoral life for the awesome challenge of leading a complex, often querulous nation out of slavery through the dangers of alien territories to a new distant settlement.

Whilst Gideon was busy on the threshing floor, fully occupied with his useful task, the commission of God began the transformation of a modest harvester into a mighty warrior.

When the prophet Isaiah replied 'Hineni' to God's question, 'Whom shall I send?' he dedicated himself

to the task ahead in full anticipation of the high cost to his status and reputation.

It was a blinding light that knocked the zealous Saul of Tarsus into facing a total revolution in his purpose in life, holding nothing back, in absolute reliance on the sustaining power of God. So the list goes on of those who heard the insistent calling of their name: Abraham, Jacob, Joshua, Mary and most significantly Jesus, standing in the synagogue declaring, from Psalm 40, 'Here I am, ready to do the Father's will.'

Most of us, if we are honest, would be seriously perplexed if we were to hear an actual voice calling our name, followed by a commission that would jeopardize our plans for life. Yet we are aware of the little nagging promptings to visit someone, to offer practical help, to provide for a need, to write a note of sympathy or support, or to take on a role of commitment.

There are three issues here for blessing to follow. Firstly, we need to be tuned in and ready to listen. Secondly, we have to be willing to serve in whatever context is indicated. Thirdly, we have to realize that the resources we will need are already available for the appropriate time.

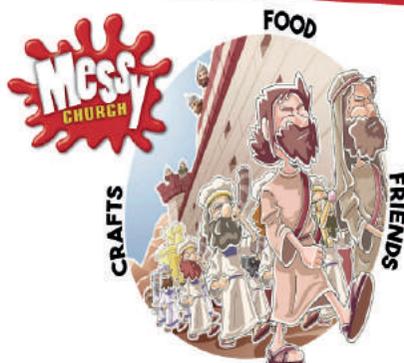
Like the patriarchs of old, we may still echo their words, 'Lord, unless You go with me, do not send me.' We rely on God's ability to make all things possible.

Over decades now, our Tuesday Friendship Group has been delighted to support a wide variety of charities manned by volunteers who have matched inner conviction with practical output.

Around the world today aid workers, stretcher bearers, bomb disposal units, search and rescue crews put themselves in the line of fire out of mercy and compassion. Their dedication is beyond valuation. When we say, 'Hineni, Lord God,' we are in fact replying to His 'Hineni', meaning 'I am here with you.' May it be that we have the courage and faith to say, as the old hymn speaks as a prayer:

*'O give me Samuel's ear
The open ear O Lord
Alive and quick to hear
Each whisper of Your word
Like him to answer at Your call
And to obey You first of all.'*

Iris Niven



GIRTON FEAST WEEK EVENTS IN ST ANDREW'S

TOWER TOUR, July 14th from 9.30am to 12.30pm. On your way to the Feast Week Fun Day on the Rec? Why not pop in and get a bird's eye view of Girton. If you are interested in coming to see the view from the church tower, please wear sensible shoes. There are spiral staircases and a ladder to climb before you reach the roof. Good photos to be taken if you can manage to carry a camera or phone. All most welcome.

HYMNS AND PIMMS, July 15th, 4pm. Come and sing your favourite hymns and enjoy a glass of Pimms as part of the Girton Feast Week celebrations.

ODD JOBS FOR EVERYONE

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Jobs I do:

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- Tutoring for children
- Babysitting
- Car washing
- Gardening

I am really happy to help so if you need anything at all, please contact me.

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St Andrew's Church

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Sunday Services: July

1st	10.00am	Holy Communion (Diana Johnson's First Communion)
	1.00pm	Baptism
	1.30pm	Baptism
	7.00pm	Taizé Worship
8th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	All Age Family Worship with Baptism
	1.00pm	Baptism
	6.00pm	Evensong
15th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Baptism
	4.00pm	Hymns and Pimms
22nd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Prayer
29th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion

Weekday Services: July

10th	2.30pm	Service of Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
26th	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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Secretary: Mrs Virginia Rootham-Smith
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Website: www.girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk

Sunday Services: July

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

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

1st	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship with Communion
8th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Robin Giles
15th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by Christine Kimmitt
22nd	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by John Searle
29th	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by David Warboys

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Contact details: Bookings via the Rector on 01223 276235

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Girton Neighbourhood Watch

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



Why not become a Neighbourhood Watch coordinator!

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

For emergencies dial 999

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For next meeting see GPN calendar

All Welcome!

Contact numbers for bookings

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Orchard Close 277164

Pavilion 472182

St Vincent's Close 276447

Mobile Library

Thursday 27th July

Thornton Court 09.40 – 10.00

Abbeyfield 10.05 – 10.50

St Vincent's Close 10.55 – 11.30

Orchard Close 11.35 – 12.00

Gretton Court 12.05 – 12.40

Churchfield Court 12.45 – 13.15

Rubbish Collection

Thursday 5 July Blue and Green bins

Thursday 12 July Black bin

Thursday 19 July Blue and Green bins

Thursday 26 July Black bin

Thursday 2 August Blue and Green bins



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