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The Village Diary

September

- Sat. 1** **Girton Walking Group**, Oxenholme Lake
Meet Fen Drayton Lakes car park, 10am
- Wed. 5** **Cambs Hearing Help**, talk on hearing loss
Orchard Close Community Centre, 2pm
- Thur. 6** **Club 55**, Film, 'The Post', 12 noon
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
Girton WI, Pavilion, 7.30pm
Alpacas – Nicola Sly
Girton Musical Theatre, Rehearsals start 8.00pm
Orchard Close Community Room
- Tue. 11** **Girton Neighbourhood Watch**, meeting
St Vincent's Close Community Centre, 7.30pm
- Tue. 18** **Cognitive Behaviour Therapy Programme**
St Vincent's Close, 2pm (start of course)
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Wed. 19** **Club 55**, 12 for 12.30pm, Lunch at Oakington Garden Centre
- Mon. 24** **The Big Questions** (start of course)
North Room, St Andrew's, 7.30pm
- Fri. 28** **Abbeyfeld**. Macmillan Coffee Morning with 'Flukes' ukelele, 10.30–11.30am
Girton Craft Club, 2–4pm
Orchard Close Community Centre, all welcome
- Sat. 29** **Girton Churchyard Volunteers**, Work Party
St Andrew's Churchyard, 10am–12 noon
FOGG Jumble Sale
Girton Glebe School, 11am–1pm
FOSA, St Andrew's Church, 7.30pm
September Soiree for Tenor, Flute, Organ and Cello

October

- Tue. 2** **CFWI**, A New WI in Girton?
CFWI office, Oakington Road, 10am
- Thur. 4** **Girton WI**, Pavilion, 7.30pm
Poems & Fight Back from Cancer – John Barnett
- Fri. 5** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sat. 6** **Girton Walking Group**, Wimpole Woods & Mare Way. Meet Orwell High Street car park, 10am

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GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

This report precedes the August Parish Council meeting which, being the holiday season, is traditionally just to deal with essential business. Items to be discussed include the Parish Council's response to the proposal for a waste recovery incineration plant at Waterbeach, and refurbishment of the base of Girton War Memorial.

Following extensive negotiations, agreement has been reached for progression of the plans to reroute the footpath at the Recreation Ground car park, refurbish the drainage system and resurface the car park. The work will be carried out alongside the GTC installation of the artistic fence and new bus shelter. Work is scheduled for mid-September and will take about 6 weeks during which time access to the car park will be reduced. However, full closure will only be necessary for about 3 days to allow resurfacing.

Transportation

Our request in August's Girton Parish News for suggestions about cycling improvements between Girton and Oakington received several responses, and these will now be looked at by the Parish Council. The Parish Council has also submitted an application for a County Council Local Highways Improvement grant for speed awareness measures through the village, and we wait to hear about the next stage of the process. We've also been notified that works on the A14 will require the closure of Footpath 4, from Huntingdon Road to Duck End, during September–October.

The long awaited 'crack and seal' repairs to Cambridge Road are a great improvement to bridge the period until the next complete resurfacing is scheduled. Our thanks are due to County Cllr Lynda Harford for her diligence and persistence in ensuring that this much needed work was carried out.

Litter-Picking

We're very grateful to the small band of volunteers who currently litter-pick regularly in the village. As we reported last month the Council has recently heard from a representative of the successful scheme operating in Histon and Impington, whereby specific roads and areas are 'adopted' by volunteers, who undertake to litter-pick there. It's hoped that a similar scheme could be set up in Girton to lessen the load on current volunteers. So whether you're a regular litter-picker or would like to be one, do please let the Clerk know with an indication of the areas you would prefer to monitor.

Next meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held at St Vincent's Close Community Centre at 7.00pm on Tuesday 18th September and Tuesday 16th October. 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.

ANOTHER AWARD FOR GIRTON PARISH NEWS!



We are proud to announce that *Girton Parish News* was awarded a Bronze in the High Frequency Magazine category at the 19th annual Community Magazine Awards ceremony in July. The competition is organised by Cambridge Building Society and this year attracted entries from 32 magazines from within a 30-mile radius of Cambridge.

On behalf of the GPN Committee, I would like to thank the very many people who make our magazine a success: our editors, typesetters, proofreaders and distributors; those who send in regular and occasional reports, photos, and written contributions; and the many others who work behind the scenes to keep the magazine going.

We have come away with an award each year since 2014, but never a Gold ... If you have any ideas about ways in which we might become even better, please get in touch!

Angela Blackburn

From Our Councillors

County Councillor Lynda Harford

I was pleased this month to have the opportunity to walk Cambridge Road with our Local Highways Officer to check the work that has recently been done to the carriageway. At the time of writing the lines still need to be reinstated but this is scheduled to be done fairly quickly now. The work done will be sufficiently hard wearing to last until the complete resurface of the road is carried out (currently scheduled for 2020/2021). That doesn't mean that nothing more will be done until then. Please, if you spot potholes or faults on either the road or footpaths, do report them on the County Council's website. On the home page click on 'Residents' then 'Travel, Roads & Parking' then 'Roads & Pathways' followed by 'Roadworks & Faults'. Option 1: 'Report a highways fault' allows you to identify where the problem is and even upload a photo if you wish. You can then track progress of the repair. If you have any difficulty, then please do let me know.

Last month I mentioned that funding for the cycle path through Oakington and Girton is now being released and County Council Officers are working on the details of the project. This month I can report that further improvements to cycling provision on Huntingdon Road (between Storey's Way and Girton Road) is now being scheduled. The work will involve the formation of a 1.5/1.8m cycle lane with mandatory marking on the outbound side of Huntingdon Road (from Cambridge) and will allow also for the carriageway approaches to the pedestrian crossings near Oxford Road and Storey's Way to be resurfaced. Current plans are for work to start in October/November this year and advance notice is being given that the work, which will take place both during weekdays and weekends, will necessitate the use of temporary 2-way traffic lights between 09.30 and 15.30.

The news over the past few months about the financial situation in which Northamptonshire County Council has found itself has served to highlight the budgetary challenges faced by all county councils. Cambridgeshire County Council has for some while recognised that in its ambition to make the county a great place to call home, it must review the way it does things, regrettably even reducing some of the things that it does. However, it has also sought to make greater support available to local community groups who, as ever, are doing a fantastic job of supporting their own local areas. I know that there are a lot of community groups in Girton and would like to remind them that the County Council is continuing to offer funding through its Innovate & Cultivate Fund. It has two funding streams: Cultivate offers small grants of £2,000 to £10,000 aimed at encouraging local networks to support people to help themselves and each other. Innovate offers larger grants of up to £50,000 for bigger projects that demonstrate an innovative approach to address one of the seven funding priorities for Cambridgeshire. No Girton group has yet benefitted from either so, please, if anyone is looking for funding please do go to www.cambscf.org.uk/icf.html for more details. The next round of applications will be considered in November.

I hope that you are all enjoying the summer weather – just one reminder: please don't forget the sunscreen!

Thank you to all of you who have been in touch during the month. Please do contact me about any concerns or questions you have about any local or strategic issue.

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District Councillor Tom Bygott

Cambridge Congestion Charge

It is often said that if something is someone's pet project, it doesn't matter how many times people say they don't want it, it always keeps coming back onto the agenda. The Cambridge Congestion Charge has been one of the most persistent of such issues. The District Council had voted on two previous occasions to oppose a Congestion Charge, but at July's Council meeting, the issue came back a third time and the new administration enthusiastically backed the imposition of such a tax. I voted on all three occasions to oppose a Congestion Charge.

Supporters of this tax often refer to congestion charges in London, and sometimes Stockholm, as models of what they want to achieve. But these are not relevant to where we live, because both London and Stockholm have excellent public transport systems. The London Underground and its 270 stations are well known to us, Stockholm's Metro has 100 stations, and is well designed and efficient. Our Mayor, James Palmer, is working hard to bring us an excellent metro system of our own, but right now our public transport is very substandard, and driving is a necessity for most people.

When Cambridge City Council developed its detailed proposals in 2008, it drew the boundary of the charge area along the A14, directly through the middle of Girton. Such a boundary would create complete chaos in the village, as visitors from outside would park their cars in the surrounding streets to avoid paying. The chaos, crowding and inconvenience created by this parking would then give rise to a whole system of parking controls and enforcement areas. Our relative freedom to go where we please, with plenty of space and few worries, would be replaced with a progressive institutionalisation of our environment, and a network of surveillance, monitoring and control. The ever-growing complexity of the rules that govern our society requires continuous alertness, and is a major cause of increased stress levels.

A key feature of the City's proposal was that residents of Cambridge City would not pay the tax, but residents of South Cambridgeshire would have to. Any new proposal is almost certain to have the same feature. Dry Drayton and Madingley have three buses per day for most of the week and none on Sunday, and many of our more remote villages have only one or two buses per week. In contrast, city dwellers are lavish recipients of public transport spending. The Government reports that last year, £944 was spent per capita on transport in London compared to £333 in the East of England, and that despite receiving considerably more for rail, Londoners also received £115 for 'Local Public Transport', which includes buses, compared to £12 for our region:
researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CB-P-8130

In the countryside, driving is a necessity, whereas in the city, driving is a luxury. It is therefore wholly unfair that country dwellers should pay the tax, whilst city dwellers are exempt.

Artificial Intelligence

This summer, we have had some great weather in which to enjoy our beautiful countryside. However, enjoying rural life is always tinged with sadness, because we fear that it is only temporary, and that eventually our small overcrowded island might become a single city with no spare space in which to enjoy life. The CBI (Confederation of British Industry) has again launched one of its regular campaigns for a massive increase in immigration. This malign organisation has always had the ear of Government, and its vision of a high-population, low-wage society is almost universally accepted as being indistinguishable from economic growth and progress. Whenever we are fortunate enough to achieve the benign state of full employment, the CBI issues panic warnings of labour shortages. These are always answered by Government in time to prevent any 'damage' to the economy that might be done by the advent of higher salaries. For most of the population, salaries are considered revenue, but for the CBI, effectively a militant trade union for the international super-rich, salaries count as costs.

Far from being the voice of the future, the CBI is in fact the voice of the old economy, promoting an obsolete and defunct form of economics in which vast factories and warehouses must be filled with an ever-increasing stream of low-skilled and low-paid workers. By listening to these voices from the past, we are failing to prepare ourselves for the coming wave of artificial intelligence.

For anyone wanting to understand the relationship between technology, artificial intelligence and employment, a good place to start is Martin Ford's book *The Rise of the Robots*, [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rise_of_the_Robots_\(book\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rise_of_the_Robots_(book)). For many decades the West has had access, through both mass immigration and offshoring, to a vast pool of cheap labour that has enabled big business to draw profits from their businesses as an alternative to investing in technology. Progress in automation and productivity has been slow. However, advances in artificial intelligence have enabled automation to reach a tipping point, beyond which it is cheaper than mass employment, and the next few decades will see its very rapid growth.

His book has been criticised for its bleak predictions of hard-working and motivated people being unemployable at any price. For the United States, where he writes – a high-population, low-wage society – this is probably an accurate assessment. In South Cambridgeshire, where there will be many jobs programming the robots, our future can be a lot brighter, but only if we ignore organisations like the CBI. Humanity's best future is in a low-population, high-wage society, where we can enjoy both advanced technology and uncluttered green fields.

Cllr Tom Bygott
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A View From the District

Our Scrutiny Committee considered the proposed Uttlesford District Council Local Plan, which includes a major new settlement (5000 homes) right on our boundary. We identified a number of concerns for South Cambs. Our report now goes with the officers' proposed response to Cabinet. Our next meeting will look at the problems likely to be raised by the roll-out of Universal Credit in Cambridgeshire.

The Joint Development Control Committee considered an application to reinstate the enormous advertising hoarding at the entrance to Eddington which I managed to have removed at the start of this year. My pleas that it is grotesquely over-sized were heard and the application rejected; the Committee also approved future guidelines for such advertising which will make any repeats most unlikely.

The Committee has toured Eddington with officers and the chairman of our quality panel of architects. We noted what seems to be working well and what is not.

The most significant item on the Council agenda was my proposal to make it easier for our residents to talk to the Council. If you are concerned about an item on our agenda you can now submit a written comment which will (with caveats about appropriateness) be read out before the item is discussed. Previously comments and questions had to be submitted before the agenda was published. Council also agreed to write to the Secretary of State requesting that the roll-out of Universal Credit in Cambridgeshire be delayed until the current manifest problems are addressed.

I am still working on what it should mean to be Chairman of the Council, and value your suggestions. I attended a function hosted by Rowan Williams for the Cogwheel Trust; he and I discussed the potential impact of Universal Credit. As patron of the foodbank charity the Trussell Trust he is well aware of the issues, and wants to host a round table discussion on homelessness in the autumn; I asked for an invitation. It was also useful to talk to the Lord Lieutenant about our roles. Two Councillors have set up a foodbank collection point in their local corner shop: as Chairman I shall ask all Councillors if they would like to follow this example, and provide materials to help them.

The major social activity of the Chairman is to provide a reception for others of the ilk, which is almost exclusively a money-raiser for the Chairman's charities. So I asked for a breakdown of the figures. The reception on average (over the past 5 years) has cost just short of £1450, and has raised on average £427. This clearly makes no sense. I'm planning something very different.

If you would like a fuller monthly report emailed to you please contact me at scdc@de-lacey.org and I shall add you to the list of recipients. If you have any District Council issues you would like to discuss please don't hesitate to ask me.

Douglas de Lacey

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- ✚ **A brief business meeting**
A report from David Faulkner, the PG Committee Chairman, and the election of the group's officers for the coming year
- ✚ **An update on the surgery's plans**
How HRS plans to meet the future needs of patients (Sarah-Jane Jarrold and Neil Paterson)

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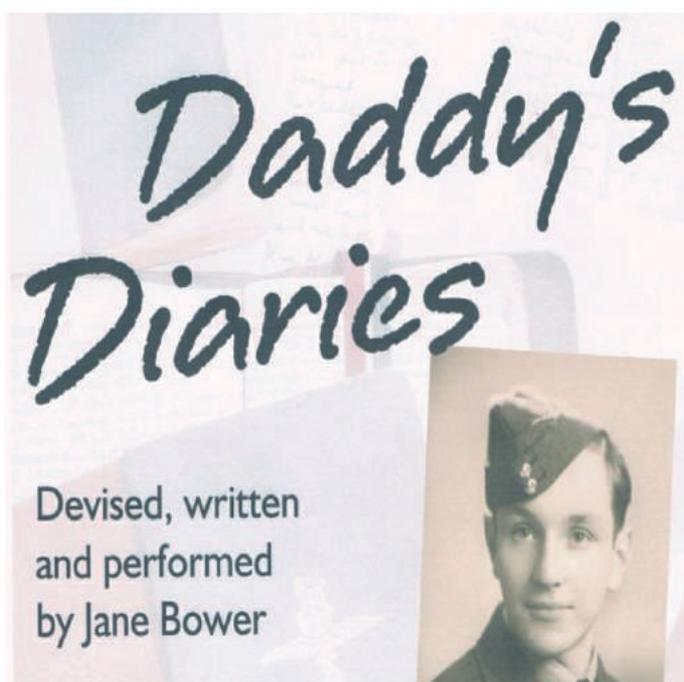
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Exhibitors are entered in to the Cambridge Arts Award, this year judged by Jane Wilson, Culture and Community Manager, Cambridge City Council; Jo Tunmer, Visual Artist; and Loukas Morley, Artist and Designer. The judging panel also select the ‘Top Twenty’ artists who then go forward to an exhibition at the newly opened Storeys Field Centre, Eddington, Cambridge from 30th November to 14th December 2018.

The Exhibition is non-selective, accepting a wide variety of artworks from artists across the region. Sales of artworks are commission free giving better value to both artist and buyer. Come and peruse a wide range of artists’ stalls and meet some of the exhibiting artists selling cards and gifts not found in high street shops.

The exhibition previews on Friday 12th October at 6.30pm and tickets for the Preview Reception are only £5, available on the door. Entry is free on Saturday 13th October and Sunday 14th October. Ample parking available. The café will be open on Saturday and Sunday and all proceeds will be going to the Johabetto Orphanage, Kitale, Kenya.

For further information, please contact Kathryn Quinn at info@coax.org.uk

Kathryn Quinn

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Big Questions

In September St Andrews will be holding a series of discussions about 'The Big Questions'. Many of these are often asked questions about the Christian faith. Some of them are raised by non-Christians as objections and reasons for why they should not believe. We would like to explore these issues together in order to help us grow in our own faith and to give us an answer for the critics.

We will explore questions like,

Is there evidence for God's existence?

Why is there suffering and evil in the world?

What is prayer about?

Is it wrong to be tempted?

What about the resurrection?

The six sessions will take place weekly from Monday 24th September at 7.30pm in the North Room. It would be helpful if we had an idea of the number of people interested for preparing the course material. Further, if there is a preference for holding the sessions during the day, we might be able to hold the series some other time on a Monday only.

If you would like to attend please could you let us know by telling the Rector, Mandy (girtonstandrews@gmail.com), or Dugald Wilson (theBigQuestions@deech.org.uk), by signing a list at the back of the church, or by 'registering' online at www.deech.org.uk/TheBigQuestions. Please note that expressing interest will not commit you to attending every session.

Girton Walking Group

Saturday 1st September – 5–6 mile walk from the car park by Oxenholme Lake, Fen Drayton Lakes near Swavesey. This can be reached by car or guided bus from Cambridge. Meet at 10am at the car park, look for the signs if you have arrived at the bus stop. For more information please contact# Ann at ann.jerram@gmail.com or on 01223 514135.

Saturday 6th October – 5.25 mile walk through Wimpole Woods and Mare Way from Orwell. Meet in Orwell at 10am, in the free car park signposted from Orwell High Street, SG8 5QN. This walk is mainly on established paths (Mare Way and Harcamlow Way). If the weather has been wet there may be a few muddy patches. For more details and to ask for a lift, contact Gina Lane at ginaklane@aol.com.

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Cambridge breast cancer now – Breast Cancer Now Regional Group

On Sunday 4th November we will be walking the tow path from Milton to Waterbeach. If you would like to join in, email Avril at the address below to receive your registration pack. We hope to see lots of pink outfits on our third walk to support Breast Cancer Now.

Breast Cancer Now's wear it pink event will be on Friday 19th October. You can get your participation pack from wearitpink.org/signup

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

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

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



A New WI in Girton?

The WI is long established and thriving in Girton. It meets on the first Thursday evening of each month. We celebrate its long history in the life of the village.

But

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Always thought you were not the right age for the WI?
Heard that the WI campaigns on everything from climate change to mental health, from saving the honey bee to lessening the amount of plastic we use and discard?

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did you know that –

The WI is here for you!
The WI is what you make of it!
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Come and try the WI for the first time or make a return to the organisation that has something for every woman.

The Cambridge Federation of Women's Institutes proposes to establish a **day time** WI at the CFWI office in Oakington Road. If that time of day suits you rather than evening do come along on **Tuesday 2nd October at 10.00am** where the myths of the WI will be busted, a new WI opened and cake served.

See you there.

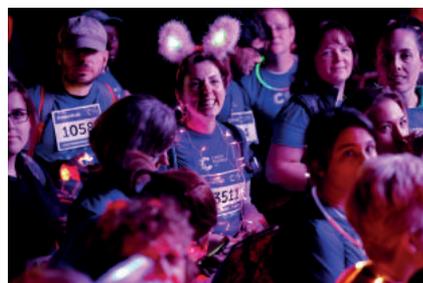


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Cambridge To Light Up The Night for Cancer Research UK



Men, women and children in Cambridge are being urged to walk all over cancer as Cancer Research UK launches an exciting new fundraising event in the city.

Cambridge has been chosen to host Cancer Research UK's Shine Night Walk for the first time, on 15th September.

The 10k walking event will see people of all ages and abilities uniting through light to raise money for life-saving research. People are invited to sign up now and choose to raise money for the area of cancer research closest to their hearts. Participants can choose to support one of 12 different areas of scientific research. These include prostate cancer, testicular cancer, breast cancer, lung cancer, brain cancer, children's cancers and leukaemia. Or they can simply give their backing to Cancer Research UK's overall work.

The Shine Night Walk starts at the Cambridge Institute at 7.15pm and participants will take to the city streets in a fun and inspirational parade of light.

Gill Burgess, Cancer Research UK Cambridge Event Manager, said: 'We're delighted to bring Cancer Research UK's Shine Night Walk to Cambridge for the first time. We hope the whole community will unite behind this special, emotional event on September 15.

'The atmosphere on the evening promises to be unique as the community unites in the fight against the disease. It's a special opportunity for people to come together to remember loved ones lost to cancer or celebrate the lives of those dear to them who have survived.

'The battle against cancer never stops. We need everyone to sign up and start fundraising as soon as possible, to fund research that will bring hope to people affected by the disease.'

Cancer Research UK is also calling on local men and women to help spread the word about Shine Night Walk before the big day to encourage as many people as possible to enter, as well as helping at the event. Volunteers will gain practical, hands-on experience in event marketing, working with people from all walks of life, while contributing to a seriously worthwhile cause.

To enter Shine Cambridge, visit shinewalk.org



Upcoming Events at Girton Golf Club (non-members Welcome)

Chef's Sunday Roast – Sunday 9th September

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News from Girton Glebe Primary School

We have had an incredibly successful academic year at Girton Glebe Primary School, and, at the time of writing this, our pupils and staff are enjoying a well-deserved summer break before we reconvene in September to continue our journey in raising standards and providing rich learning experiences for our children.

Staffing Update

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Christie for her dedication to Girton Glebe, who, after 18 month's service at the school, left us in July.

Next academic year, we welcome Miss Evans and Ms Barber to our teaching team who will be leading Year 4 and Year 1/2 respectively.

Thank You, Girton!

I would like to thank all members of the community who have supported Girton Glebe over the last academic year. I always enjoy receiving feedback about the school and it has been wonderful to have had your support at the many events we have hosted this year; from the ever-popular FOGG (Friends of Girton Glebe) jumble sales to anyone who has turned out to cheer us along on Sports Day or at the Girton Feast celebrations – thank you.

I would also like to express our enormous gratitude to Girton Town Charity who have continued their invaluable work, supporting us directly, through funding curriculum enrichment activities, and

indirectly, through the work we have done with the Girton Youth Project. We are very fortunate indeed to be part of such an incredible community!

Open Afternoon & Evening – An Invitation!

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

Foundation Stage Open Morning

For parents with children of pre-school age, I would like to draw your attention to the Foundation Stage Open Morning we will be hosting on Saturday 22 September (10am–12pm). This session is designed to give parents and children an idea of the exceptional EYFS provision we offer at Girton Glebe Primary School and provide you with the opportunity to talk to the Headteacher and the EYFS team. Please, come and join us!

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Headteacher

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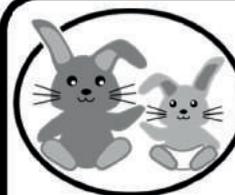


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Girton WI

On a beautiful sunny afternoon Girton WI celebrated its 99th Birthday. The venue was Girton Golf Club. A

splendid afternoon tea was laid out for us, a variety of sandwiches, a scrumptious array of cakes and the traditional scones, jam and cream, plus plenty of tea to drink. Our ladies came dressed in all their finery as was befitting for such an occasion.

As well as lots of chatter amongst the tables, a quiz to tax our brains had been placed on each table by Wendy Hunter. It took the form of pictures of famous faces past and present, which we had to name and write down. The pictures were swapped all around the room, as we carried on eating and chatting. It was a great memory tester for all of us and much enjoyed.

We had a special prize for our raffle, an afternoon tea for two at Willingham Auctions café. It was a much-sought-after prize and the profits for this raffle are being donated to the ACWW. The lucky winner was Sheila Smith.

The Golf Club had made us a wonderful cake, decorated in WI colours. Our two newest members, Val Aro and Wendy Dey, had the honour of cutting it for us. The ladies requested that the cake be cut up and a piece or two taken home to enjoy later, as they were all very full after the lovely spread we had just indulged in.

Many thanks go to Girton Golf Club and to Wendy Hunter for organising the afternoon. It was a great success and we voted to use the venue for our Christmas meal this year.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th September at the Pavilion, when we will be hearing and learning all about Alpacas.

Wendy Hall

More singers wanted for local group!

On Thursday 6th September, Girton Musical Theatre is starting rehearsals for *The Gondoliers* by Gilbert & Sullivan. The show will be staged in the Glebe School from Thursday 28th February to Saturday March 2nd 2019.

The Gondoliers is one of the most popular of the G&S shows, and has some lovely tunes, and funny characters. We are currently recruiting for the chorus, for which there is no audition! An ability to read music is helpful but not essential! There are lots of online resources which can help with learning the parts, and unlike many groups we have a relatively long rehearsal period (almost 6 months) which gives plenty of time to learn the lines, but also allows us time for socialising. We are a friendly group, and have a good reputation for putting on shows which are enjoyed by the audience and the cast.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 8pm in Orchard Close Community Centre. In January and February we also rehearse in the school on Friday evenings.

If you would like to know more please contact Helen on 276940 or send us an email:

info@girtonmusicaltheatre.org.uk



Girton Community Choir

We begin our new term on Wednesday 12th September

in The Glebe School Hall at 7.30 pm.

Anyone wishing to join us would be very welcome and lower voices would be especially welcome!

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 GREEN FINGERS

It will come as no surprise that the major topic this month is the drought and the heat. But first a little preamble: last time I mentioned that in April a group of Allotment Society members had sown a prepared area with grass and wildflower seed to create an area of wildflower “meadow”. By June amongst the grass was a profusion of the delightful wildflowers of days of old: purple loosestrife, cornflower, vipers bugloss, corn cockle, ox-eye daisy, ragged robin, bird’s foot trefoil; ah, the very names! (The list is too long to mention all) We thus joined with other similar efforts such as on Christ’s Pieces, Parker’s Piece, Eddington roadside verges. May this enthusiasm for restoring the abundance of British wildflowers achieve its aim.



But now, the woes of the last two months. I last wrote on 10th June. Already the drought had begun and members were toiling to and from the water pumps. I am now writing again on 8th August and in the intervening period there was 20 minutes of heavy rain late afternoon of Friday 27th July but otherwise total drought. Combined with prolonged highest temperatures since 1976, the results have been iron-hard dry-as-dust soil; brown brittle paths (hard to believe cars had to be banned not long ago because of mud). And, generally, extremely hard times for members struggling to cultivate their plots and produce vegetables, fruits and flowers.

Early mornings and evenings when temperatures relented just a little, there were parades to and from, and queues at, our two pumps. Some carried a couple of cans at a time; others filled wheelbarrows with cans, trying to minimise slopping; others filled large water carriers. There were times when the pumps seemed reluctant to give water. Were the reservoirs running dry? But repairs to the pumps’ mechanisms meant we could continue the watering chore.

There will be exceptions from the following observations, but I try to talk to lots of members in order to get a consensus on our experiences this season. It must be said that this year, with the early cold and wet, and then the heat and drought, our hobby has been more of a chore than a pleasure. So much hard work, tending seedlings and young plants; preparing the ground; putting up cloches and supports; planting out. Then we watched much of our fruit and many of our vegetables suffering from intense heat and dryness.

I felt really sad the other day as I pulled up my runner beans and dismantled the cane supports. I thought back to planting them out, watching them grab the canes, and looking forward to picking young beans. But the plants failed to produce. French beans and Italian borlotti beans performed better (attuned to hot southern sun?).

Early potatoes were fairly good, small but that’s fine for new potatoes. I’m no expert in the science of horticulture, but perhaps early varieties take advantage of wet soil when planted and have a shorter growing period, whereas late varieties’ foliage dies off too soon in the drought and heat so that the tubers cease growing. Early digging of late varieties confirms news reports about commercial growers, saying that tubers will be small (and expensive!).

Such vegetables as onions, butternut squashes and beetroot are small; courgettes less plentiful, though surprisingly marrows, which comprise so much water, have grown as usual. I have loved my evening starter of sweet corn cob, but the individual kernels are not quite as succulent and sweet as in wetter years, and a few cobs are deformed and unusable.

Tomatoes ... now there’s a different story. Regular watering has been essential, but the fruits have ripened well and the taste is exceptionally good. I wrote last year that the chef Simon Hopkinson said British tomatoes could never be top class because they lack the hot Mediterranean sun. Well, this year’s tomatoes have enjoyed baking sun and are wonderfully tasty (my layman’s non-scientific explanation).

Soft fruits have varied. Gooseberries, blackberries and blackcurrants fared quite well. But raspberries are disappointing wizened little things.

To sum up: twice recently I’ve quoted Julian of Norwich’s ‘All things shall be well; all manner of things shall be well’. I think that this season we have to demur and say ‘All things have not been well, or at best mixed’ (not quite so elegant as Julian’s phrasing). But by no means failure ... we have eaten and are eating good fresh vegetables, and will be storing some (though less this year) for the coming months.

9th August and it has poured all day!

Graham Jones, Girton Allotment Society.

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Shredded Christmas trees are used to mulch the beds!

The role of volunteers in the village is already varied and greatly valued, and as local authorities spend less on maintenance will become even more so; litter picking is one, and sweeping the gutters may soon be another!

The GGT is about maintaining the Parish gardens, so if you have some spare time and energy do join us, it would be wonderful to have a wider pool of people to call on.

To sign up ring Susie the Parish Clerk, on 472181, or email her at clerk@girton-cambs.org.uk Alternatively you could text me on 07542211382.

Many thanks!

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Garden Tip of the Month – September

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This summer Wisterias are growing madly, and flowering more than once, which is nice. Enjoy the flowers and cut off most of the extension growth. If it grows lots more cut them off too!

George Thorpe


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It has been a universal experience this summer: the lawn turning brown, crunchy underfoot and apparently surrendering all hope in the July heat. However, grasses show a remarkable resilience that has allowed them to survive since before the evolution of man, surviving drought, wildfire and the 300km/hr spin of the mower blades. Any family of plants producing such diverse crops as beer, rice, bread and popcorn, supplying around half all the calories consumed by humans, and still flourishing after millennia, is impressive. Elizabeth Kellogg, Professor of Botanical Studies at the University of Missouri, has even suggested that the cultivation of grasses formed the basis of human civilisation, to the point at which it is arguable that some varieties have co-opted us to grow and plant them to survive, when they would otherwise die out.

With the Poaceae family comprising over 10,000 varieties, which one is in your lawn, competing with the dandelions and clover? Two of the prime candidates are perennial ryegrass and annual meadow grass. Though most amateurs are not so picky, the grass on the Wimbledon courts is 100% perennial rye grass (*Lolium perenne*) and is cut by 1mm a week from a winter length of 13mm to an optimum playing height of 8mm. The bounciness of any surface is measured as a coefficient of restitution, with grass offering a 'bounce-back' between 60% and 75% of the impact speed depending on blade length and soil. Clay gives a much more consistent 85% and thus Nadal's game has edge on that surface, although the small clay particles reduce friction making sliding more likely.

Annual meadow grass (*Poa annua*), while fairly benign for most gardeners compared with its relative, couch grass, is certainly an unwelcome visitor on the South Shetland Islands in Antarctica. Here it has spread from the Polish research station on King George Island, where it was introduced as one of thousands of seeds brought in each year on the boots, walking poles and bags of tourists and visiting scientists.

It also turns out that they also have a secret weapon to discourage being eaten. Though they might feel the same, a grass cut and a paper cut are not always the same thing. Grass contains tiny pieces of silica (called phytoliths) accounting for 2–5% of their dry mass, which discourage folivorous insects and make it harder to digest, and these can be what cuts the skin. Sword grass (*Imperata cylindrica*) is particularly abrasive in this regard but thankfully neither it or the red cultivar, Japanese bloodgrass, have naturalised in Girton.

We are all aware of the importance of bees for the health of the planet, but for a cheery post-apocalyptic read about what would happen if grass were to die out I can recommend *The Death of Grass* by John Christopher – the latest edition has a great introduction from Robert Macfarlane. Hopefully by the time of printing we will have had some rain to bring our lawns miraculously back to life and his predictions will remain unfulfilled.

Further reading: For more on the physics of grass and clay courts, 'Tennis Physics, Anyone?' by Rod Cross in *Physics Today* is available free at physicstoday.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/1.2982133

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'Scorched Earth': The Allotments in drought. Photo by Graham Jones

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Girton Bowls Club

Finally, we have had to play a match in the rain and it was almost a relief after weeks of dry hot weather. Our bowls green has stood up remarkably well considering the conditions and compared to many other greens we have had to play on.

We are now into our final weeks of the outdoor bowls season and it is still all to play for. In the Cambridge and District league we are lying in 4th position with 3 matches to play. If we manage good results from these remaining matches there is the possibility of promotion to Cambridge and District division 4.

In the Business House league we are top of our league with one match to play; however, our possible promotion depends on the results of our last match and those of several other teams. Graham Clare and Bill Walker, together with Margaret and Geoff McCall, had a very close game against Great Shelford. After trailing part way through the match they eventually finished 19 to 16 and 15 to 15 respectively, gaining a valuable 5-1 victory against a side that had only lost once this season.

In the Ely and District league, having gained promotion last season, we have successfully maintained our position mid-table which is a great achievement in the higher league.

We have continued to field teams of less experienced players in the Meldreth league and we have gained a number of successes, which is very encouraging. One such success was in a very close match against Sawston where each team won 2 rinks, but because we had managed to keep our deficit to a minimum on our losing rinks we managed to win the match overall on shots scored.

In the external competitions Janet Graaff is through to the semi-finals of the Cambridge and District Ladies' singles and our triples team of Dave Fryer, Geoff McCall and Paul Tippett are also through to the semi-finals of the Lord Eltisley 2 wood triples.



Paul Foster (2nd from left) and Dave Fryer (on the right) in their Men's Pairs against Alexandra / Beehive.

We wish all our players the best of luck and congratulate them for getting so far in their respective competitions.

Our internal ladder competition is ongoing and the leader at the moment is Paul Tippett. If you want to keep up with all our match results and photos, please go to our website at www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com

Our Club finals this year are being held on Sunday 9th September, so please come along and enjoy the matches. Our end of season presentation dinner will be held at the Girton Bowls Club on 29th September 2018.

Lynne McGill



Girton Golf Club

Thanks you to the Girton Feast Week team for their support in opening Girton Golf Club to visitors for the Sunday morning, and it seems that the cake and coffee were very well accepted by all.

Thanks to those who came and had a look around and to the many that have since joined as Social Members – we are delighted to have you with us.

The continuous sunshine has taken its toll on our usually glorious lush green course, but we appear to be in better shape than many around the county and our wonderful team of green keepers have kept the tees and greens in amazingly good condition during the hot spell. Many people have been

enjoying morning coffee sitting on the patio in the shade under umbrellas and watching the world go by – don't forget to join them.

Golf competitions continue at a pace and the members have had some wonderful days with great golf and fabulous meals afterwards. Our ladies Invitation Day was a great success and rounded off nicely with a great meal. Captain's Day and Captain's Night were huge successes and reflected well the massive amount of work and commitment our Club and Lady Captains, Steve and Kim Andrews, have shown throughout the first 6 months of their year. The Club Championship was won by our Competition's Secretary Craig Russell with Trevor Dean winning the net competition. The Ladies champion was Rosemary Walker with Claire Tonner winning the handicap competition – congratulations to all of them.

Social and playing membership is still open and many options exist to become part of Girton Golf Club – talk to our professional staff for more information.

There was a huge gathering for our Caribbean BBQ on Saturday 4th August and the weather treated us well, nearly as well as our chef Kevin who produced a sumptuous spread of wonderfully tasty and varied fare. We are now looking forward to our upcoming events in September, such as our Chinese Night on the 22nd and Sunday lunch on the 9th. See our advert for more details.

Alan Henderson-Smith



Girton Colts Football Club

We are all excited to see how we get on this season with our teams training hard in preparation to take on local rivals. As the season kicks off, please come down to the Pavilion at the weekend to enjoy watching how we

get on. Teams and times will be advertised on the notice board at the Pavilion.

This year the club is fielding two new teams for under 7s and under 8s as well as the three teams who are continuing from last season.

Despite the increase in the number of teams from last year we still have a number of kids, in various age groups, who would like to join a team but we do not have enough adults to lead them. Could you lead them? We can help and support any interest, so please get in touch for a chat.

Contact information:

If you would like to join a team as a player, manager or coach, or perhaps assist with being a referee or linesman please contact info@girtoncolts.co.uk

We are also actively inviting local businesses to come forward to sponsor a team. So if you or someone you know might be interested then please contact me on chair@girtoncolts.co.uk for further information.

Andrew Hawkes



Girton Tennis Club

Although Wimbledon is now a distant memory, we were delighted to receive the following report from one of our members who secured tickets through our club ballot.

This is just to say that my husband and I had an excellent day at Wimbledon. We were very fortunate that our sister and brother-in-law got tickets in their ballot, from Dorking Tennis Club, for the same day and the same court!! We all went together. We watched a classic match between the elegant Venus W. and the nippy Kiki Bertens in which one could not tell until it was 8-6 in the third set, which of them was going to be the winner. It was very hot that day but our seats were well up under the shade of the roof and just over one of the gangways which funnelled a breeze past us – and I took a water spray as well. It was so hot when we emerged from the court for tea that I had to resort to putting my head under a 'water feature' a couple of times. No one seemed to mind!

We were very impressed with the whole affair and the high standards of behaviour and dress and courtesy and everything, it was good to see. As a game to watch I must say that we would prefer less strength and power and 'wham!' and more of the subtlety and touch of a serve and volley game, even if the 'trial of strength' games have something of their own fascination.

Thank you, and the committee for all the organising that you do.

Our committee would like to congratulate our mixed team on winning one match and closely contesting the others. This is the first time in over 4 years that we have been able to compete with a mixed team, so many thanks to Mark Lawton, as Captain, and all those who played. Mark tells me that he has just entered our men's team for the Winter League so we hope for more good results from them in due course. Do get in touch if you are interested in playing a few friendly matches against local teams.



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.

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

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These were the first three of hundreds of emails and letters received by Jane Bower in response to her latest solo show, *Daddy's Diaries* which has been requested in six counties and now comes to Girton, where Jane lives.

Jane is a specialist teacher of art, drama and history in primary schools across the UK and in Cambridge's Faculty of Education. She is also an artist, author and actress, and has been performing professionally since 1999, devising her own solo shows on the lives of remarkable individuals. In 2006 she was commissioned by the actress Maureen Lipman to write a solo play for her, and was completely taken aback when Maureen unexpectedly asked her to perform in her lounge. Having seen Jane in action Maureen then asked her to alter the play to include Jane herself in it, and the result was performed by both women in Cleo Laine's theatre at Milton Keynes, where it received a standing ovation.

'It was difficult to know how to follow this,' says Jane, who spent ages trying to come up with a suitably aged woman for the subject of her next show. It was at this point that her 94-year-old father Len, who had become blind, gave her his tiny war diaries. 'On beginning to read them, I knew that here was my next show,' says Jane. 'I wouldn't be playing a woman at all, but my 19 and 94-year-old Dad!' In fact, she plays all the characters featured in the storyline.

Jane says that the diaries were 'an absolute gift' to a playwright. As if the fascinating discovery that she and her father owe their lives to Germans were not enough, Len Bower is a wit and a wordsmith, and still a highly intelligent conversationalist. 'His talks with me and the memoirs he wrote offer a mix of humour and poignancy.' Sustained by a quietly strong Christian faith, his was a war of

contrasts – he was a gifted clarinetist, repairer of planes, trained illustrator and instructor of fighter pilots. 'And he was falling in love – so the story has everything!' says Jane.

Daddy's Diaries includes Len's stunning illustrations, original music and voice recordings to create a picture of one man's journey towards peace.

***Daddy's Diaries*, presented by Jane Bower, is at St. Andrew's Church, Girton on Friday October 19th at 7.30pm. For more information please contact girtonfosa@yahoo.co.uk.**

The Energy Challenge

Good luck young scientists at University of Cambridge Primary School and Girton Glebe Primary School who will be taking part in The Energy Challenge from September! The Energy Challenge is a science-focused competition organised by AstraZeneca and MedImmune for pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 in Cambridgeshire. If your school hasn't signed up to The Energy Challenge there is still time! The Energy Challenge will be running throughout the next academic year with a grand final scheduled to take place in June 2019. The challenge is aligned with the National Curriculum and is designed to help children recognise the impact of diet and exercise on their bodies. The participants will have fun whilst working scientifically; recording measurements, observing data and drawing conclusions. Furthermore, the challenge is completely free and participating schools will be assigned STEM mentors from AstraZeneca and MedImmune to support their pupils as well as receiving a scientific mechanical balance, to keep, for use both as part of The Energy Challenge and in their own STEM teaching into the future.

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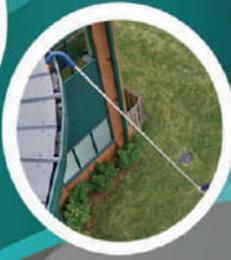
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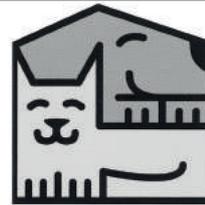
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Wow! It has been hot.

Our Last of the Summer Wine group felt a bit like the Last of the Simmered Wine group when we visited the garden centre at Wilburton for lunch in their restaurant during a very hot day. It was the first time ladies had joined us but I feel sure that they enjoyed the experience in spite of the heat.

On our Fish and Chip day at Orchard Close on 15th August members were treated to a glass or two of wine, very fine fish and chips from the Histon Village Fryer, strawberries with ice cream and tea and coffee.



Relaxing after the meal

For your Diary:

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

Wednesday 19th September 12 for 12.30pm: Lunch at Oakington Garden Centre.

Thursday 11th October at St. Vincent's Close Community Centre, 12 noon: Film to be announced.

Wednesday 31st October 12 for 12.30pm: Halloween Lunch at the Rose and Crown Histon.

Thursday 8th November at St. Vincent's Close Community Centre, 12 noon: Film 'Their Finest'. A 1940's themed film with short film of remembrance songs and music. Buffet £5.

Tuesday 11th December 12 for 12.30pm: Christmas Lunch at Girton Golf Club.

For more details contact:

Sam Clift Tel: 01223 564808

Girton Walking Group

The Girton walking group had a real treat this month – on 4th August we were led round local sites with connections to the wealth of scientific history that Cambridge possesses. On a warm and sunny morning, John Cook, a local resident who works in the Schlumberger building on the West Cambridge site, gave us an engaging and informative tour.

We were told about the scientists commemorated on the Eddington site. Alan Turing is well-known as the celebrated codebreaker of Bletchley Park, but was also a hugely influential scientist and mathematician, laying the foundations of today's information- and computer-based society. Arthur Eddington himself was an astrophysicist who wrote extensively about the theory of relativity.

We crossed the Madingley road to the West Cambridge site, the science base for Cambridge University, and learned about Philippa Fawcett, a mathematician at Newnham College who in 1890 became the first woman to obtain the top score in the Cambridge Mathematical Tripos exams. Also on that site is the Cavendish laboratory. So far, 29 Cavendish researchers are Nobel Laureates. JJ Thomson Avenue is named after Joseph John Thomson, 1856–1940, a Trinity fellow who won a Nobel prize for the discovery of the electron. We also visited the Mathematics site and the Institute of Astronomy, with its interesting observatories which are open to the public on Wednesday evenings in the autumn and winter months.



Posing with a statue of astronomer Fred Hoyle

On Grange Road we discovered the house of Frederick Gowland Hopkins, who won the Nobel prize for discovering the role of vitamins. It was now midday, and getting hot; so, we agreed to stop there and continue the science walk in December. This will be mostly in the city centre. Our thanks go to John for all his research and hard work in putting this walk together.

Gina Lane

A fuller version of this report with many additional details can be found at www.girton-cambs.org.uk

Record number of Grants awarded by GTC

As part of its commitment to improving the lives of residents in the Village, Girton Town Charity has just made a record number of personal grants in a single month to help a total of eight individuals

Following requests for assistance, the Trustees have responded by agreeing financial help for a range of circumstances including providing essential household needs, making homes safer and enabling transport to hospital appointments, not covered by the Charity's popular Taxi Scheme.

Road safety

In addition, support was agreed for a Road Safety initiative, instigated by Councillor Lynda Harford. The grant will be used towards the costs of producing and installing ten road safety signs in the Village which will feature illustrations and road safety slogans created by children from Girton Glebe School.



GTC Almshouses at Centenary Court, Wellbrook Way.

GTC is also funding the continued provision of Relate outreach services for the next three years at Girton Glebe School which deliver valuable counselling support for both children and adults, including a new Relate4Parents service and the Be A Buddy Scheme.

Valuable support

An interim grant was given to Macmillan Cancer Support as a result of the value it delivers within the Village to residents requiring support – and a contribution was made towards the roofing costs for the Girton Village Institute.

Dr Robin Hiley, GTC Chairman said: "Recent weeks have seen an unprecedented number of requests for help from Village residents and, as a result, a record number of individual grants have been given. We were also delighted to support several community causes requiring financial assistance.

"The last month has also seen us make an appointment to the vacant almshouse at Centenary Court for which we had a number of applications. This means that all our existing 16 almshouses are now occupied and with

plans to increase this provision to 29 homes over the next two years, we are addressing the clear need for housing in this Village.

Breathing space

"Our Centenary Court almshouses are for three-year appointments which offers families the opportunity to have a breathing space to manage personal circumstances, save money, or use the time as a stepping stone towards owning their own home.

"Of course for some families Social Housing can be a preferable option as it offers longer-term security rather than a three-year appointment. For our older residents, this timescale does not apply and they are eligible to remain in their home for as long as they can live independently."

If you feel that you or your family could benefit from any of the Grants and Schemes, please contact GTC's office.

Appointment of Trustee

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

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

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

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

Written applications to be addressed to the Chairman at 22 High Street, Girton, CB3 0PU.

Closing date Monday 1st October 2018.

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News for Older Residents

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Cognitive Behaviour Therapy Programme

An eight week programme, run by Cambridge Therapy Group, will start on Tuesday 18th September at 2pm in St Vincent's Close Community Room. For further details and to book please phone the Group Therapy Centre on 01223 357221.

Hope Again

This is a bereavement support group which has been recently formed in Histon and Impington. Starting on Tuesday 4th September they are offering a six sessions from 2.30 to 4pm each Tuesday in Histon. For more information and/or to enquire about registering please phone or text 07707 263353 or email HABG1@icloud.com.

The Big Knit 2018/19

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www.ageuk.org.uk/cambridgeshireandpeterborough/activities-and-events/big-knit

Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age

The Wardens, Gail and Fiona and I had good feedback from last year's celebration so we are now organising our third one, again with cake and live music. Again, it is free of charge!

It is on Thursday 18th October from 2 to 4pm in the Pavilion. Please keep the date free and book your place.

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TAP ROOTS

During the hot dry summer months this year, the green pastures turned to straw and the landscape was painted in burnt umber, ochre and sunflower gold. Fires burned for days over tinder-dry moorland. Underlying peat seethed, smoked and re-kindled. Farmers fretted over failing crops and expensive cattle feed, whilst rivers receded and fish stocks had to be rescued. Midsummer Common, so renowned for its lush green expanses, began to morph into the dry scrublands of perpetual sunshine.

When the rains finally came, nature seemed to breathe a collective sigh of relief. Instinctively every surviving blade of grass stood upright and the geraniums, still vividly scarlet in contrast to the gossamer grey sky, bobbed together, exulting in their hardy constitution. It was an illustration of Psalm 145: *'You (God) open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.'*

What was remarkable in the withering heat was the appearance of plants we call weeds, defying the drought and spreading green leaves against the griddled lawns. Whilst shallow-rooted blooms shrivelled or died, depending as they do on favourable conditions, the weeds survived. How did they do it? Their secret lies in the long tap roots that inch down through the baked layers of soil to find sustaining moisture. You have to admire their stubborn resilience and will to live.

The Finnish language has a little word *'sisu'* which has no direct equivalent in English, but which describes an inner strength to persevere in adverse circumstances. It calls on personal or national dignity and the capacity to defy the odds by will and by courage. Sandwiched between the richer Sweden and the vast, more powerful Russia, the Finnish people have had to mobilise that inner and collective *sisu* to maintain independence and unique identity. Now Finland has been nominated as the happiest country on the globe, much to their amusement and gratification.

In times of great national hardship, the prophet Habakkuk tapped down into the grace and mercy of the Sovereign God in a beautiful oration that states his faith.

*'Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines,
Though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food,
Though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will be joyful in God my Saviour.'*

Although Habakkuk could not be joyful over the immediate prospects, by faith he envisioned future betterment. This was not blind faith stumbling in mists of fantasy. He was able to dig deep in anticipation of the engagement of God in the deliverance and preservation of his people.

In the book of Acts, we find an account of the struggling early church whose members were often regarded as no better than weeds to be rooted out. Yet they would not wither under the blazing heat of persecution. The Apostle Paul wrote with empathy to the believers in Rome,

*'For your sake we face death all day long.
We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.'*

But even as they were plucked out of life by fire and sword, the deep roots of conviction merely snapped and flourished again. They had the assurance that whatever dangers and privations they endured, nothing in heaven or on earth could separate them from the love of God.

Right now, we are assailed daily by gloomy predictions about our national welfare in the near future. If we are to thrive and prosper we will need some Finnish *sisu* and an optimism that anchors deep into the resilience and enterprise of our talented nation. More than ever we will need to seek the guiding wisdom of the Sovereign God.

A good friend reminded me of a lovely blessing to pass on as we move forward together:

'May all your weeds be wild flowers.'

Iris Niven



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October - Thursday 11
Jesus' Special Friends

November - Thursday 8
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Contact Wendy Hunter on (01223) 503958 or email w.j.hunter@outlook.com for further information – or just turn up on the day.

We look forward to seeing you.

Judith Addison



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Sunday Services: September

2nd	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Taizé Worship
9th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	All Age Family Worship
	6.00pm	Evensong
16th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
23rd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Prayer
30th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Harvest Festival

Weekday Services: September

11th	2.30pm	Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
27th	11.00am	Service of Holy Communion (BCP) at Gretton Court

All are welcome to any of our services.



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Sunday Services: September

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.

2nd	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship with Communion
9th	10.30am	Morning Worship
16th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by John Searle
23rd	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Christine Kimmitt
	4.00pm	Songs of Praise
30th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Eric Barrett
	6.30pm	Evening Worship

A Science-Faith talk: Better than Planet Earth?

Sunday 30th September 2018, 6.30pm, Girton Baptist Church (CB3 0QQ)

There is a growing discussion as to whether there is anywhere better than our planet. How might we view this question – for now, or in the future?

Dr Eric Barrett has held academic posts abroad and in the UK and served as a consultant to international bodies, including NASA. A firm Christian believer, he now co-directs '4H', a mission to churches in Hungary, with his wife, Rosemary.

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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 September

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 6 September	Black bin
Thursday 13 September	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 20 September	Black bin
Thursday 27 September	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 4 October	Black bin

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