

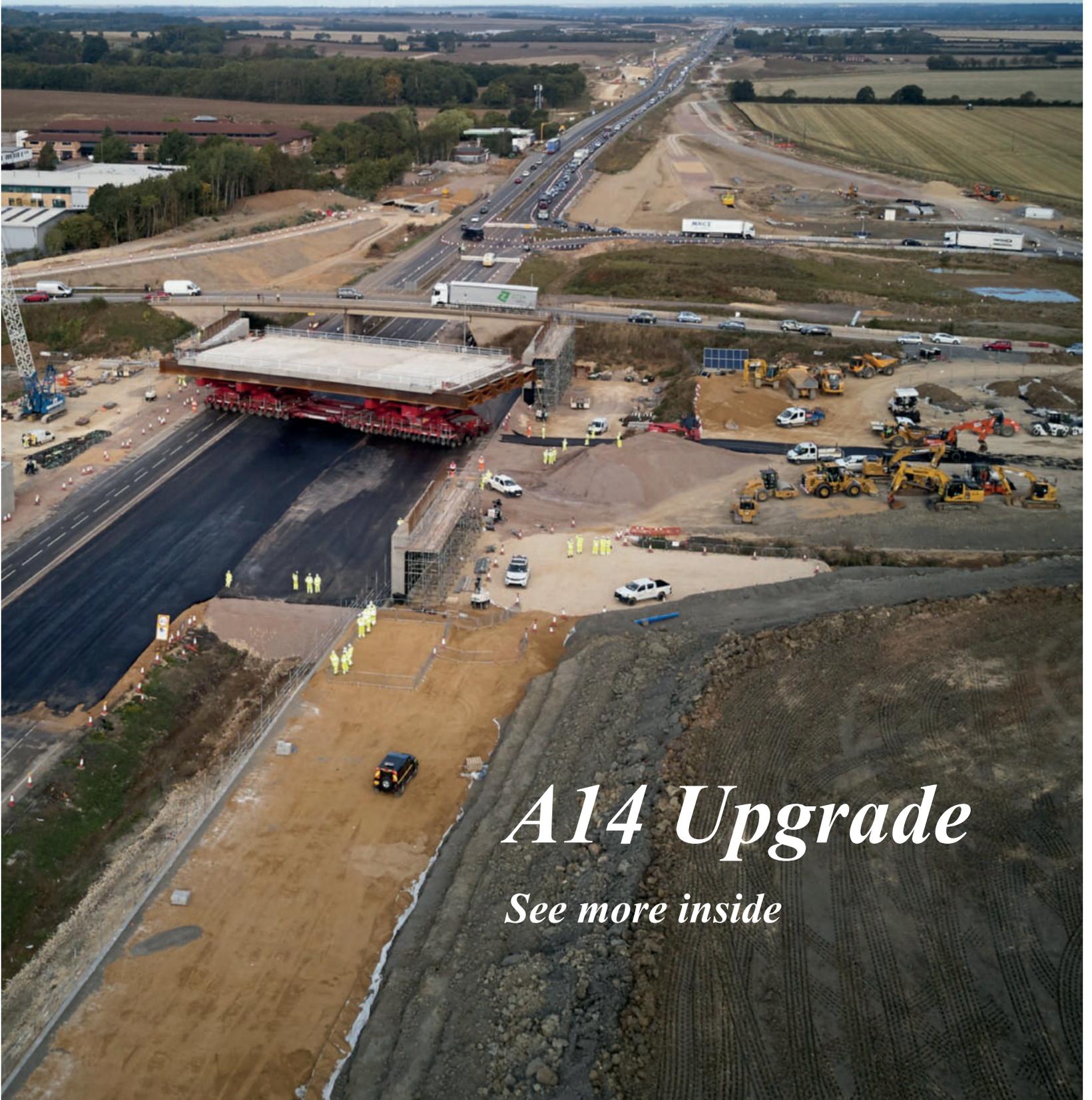


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The Village Diary

October

- 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
Meet 10am Orwell High Street
Storey's Field Centre, 4–6pm
Volunteer with VSO Drop-in
- Thur. 11** **Club 55, Film**, St Vincent's Close, 12 noon
'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society'
Girton Garden Society, St Vincent's Close, 7.30pm
Your own Mediterranean Climate – Rodney Tibbs
- Tue. 16** **Parish Council Meeting**, 7.30pm
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Thur. 18** **Storey's Field Centre**, 7.00pm
Laura Viers (singer/songwriter)
- Fri. 19** **FOSA**, St Andrew's Church, 7.30pm
Jane Bower – Daddy's Diaries
- Sun. 21** **Music at Girton**, Stanley Library, 2.30pm
Jin Gene Wong (piano)
- Wed. 24** **Club 55**, Orchard Close, 2–4pm
An Afternoon with Sam and Patricia
Storey's Field Centre, 7.00pm
Queen's Hall String Quartet
- Fri. 26** **Girton Craft Club**, 2–4pm
Orchard Close Community Centre, all welcome
- Sat. 27** **Girton Churchyard Volunteers**, Work Party
St Andrew's Churchyard, 10am–12 noon
- Sun. 28** **Music at Girton**, Stanley Library, 2.30pm
Freshers' Concert
- Mon. 29** **Music at Girton**, Chapel, 8.00pm
Purcelliad
- Wed. 31** **Club 55**, Halloween Lunch, 12 for 12.30pm
The Rose and Crown, Histon

November

- Sat. 3** **Girton Walking Group**, Hardwick–Caldecote
Meet 10am Blue Lion pub, Hardwick

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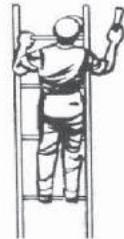
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Girton Parish Council

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

At the start of the September meeting, Councillors observed a Minute's Silence in memory of Bert Collacott, a former Parish Council Chairman and long-time village resident. Bernard Townshend has stepped down from the Council for personal reasons, and we thank him for his service. We now have four vacancies and would urge all villagers to consider joining the council. At the meeting, items for approval included the revised membership of sub-committees, and the re-sanding of the Pavilion hall floor over the Christmas and New Year break.

Car Park Refurbishment

Residents are to be made aware that the capacity of the Recreation Ground Car Park will be affected during the forthcoming works. Notices will be put up to outline the timing of works to the car park, plus the adjacent footpath, decorative railings and replacement bus shelter works to be undertaken by Girton Town Charity.

Out and About

Concerns have been raised regarding recent tree felling at Duck End. The Council has learned that this had been necessary to alleviate tree root damage to neighbouring buildings. The Council agreed that due to the dilapidated state of the bus shelter at Mayfield Road/Girton Road its replacement is required and this will be put in hand.

Remembrance Sunday

The Ceremony of Remembrance will be held on Sunday 11th November at the War Memorial at 10.50am. We thank all those village organisations and residents who will be taking part. If you would like to join in the wreath-laying ceremony by laying a small wooden cross, please let the Clerk know.

It had been hoped to undertake works to the War Memorial in this centenary year marking the end of the First World War. However, as the Memorial is listed, such works will require planning permission, which will unfortunately delay the process beyond this year's commemorations.

Next Meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held at St Vincent's Close Community Centre at 7.00pm on Tuesday 16th October and Tuesday 20th November. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings and to speak in the open session at the start.

A full list of Councillors can be seen on page 38.



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From Our Councillors

County Councillor Lynda Harford

As the County Council starts to prepare its budget for 2019/2020 councillors have been made aware that increased demand for services this year has already increased the current budget gap to £5.2m and that it is forecast that there is an additional £20.7m to find for next year. Figures currently being used make pessimistic assumptions on the level of Government grant that the Council might receive for next year and the actual amount will not be known until the Chancellor's Autumn Statement (inappropriately named as the details are usually published just before Christmas!). The widening gap for the current year reflects the local impact of a national increase in demand for children's and adults' services and is based on assumptions about the level of Government grant that the Council might receive for next year. The predictions of increased numbers that were made earlier in the year have already been exceeded. Whilst there are plans in place to manage the growing levels of demand, the nature of the changes to how services are delivered means that it could be up to 3 years until the maximum benefits of investment currently being made are realised. Work is also continuing to increase and boost the income the Council makes from its commercial activities. It is forecast that an additional £4m will be realised this year and £10m next.

However, the debate at this month's meeting of the Council's Highways & Community Infrastructure Committee did little to allay my concerns that the charge that the Council started to make earlier this year for the use of computers in libraries is not proving as successful as was predicted and that it may be having unintended consequences. Since charging first started there has been a 53.71% reduction in the number of hours that the computers are being used. Charging for computer access was introduced on 1 May 2018. The first half hour is free to all users but after that a charge of £1 per hour is now made. There are exceptions: use by children up to 18 years of age and access for essential use such as for job seekers and benefits claimants remains free. It had been estimated that the charges would raise £108,000 a year but the income for the first quarter of the year was only £4,000 and the forecast for the whole year is now just £16,000. It had also been thought that charging would free up computers for essential use and that there were times when essential users were unable to get access due to the fact that some users were spending all day watching films or on social media sites. A proposal that charging should be immediately discontinued was dropped in favour of asking for more information about who is no longer using the computers. Please do let me know if you are somebody who has stopped using the computers since the charge was introduced.

Work on the A14 upgrade continues and this weekend saw the new Bar Hill bridge elements installed. It was good to see that the work was finished ahead of time and the road was reopened early but I have seen concerns expressed about signage which seems to have caused confusion among non-local drivers particularly. I will be following up with the A14 team.

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

Lynda

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A View from the District

It's been a busy month. As Chairman I have attended the presentation of a Queen's Award to a local business and made useful links there. I raised the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day (3 September). More excitingly, following my adoption of the Foodbank as my charity, two Councillors encouraged their local store to act as a collection centre. So I wrote to all Councillors encouraging them to follow suit and there are now at least ten new centres, including our own Co-op, whose manager was very enthusiastic. I also attended the funeral of one of our last RAF war heroes: Keith Jeevar was Flight Engineer in Lancasters in 625 and 170 Squadrons, and a delightful man to know. I hope to write a proper obituary after liaising with his family.

As Chairman I shall be organising the District Council's centenary commemoration of the Armistice on November 11. Current plans are for a short evening act of remembrance at Girton War Memorial, with the lighting of a beacon and fireworks. More details on this next month.

The Scrutiny Committee had a presentation on Universal Credit. There is no hope that its advent will be delayed so we must work to make it the best we can. Please let me know if its impact on you causes difficulties. We also looked at a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the new town at Waterbeach, and were asked to make comments. I had several.

The Civic Affairs Committee again looked at two requests from Parish Councils, one to decrease the number of Councillors as they have no hope of reaching the current requirement, and the other to increase as there is so much work to be done. We all expressed concern that in general Parish Councils struggle to find volunteers. Girton PC is well below strength, and we really need enthusiasts to take various projects forward. What can be done? Answers on a postcard, please!

At long, long last our Local Plan has been declared sound (after some modifications), and with a requirement to review. We in the opposition always thought it a bad plan, and the review will actually be the production, as soon as possible, of a new one. But at least in the interim we are at last free of destructive opportunistic applications going against our desire for well-thought-out development in the District.

I am being consulted on a major change to our Planning software. We are likely to move to that used by Cambridge City Council. If you have used that system (IDOX) and have any comments on it I would be grateful to know.

Finally, some residents have received a very worrying

telephone scam. The caller is well-spoken and purports to be from Inland Revenue. The matter is extremely time-critical, requires you to call back a UK number and 'if we don't hear from you or from your solicitor, prepare to face the legal consequences'. Please if you receive any such call just hang up – this is emphatically not how IR deals with the public.

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

Douglas de Lacey

District Councillor Tom Bygott

Local Plans found to be sound

In March 2014, Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council submitted their Local Plans to the Government Inspectors. These plans, which govern development and planning permission in our local area, propose 44,000 new jobs and 33,500 new homes by 2031.

The development strategy for the Greater Cambridge area was given approval by independently appointed Government Planning Inspectors after they reviewed the two Local Plans. The Inspectors have written to the two Councils with their final reports following examinations that have taken over four years. The examinations, much of which were undertaken jointly, included reviewing evidence supplied by the two Councils, representations of objection and support made during public consultations, site visits and a series of hearings.

The Plans are not adopted by the Councils until they are debated and confirmed at respective Full Council meetings being held at the end of September and mid-October. However, the Councils receiving the Inspectors' reports means significant weight can be attributed to the Local Plans in decision making. This will help to alleviate the risk that unsuitable and unwanted developments can succeed on appeal after having been rejected in our local planning processes.

Although the plans are of great concern to residents in and near Cambourne and Waterbeach, where major new developments are planned, our local villages are having something of a respite, with only continuation of previously agreed schemes:

- Continued development at Northstowe – around 10,000 homes
- Continued building of homes in existing growth sites on the edge of Cambridge (Southern Fringe, Cambridge East, Darwin Green and Eddington)
- Confirmation by the Inspectors that the Councils' Green Belt evidence is robust and that no additional sites, beyond the limited sites proposed by the Councils, need to be allocated for development in the Green Belt.

The South Cambridgeshire Local Plan will have been presented to a Cabinet meeting in late September before a

final decision on adoption is made at a Council meeting on Thursday 27 September. The Cambridge Local Plan will be discussed at a Policy and Transport Scrutiny Committee meeting on Tuesday 2 October before a final decision on adoption is made at a Council meeting on Thursday 18 October.

Given how slow and cumbersome the approval of these plans has been, there is provision for the process to start over again straight away with a commitment to an early review of the Local Plans. This was already a commitment of both Councils as part of signing up to the City Deal agreement. The review would commence in 2019 with submission for examination in 2022.

The Inspectors' full report, along with details of the Local Plan examinations, can be found at: tinyurl.com/scdclocplanexam.

South Cambridgeshire bin collections during the hot weather

I would like to thank the refuse collection team who have worked incredibly hard throughout this summer's heatwave period. There are more than 150 frontline bin collection staff with each crew emptying up to 1,300 bins each day. On average each refuse collector will walk around 12 miles per shift. If you combine this with often moving heavy bins from kerbside to refuse truck the job really does make for hard work, especially during a heatwave. The District Council provided staff with sunscreen and bottled water to keep staff hydrated and protected from the sun.

As the weather starts to become more autumnal and we brace ourselves for the next eight months of wind, cold and rain, spare a thought for our refuse collectors who work so hard for us without complaining. Try to place your bins where they can be accessed easily and safely, and check their surroundings for anything that might cause accidents.

SCDC in the top three for Council Tax collections

I would also like to thank residents, businesses and revenues staff after the authority secured another top table position in the Council Tax collection league. For the last financial year, the authority came third out of 326 Councils for collecting Council Tax on time. It collected 99.3% of the expected funds in the last 12 months, an almost identical figure to the previous year.

Overall, £107 million in Council Tax was due to be collected by the Council on behalf of itself, Cambridgeshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner's office, Fire Authority and parish councils. The data also shows that Business Rate collection in South Cambridgeshire achieved a high-scoring position, with the Council coming 25th in this category out of the 326 authorities. This was for collecting 99.4% of Business Rates on time – again, a very similar figure to last year.

Councillors are thanking residents and businesses for paying their bills on time and encouraging anyone having difficulties making payments to contact the Council early for support and advice before debts begin to accumulate.

Cllr Tom Bygott
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Saturday 3rd November – a 6 mile walk along the Hardwick footpath, taking in the villages of Hardwick, Comberton and Caldecote. Meet at the Blue Lion pub at 10am. Parking available at the pub, but if you do not intend to use the pub, please use the car park at the Sports Centre on Egremont Road, CB23 7XR, a short distance away, and walk to the pub. Again, be prepared for mud if the weather has been wet.

For more details about either walk, and to ask for a lift, contact Gina Lane at ginaklane@aol.com.

Storey's Field Centre



Events and Activities October and November 2018

Storey's Field Centre in Eddington, one of Cambridge's newest communities, has a stunning and varied line up of events and activities over the autumn months. Highlights include gigs from Cambridge Jazz Festival (Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 November), Laura Veirs (Thursday 18 October) and Cavetown (Thursday 22 November), alongside a show by Menagerie Theatre (Friday 2 November), a VSO drop-in (Saturday 6th October), conferences and charity fundraisers.

The Centre, which opened in the spring, has recently been shortlisted for the Stirling Prize for its amazing architecture, which features a hall designed for its acoustics. The Queen's Hall String Quartet will perform the first professional chamber music in the hall (Wednesday 24 October) whilst Paul Draper (ex-Mansun) promises to deliver a spine-chilling acoustic set (Friday 16 November). Just to underline the Centre's versatility and its ability to transform itself from day to day it is also hosting Eddington's first Craft Beer Festival (11–13 October) and a celebration of Black History Month (Saturday 20 October). Add to this regular fitness classes, arts activities and a space just to meet up with friends, there really is something here for everyone this autumn and Storey's Field Centre looks set to become a firm favourite in the Cambridge scene.

For a full schedule of activities, look at our website www.storeysfieldcentre.org.uk.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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Stanley Library, Girton College, Cambridge

Jin Gene Wong (piano)

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Admission free; retiring collection

SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)

Stanley Library, Girton College, Cambridge

Freshers' Concert

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Admission free; retiring collection

MONDAY 29 OCTOBER at 8.00 pm (until 9.15 pm)

Chapel, Girton College, Cambridge

Purcelliad

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Competitions:

Autumn flowers from the garden

A plate of apples or pears (dessert or cooking)

Visitors most welcome, £2



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Thai Theme Night – 8th October 7pm to 9pm

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Chef's Sunday Roast – Sunday 14th October

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The next concert is on 7th and 8th December at the Baptist Church, Histon and will include: Excerpts from Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Motets by Stanford, Carols for All. The choir will be joined by Ten Sing (7th December) and Chesterton Singers (8th December) and accompanied by the Choir 2000 Chamber Orchestra. A piece from choir member John Dawson's setting of Hiawatha will also be performed. For more details of this and subsequent concerts see www.choir2000.org.

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12th October

7.30pm Hayley and Gordon Ogilvie
(Piano duet)

3rd November

7.30pm Mark Dennett and Bridget Griffin
(Flamenco guitar and dance)

For more details see sites.google.com/site/impingtonmusicsociety.

Phil Whitehead



Ten Sing is back for another year and will be performing again on

**Saturday 27th October at 7.30pm
at Histon Baptist Church**

with another Ten Sing group from Bristol.
All welcome.

Ten Sing is an international youth choir run by young people for young people, originating in Norway, which is why Ten Sing have recently come back from an international Ten Sing festival in Norway itself. We sing, dance and act, but more importantly we develop a range of other skills such as team work. We meet at Histon Baptist Church on Thursday evenings, 7–9pm. If you are interested please contact our administrator at jking42@aol.com and come for a taster session one Thursday.

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Tony Bateman 1932–2018



The congregation and choir of St Andrew's Church would like to pay tribute to Tony Bateman, who was a church member for over 40 years, and who died in May. Tony had been the dependable backbone of the church and the choir for all this time and most importantly he was a very kind man. In addition to singing in the choir, he rang the bells, read the lesson at Evensong, represented the church at Deanery Synod, dug plots for the burial of ashes and mowed the church lawn for a steadfast 25 years. He was a real churchman, and a faithful Christian, with his passing being the end of an era, going back to Canon Leighton in Girton and beyond in other parishes.

Tony was born in Middleton Park, Leeds, son of Revd Bateman, who was then the Vicar of Middleton. He attended Leeds Grammar School and went on to Ascombe Bryan Agricultural College where he trained to do all kinds of farm work, specialising in looking after livestock – as a child he had kept pigs in the family garden.

In 1961 Tony met Margaret at Butlin's Holiday Camp in Filey – in the Old Time Ballroom. Together they moved to live near different farms all over the country – to Nottinghamshire where the children were born, and from there to Colton Bassett, then on to Cold Harbour, East Leek and Norfolk before moving to Girton. The move to Girton was accompanied by Tony's mother's prompt to '*Get your roots.*'

Tony was a skilled stockman, attending to dairy herds for most of his working life. The dairy cows were Tony's responsibility on the old University Farm – now rapidly becoming the development known as Eddington. The Park and Ride on Madingley Road used to be a field where Tony grazed his cows, accompanied by his faithful border collies – Jake, Laddy, Faith and Cindy. One unfortunate event at this time was that he was kicked in an eye by a cow, losing some sight but, amazingly, it returned when he had cataracts removed, which must have seemed like a miracle.

In his leisure time with Margaret, Tony was fond of Old Time dancing and Modern Sequence, going on dancing holidays together to the Tower Ballroom at Blackpool, to Llandudno, Somerset, the Isle of Wight and Paignton. They enjoyed coach holidays to Scotland and Ireland – visiting the Antrim Coast, Dingle and the Ring of Kerry.

Tony was a faithful person who committed to the organisations and institutions he belonged to. He was involved in many village activities such as Girton Operatic (now Girton Musical Theatre), Choir 2000, and the Film Club as well as helping people with their gardens. He had also been a member of the East Anglian Stockman's Club.

In personality he was a contented man; he was generous, liked helping people and was not given over to complaining. In Margaret's words: Tony 'got on with life'. Without such a man, we should all be the poorer.

To Tony, and others like him, belongs a wisdom of the world, a common sense born of an intimate understanding of the way the world works. It is the kind of wisdom that can see the wood for the trees, is not afraid to 'tell it how it is', for want of a better idiom. Tony's opinions were always sound and worth hearing.

Tony was active throughout his life until his 84th year. The last 18 months were taken up with hospital procedures and convalescence – being confined to a wheelchair was difficult for him, and especially so because of his love of being out and about. He would have liked to walk and to drive his car for the last time, but the opportunity never came.

Tony's was a life well-lived, and he will be missed by many people, not just by his family and the congregation of St Andrew's but across the village.

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News for Older Residents

Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age

Join us for our third CCA party on Thursday 18th October from 2 to 4 pm in the Pavilion. Bondi will be providing the music and there will be tea, coffee, cake and chat. This venue is more spacious and so those who just want to chat will be able to sit further away from the music.

Booking is essential, so please tell Gail and Fiona, the Girton Wardens, or me that you are coming. Also let us know if you will need transport - obviously the sooner we know about this the better.

CCA comes to an end in November but AgeUK Cambs and Peterborough plans to continue by celebrating the United Nations International Day for Older Persons with similar events in October in future years. So, in 2019 this event will come under the UNIDOP banner!

Exercise Classes

The Strength and Balance classes continue to run weekly at: 10.30am every

- Wednesday in Gretton Court and
- Thursday in the Orchard Close Community Room.

Histon, Impington and Girton Community Car Scheme (HIGS)

Lesley, the Coordinator, has given me the latest Girton data and we are using this excellent scheme less. It is for weekday medical and social appointments in the locality, e.g. the CCA event! Lesley's number is 07982 108927.

If you want to know more before using HIGS I have information leaflets about the service.

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Patricia Johnston, Older Residents' Coordinator

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Girton WI

At our September meeting we were all ready to learn about Alpacas from our scheduled speaker Nicola Sly. Unfortunately,

Nicola was taken into hospital two days before our meeting and was unable to attend. We wish Nicola well and we all hope that we will be able to reschedule her talk for us at a future meeting.

At such short notice, the committee were racking their brains to arrange a new speaker to entertain our members. Susie, our stalwart president, came to the rescue. After many suggestions and phone calls she was able to engage Marion Leaper, a local storyteller. Her subject for the evening was Fen Legends.

As Marion told us tales about Dead Moon, Black Shuck and Tiddy Mun we felt we had been transported to the eerie Fen landscape, with swirling mists and dark, dank bogs all around us. It was very atmospheric. Some of our members knew parts of some of these legends and had heard of Black Shuck, a demonic ghostly black dog that roamed and terrorised the East Anglia countryside and coastline. Marion retold one of the legends of Black Shuck; how on 4th August 1957 the dog burst into St Mary's Church, Bungay to a clap of thunder. It ran up the nave, past the congregation, killing a man and boy, caused the church steeple to collapse and then moved on to Blythburgh Church where it mauled and killed more people. There are apparently still scorch marks on the door of Blythburgh Church which the locals refer to as 'the Devil's fingerprints' that can be seen to this day. Scary stuff!

The speaker thank you was given by Corrine Garvie and we were all very pleased that Marion had stepped into the breach to give us a very different evening that left us wanting to know more about Fen Legends.

Wendy Hall



A 'Siamese Apple' from Valerie Herr's tree in Girton Road. If you have a curiosity in your garden, send us a photo!



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Summer with Girton Youth Project



We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and young people who supported the Youth Project over the summer, making it a huge success. We ran a fantastic two-week programme that saw us learning how to

wakeboard, make movies and spray paint. Both the Monday group and the Thursday group had the opportunity to



attend GYP Residential trips away to Lincolnshire and Weymouth.

September has seen some changes to the Project, with sessional workers Matilda and Daisy leaving us to go to university. We have also said goodbye to Kyle who is now pursuing his career as a well-established and extremely talented tattoo artist. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them the best of luck. It is also with a heavy heart that I have said goodbye to the Project. It has been an absolute pleasure working with the young people of Girton, their parents/carers, Girton Town Charity and Cotton Hall trustees, over the past 8 years and I wish the Project all the success for the future.

Youth Club will continue as normal:

Monday group is for ages 7–11, 4.30–6pm

Thursday group is for ages 11–18, 5–9pm

Any questions about Girton Youth Project please contact staff members on: 07771 357187 or refer to our website ymcatrinitygroup.org.uk/family-support/gyp.

Rachel Rason

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Garden Tip of the Month – October

October can be warm and sunny, so postpone autumn and freshen up the display of flowering plants for a bit longer by cutting out bits of brown dying foliage. Many of you will have acquired plants during the year, and if you know where you want to place them it's a good idea to get them in, so they can start growing new roots, and settle in before the winter. This is also true of narcissus and early flowering bulbs, although tulips can be left until January.

Leaf fall can start in earnest before the end of October, so if you have a pond a net can help prevent them from choking the water life. Plan where this year's leaves will go; is there room in the leaf mould bin? An old builder's bag may be sufficient.

This year Apple Day at the CU Botanic Garden will be on Sunday 21st October. If you like apples, and you haven't been before, it is definitely worth a visit. Take some apples from your tree and see if the experts on the East of England Apples and Orchards Project stall can identify them for you, or try tasting slices of loads of different local varieties.

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A14 Update

All the usual landmarks along the A14 seem to have been changing daily, making the journey to Bar Hill for the ‘chippie’, the cleaners and Tesco something of a mystery tour.



The route has been described in an earlier *Parish News*, but it was our view that an update was necessary – and anyway, what on earth were those huge beams alongside the road? We managed to get an interview with Bob Pettipher of the A14 Delivery Team. As Stakeholder for the Girton/Bar Hill section of the road he was the ideal person to fill us in.

Following the strict security procedures in place, we found ourselves in an impressive and very busy reception centre. On the wall next to the waiting area was an illuminated map of the whole of the new section of the A14 presently under construction. When Bob Pettipher arrived we were taken to a plush interview room past a room full of computers, like an Internet café but on a much larger scale. Apparently this compound is only one of several such along the route. Health and Safety were clearly very important, with millions of pounds worth of tools and equipment on site, and



thousands of vehicular movements by day and night making the site a very dangerous place.

We met before the great upheaval to move the beams took place, but are now able to bring you up to date. Many thanks to Bob’s team for the photographs shown

here and on the front cover, which give a good idea of the complexity of moving two steel beams (each weighing 1,065 tons) to lie across the road. Under a full closure of the A14 from 2100 hrs on Friday 14th September, the construction team prepared the road surface throughout night and into the early hours of Saturday morning, when the 44-metre bridge decks were guided into place using the huge remote-controlled platforms, known as self-propelled mobile transporters (SPMT), shown in the pictures.

The intention had been to close the A14 to all traffic from 2100 hrs on Friday 14th September until 0600 hrs on the Monday, but the team worked so well that the road was

reopened to traffic by 12 noon on Sunday.

A team of experts from Holland was brought in to handle the manoeuvres, which first involved preparing the actual road surface. A granular sub-base material was compacted and then covered with a metal overlay capable of managing the huge weight. This was necessary to protect the road surface and to prevent the



Drayton road junction. The A14 will be upgraded to motorway and the new local road will allow traffic such as mopeds, farm tractors and other non-motorway traffic to travel north to Bar Hill and beyond.

It's just a thought, but the top of the M11 has never been noted for its silence and you cannot help wondering whether the new configuration may lead to still more noise for Girton. There are specialists in noise as in every other discipline, so we can be reassured that the problem will be taken seriously.

Cambridge is heavily concerned at present with considerations of future transport systems, aimed

entire assembly from sinking into the ground. Do glance up (if you can safely do so) when you next pass under them in their new location, to appreciate the scale of this operation.

Hitherto the defining mix and muddle of the nation's roads has been set out by Spaghetti Junction – the notorious interchange of motorways west of Birmingham. The map of the road structure west of Girton looks as though it may knock that into a cocked hat!

Only one loop of the M11 will remain, allowing traffic travelling north on the M11 to join the A14 eastbound. The second loop will be closed to normal traffic but will be open to emergency services and maintenance crews.

Westbound traffic on the A14 from the Histon direction wishing to travel north towards Huntingdon will slip right onto a raised section of road. This raised section will continue to sweep right in a gentle curve across the fields until it eventually joins the northbound A14 just short of the Cambridge Crematorium. Local traffic using the Huntingdon Road will have the choice of using a slip road to join the A14 or using the new local road under the M11 and the new raised section of road to its Oakington/Dry

at reducing car traffic in the city. There is talk of additional Park and Ride sites, one of which is mooted for the Girton area. Exactly where is a secret, known only to 'the planners'. We asked Bob Pettipher whether he knew anything about the possible location but it wasn't in his remit, being a County Council rather than a national issue.

There has been remarkable progress on the A14 to date and, judging by the continuing vast earthworks, the rate is going to be maintained for a while yet. As a management task it is almost frightening in its complexity, but I hope these thoughts may make the reader's task in understanding it a little easier.

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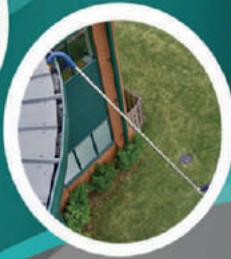
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GIRTON GREEN FINGERS

As I sat down to write this in mid-September I looked back at the article I wrote in June last year where I referred to the RHS report *Gardening in a Changing Climate*. I am going to quote it again because it seems to sum up this gardening year very well.

‘In the south there are likely to be prolonged periods without rain, especially in summer. There will be more extremes, wetter and windier storms and more flooding and water logging. Warmer springs and autumns will give a longer growing season and this may mean that flowering no longer coincides with the active feeding periods for pollinators.’

Looking out at the garden, it seems much better than it did in the blistering heat of July: bees are busy on the late flowering dahlias, sunflowers, salvias and sedums, the runner beans have gained a second lease of life and there is plenty of colour which I imagine will still be true in October.



The garden in September

October can be a glorious month with leaves turning red and yellow, apples and pears ready to pick and a last flush of colour

in the garden. It can also be frustrating – so much tidying up to do, climbers to prune, endless fallen leaves to be swept up and the last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges. Leaves are nature’s bounty. Collected and stored in bins or bags, they rot down slowly to provide wonderful leaf mould for use all around the garden. Pruning climbing roses and tying in long stems is good preparation for winter winds, as is cutting back shrubs like buddleia and lavatera by half to prevent wind rock. These can be hard pruned again in the early spring. Lawns can also be given a last bit of love and attention, mowing, scarifying and top dressing with an autumn low nitrogen feed, plus over seeding any bare patches to help them through the winter.

Tidying up can seem like a major chore but it is a chance to rethink elements of your garden by moving and/or splitting herbaceous perennials to reinvigorate them. Many herbaceous perennials such as rudbekias, sedums, echinaceas and many grasses have seed heads that attract birds in winter and look stunning covered in winter frost so don’t be too tidy. Beetles, solitary bees, frogs and toads benefit from log piles, patches of weeds and damp corners

and if any of these can provide a haven for our endangered hedgehogs then all the better.

October is the ideal time to move or plant trees, shrubs, climbers and hedges. The soil is still warm enough for roots to grow and get established before winter sets in. It is also the time to plant wallflowers, primulas, lily bulbs, violas, pansies and spring flowering bulbs in pots or borders to bring colour to the winter garden and also the long-awaited burst of colour in the spring. It is a good idea to protect them from the worst of the winter wet if possible. Hold on to the tulips, though, as they are better planted later in November to avoid tulip fire, a disfiguring fungal disease.

Now is also the time to plant some indoor hyacinths or scented paperwhite narcissi in bowls to give colour at Christmas time. Keep them in a cool dark place for 8–10 weeks, water sparingly and when the shoots appear move them into the light. Timing is key here and the warmer the new location the faster they will grow, but they usually take another 3 weeks or so. Amaryllis (*Hippeastrum*) can also be planted now indoors to give a good Christmas display.

If you grow cannas or dahlias the accepted practice is to wait for the first frost before lifting them, cutting them back and then storing them somewhere frost free. A cardboard box full of old compost or slightly damp sand in the garage seems to work for me. You can risk leaving them in the ground by mulching deeply over the crowns but it is a risk if we have a very hard winter; some dahlias seem to come back every year but not all. If it is dry, don’t forget to water camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas as this helps next year’s buds to swell.

Tender plants such as bananas, aeoniums, pelargoniums and fuchsias need to be protected from frost in either a conservatory or greenhouse. Keep checking them and remove dead leaves. Pelargoniums and fuchsias can be cut back hard to ensure more branching new growth in the spring. Sweet peas and broad beans can be started off in cold frames or unheated greenhouses to give them a head start in the spring. Some varieties of onions and broad beans can also be sown directly into the open ground to overwinter and many people find this very successful.

This has been a good year for pumpkins and squashes if they have been kept watered. Now is the time to lift and store them. You know they are ready as the skins turn duller, the stem is hard and they sound hollow when slapped! Use secateurs to cut the stem at about 4cm but don’t carry them by the stem as good storage depends on the skin being undamaged. Put them in a dry sunny spot, a windowsill or greenhouse and turn them a couple of times over a period of 2/3 weeks. This ‘cures’ or hardens the skin and allows them to become sweeter. I have also read that you can polish them with a little olive oil to finish the seal! They can be stored in any well-ventilated place in a shed or on display in the house (my preferred option). You can, of course, eat them at any stage in this process.

Most importantly take time to enjoy this season, visit local gardens, see the displays of apples and squashes and other harvest fruit and go for a brisk walk to kick up leaves.

Kay Green, Girton Garden Society



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Cottontails Preschool

We have had a lovely start to the new year. We have a new management team with myself as the Manager and Irina as our new Deputy. We are both looking forward to

continuing to make Cottontails the nurturing, happy, and enjoyable environment that it is for children to play, learn and gain in confidence.

Irina and I, and the rest of the staff team, Linda, Marion, Harriet and Fran, have been delighted to welcome both new and returning children and their families to Cottontails this term. We have also welcomed Ruth to the staff team who is settling well in her role as preschool administrator. The children have shared their news from all their lovely summer holiday adventures and we are continuing to enjoy the, so far, still pleasant weather with water play and bubbles being very popular outside.



Last summer term we grew tomatoes and strawberries in our vegetable patch. The children have looked after them well and we are still picking

delicious tomatoes which have been a lovely addition to our snack for the last few weeks.

The children have been creating their own adventures as we go through the woodland to our forest school sessions. We walk beneath the canopy of trees and these become tunnels that we are going through to wherever the children's imaginations lead us! At forest school the children have also been climbing trees and making homes for woodland animals. We have begun to talk about hibernation and will continue finding out about this through the term.



Laura Norman
Cottontails Preschool Manager

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

We were delighted to play host and provide a neutral ground on the evening of 20th August to a group of semi-finalists from the Cambridge and District League. The weather was lovely and the games were

watched by a large number of spectators who came to support their teams. We hope next season to have the opportunity to host many more such events and have the facility of the new Community Centre available.

Congratulations to all our members who have contributed to a wonderful season of bowls, with excellent results in all the Leagues in which we have played.

We are proud to have our very first Girton champion! Congratulations go to Janet Graaff who won her ladies' singles final in the Cambridge and District League, held at Great Chesterford, by 21 shots to 8 against a lady from Chesterton Bowls Club, a resounding victory.



Our Club finals on the weekend 8th–9th September were a huge success. The triples final on the Saturday was won by the narrowest of margins by Geoff McCall, Jane Hewer and Mike Collier, 14 to 13. The doubles on the Sunday between Paul Tippett and Pat Collier and Geoff and Margaret McCall was won by Geoff and Margaret, 22 to 10. We then all enjoyed a BBQ lunch, the weather brightened up and the ladies' and men's singles finals were played, with the ladies' final being won by Evelyn Fryer, 21 to 13, and the men's singles being won by Geoff McCall, 21 to 8. This also set a record for Girton Bowls Club in that Geoff won all three of the finals which he took part in – his triples, his doubles and his singles.

Congratulations to all our winners and a big thank you to everyone who came along and to those who contributed in whatever way to what was a tremendous day of bowls. If you would like to see the photographs of all the players and of many of the events this season, please go to our website at www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com.

The first end of season Green maintenance was carried

out on 16th September, so although the Green is now looking a little worse for wear, after receiving several more similar treatments it should look splendid again for next season.

If you would like to consider joining us next season, please contact our Secretary Margaret McCall – margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com.

Lynn McGill



Girton Golf Club

On 1st September Girton Golf Club held its Annual Charity Day and 200 competitors took part to raise funds for East Anglia Children's Hospice.

An astonishing £2990 was raised through the many activities – raffles, tombola, cake stalls, etc. Well done everyone associated with the day and especially Maureen Mansfield, the main organizer, and Steve and Kim Andrews, our Club and Lady Captains.

The winning men's team in the Texas Scramble competition was made up of Junior members Jack Thorpe, Ethan Goebels, William Powell and Angus White. The ladies winning team was made up of Anne Lockwood, Pam O'Grady, Kerry and Phillipa Towlson-Mulbregt.

Our very own Maureen Mansfield is the Cambs and Hunts Ladies County Golf Association President for the next 2 years and held her President's Day at the Club on 24th August. The role is a great honour for Maureen and the club. A large number of players turned out on a beautiful day from all over the county to celebrate her role and contribution.



Maureen Mansfield, Cambs and Hunts Ladies County Golf Association President

If your son, or daughter, has ever voiced any interest in golf then now is the time for them to join Girton Golf Club. If they join before 31st December 2018 then it will only cost £65 for 12 months' membership and you, the parent, will become a social member for free. This gives you access to discounted food and drink whilst your offspring enjoy lessons or a game, and at any other time

too, plus members' pricing for events.

Upcoming social events at the club are detailed in our advert, but certainly the Thai Night, Cabaret Night and Showcase of Talent are all exciting occasions coming up in the near future. Quiz Nights start again on Friday 5th October, so remember to come along for a good evening every fortnight, with a great but low cost supper also available.

Matt Pratt, our Deputy Head Green Keeper, and Ian Hankin, our Head Green Keeper, have enjoyed a wonderful few days at Le Golf National at Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, the location of this year's Ryder Cup, discovering how the staff there prepare the course for such a massive and prestigious event. A much deserved treat for these hardworking and skilled individuals.

Alan Henderson-Smith

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Girton Colts Football Club

The football season is now under way and it's going to be a busy time for Girton Colts. The club now has 5 teams so there's going to be plenty of action at the recreation ground.

Girton Colts U16s opened up their league account with a well-deserved win against Chatteris Town Lilies, a newly formed team from last season, which was always going to be somewhat of a surprise package. After a slow start and a lack of concentration at the back that saw us go 1-0 down, we quickly recovered with a well taken goal by Joe Pinner after some excellent strength and persistence from Charles Dryer. In the second half we had a much stronger team performance, including an acrobatic volley from Alex Boyle which saw the ball hit the crossbar and then hit the goalkeeper and cross the line. And a final well-taken free kick from Jon Hanlon, 5 minutes from time, gave Girton Colts a 3-1 victory. So first game over and a 100% record!

The U11s have had a promising start to the season. The first match against Wilburton was tight and ended with a 2-1 defeat. However, this was followed up by a thumping win against a weak Willingham side. Dylan Pickthorne, Zaki Adloune and James Barge all scored hat-tricks.

The Colts U9s have had a great start to the new season. The team has welcomed all our new players, who are enjoying training, playing and socialising together. The enthusiasm and team work they have demonstrated has led to some fantastic early results, with a 6-1 win against Burwell and a 7-1 win against Cambourne.

With only a few training sessions and bolstered by a player-inspired discussion around tactics and formations, the Girton Colt's U8 season kicked off with an eventful and exhilarating friendly match in Cottenham. We continue to learn from each other and integrate our

shared experiences into our training sessions and team formations. In our friendly family get-togethers over the summer, we started to focus on developing our passing skills and spatial awareness. The parents and players now await each training session and match with great anticipation!

The Mini Kickers are continuing to grow and improve each week. Watching the boys and girls from the village having fun and improving on their social skills whilst learning how to play football has always been our aim and that is certainly happening. The U7s team is also now established and has started to show great promise.

For information about the club, contact info@girtoncolts.co.uk.

Kevin White



Girton Netball Club

We have a coach!! Helen Stepney coaches the Cambridge University netball team and was responsible for getting the Perse Girls to the National Schools Netball Championships. She

is also the Sports Project Coordinator for South Cambs District Council, plus she organises the adult-friendly Netball League. We are so lucky to have her coaching our team!

There are 12 teams entering the Winter League, which has been organised so that each team has the opportunity to play an increased variety of teams. Our first match of the season takes place on Thursday 27th September and the second on Thursday 11th October so watch this space for the results. We were a little rusty after our summer break but we have been training hard and are optimistic about how we will perform.



Practising the referee signals

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 at the Girton Recreation Ground on a Monday evening (7.30-8.45pm, term time) – if you would like to come along, please contact Mel at girton.village.netball@gmail.com or see our Facebook page at tinyurl.com/girton-netball for information on when and where we'll next be meeting.

Claire Chapman

GIRTON scoreboard

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Girton Tennis Club

From 1st October 2018, all British Tennis Registered Venues are required to meet minimum safeguarding standards as part of their registration. Girton Tennis

Club is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment in which all members can enjoy playing tennis. To this end we have introduced policies and codes of conduct in line with those of the Lawn Tennis Association. Every member, volunteer and employee of the club are now subject to our Safeguarding, Diversity & Inclusion and Whistleblowing policies. These newly implemented policies are available for viewing at www.girtontennisclub.uk/about_us.

We have appointed two Welfare officers, Matthew Boucher and James Page. Matthew and James have undertaken the necessary training and are responsible for promoting safeguarding within Girton Tennis Club. Mathew and James are just two of the points of contact for any safeguarding issues, further details available at www.girtontennisclub.uk.

Our British Tennis members (BTMs) will already have been notified by the LTA that the 'Wimbledon ballot', for the chance to be allocated tickets to the Wimbledon Championships in 2019, is now open. BTMs are invited to 'Opt in' to the ballot and the club would encourage you to do this. The number of Wimbledon tickets allocated to our club increases in proportion to the number of our BTM members who 'Opt in'. Further details will be published next month.

As we are now halfway through our membership year our membership fees, for new members only, are reduced by 50%. Please visit www.girtontennisclub.uk/membership for further details.

We play on the Girton Recreation Ground courts and members who purchase a key have court access during most daylight hours. Potential new members are very welcome to come along to our Friday club nights for one or two free sessions to check it all out. We run supervised sessions for juniors on Friday evenings (6.30–7.30pm) until the winter weather prevents them. Adult club members play from 7.30pm on Friday evenings.

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

Alan Franklin



Call for Volunteers

Contact the Elderly is a national charity dedicated to tackling loneliness and isolation among older people. There are five Contact the Elderly 'tea party' groups in Cambridge, which meet one Sunday afternoon each month for tea, cake and companionship. In order for this to be possible, the charity is urgently appealing for volunteers who could spare a few hours each month to drive one or two older guests to their tea, or help with the running of local tea parties – and enjoy a cuppa themselves!

The charity aims to relieve the acute loneliness of isolated older people, aged 75 and above, who live alone. Each older guest is collected from their home by a volunteer driver and taken to a volunteer host's home, where they meet with a small group for tea, chat and friendship. The group is warmly welcomed by a different host each month, but the drivers remain the same which means that over the months and years, acquaintances turn into friends and loneliness is replaced by companionship.

Contact the Elderly's Support Officer, Georgina Sells, says: 'Activities for people aged 75 and above are normally limited to weekdays, so Sunday can be a particularly long and difficult day. Our tea parties are sometimes the only social outing our guests have in a month, so they can make a real difference. However, there's a shortage of volunteers in the area. Anyone who can spare a couple of hours one Sunday a month, has a driving licence, a car and a capacity for drinking tea, is eligible! We are also looking for coordinators to help with the running of the groups. It's not a big commitment, and our volunteers genuinely get as much out of the experience as our older guests, so I'm calling for anyone who is interested in giving something back to their community to please get in touch with me as soon as possible.'

Residents in the Cambridge area, who are interested in volunteering for Contact the Elderly once a month as a driver or as a group coordinator, can contact Georgina Sells:

**email: georgina.sells@contact-the-elderly.org.uk,
tel: 0207 078 8998 or Freephone: 0800 716543.**



News from Girton Glebe Primary School

It was lovely to welcome everybody back to school on 5th September and I was delighted to greet our new Foundation Stage pupils and parents on Monday 10th as the children began their first day at Girton Glebe Primary.

It is also my pleasure to welcome some new faces to our team! Ms Marion Barber has joined our team and is teaching Oak class alongside Mr Thomas Russell whilst Miss Evans is settling in well teaching Lime class.

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

New Starters

Our Foundation Stage children have had a busy few weeks getting used to the new school setting and have had a fabulous time with their new teachers. The children have been taking part in Forest School activities with Mr Smart and have been busy learning about bones and their skeleton. Our Year 6 buddies have also done an excellent job of helping our new starters settle in. They have been a particularly valuable support to the younger children in the dining hall and on the playground and some great friendships have already been forged.

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

Open Evening – An Invitation

I would like to welcome you all to the Open Afternoon and Evening we will be hosting on Tuesday 6th 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 around school.

The sessions will begin with a presentation by the Headteacher before you are free to visit classrooms. We will also be joined by Ryan Kelsall, Principal of Impington Village College. Our Year 6 ambassadors will be giving guided tours of the school if you wish to join them. I look forward to seeing you there!

Friends of Girton Glebe

I would like to say an enormous thank you to the FOGG (Friends of Girton Glebe) committee for all of the amazing work they did last academic year in raising funds for the school. Through events ranging from jumble sales, cake sales, tree shredding and a findathon

(to name but a few) FOGG raised an astonishing £10,000 which has been used to enhance curriculum provision and opportunities around school. This funding has a direct impact on all pupils and staff at Girton Glebe and I would like to take this opportunity to express our collective gratitude to FOGG for their hard work and dedication.

Special thanks go to Anita and Sally who have stepped down from the roles of secretary and treasurer after two fabulous years and are replaced by Annika and Helen.

Many thanks to all community members who came out across the year to support events such as the jumble sales and Christmas Fair, we look forward to seeing you again soon!

Mr Andrew Simpson

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Village enhancements arrive in Girton this Autumn

In previous issues of *Girton Parish News* we have reported on the progress of the new Art Railings which are to be installed between St Andrew's Church and the car park over the next few weeks. As part of this project, the bus shelter will be replaced. The car park will be refurbished separately by Girton Parish Council. Here Dr Robin Hiley, Chairman at Girton Town Charity explains what is happening.

These new amenities require demolition of the existing bus shelter as it stands on land needed for the foundations for the Art Railings. Following the advice of a Heritage Consultant, GTC is replacing the bus shelter with a structure in keeping with the Grade II Star quality of St Andrew's Church and the visual improvements made by



the Art Railings. Demolition of the existing bus shelter is scheduled for 8th October, with an installation date for the new bus shelter of 19th October.

We shall also be funding a footpath allowing safe passage alongside the car park for families walking to school.

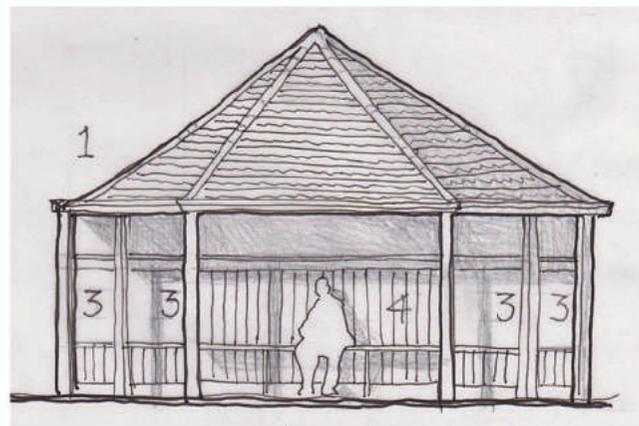
Work on these enhancements has already commenced and the handover date for completion is scheduled for 9th November.

Seeing the Art Railings installed is an exciting end to a project which GTC has been working on for over two years. In May a group from Girton, which included Parish Councillors, representatives of St Andrew's Church and GTC Trustees visited Sanderson Sculpture in Herefordshire to see at first hand how the Art Railings were progressing.

The group was welcomed by Sculptor Matthew Sanderson who showed them around the workshop where the Railings are being created.

Girton's history

The design, which has been approved by SCDC,



Work in progress: Quill detail from the Art Railings and Architect's drawing of the bus shelter.

incorporates the geese and quills historically associated with Girton when flocks of domestic geese provided quills for the University, as well as a tree of life using the Fibonacci sequence to define the proportion of panels and post settings.

Matthew Sanderson, who was awarded the project back in 2015, uses both hand skills and modern industrial technology to interpret historical craft techniques creating original, robust, visually delicate, large scale artworks. Born in Cambridge, he lived and worked in East Anglia for many years supplying work for permanent and temporary sites nationally and internationally. A few years ago he moved to Herefordshire where he has larger and more permanent studio space for his structures.

Partnership

This project, which is wholly funded by GTC including the new footpath and replacement bus shelter, has involved working in partnership with both the Parish Council and St Andrew's Church. We look forward to seeing these improvements enhancing this area at the heart of our Village over the next few weeks.

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.

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

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

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My Abseil for Charity

In the March edition of the Girton Parish News, Girton resident Mandy Foster wrote about her plan to abseil down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth to raise money for charity in memory of her late husband, Clive. Here she writes about her experience.

At 5.30am on Sunday 5 August I started my journey down to Portsmouth to do the abseil for charity. Driving along the motorways and subsequently arriving, there was plenty of time to be nervous in anticipation of the 'big drop' but as it happens I was quite calm even when stepping over the edge 100m up



the Spinnaker tower at just after 2pm.

The abseil went quite smoothly and the view was amazing as the weather that day was warm and sunny. I had a GoPro camera on my helmet so have the footage from that to look back on, especially me

asking for God when the wind took me to one side half way down. When I 'landed' I felt a huge sense of relief and over the next few days began to find closure and saying goodbye to my husband Clive became easier. He and I had talked extensively about what I should do after he passed away and the abseil was the last of those plans.

An old school friend of Clive's, Trevor Root, did the abseil with me. Together we raised £5000 plus Gift Aid on top and I am so proud to say that Arthur Rank Hospice and the Alzheimer's Society will benefit from the donations received.

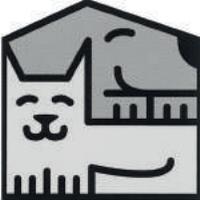


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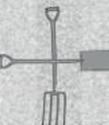
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Dick Whittington and his entourage turned up

What great fun our rats were having at the Olive Tree Cafe Oakington Garden Centre until Dick Whittington and his entourage turned up. Forty-eight 'rats' (our members) turned up at the cafe for lunch on Wednesday 19th September and were treated to a very pleasant afternoon. The helpful staff did their very best to look after us and succeeded admirably. Some of our members had turned up in costume and masks making life a little more difficult for them whilst we filmed for our Christmas pantomime. The food produced was very tasty, many of our members remarking on how much they had enjoyed it and I heard one member congratulating the restaurant manager on the food she had received. Faced with such a large number of guests, the staff coped very well. Some people had to wait a little but it was not a major issue. Minor problems were dealt with with ease making our visit both enjoyable and worry free, Well



done Olive Tree. You will very likely have to put up with us again very soon.



King Rat was having a wonderful time until Dick's cat turned up, then he was very quick to 'scarper'. Let's face it with a ferocious cat like that about, I think most people would.



Two daring rats stayed on, a little risky to say the least. We know it's silly – but who cares, we enjoyed it.

Our film on the 6th September was 'The Post' and we have some other very good films in the pipeline so why not try an afternoon at our little cinema, you can always have '40 winks' in the comfortable chairs if things get a little too much.

Patricia Johnston and I are going to try something a little different on the 24th October between 2pm and 4pm at Orchard Close Community Centre and it will be free for you to come along. However the 'sting in the tail' is that we will make a collection during the afternoon for Macmillan Cancer Care. You will be able to give as much or as little as you wish for this very worthy cause.

It will be a fun afternoon with an amusing talk, tea, coffee and cakes and above all loads of chatter. You could pop along to catch up on all the gossip and it will be a good time for new members to see what we are all about. Do not be lonely, loneliness promotes ill health. Just getting out once or twice a week to meet like minded people can make a huge difference to your lives, giving you something to occupy your mind and chance of making new friends is very high.

It has been advertised for a while but please let me remind you that 'Daddy's Diaries', a play devised, written and to be performed by Jane Bower at St Andrew's Church on 19th October is worth a visit. Tickets £10 for an evening's entertainment.

For your Diary:

Thursday 11th October at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, 12 noon: Film 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society'. Buffet £5.

Wednesday 24th October at Orchard Close Community Centre, 2pm to 4pm: Something a little different 'An afternoon with Sam and Patricia', a fun talk, tea or coffee and cakes free of charge **but** with a collection for Macmillan Cancer Care – Please support this worthy cause if you can.

Wednesday 31st October, 12 for 12.30pm: Halloween Lunch at the Rose and Crown Histon. Please wear black for a little bit of fun - places limited book early.

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

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

Wednesday 19th December 12 for 12.30pm: At the Pavilion Girton, Christmas Party and Panto 'Dick Whittington' (if we get it done in time).

For more details contact:

Sam Clift Tel: 01223 564808



An October with much mellow fruitfulness with CambridgePPF!

Hinxton Watermill Open Day, Sunday 7th October, 2.30–5.30pm. CambridgePPF members can visit for free. For non-members entry is £3 for adults, £1 for children. No need to book. Mill Lane, Hinxton CB10 1RD.

Hamlet by *in situ*: Theatre Company, Saturday 13th October, 8pm, Cambridge Leper Chapel.

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An evening with Rob Macfarlane, Thursday 18th October, 7.15–8.15pm, West Road Concert Hall, West Road, Cambridge CB3 9DP. 'The Undiscovered Country of the Nearby: Walking into Wandlebury.' CambridgePPF Members: Free; Non-Members: £10/7 Tickets www.cambridgeppf.org.

Fungal Discovery, Saturday 20th October, 11am–1pm, Wandlebury Country Park. Accompanied children 9+ years. £5 (£4 members) Booking essential.

Dracula Part I: Jonathan Harker's Journal, Saturday 20th October, 7.30pm, Cambridge Leper Chapel. Intimate theatre production of horror classic in atmospheric setting. Martin Prest and That's My Cue Productions bring the first part of Bram Stoker's 1897 masterpiece to life in spellbinding one-man show. Adult £12, Students & Under 18s £8. Book www.thatsmycueproductions.com.

Holiday Bushcraft, Monday 22nd–Wednesday 24th October, 8.30am–4pm, Wandlebury Country Park. Fun half-term activities for children ages 5–12yrs with Wild Thyme & Embers. Booking essential, please book via the Wild Thyme & Embers website at wildthymeandembers.co.uk/holiday-bushcraft-club.

Ghost Stories at the Leper Chapel: Friday 26th October, 7.30pm: 'Warning to the Curious', **Saturday 27th October, 7.30pm:** 'Oh, Whistle ...', **Sunday 28th October, 7.30pm:** 'Casting the Runes'.

Storytelling and drama performed by Robert Lloyd Parry. £12/£10 (£24 all three). To book go to www.nunkie.co.uk.

Halloween Fun! Saturday 27th October, 4–7pm, Wandlebury Country Park. Pumpkin carving, bewitching storyteller, creepy candlelit walk and marshmallow toasting. Early booking recommended for this very popular event. £16 per pumpkin (£13 members) – you can buy more than one pumpkin!

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Upcoming Stall dates this autumn:

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

Bar Hill Community Market
Saturday 6th October 10.30am–2pm
with a display of Halloween gifts

Saturday 3rd November 10.30am– 2pm
with a display of baby clothes

Saturday 1st December 10.30am to 2pm
with a display of Christmas gifts for all the family

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

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

Church can change your perspective



To Remember ...

This year the Remembrance Commemorations will have a firm focus on the First World War, since it is a hundred years since the end of that conflict. I remember from history lessons at school that this war was preceded by a few years by the Boer War. The First World War, sometimes referred to as the War to End All Wars, was succeeded only 21 years later by the Second World War. There have been numerous wars since then, spread around the globe.

Why was it that people called the First World War the Great War, or the War to End All Wars? Can we have a hierarchy of war? Unlike the Boer War which was conducted largely by the cavalry, WWI was fought closer to home, the casualties were far, far higher and developing technology made this war all the more protracted and bloody. Many wars had been fought in what was known as the British Empire, but they didn't impact the people at home to the same extent as a war fought just over the English Channel. A war fought on home turf is terrifyingly real and civilians suffer horribly; it is not something we read about and then forget.

War artists recorded the horrors of trench warfare and human destruction, but also the desecration of the land itself. The painter Paul Nash depicted the barren, blasted sites of No Man's Land: the seas of mud, the fetid pools of water and the scorched stumps of trees. Anybody who has read *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo will also be minded to think about the misery and slaughter of horses and other animals used in warfare. What does it mean to win a war when the cost to life is so great? I am convinced that the people of Syria might be asking this question right now.

In general, the Christian view of war has been mixed. Some Christians support Pacifism and do not agree with going to war under any pretext. They argue that this was the intention of Jesus and refer to his Sermon on the Mount: *'If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also ...'* (Matthew 5: 39ff).

Other Christians adhere to the concept of 'Just War'. In a nutshell, war is justified only in response to a serious wrong committed by another power. This view includes defence from unjust attack, but extends beyond self-defence. But is there a case for waging war? Proponents of the Just War theory might say that those who wage war must have a right intention. Their aim must be to put right a wrong and to restore order, justice and peace to a chaotic, unjust and violent situation, hence the quote from St Augustine (354–430): *'We go to war in order that we may have peace.'*

We all take different views on this subject and it's fair to say that often the reasons why wars are waged are far from clear-cut. In the first instance, conflict resolution, and a commitment to work for peace and reconciliation, are much better alternatives than resorting to war, as people of all faiths and none probably agree.

I am not a Christian who can state categorically that Jesus would support the Just War theory. Jesus himself modelled non-violent pacifism and gave his life so that the world would have life. The wars that are waged are uncomfortable reminders that we are so far from the peaceable, orderly values of the Kingdom of God. However, it is the vision and the goal that one day, all swords will be beaten into ploughshares.

Mandy

St Andrew's Notices

Sunday 4th November at 4pm

St Andrew's are holding a service to remember those who have died. People are invited to light a candle in memory of their loved one while their names are read out. All are welcome to this service.

Saturday 10th November 10th at 6pm and Sunday 11th November at 10.50am

This year marks 100 years since the end of the First World War. St Andrew's are holding a Vigil Service on Saturday 10th November at 6pm. The usual commemoration around the war memorial will be held from 10.50am on the 11th November, followed by a service in church. This year, the service in church takes a modified form, as part of the liturgy centres around a dialogue between an English and a German soldier. All are welcome to these events.



**RSPB
Fen Drayton
Lakes**

What has been happening? It has been a hot, dry summer. This hasn't been ideal for the reserve with water levels in the lakes dropping and plants withering so it has been necessary for us to routinely water the hundred or so young fruit trees in the orchard to prevent them from dying.

We have also been undertaking some revamping of several of the viewing screens around Elney Lake to tidy them up and replace dilapidated woven willow panels with nice new ones.

Wildlife It suddenly feels a bit more peaceful on the reserve now that the raucous black-headed gull colony has dispersed and moved on after the fledging of their chicks. Young common terns are still present for the moment. They can be seen flying around the lakes, whilst their parents feed them and they learn to fish for themselves. Waders are starting to turn up with both common and green sandpipers seen almost daily on Ferry Mere and Moore Lake.

It seems to have been a good summer for invertebrates on the reserve. Our butterfly surveyors have recorded 22 species to date, including the first marbled white butterflies since 2011. We have also had reserve firsts with a Norfolk hawk dragonfly being seen flying over one of the ditches and a colony of wasp spiders on the island in Ferry Lagoon.

Some of our events in 2018:

Wednesday Wander

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Willow weaving workshop

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Sunday Services: October

- 7th 10.00am Holy Communion
7.00pm Taizé Worship
- 14th 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am All Age Family Worship
6.00pm Evensong
- 21st 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
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6.00pm Evensong
- 28th 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Prayer

Weekday Services: October

- 9th 2.30pm Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
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Sunday Services: October

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- 7th 10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship with Communion
- 14th 10.30am Morning Worship
- 21st 10.30am Morning Worship with Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship led by Christine Kimmitt
- 28th 10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship led by John Searle

Wednesday 31 October

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Girton Walking Group

A glorious morning awaited the Girton walkers who assembled at the Fen Drayton lakes on Saturday 1st September. The Autumn sun revealed a sparkling blue sky reflected in the lakes, set off by bushes of ripening berries. We spied a range of birds, ducks and geese from a hide using the binoculars some people had thought to bring.



We do recommend a visit to this lovely RSPB site where walks of any length are possible including an interesting stretch of the Great Ouse. As a bonus, it can be reached by Guided Bus or, of course, car.

Do consider a walk with us, they always take place on the first Saturday of the month. Details appear in the *Girton Parish News*.

Ann Jerram

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