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The Village Diary

June

- Sat. 1** **Girton Walking Group**, St Neots Riverside
Meet Riverside Car park, 10am
St Andrew's Action Abroad, Silent Auction of Art Cotton Hall, Preview 3–6.30, Auction 6.30–7.45
- Wed. 5** **Club 55 and Girton Garden Society**
Trip to RHS Gardens, Hyde Hall
Girton WI, William Collyn Hall, 7.30pm
History of Girton College – A Fellow of Girton
- Sat. 8** **FOSA**, Coffee Morning, 10.30am–12.30pm
3 Bandon Road
- Sun. 9** **Girton College Music Society**, Chapel,
2.30pm Tobias Sternberg (cello) and Wayne Weaver (organ)
- Tue. 11** **Girton Neighbourhood Watch**, Open Meeting Home Security, Arlington Manor, 7.30pm
- Wed. 12** **Club 55**, 12 for 12.30pm
Lunch at the Blue Lion, Hardwick
- Fri. 14** **Early Birds WI**, CFWI, Oakington Road, 10am Single Use Plastic Reduction
- Sat. 15** **Eddington Discovery Day**, 10.00am–4.00pm
Storey's Field Centre and Market Square
- Sun. 16** **Girton College Garden Party**, 12–5pm
At rear of College (access from Girton Rd)
- Tue. 18** **Girton College Music Society**, Great Hall, 3.30pm May Week Concert
Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Thur. 20** **Club 55**, William Collyn Centre, 12 noon
Film 'Stan and Ollie'
- Fri. 21** **Midsummer Music Festival**, 7.30pm
St Andrew's Church
- Fri. 28** **Girton Craft Club**, 2–4pm
Orchard Close Community Centre, all welcome
FOSA, Desert Island Discs, 7.30pm
St Andrew's Church
- Sat. 29** **Girton Churchyard Volunteers**, Working Party St Andrew's Churchyard, 10am–12 noon

July

- Wed. 3** **Girton WI**, William Collyn Hall, 7.30pm
Green Beauty – Rachel Darby

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GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Firstly, the Council would like to thank all attendees at the Annual Parish Meeting held at Girton Glebe School on 14th May. Following on from the Road Safety and Connectivity Public Meeting held in March, the opportunity was taken to obtain residents' views on possible road safety initiatives which the Parish Council propose to undertake with possible funding from the Local Highways Improvements scheme and the A14 Legacy fund. The meeting also heard from a resident complaining of the failure of the new bus shelter at the Church to provide adequate shelter from rain and wind. We have received numerous complaints of this nature and the Town Charity have been asked to respond. Dr Hiley, Chairman of GTC which funded the shelter, reported that he felt protection was equivalent to other shelters in the village and that the design was deliberately open to avoid formation of a 'bullying' trap. Provision of glass screens is apparently very expensive and the PC will have to consider if it can justify funding these from PC funds.

It has been reported in the press that a coalition of Parish Councils from the West of the A14 have written to the Transport Secretary requesting consideration be given to immediate upgrading of the Girton Interchange to a four way junction, and that this proposal is supported by Girton Parish Council. This is not the case. The group behind the letter failed to appreciate that the interchange is in Girton Parish and did not involve us in its development. We were asked to support the letter in December 2018 and the PC agreed to do so only on condition that our concerns that any such changes would not adversely affect Girton, in terms of traffic noise and air quality, were properly highlighted. The agreed changes to the letter do not seem to have been made, however, and we shall be protesting to the letter writers and to the recipients of the letter.

The Planning consultation on the appeal against rejection of the planning application for a waste incineration plant at Waterbeach closes on 21st May. We will reiterate our objections to the proposal based on the proposed size/height of the facility, sustainability in the light of potential government disincentives (e.g. 'incineration tax'), lack of consideration of sustainable alternatives and potential for new ones, and significant health risks due to diminished air quality.

The deadline for this edition comes before the May meeting of the Parish Council, which will be the Annual General Meeting at which the dates and times of meetings, and membership of committees for the next year, will be decided. The Council will also consider requests from Virgin Media to site cabinets at Wellbrook Way, and Girton Bowls Club to display sponsorship signage on the Bowls Green perimeter fence.

Next Meetings

Subject to confirmation at the AGM, the next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday 18th June and Tuesday 16th July, both at St Vincent's Close Community Centre at 7.00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings and to speak in the open session at the start.

From our Councillors

County Councillor Lynda Harford

In its Public Health role the County Council has recently set up a stroke prevention programme with GP practices in Wisbech and Greater Peterborough. The programme is being jointly funded by Cambridgeshire County and Peterborough City councils, the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Sustainable Transformation Partnership and NHS England. The objective of the programme is to identify and treat a greater proportion of the population with the most common form of irregular heartbeat (atrial fibrillation). Prevalence of the condition increases with age and leads to an increased risk of experiencing one of the most severe forms of stroke. The condition can be managed through use of anticoagulants (blood thinners). Increasing the number of those identified with the condition and providing careful management of it, significantly improves health and social outcomes. It is estimated that each year one in every twenty-five patients diagnosed and treated for the condition can avoid the devastating effects of a stroke. Diagnosis will be made through pulse checks for the over 65s in conjunction with the existing annual flu jab programme. As well as the obvious personal benefits for individuals who avoid a debilitating and often life changing stroke, the avoidance of related hospital admissions and care costs provide cost savings for the NHS and councils. Cambridgeshire & Peterborough generally have higher numbers of undiagnosed and therefore untreated patients than comparable areas nationally. Wisbech and Greater Peterborough have been selected for the initial programme as numbers are even higher in these areas. It is estimated that the programme may reduce the number of strokes in those areas by up to 18 over the next year.

Locally patients of the Maple Surgery will have received a letter advising that the procurement exercise recently undertaken for the GP contract at the practice was unfortunately not successful and that a repeat exercise will now take place. Representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) recently met with Maple Surgery's Patient Participation Group (PPG) to discuss the next steps. Meanwhile the current contract holders will continue to manage the practice until a new contract is awarded towards the end of 2019.

You may have seen the news of some significant archaeological finds as the improvement work continues on the site of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme. Finds so far have included three Anglo-Saxon villages, an abandoned medieval village,

100,000 year old woolly mammoth tusks and a woolly rhino skull, a Roman supply depot and rare Roman coins dating from the third century. Archaeologists from both the A14 team and the County Council have been working together on these finds and in a recent public vote they were awarded the prize for 'Rescue Project of the Year' in the 2019 Current Archaeology Awards.

Thank you to all of you who have been in touch recently. Please do continue to contact me with your views and questions on the issues that are important to you.

Lynda

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A View From the District

It has been a busy month, though not much of it of particular relevance to the Parish. I have attended the funeral of a former Chairman of the Council, attended a workshop on scrutiny skills, raised a flag for St George, and attended the 50th birthday celebration of the Farmland Museum.

The JDCC met to assess the plans for the Eddington hotel and some revisions to the Trumpington Park and Ride expansion. Unfortunately owing to IT problems we could not be sure that any objections had been duly received, so had to delegate the decisions to our Head of Planning, which is not best practice.

Cabinet has significantly improved the haphazard way in which various grants have been allocated in the past. For instance, instead of an elite (and elitist) sports grant which has, for example, paid for one boy to go to the USA for a shooting competition, sports grants will in future focus on community events. And on 1 May Cabinet approved a new pot for a Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme. This will give large grants (up to £15,000) to effective plans to reduce carbon emissions in our villages. So thinking caps on! My only concern was that to produce a proper business plan for such an application a community might need a little seed funding, and this was understood and accepted. Cabinet also received the proposals from our consultants for a restructuring of the way the Council works which, although roundly condemned by the leader of the major opposition group (who complained very reasonably that his group had not been at all involved in the consultants' consultations), will now be progressed with some concrete proposals. Our major need at present is for stability so it is urgent that any decisions are made expeditiously.

On the evening of 1 May I attended the opening of one of Histon's new ventures: the opening of the Worry Tree Café. The concept is simple: a 2 hour slot at the café in the St Andrew's Centre, specifically for people with any kind of mental health issue. As you go in there is a small tree on which you can place all your worries, perhaps by writing them on a label which you can tie to the tree. The

concept has already been demonstrated to make a big difference to many people, so if you are within striking distance of Histon try it on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, 5–7pm.

You may have seen a notice in last month's *Girton Parish News* about the possible closure of St Vincent's Close Community Centre. I have been in contact with the support officer and am assured that there are no plans to close it; we are aware of its importance to St Vincent's Close and to the wider community. However, Cllr Lynda Harford and I attended the advertised meeting on 11 May, and it is clear that there are a number of issues facing St Vincent's Close, which we shall now work on. Cllr Harford was the Portfolio Holder for housing until last May so I am delighted that she is prepared to be involved.

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

Progress on the A14 and the A1307 local road

Work continues on the A14 upgrade, which so far seems to be on track for completion next December. There have been inconveniences, and no doubt there will be more to cope with until then, but hopefully the new road will be worth the wait.

The local road parallel to the A14 has been designated an extension to the A1307. The first section northbound from Huntingdon Road to the new roundabout on Oakington Road in Dry Drayton has recently opened, and work continues on the southbound route.

During the works, and during the preceding period when the A14 has been operating at capacity, blockages and congestion have been one of the causes of rat-running through our villages. The additional lanes on the A14 to carry the long-distance traffic, combined with a parallel local road, will make this disruption much less likely in the future. This hopefully will be the case both for cars driving through Madingley and Dry Drayton to join the A14 at the Oakington junction, and those driving through to the A428 when the A14 is blocked or congested.

Tool kit to tackle loneliness

A document called 'The Tool Kit to Tackle Loneliness' has recently been published, which will guide Parish Councils and resident groups to help residents suffering from loneliness and social isolation. Although South Cambs ranked last year as 322 out of 326 English district level local authority areas for multiple deprivation, isolation is one issue where we have a major problem. Statistics from Age UK state that half a million older people nationally go at least 5 days a week without seeing or speaking to anyone.

The toolkit provides a wide range of projects that are taking place across SCDC with a description and overview of each, how they got started, how they were funded and who helped with advice and guidance. There are some examples within the toolkit from other villages with case studies that have been used as examples of good practice. Clearly not every case study will fit every village but many of our parishes are already doing an enormous amount in terms of bringing communities together.

This is done through a variety of different groups such as gardening societies, car shares, repair cafés, well-being groups, exercise clubs and art projects, all of which bring people together. It is worth having a look at the toolkit on the SCDC website if only to see what things other parishes are offering and maybe to give you new ideas of what else to consider.

How to avoid your waste ending up on an illegal fly tip

There has been a significant number of large-scale fly tips reported recently, including an estimated 30 tonnes dumped on private land near Fulbourn. It appears that a number of cases are likely to be commercial operations, with contractors who are hired to dispose of rubbish by householders – with the promise of disposing of or recycling the waste legally – instead dumping the waste to avoid paying the costs associated with lawful disposal. For example, dumping a 30 tonne load of waste, as in the case mentioned above, could save the criminals posing as contractors £1,300 but, by passing on the bill to gather, clear and legally dispose of the waste, this will cost private landowners or councils considerably more.

The Council is running a programme to urge householders to be 'Waste Aware', by being careful when employing a contractor to remove waste from their property, or engaging a company to provide them with a 'skip' in which to dispose of waste. It is quite common for householders to pay for a skip to be delivered, and then removed with its contents, when undertaking building works. Companies that provide this kind of service must be registered with the Environment Agency in order to be able to dispose of their waste. This enables reputable companies to carry out lawful operations, while companies who break the rules can be disqualified from being able to provide rubbish disposal services. Criminals may pretend to be a legitimate company.

To avoid inadvertently employing a rogue company or criminals to dispose of your waste and finding that your waste is fly-tipped instead, it is possible to search the Environment Agency's list of registered waste carriers. This can be done on the agency's website:
environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers

Erratum

In my report to the Annual Village Meeting this year, I wrote that South Cambridgeshire District consists of 106 villages and no towns or cities. However, Cambourne

voted on 5th March 2019 to become a town, so we now have 105 villages and one town in South Cambs.

Cllr Tom Bygott
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Girton WI

Our May meeting was our Resolution Meeting. In the beginning there were six resolutions which were put forward by NFWI which we talked about at our

January meeting. Two of these got the most votes from countrywide WI's. Our two resolutions up for our approval to go forward to the Annual meeting in June, are: 'A call against the decline in local bus services' presented to us by WI member Merylyn Burt, and 'Don't fear the smear' presented to us by WI member Ann Harrison. The subjects of the resolutions were well presented by both our ladies and were thought by the members to be equally important with the information given to us by Merylyn and Ann and the information we had read in our WI Life magazines and online. The members voted for both of the resolutions to be put forward by our local representative at NFWI Annual meeting.

Whilst we were finishing the talks, our entertainment for the evening arrived in the form of Girton Community Choir. It was a real juggle to fit them all in – we didn't realise they had so many members. The singing was lovely and had us all wanting to join in with them, from the foot tapping 'Happy', a hit for Pharrell Williams, to 'Adiemus', the theme tune to Delta airlines adverts that had us all wanting to fly off somewhere. So beautiful and harmonious – we will definitely be inviting them back to sing for us again.

Our first meeting in our new home the William Collyn Community Centre was well attended and a great success.

On Saturday 20th July, we are arranging an outing to visit our old WI Hall that is now completed in its new home, Great War Huts, Hawstead, Bury St Edmunds. This will be an open day called Great War Huts Day that we have been especially invited to. We know a lot of villagers of Girton have shown an interest in visiting the old WI Hall in its new home and we will be booking a coach or even two if there is enough members of WI and villagers wanting to go along. Please contact us on our WI email address girtonwi@gmail.com to register an interest initially and we will get back to you with the cost of the trip when we have a good idea of numbers wanting to come with us.

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Our meeting tonight will feature guest speakers from Libra Security. They will be talking about all aspects of home security, including actions householders can take to make their properties more secure. We expect the meeting to end by 9.00pm. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

Girton Neighbourhood Watch Committee

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Volunteers always welcome. Please contact Carol: 01223 276103 or carol@girtonfeast.org.uk



FEAST WEEK VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY JULY 13th 12 - 5pm

CALLING ALL GARDENERS – COMPETITION TIME

The theme of **Feast Week** will be '**Moon Landing 1969**'

The Girton Allotment Society and the Girton Garden Society will be organising a mini fruit, flower and vegetable show in the main marquee. The categories chosen for our part of the show represent the fruit, vegetables and flowers most likely to be ready in early July, weather permitting!

Growing your own fruit, flowers and vegetables reduces transport costs and air miles as well as being very satisfying. We would like to encourage all adults and children living in the village to show off their gardening and growing skills by entering any or all of the following competition categories:

Adults Vegetable/fruit classes

- 1v. 3 sticks of rhubarb
- 2v. 5 beans (Runner or French)
- 3v. 5 potatoes (any variety)
- 4v. 3 onions (any variety)
- 5v. 3 different vegetables
- 6v. A small plate of fruit

Flower classes

- 1f. 3 stems of one type of flower in a tall, colourless glass jar or vase
- 2f. A bunch of garden flowers in a clear jam jar (no labels)
- 3f. A bunch of roses (no more than 7 stems) in a clear jam jar (no labels)

Children Vegetable/fruit/flower classes

- 7v. 3 different coloured vegetables
- 8v. The longest bean
- 9v/f. An animal modelled from vegetables, fruit, and/or flowers

Rules

- All entries must be brought to the main marquee between 10 and 11.30am and a small entry card filled in.
- The vegetables and fruit will be displayed on 22/23cm white paper plates.
- Judging and awarding of rosettes will take place at 12 noon.
- The winners will be announced during the afternoon and entries can be collected after 4pm.

Contacts: Girton Garden Society – Kay Green 01223 276819

Girton Allotment Society – Patsy Smith 01223 575288

Care Home Open Day

Friday 28th June 2019, 11:00am - 5:00pm

Join Arlington Manor Care Home
for Care Home Open Day.

Care Home Open Day is an initiative of Care England and aims to develop new relationships and bring communities together.

Join us at Arlington Manor as we share a 'Celebration of the Arts'.

- 11:00am – Welcome to Arlington Manor. Take part in our flower arranging workshop in the craft room.
- 2:00pm – Sample the best of the dining experience with our delicious paella demonstration on the Terrace.
- 3:30pm – Join us in the garden for Pimms and live music.

Space is limited and booking is recommended, so to confirm your attendance to this special event, RSVP by calling Lisa, Arlington Manor's Customer Relationship Manager, on **01223 814900** or emailing **lisa.vile@hallmarkcarehomes.co.uk**

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Forthcoming Events



Girton College JCR cordially invites you to the
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Sunday 16th June 2019
12–5pm
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All welcome.

GIRTON OPEN GARDENS 2019

Girton Open Gardens will be held on 7 July 2019, 2–5pm, as part of Girton Feast Week.

No matter if your garden is large or small, wild or formal, please consider entering this hugely enjoyable village event. A chance to catch up with your neighbours and meet fellow gardeners. To know more details of what is involved, please contact Mary Rodger on 277316 or mary.rodger32@gmail.com

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Saturday June 2nd: St Neots Riverside and part of the Ouse Valley Way. Meet at the Riverside Car Park in St Neots at 10am. (The easiest way to go to St Neots, however, is to catch the X5 from the Madingley Park and Ride car park. The bus drops you in the market square, a few minutes from the car park.) Total walk distance is about 6 miles. For details contact Gina Lane, ginaklane@aol.com.

Saturday July 6th: no Girton walk. However, members of the group are invited to join the Cottenham Ramblers. Meet at the Madingley Park and Ride. Turn left at the entrance to the Car Park as directed, then drive round the back almost all the way round until you see a footpath cutting through to Turing Road. Park as near to this as possible and meet up on the footpath to walk at 10am. Bring a drink and a snack. Walk distance about 7 miles. For further details contact Ann Jerram on 01223 514135.



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Girton Garden Society

Girton Garden Society Plant Sale

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the plant sale on Saturday 4th May such a great success, despite the weather and a gazebo that was determined to take off.



Many thanks are due to all the members who grew and donated such a wide variety of contributions ranging from trays of vegetable and herb seedlings, wild flowers, annuals and perennials to large shrubs. Special thanks to Janet Sheard for allowing us to use her drive and also to those who helped all

morning to set it up and then helped during the afternoon with the sale, holding down the gazebo and clearing up.

Lastly, our thanks must go to all the people of Girton who turned out to support the event and carried off their



purchases in bags, boxes, pushchairs and even a wheelbarrow. Yet again we had nearly sold out by 2.30pm so make sure you put the date and time in your diary when it appears next year and come early if you want a bargain.

This year we raised £460 which allows us as a society to keep membership fees down and pay for

good quality speakers for our meetings. It also enables us to offer the popular summer garden visits to the village as a whole at very reasonable prices. Our monthly meetings from October to May are open to anyone who is interested for a fee of £2 so come along and give us a try.

We hope we have now re-established the Plant Sale as an annual highlight of village life.

Kay Green (Chair GGS)

Garden Society's final meeting at St.Vincent's Close

We had our final meeting at St Vincent's Close Community Centre on Thursday 9th May. Hereafter our meetings will be at the William Collyn Centre. This occasion was a talk about the Hyde Hall gardens by Robert Brett, the curator.

In 1955 Dr and Mrs Robinson came to Hyde Hall and started a garden as part of their farm. If they had known then what they soon learnt, it is doubtful that the garden would have been made. The site is cold and windy, the top of the hill was covered in gravel and the soil on the slopes was sticky clay. That has since been remedied, but the area is also dry, having less rainfall than Beirut.

In 1993 the Robinsons gave the 365 acre site to the RHS, who have successfully transformed it into one of the best gardens in the East of England. It now includes a spring garden, a lake fed by the run off from the buildings, the National Collection of viburnums, wonderful borders, beautiful displays of roses, a vegetable garden and much, much more.

Hyde Hall is one of four RHS gardens in England. Among the permanent staff and volunteers are students and apprentices, who will continue to manage the gardens in the future.

The Garden Society will soon be visiting Hyde Hall and this is eagerly awaited.

Felicia Moor

Do you enjoy visiting beautiful gardens?



RHS Hyde Hall



Bressingham Gardens

If so, Girton Garden Society would love you to join their members on our coach trips which are planned for this summer to two well known gardens.

On Wednesday June 5th we are visiting the outstanding Royal Horticultural Society gardens at Hyde Hall, Essex (www.rhs.org.uk). On an extensive hillside it has always been noted for its roses, themed borders, woodland and ornamental ponds and now the new Global Growth Vegetable Garden.

We will leave Girton Church bus stop at 9.30am and hope to return by 5.45pm. The cost, including entry and automatic membership of GGS, for non members is **£22.50** per person.

On Wednesday 17th July we are visiting Bressingham Steam and Gardens near Diss, Norfolk (www.bressingham.co.uk). The gardens cover 16 acres in total and include summer, winter and fragrant gardens. Added attractions are the steam train (cost included with your ticket), a museum, the Dad's Army Collection and The Gallopers (carousel).

We will leave Girton Church bus stop at 10am and hope to return by 5.30pm.

The cost is **£23.25** per person, which includes a ride on the steam train.

For further details and booking forms please contact either Wendy Cattell at wrc25@cam.ac.uk or ring Wendy on 01223 277534

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As I sit to write this in early May we have had the first significant rain for weeks. What a strange spring it has been! First the heatwave in February causing many plants to come into leaf, followed by an icy blast which caused many of those leaves to go brown and some casualties in the greenhouse, then another warm spell, and then threat of a ground frost...which had me rushing out with layers of fleece. Let's hope that by June all is well and not too many plants have been lost.

At the risk of being accused of plagiarism I would like to quote from Monty Don's recent article in the May edition of *Gardener's World* where he was discussing the recent reports on the rapid decline of many insects as well as bees. He cites agricultural practices that have harmed the environment and sees our gardens as the last chance for many creatures. He says,

The first step is to rid yourself of the mindset that insects are somehow 'pests'. There are no pests in the garden. Some creatures eat our plants. We eat plants too. It is not our world. We share it and the very least we can do is respect and nurture it and do as little harm as possible. Predators need prey. Thrushes need snails to eat. Kill every aphid and caterpillar in your garden and you will harm the tit population. Then when there is an aphid or caterpillar explosion, as there will be, you will have no predators.

There is so much more in this article (do read it) but the general idea is that we should avoid all pesticides, insecticides, herbicides and fungicides in our gardens and try to create a self-regulating system where predatory insects such as lacewings, hoverflies and ladybirds are encouraged by planting, for example, French marigolds, calendula, cosmos, dill and angelica. Hedgehogs (if you have them), frogs, toads and beetles will all eat slugs and snails.

Don't be a slave to tidiness, long grass, nettles, ivy, log piles and a pond are all ways to encourage wildlife. Most people have a corner they can allow to go wild. Choose bee friendly plants and single open flowers. It is important also to go for plants with a long flowering period or make sure you have a succession of nectar rich plants from early spring (winter flowering honeysuckle) through summer (ox-eye daisies, buddleia, lavender, sedums, sweet peas, to name a few) and up to the first frosts with plants that can be planted out in June such as sunflowers, zinnias, rudbeckias and dahlias. In autumn ivy flowers are great for nectar. A few small changes here and there could make all the difference between a healthy insect friendly natural garden and a sterile wildlife desert.

So what else should we be doing in June to keep our gardens and ourselves healthy and looking lovely? Much recent research has confirmed that gardening is really good for us, both physically and mentally and if we create something beautiful and useful at the same time it is doubly rewarding. Now is the time to get all the tender plants and vegetables outside. This will give instant colour and richness to herbaceous borders, containers and hanging baskets and a real sense of satisfaction as you survey your vegetable patch. Borders and vegetables will need regular hoeing to reduce competition from weeds plus regular inspection for such delights as lily beetles, vine weevil, aphids, caterpillars, slugs and snails. These can be controlled (not obliterated) on favoured plants using natural predators or non-harmful methods such as soapy water for aphids or nematodes for slugs without causing damage to other wildlife. This is so important because if we poison them that can pass right up the food chain whereas a few squashed snails or slugs can be safely eaten by predators and do no harm. In the vegetable garden tomatoes will need side shoots pinching out and courgettes and squashes must be given enough room to start their quest for world domination. Beans will be starting up their poles and often need a bit of help in the first couple of weeks by tying them in. This also applies to sweet peas, honeysuckle and summer-flowering clematis.

This is also the time to cut back clumps of spring-flowering perennials such as hellebores, *Euphorbia amygdaloides robbiae*, and oriental poppies to encourage fresh foliage by removing the flower heads. Also lift clumps of forget-me-nots before too many seeds have set as they can become invasive. It is also time to remove the dead foliage from bulbs and lift and divide them if they have become congested. Put in support for tall perennials in the herbaceous border. The earlier it is done the more natural it looks. It is so hard to prop up a plant that has already flopped! To prolong the growing season and prevent some perennials such as phlox, asters, heleniums, rudbeckias from getting too 'leggy', half the clump can be cut back to delay flowering. Rabbits did this to a phlox last year and the recovering part was much sturdier than the bit they didn't eat! This is often known as "The Chelsea Chop".

Many spring flowering shrubs can also be pruned now such as *Clematis montana*, magnolias, deutzias, weigelas and *Philadelphus*. If there are any reverted green shoots on hardy variegated evergreens such as *Elaeagnus* these should be removed to prevent reversion taking over.

If we have another dry summer, watering will become an issue. All newly planted trees and shrubs need plenty of water in their first year. A really good soak once a week is better than little and often as it encourages them to produce deeper roots. All container grown plants need regular watering, sometimes daily, and feeding every two to four weeks. If you can use collected rainwater or recycled grey water wherever possible that will help to conserve our precious resource.

Finally, after all the hard work of planting, weeding, staking, pruning, tying in and watering make sure that you sit in the garden, watch the wildlife and enjoy the space you have nurtured.

Kay Green, Girton Garden Society

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

We have started the new season very successfully, even though a few of the games were accompanied by the 'swish swish' of players' waterproofs. We had a win in the C&D league against Melbourn and a win of 6-0 in the E&D

league against Soham, which puts us at the top of that league at the moment. Sadly, we have been notified that the Team from Eternity has had to withdraw from the C&D league as they are consistently struggling to find enough players.

We had a very close game against Fulbourn in the Business Houses league where we won one rink and lost the other but went down on overall points. Unfortunately, our match in the Meldreth league against Little Shelford had to be cancelled due to inclement weather conditions.

Nine of our members entered a Triples competition held on 12th May, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Cambridge University Press's Bowls Club. It was held at the Cambs and County Bowls ground. The weather was perfect and our three teams had a most enjoyable day.



CUP Triples Tournament entrants

We are getting closer to our very first Invitation Open Triples Competition, to be played on Saturday 15th June, which is to be sponsored by Peasgood & Skeates (Funeral

Directors and Monumental Masons). There are still spaces available at the time of writing and we are hoping to receive more entries in the coming weeks, which will make for a very successful day.

Discussions with the William Collyn Community Centre are ongoing regarding our full use of the facilities, and we are hoping a mutually acceptable agreement will be reached soon.

Our membership continues to grow which is very positive. We are always happy to welcome new members, so if you would like to come along and give it a go, our club night is every Thursday from 6.00pm. All you need are flat sole shoes for use on the green, equipment and coaching are freely available. Please contact our Secretary Margaret McCall on margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com for more details. You can also visit our website at www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com to follow all the results throughout the season and to catch up with events and photos of all our activities.

Lynne McGill

Girton Tennis Club



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

Nearer to home we are delighted to report that the Summer League is in full flow. Our men's team have just celebrated well-deserved wins against Great Shelford and Chatteris. This is a great start to the season and we wish them well for the next match against Risbygate. The Mixed team will be playing 6 matches and the first is on 2nd July at Orwell. We would be pleased to hear from any of our female members who would like to consider playing in a mixed team match. These are always very sociable events with an emphasis on enjoyment. If you are interested, please contact Mark Lawton via our email address (info@girtontennisclub.uk).

Our club membership year started from the 1st April so now is a good time to renew your membership or consider joining us to get best value from your annual payment. We play on the Girton Recreation Ground courts and members who purchase a key have court access during most daylight hours. The club runs a free supervised session for juniors from 6.30 to 7.30pm on Friday evenings and club members play from 7.30pm. 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.

After a break for the Winter we are pleased to report that our Friday supervised sessions for juniors is back up and running with large numbers attending and enjoying these friendly sessions.

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



Girton Golf Club

Lots of golf is being played at this time of the year and the rain that we have had in the last few days arrived not a moment too soon – obviously the rain dance performed by Green keepers Ian and Matt worked a treat (this is mid-May; if it hasn't stopped raining since,

then my apologies).

Over 90 people played in our Captain's Gala Day with everyone having a great time and lots of fun whilst raising around £1000 for the purchase and installation of a new clock on the clubhouse roof. Well done, Captain Brian and his merry band of helpers, on organising such a successful day.

Ruth Lawton and Jacqui Storey played in the 3rd round of the Daily Mail on Saturday 11th May against Chesfield Downs – getting to this stage of a major national competition is a great achievement. Well done, ladies, especially for beating Ely City on the 19th – great tenacity! Also the team of Jacqui and Ruth, Claire and Lindsey and Eileen and Martha won through to the second round of the county-wide Grace Norman Trophy, beating Heydon Grange in Round 1. The Ladies' team also beat St Neots and drew at Heydon Grange.

Over 55s golf at Girton is looking for more golfers for matches during the summer months. Putting on team colours and playing in a competitive match when in your 60s, 70s or even 80s is a wonderful experience and a great reminder of days gone by. Recent matches have resulted in a win against Heydon Grange, draws against Royston and Ryston and losses to Meridian and Brampton. The seniors' CAGU knock-out team lost at Old Nene. This was the first time most of the team had played there and much was learnt! If you fancy joining the Over 55s, see anyone in the Pro Shop or come along on a Tuesday or Thursday morning at 7.30am and chat to the Seniors' Captain Laurence.

The scratch team have played their first match of the year at home to March and recorded an outstanding 6–0 win. Our Past Club Captains team consisting of John Fuller, Trevor Dean, Stephen Andrews and this year's Captain, Brian Pettengell, won the Inter Club Cup at Ely playing against similar teams of Past Club Captains from across the county.



Past Club Captains winning team

Our club Men's team have played matches against the Police (lost) and March (lost), but the Burrige Cup team are through to the quarter finals after beating the Cambridgeshire (home) and Lakeside Lodge (away).

Our Mixed match against Brampton was lost (maybe being played immediately after a Mens' match didn't help), many more mixed games to come this year.

The Juniors have played for the Brown Bowl, which was won by Ethan Goebballs with a brilliant 40 points, and played a league match against St Neots, losing narrowly. Any Under 18s who would like to try golf, or who have played and would like to take it further, are more than welcome at Girton Golf Club and a visit to the Pro Shop will tell you all you need to know about who, where, when regarding meeting other young golfers and the coaching, competitions and fun that is available to you.

On 9th July we will once again be holding a full PGA Eastern Region ProAm, with all excess funds going to Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, and we are looking for teams of 3 amateurs to play with professionals from across the Eastern Region. We also need more companies to sponsor holes. This gives your company a chance to 'dress' a hole in your livery, promote your services and goods and enter a team in a great fun and competitive day – an excellent experience playing 18 holes with a real professional. Talk to Ollie, Alan or Dean in our Pro Shop for more details of both sponsorship and playing.

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Girton Colts Football Club



The end of the football season has arrived and we celebrated it in May with our awards presentation. Luckily it was one of the sunny days in May and we had over 200 people attend to watch

our players receive their awards and have an afternoon down the Rec. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the players, parents, supporters and committee members for making the club as amazing as it is over this season – bring on 2019/2020!

We would also like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support with providing perfect grounds and facilities to play on and the priority they give the club to provide football to children who live in Girton. This season we have also received funding from Girton Town Charity, which we hope to tell you more about within the GTC pages in the coming months, but for now we say 'thank you for elevating the club with the funding you have given'.

From September we will have U12, U10, U9, U8, U7 and U6 teams all playing and continuing to improve. We have opportunities for new members from early years foundation year group and Year 3 still available, so please get in contact to info@girtoncolts.co.uk for more

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information as both teams will continue to train for a limited time in June, before restarting again in September.

The U7s capped off a great first season with a fantastic end of season presentation day held at Girton Pavilion. Congratulations to all the players who received a trophy and a special mention to our award winners, Brea, Charlie, Wilf and Oliver. An additional mention must go to Oliver who also won our first Shield award for a fantastic attitude, being polite, always working hard and helping his team mates.

The U8s finished the season on a high with a very good display in Haverhill and an excellent match against the strong Littleport Town side at home. The players savoured our last training session this season and the managers are now recruiting and building the enlarged squad for next season.

The U9s have had a fantastic season, exceeding expectations. They have gone from strength to strength and really enjoyed their football. Each member of the team has really developed and improved. Every player fully deserves the trophies they received at the presentation day last Saturday.

The U11s have had an excellent season which they finished with a run of 10 straight wins. The final one was a convincing victory over Haslingfield, with James scoring 3 and Ethan 2. Overall the team have won 11 out of 14 league matches and deserve to be playing against tougher opposition next season. At the end of season presentations Zaki, Cosmo, Martino and Charlie picked up awards. James finished the season as top scorer with an amazing 51 goals. Overall all the players have improved greatly this season and all have shown great commitment to the team.

Andrew Hawkes



Girton Cricket Club

The 2019 season commenced on May 4th in typical fashion – intermittent downpours and howling winds. This resulted in the 1st team fixture, away at Cottenham, being reduced to a 35 over game in which the

hosts batted first and were held to a total of 112-9 with top bowling figures from Dean Stacey (3 wickets for 10 runs) and Gavin Smalley (2 wickets for 20 runs). In reply, Girton's opening batsmen Lawrence Huxley (39) and Paddy Coughlin (36) got the chase off to a solid start and the job was completed comfortably with the loss of only 3 wickets.

The 2nd team managed to play the full allotment of overs vs Cambridge NCI and had stand-out batting performances from debutant Ed Crewe (67) and all-rounder Gangai Ganesan (64), setting NCI a total of 258-8 to chase. In reply, NCI managed to score only 111 runs, helped by 6 consecutive maidens by opening bowlers Andrew Burton (3 wickets for 4 runs) and Alex Rodger (1 wicket for 2 runs).

The midweek fixture vs NCI did fall victim to the weather and will be rearranged.

The 1st's lost their second game, setting Milton a target of 122-8; top score from opener Lawrence Huxley (40). His opening partner Paddy Coughlin managed to receive a pace ball onto the forehead resulting in a huge gash above one eye. Luckily with his medical background he managed to stitch himself together and continue his innings in true Terry Butcher fashion, scoring 36.

Milton managed to reach their target with 8 wickets down and only 4 balls to spare; top bowling figures from Dean Stacey and Cieren Hayes, who both shared figures of 2 wickets for 25 runs.

The 2nd Eleven played away at Elsworth and set 142 with only 9 batsmen; top scores from opener Bob Phillips (44) and his son Casey Phillips (35), an innings including 5 ducks. Girton went out to field with 9 players but were reduced to just 8 after only 4 overs as Andrew Chapman suffered an ankle injury. Up against it, the team played on and the wickets began tumbling. Girton eventually managed to snatch an incredible victory, bowling Elsworth out for only 84 runs in 19.2 overs; top figures from opening bowlers Alex Rodger (5 wickets for 46 runs) and Ali Yasmeen (2 wickets for 25 runs).

Alex Rodger



Girton Netball Club

Cambridge & District Netball League (CDNL) – Summer League 2019

Since our last update in the Girton Parish News we have played our summer league match against Milton 2. The final result was

Milton 13–19 Girton, with the player of the match (voted by the other team) being our Goal Keeper Jane.

Have you caught the netball fever that is sweeping through England in preparation for the Netball World Cup that is being held in Liverpool this July? Sky Sport and the BBC will be showing all of the matches from 12th to 21st July so you can follow all of the action.

On 13th July Girton Netball Club will be hosting a stall at the Girton Feast. Please drop by to have a go at shooting a netball through the net – it's not that high really.

There will also be a competition open to children aged 16 years or under to design a kit and come up with a nick-name



for our team. Entry is free and forms will be available on the day or in the Girton Feast programme and will also be available on www.girtonfeast.org.uk. Prizes will be netball related and include a voucher from a professional photographer for a one hour session and a 10" × 8" portrait

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A huge thank you to all the ladies who continue to support our team, everyone plays their part.

Monday Evening Training Sessions

There will be Monday evening training sessions at the Recreation Ground in Girton, 6.30–7.45pm until the end of July followed by a break for summer. For any further information please contact Mel using girton.village.netball@gmail.com. Also find us at sites.google.com/site/girtonnetball/ and tinyurl.com/girton-netball.

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Dear Villagers

I want to bring to your attention something I have noticed at our village Co-op. As part of the Co-op's giving back to the local community they have store-nominated local causes that they raise money for.

In the past this has always been Girton Glebe School, Cottontails and I think Bobtails. But recently I have noticed that Bobtails has been replaced by Cambourne United Girls Football Team.

Full disclosure ... I do hold a position at Girton Colts Football Club and I have raised this issue with Co-op staff who were surprised to see Cambourne on there too. I'm not writing this because I think this should be given to the Colts, but rather that I want to make everyone aware that it's not Girton Colts receiving this money as we have the same colour team kit and even the shop staff assumed that this was Girton Colts.

Personally I believe that Girton residents using the shop would prefer the funds to go to Girton-based organisations as there are loads of groups that could benefit from this local fundraising.

What do you think? If you agree that local means Girton and not South Cambridgeshire please make a point of telling the Co-op staff in order to make them aware the funds should stay local and to see if we can get this changed.

Andrew Hawkes



Award

At the same time as the BAFTAs were awarded ...

Members of Girton Musical Theatre went off to the Eastern District NODA Awards Gala, in Kettering.

GMT had been nominated for Helen Wilson's set design and visual presentation of their production of *The Merry Widow*, which you may have seen in February of last year. In the end the show was runner up in this category, against stiff competition.



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The New Old Crown



The Old Crown has reopened! Benita Benedetto, wife of manager Pasquale, spoke to GPN about their plans for the pub/restaurant. Pasquale, a trained chef, comes from a family of restaurateurs: Don Pasquale has been a family business for over 40yrs and Pasquale and a cousin acquired The

Plough in Coton over 4 years ago.

The wording on the Old Crown sign has been changed to reflect their vision for it to be both a 'local' pub and a restaurant serving good quality food; welcoming people inside or al fresco, for drinks, light lunches or something more substantial. Dog owners will find bowls in the garden and there

are plans to install a play area for children. Benita spoke of creating a welcoming venue for a range of customers: formal dinners,

'traditional Sunday-lunchers', people dropping in after a walk across the fields, friends meeting over a 2-course set lunch or a ciabatta and even larger parties, including wakes. They see their menu (traditional, quality pub food ... not Italian, by the way) evolving to accommodate customers' needs.



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Bar area

Greene King might own the building but the family have the lease, free of tie, so they can buy their own beer (real ale will be on tap) and fix their own prices.

Pasquale and manager Lukas oversee the team of permanent staff recruited from Gorton and surrounding villages; they are also providing summer vacation work opportunities for local young uni students.

Living in Histon, Benita (a Haddenham girl ... not Italian!) and Pasquale seem keen to provide a local pub/restaurant which villagers will want to visit.

Sheila Bowler



Cottontails Preschool

As we begin the summer term at Cottontails, we are enjoying the lovely weather both in the setting and at Forest School. The children have been concocting various forest dishes including mud birthday cakes, complete

with twig candles.

We recently had the opportunity to visit some newly hatched chicks. All of the children held a chick and met mummy and daddy chicken too! We found out what

chickens like to eat and were able to feed them too.



Many of our children are now in their final term at Cottontails before they go to Primary School in September. This is a time of excitement and anticipation for them. We are preparing well in our weekly rising 5's sessions with P.E. lessons and taking reading books home. We will also shortly begin taking the children going to Gorton Glebe

school to transition visits there. The P.E. sessions have proved to be excellent practice in independently changing in and out of P.E. kits and also looking after our belongings.

We hope that these are skills the children will take with

them to school. Cottontails takes children from 2 years old so the older children are excellent role models for the younger ones. When they finish at Cottontails in July, they leave behind the next year group of children who are already making progress in their social skills and independence and will be ready to become the 'older ones' themselves.



Our mobile library visits are going well. The children are keen to have their turn to go aboard and to look at the books and choose one to borrow. At Cottontails, the children are bringing back their books and proudly showing their choice to their friends.

We have continued to receive some kind donations of resources including most recently some play food. We are very thankful for these donations and for all of the support.

If you would like any further informaton about Cottontails, please visit our website www.cottontailspreschool.org or contact us on 07935 224607 or info@cottontailspreschool.org.

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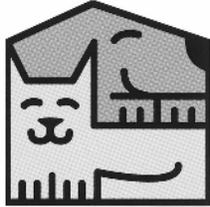
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News from Girton Glebe

Pupils at Girton Glebe have been incredibly busy either side of the Easter break, with all manner of exciting activities happening in and around school to support our curriculum.

Please read on for our most recent roundup ...

Mental Wellbeing Workshops

On Monday 29 April we welcomed Mike Mullen from BMX Academy back to Girton Glebe for a second time.

Mike is a former BMX world champion who came to talk to our pupils last April about growth mindset learning and delivered a series of workshops on resilience.

During this visit, Mike led an assembly centred on mental wellbeing and mindfulness and gave the children a number of strategies that they could use to calm their nerves and return to the moment when they are feeling anxious. These strategies were delivered alongside stories from Mike's career as a professional sportsman; it was illuminating to hear anecdotes of his own anxieties before performances.

Following the assembly, Mike performed a number of BMX stunts on the playground before he jumped over seven members of Girton Glebe staff. All staff were accounted for after this demonstration and no teachers were injured as a result of this activity.



Afterwards, Mike spent the day leading mindfulness and mental wellbeing workshops with some of our Key Stage 2 children. The children completed a range of teamwork activities and learnt numerous strategies for developing mindfulness.

Mike's work complements the techniques we are developing in class and builds on the foundations we set during Children's Mental Health Week earlier this year.

If you would like to find out more about Mike and the work he does in schools, please see the following link:
www.bmxacademy.com

Year 5 Maths Challenge

Congratulations to four of our Year 5 pupils who travelled to The Vine Primary, Cambourne on 2 May to represent Girton Glebe in the heats of the Year 5 Maths Challenge.

Over 90 minutes, Dom, Bea, Freya and Abisaiyen took part in a series of different rounds, each designed to challenge various aspects of mathematical understanding.

The team fought hard against the eleven other primaries in attendance and even came away with a commendation for the second round! Congratulations to our mathematicians: they were fabulous ambassadors for Girton Glebe Primary!

Lime Class Visit the Centre for Computing History

On Wednesday 15 May, children in Lime Class had a fantastic day visiting the Centre for Computing History in Cambridge, linked to their local history topic. During this topic, the children have been learning about how Cambridge has been involved in the development of computers throughout the last century.

The children received a guided tour of the museum and had the opportunity to ask lots of questions of their knowledgeable guides. They also learned more about coding and how this first began as Morse code. The children then created their own lightbulb circuit and used this send and receive their own coded messages to each other.

Lime Class used circuits again when experimenting with a 'Makey-Makey' to see if they could use ordinary household items to conduct electricity to control computer games.



They discovered that bananas, carrots, Play-Doh and even our clothes could all conduct some electricity! To finish off a brilliant day, the children spent some time playing retro video games in the Games Zone. Pac-man, Space Invaders and Tetris were all firm favourites. Many thanks to the Centre for Computing History for a wonderful visit. Well done to all of our pupils for representing Girton Glebe Primary School so admirably whilst off-site.

Mr Andrew Simpson
Headteacher

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News for Older Residents

The Big Knit

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Staying Stronger for Longer

First the bad news ...

Unfortunately, Forever Active is closing the Thursday Strength and Balance Class in Orchard Close on 6th June as attendance has dropped and it is no longer viable.

And now the good news ...

A new **Strength and Balance** class, perhaps on a different day and in a different venue, can start in the autumn, if there is enough interest.

Also, if enough people are interested, **Walking Football and/or Walking Netball** are possible new ventures for Girton.

So, if you want to keep healthy and active in these ways, please get in touch with me as soon as possible so new classes can be planned.

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Girton Youth Project

At Girton Youth Project we pride ourselves on making the Club personal to the young people who attend. We do this by listening to the needs of our group; whether that be getting a new game for our PlayStation, organising a particular trip people may wish to attend, offering the arts award, supporting a new hobby or learning to cook during Mess Club.

We are always welcoming new people to join us on either a Monday or Thursday evening, so if you are a young person aged between 8 and 18 and want a place where you can hang out with your mates and have some fun check us out on our Facebook page or website:

ymcatrinitygroup.org.uk/family-support/gyp/

Club times are as follows:

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

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

Frances Roach

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Easter Songs of Praise At Girton Green

Good Friday saw staff at Abbeyfield Girton Green and members from the Girton Baptist Church perform a re-enactment of the biblical Easter story. The event, attended by over 50 people, included heart-warming songs and monologues portraying the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, followed by a fish meal which is traditional for Good Friday. Resident Mary Gardner, aged 93, said: 'Good Friday is considered to be one of the most important dates in the Christian calendar. The hard work and effort put in to commemorating this was truly amazing.'



Revd Nick Lowe in an encounter with a Roman soldier

Operations Manager Andrew Watson, working in collaboration with Revd Nick Lowe to stage the event, added: 'We are delighted that so many residents and people from the local community came out to support the event. Proceeds raised from the Easter themed raffle will be donated to the Arthur Rank Hospice, a charity supporting people in Cambridgeshire living with a life-limiting illness and those who need end-of-life care.'



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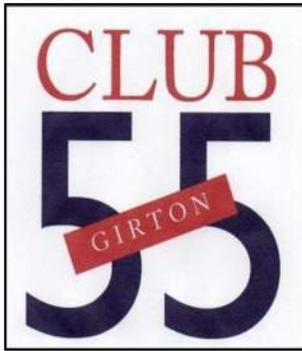


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You will find us very friendly and helpful and more and more men are coming along to our lunches so you will find other male company and won't be alone. Why don't you make up your mind to join us and give us a call right now? To qualify as a full member you need to be over 55 years and live in Girton Parish. People who live in South Cambridgeshire or Cambridge City may join as associate members. Try it; if nothing else, it gets you out of the house.

Lunch at Girton Golf Club

Another visit to Girton Golf Club on Thursday 2nd May saw 49 Club 55 members enjoying a very tasty meal. I was very pleased to see that although the majority of our members are ladies the male membership is gradually catching up as 15 of the 49 were men. Just a few more men to make the numbers even.

It's great to go along to another village club and be treated so well. Our members get a great day out and the Golf Club gets the benefit of our custom. I hope we can continue in this vein so that both clubs can benefit one from the other. Well done Golf Club, the lunch was great. The waitresses were smart and obliging, and the ambience and location of the club is exactly what's needed for a great day out. We fully intend to use this venue again. Check out the front page to see our members chatting to each other and the friendly

atmosphere is very apparent in the picture below. No need to be lonely – there is always a friendly face waiting for you at Club 55.



Chatting, keeping up with the gossip whilst waiting to be served. What more do you want for lunch?

For your diary:

Wednesday 12th June, 12 for 12.30pm:

Lunch at the Blue Lion public house, Hardwick. Minibus available.

Thursday 20th June, 12 noon: Film 'Stan and Ollie' (*released 5th June*) at the William Collyn Community Centre. Buffet £5.

Wednesday 17th July: Girton Garden Society bus trip to Bressingham Gardens.

Thursday 18th July, 12 for 12.30pm: Fish and Chips followed by a film at the William Collyn Community Centre. Something a little different – we will be enjoying a Fish and Chips lunch with a Strawberry and Cream dessert followed by the film 'Fishermen's Friends' which is due to be released on 8th July. (*You must pre-order for this.*) Lunch £10.

Wednesday 24th July, 12 for 12.30pm: Lunch at the Rose and Crown, Histon. A birthday celebration for some members.

To see more details go to:
www.club55.wordpress.com where you may order meals and pay online.
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New Trustee at Girton Town Charity

GTC has welcomed Colin Carr as a new Trustee, bringing with him a range of skills and experience which will help the Charity to progress current and future projects. Here Colin tells us why he wanted to take on this role and the areas in which he feels he can make a contribution.

Colin says:
“I moved to Duck End in Girton in 2006, with my wife and son who has since left home and now lives locally after studying at Girton College. I also have a grown up daughter and two grandchildren aged four and nine years.



Skills and experience

“I am now semi-retired after working as a Healthcare Scientist and Manager at Addenbrooke’s Hospital for 25 years and in the Middle East for five years before my retirement in 2017. I still work at Addenbrooke’s on a part-time basis in medical staff recruitment and the Genomic Medicine Service. My reason for wanting to become a GTC Trustee is to use my skills and experience and to put something back into the Village via GTC for which I have great respect.

“My initial connection with GTC was as a customer of the Hospital Taxi Scheme and helping a disabled gentleman in the Village to access GTC’s services which have made a huge difference to his quality of life.

Enhancing the environment

“I was also interested in the role because the projects GTC is doing around the Village, such as the William Collyn Community Centre, the Sensory Garden and the Sculpture Railings are enhancing the environment for everyone living here and I wanted to be part of the organisation delivering this.

“My work as a Healthcare Manager has provided me with many skills which I hope to be able to use for

the benefit of GTC, including finance and HR, project management and large scale procurement contracts. I am particularly interested in the programme for building new almshouses, as well as any further projects to enhance the environment.

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“In my view, GTC provides a resource which is almost unique, offering help to people based on local need and with very knowledgeable Trustees managing the allocation of this resource. I am really looking forward to working with my fellow Trustees and learning from their vast knowledge and experience.”

What Does It Mean To Be A Trustee?

As the Charity looks to recruit another Trustee, here is some information about the skills required and what the role entails.

Primarily an almshouse charity, GTC currently has 16 almshouses in the Village and a remit to provide grants to relieve the needs of individuals and make charitable donations to groups and activities for the benefit of residents in the Parish.

The Charity is run by eight Trustees, each serving a five-year term and an Administrator, Gilly O’Brien who is based at its office on High Street.

Skills and expertise

GTC needs to ensure it has a strong, informed and active body of Trustees with a balance of skills and expertise who can act in the best interests of the Charity on behalf of its beneficiaries. Trustees get involved in strategic planning – including having a long-term vision – with the ability to see the way ahead and how to get there. They must ensure effective policies and protocols are in place and are responsible for managing the Charity’s assets and resources to gain the best outcome.

The Charity welcomes expressions of interest from anyone considering a Trustee role.

Educational Grants 2019

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

The Grant covers books, equipment, tools or other direct costs relevant to the course and is a maximum of £275* per year for up to four years.

Next payment date for grant applications received will be July 2019.

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

Contact the GTC office for an application form.
22 High Street, Girton, Cambridge CB3 0PU.
Open 10.00am – 1.00pm Tuesday-Thursday.

01223 276008

email: gtc@girtontowncharity.co.uk

* Terms and conditions apply

Girton 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.

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GTC Annual Review

GTC Trustees reported on a very busy year for the Charity at the Annual Meeting of Girton Parish Council on 14th May. A review giving details of all activities covered in the report will be produced shortly and will be distributed in the Village.

In the meantime, here is a brief summary:

- Two new Trustees have been appointed during the year – Marc Bermann and Colin Carr, with Ray Gordon and Brian Pycock stepping down after many years' service.
- One of the key highlights of the year was the opening of the William Collyn Community Centre at Wellbrook Way which is now fully operational. It is being run on a day-to-day basis by Cambridgeshire ACRE, on behalf of GTC and Helen Johnson has been appointed as Centre Manager. It is hoped that the community will make full use of this wonderful building and its facilities.
- As part of the Community Art Project, the new Golden Goose Sculpture Railings were installed by Matthew Lane Sanderson in December. These have proved very popular with Village residents and people in the local area. This project also included the provision of a new bus shelter, designed under the guidance of a heritage consultant to ensure it was not only safe but also in keeping with its surroundings.
- Almshouses at Centenary Court are still in demand and being fully utilised by residents with Girton connections. On the WI Hall site, there will be a terrace of one two-bedroom and two three-bedroom almshouses. These should be available for their residents in mid-2020.
- The Trustees are disappointed that the redevelopment of the High Street Site has not progressed beyond planning, after being refused in January. This has delayed the delivery of improved accommodation for Girton residents and GTC is now working with planning and other advisers to find the best way forward, which may include appealing the decision.
- The number of grants awarded to individuals has almost doubled over the last 12 months, with 24 recipients receiving help for a range of needs including making homes safer, mobility issues and coping with medical conditions.



June 2019

A time for arriving and a time for leaving. A time for saying hello and a time for saying goodbye. The time for bidding Girton a fond farewell has arrived as I prepare to move to Trumpington in July.

It has been a great eight years in Girton. We will miss its community and its natural beauty. It still functions as a lung of Cambridge and has its own very distinct village identity, a highly attractive feature for someone seeking to be the new Rector of Girton. I have lots of fond – even quirky – memories of my time here.

I would like to say thank you to everybody who has supported me and the church throughout my stay. I have always felt most welcome at many different village events and have had the pleasure of working positively with various village organisations.

St Andrew's will enter a time of interregnum at the beginning of July. During this time, enquiries about church services should be directed to the church wardens. Their details are given on the page with the church diary, and are on the church noticeboard.

I started this article with a skit on the poem found in the book of Ecclesiastes: 'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven, etc.'

It is a poem often read out at funerals but has a wisdom which transcends this function. It is a poem about the pattern of life written

by a prophet who had lived through foreign invasion and civil war during a turbulent time in Israel's history. I prefer to think of the writing of this author as realistic and acutely observant rather than fatalistic. He understands the common threads that compose every life: birth, death, laughing, weeping, seeking, losing, keeping, throwing away, keeping silence, speaking ... I have done some of all of these things in Girton, often alongside others, but I recognise the spiritual prompt, the end of the season, the time to go is now here and that someone else has to come and be 'Your Vicar', or to put it technically, 'to have the cure of souls' in Girton.

I will sign off with a quote from Ecclesiastes which provides philosophical food for thought:

'I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by' (3: 14-15).

Yours affectionately,

Mandy

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Sunday Services: June

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 (with St Andrew's 4 Kids and St Andrew's Upstairs for younger persons)
	6.00pm	Evensong
23rd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Prayer
30th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion

Weekday Services: June

Monday 3rd, 11.00am Way of Life Course at Abbeyfield, Girton Green (last in series)

Tuesday 11th, 11.00am Service of Holy Communion at Arlington Manor
2.30pm Service of Holy Communion at Abbeyfield, Girton Green

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

It would be great to see you at any of our services and events.



Girton Baptist Church



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Tel: 279289

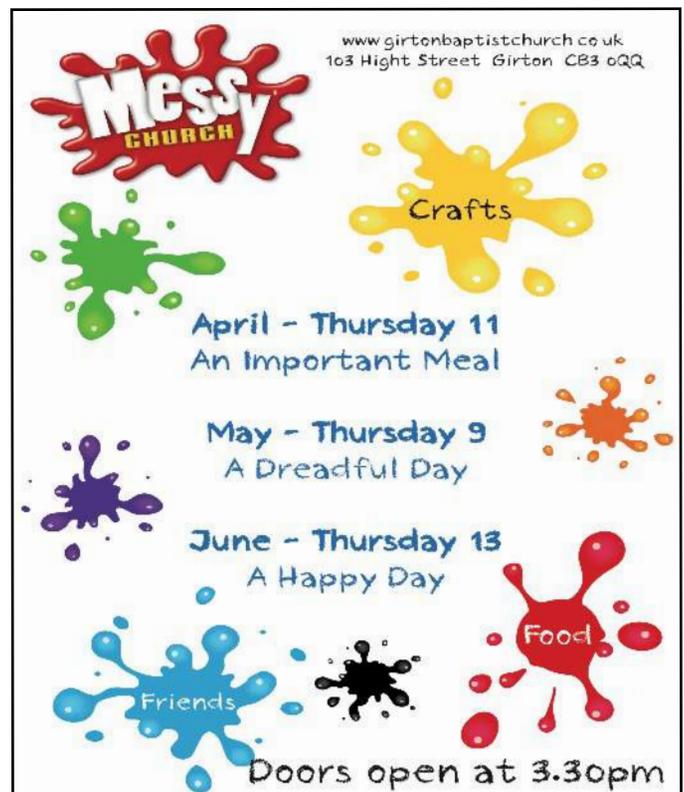
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Tel: 926807

Website: www.girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk

Sunday Services: June

We welcome families with children of whatever age. Classes with interactive activities are available for children each week during the morning 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 led by John Searle
	6.30pm	Evening Worship with Communion led by John Ireland
9th	9.00am	Prayer Breakfast
	10.30am	Morning Service
16th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by John Searle
23rd	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
30th	10.30am	Morning Worship Leader t.b.a.
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by Iris Niven



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Abbeyfield	10.05 – 10.50
Cotton Hall/Church	11.00–11.30
Orchard Close	11.35 – 12.00
St Vincent's Close	12.05 – 12.30
Gretton Court	12.35 – 13.00
Churchfield Court	13.05 – 13.30

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