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The Village Diary

July

- Wed. 3** **New Age Kurling** taster session
William Collyn Hall, 10–11am
Girton WI, William Collyn Hall, 7.30pm
Green Beauty – Rachel Darby
- Thur. 4** **Dementia Café**, 10.30am–12pm
Arlington Manor Care Home
- Fri. 5** **GIRTON FEAST WEEK** begins
Rotary Memory Café, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sat. 6** **Cottontails Cheese and Wine Evening**
Abbeyfield Girton Green, 7.30–9.30pm
- Wed. 10** **New Age Kurling** taster session
William Collyn Hall, 10–11am
- Fri. 12** **Early Birds WI**, CFWI, Oakington Road, 10am
The Music of Flanders and Swann – Rex Freeman
- Sun. 14** **GIRTON FEAST WEEK** ends
- Tue. 16** **Parish Council Meeting**
St Vincent's Close, 7.00pm
- Wed. 17** **Club 55 and Girton Garden Society**, from 10am
Visit to Bressingham Steam and Gardens, Diss
- Thur. 18** **Club 55**, Film, 'Fisherman's Friends'
William Collyn Hall, 12 for 12.30pm
- Wed. 24** **Club 55**, Lunch, 12 for 12.30pm
The Rose and Crown, Histon
- 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

August

- Fri. 2** **Rotary Memory Café**, 10am–12 noon
St Vincent's Close Community Centre
- Sat. 3** **Girton Walking Group**, Anglesey Abbey
Meet at National Trust car park, 10.00am
- Wed. 7** **Club 55**, Lunch, 12 for 12.30pm
The Old Crown, Girton
Girton WI, William Collyn Hall, 7.30pm
100th Birthday Party

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Girton Parish Council

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

At the June meeting, the Council approved that the Annual Return be submitted to the External Auditors, and that the Feast Committee be charged a nominal fee for use of the Recreation Ground and Pavilion during Feast Week. The chairman also reported that applications have been made to the A14 Legacy Fund for road/walking/cycling safety improvements in the village. These are for lighting along the Oakington Road footway/cycle path, crossing facilities near the Co-op store and improvements to the footpath between the Church and the busway. Thanks are due to County Cllr. Harford for her assistance in developing cost estimates for these. We should have an indication of likelihood of success by the end of June. We shall be developing further applications for Local Highways Improvement grants in July/August.

Regrettably the delay in procuring repairs to the road adjacent to the car park continues. Cllr. Harford is obtaining cost quotations and it is hoped that the County Council will expedite the matter. We are also aware of villagers' concerns relating to verge spraying in the Thorntons and overhanging trees along Mayfield. Obtaining information from SCDC on the former and permission, also from SCDC, to alleviate the latter is proving very difficult.

The Council is also looking at usage of the Trim-Trail equipment on the Ten-Acre Field, to gauge whether to repair/replace items. It would be very useful if all those who make use of the equipment and believe it to be a useful asset to the village would make this known to the PC by contacting the Clerk or any Councillor.

Recently, presumably since the end of exams, there have been several informal evening gatherings of young people around The Pavilion and Recreation Ground. Unfortunately, following these events, there have been incidents of broken glass being left by the children's play equipment, namely the slide and swings, and in front of The Pavilion entrance and car park, which poses significant danger to other users. Whilst we understand that young people need social time after the stress of exams, we would ask that their behaviour does not inconvenience or endanger other users. If problems continue we shall be seeking to identify miscreants from CCTV footage and passing the matter on to the police.

Summer is in bloom, and the village planters are looking lovely following recent rain (and sun!). We are most grateful to those villagers and organisations who sponsor the planters, including Scallywags Day Nursery, Wendy's of Girton, Girton Village

Celebrations, Gretton School, Panther Taxis, Abbeyfield Girton Green, Girton Allotment Society, and in memory of Patricia Gentle. We're also very grateful to those residents who water the planters, which is especially necessary during hot weather.

The Pavilion has a gap in bookings from 12 noon until late on Thursdays, so if you're looking for a hall venue for your group please contact admin@girton-cambs.org.uk (01223) 472182 for details.

Next Meetings

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday 16th July and Tuesday 20th August, 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.

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



Community drop-ins – Environment and landscape

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is developing proposals to create a vital new transport link between Cambourne and Cambridge, and a new Park & Ride facility.

We are holding two community drop-in sessions at **Hardwick Primary School, Limes Road, Hardwick, Cambridgeshire, CB23 7RE:**

- **Thursday 11th July, 5–8pm**
- **Saturday 13th July, 10.30am–1.30pm**

This will be an opportunity to see proposed features to protect and potentially enhance biodiversity, and ask questions of the project team.

A proposal for a single end-to-end route option will be presented to the GCP Executive Board in the Autumn.

For further information about the Cambourne to Cambridge Better Public Transport Project, please visit the project pages on our website: www.greatercambridge.org.uk/events.

From Our Councillors

County Councillor Lynda Harford

May's meeting of full Council was enlivened by the protest mounted both outside the building and inside the chamber (although confined to the upstairs and enclosed public accommodation) by Extinction Rebellion.

Appropriately the prayers that precede Council meetings were led by a Quaker who took stewardship of the earth as the theme of her sermon. The activists' slogan was 'Declare a Climate Ecological Emergency Act'. They unfurled a banner stating 'This Land, Our Land' and during the debate on a motion proposed by the Leader of the Council that an Environment & Climate Strategy should be developed, two more banners from the public gallery pleaded 'We need to panic, then we need to make the government act' and 'Tell the truth: we are in climate emergency'. A motion was also proposed by the Chairman of the Health Committee on the subject of air quality. Acknowledging that the Council is already undertaking work to tackle poor air quality around schools, including developing a pilot 'no car zone' around one Cambridge school, he emphasised the need for a more coordinated response across all Council departments and partner organisations, schools being the most logical place to start identifying how the greatest impact can be achieved. An action plan will be drawn up and submitted to Health Committee for approval to pursue this ambition. Meanwhile the Council has written to its contractors who provide school transport asking that all their drivers are instructed to switch off their engines when parked outside schools. It is hoped that parents waiting to collect their children will follow this example.

There has been much discussion about the County Council's decision to relocate its headquarters to Alconbury Weald and dispose of the Shire Hall site. Some members were unhappy that the press and public were excluded from the item on the Council meeting agenda relating to this. Councillors were asked to consider in detail one particular offer for lease of the site. Before leaving the public gallery one protester sang a version of the Woody Guthrie song 'This Land, Our Land' which she had modified to lay claim to the ancient rights of access to Castle Mound. Many members listened intently to her rendition and rewarded her with a well deserved round of applause at the end.

The Council will be introducing an e-permit scheme at its nine Household Recycling Centres. Neighbouring authorities have all previously introduced changes to their policies such as reducing opening hours, charging for construction and demolition waste and restricting access for large vehicles and trailers. These changes have had an adverse impact on Cambridgeshire as there is evidence that people drive across the county border to use the Council's sites where to date no such restrictions apply. Work is continuing on the detail of how the

scheme will work and there will be exemptions for private householders. Some of the councillors considering this proposal had done their own research on the most popular size of trailer in order to ensure that the appropriate exemption level can be set so as not to disadvantage Cambridgeshire residents. No date has yet been set for implementation of the scheme.

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

Another busy month. I have been briefed on procurement, policing, enforcement, new town developments and planning. I have been re-elected as Chairman of the Council and as such have judged a Bake Off competition for Mental Health Awareness Week.

The Wellcome Genome Campus at Hinxton is hoping to expand, and senior members of the Sanger Centre and the European Bioinformatics Institute provided a briefing on the work at the site. It was a fascinating insight into current genomics and the amazing issues they are researching; and we were reminded that if the planning application is not successful the centre would not go to the next village or the next county; it would move to the US or Germany.

Group Leaders have discussed the Council's goal of net zero emissions by 2050, a goal which we hope to build into the new Local Plan. The major problem with sustainability projects is that they are so conceptually difficult. The Chisholm Trail, which will make cycle journeys between the two stations so much easier and therefore entice people from cars, is clearly a great idea, but there is no doubt that it leaves a net loss of environment. The new Cambridge-Oxford rail route is planned to be driven by diesel engines. And so on. Declaring a climate emergency is meaningless without hard-hitting content. Meanwhile, though, we are certainly reducing plastic waste at SCDC to a considerable extent.

Council met on 16 May, and re-elected me as Chairman. We ran an experiment to live-stream the meeting which unfortunately ran into problems. As well as the normal list of appointments to committees and so on, we appointed a new Finance Officer, listened to the Major Opposition Group Leader's Annual Statement which turned into a personal rant against the Leader, and had 10 questions to the executive from members.

On Sunday 19 May Milton Country Park celebrated Park Life, with a host of activities for all the family. I opened the event and then started an under-14 2km race with 200 competitors (plus a number of parents who were carrying

or otherwise transporting some of the very young entrants). The Vice Chairman and I high-fived them onto the second lap and it was great to see 4 and 5 year-olds, dogged determination written large on their faces, going the full distance. We then enjoyed some of the other activities from archery through paddle-boarding to zorbs. The only complaint I heard was the length of the queues for some of the events; everyone seems to have had a wonderful time.

On 24 May at Shepreth Station I helped re-launch the Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership, with a ribbon cutting by Heidi Allen, and a train of cakes along the bar of the Plough. The Partnership already has an active programme of caring for the station and its planters, and they promise a session on composting soon.

The Civic Affairs Committee on 4 June had preliminary reports on two boundary reviews: an attempt to make the two electoral wards of Thriplow and Heathfield more equitable, and a request to move part of Babraham Parish to Sawston. More details are needed before we can decide either.

On 5 June Cabinet had a very full agenda. It received a report from the Scrutiny Committee; looked at performance figures; approved the Strategic Risk Register; reconstituted the Brexit Advisory Committee and agreed the SPD (draft planning guidelines) for Bourn Airfield which will now go out for consultation. On performance and risk I again argued for more information than just averages and it is now agreed that something like a standard deviation should also be given. Our target time for answering calls to the Contact Centre is 100 seconds: I was tempted to wait that long before speaking to remind Cabinet just how long that can feel – even if we reach it; and the Bourn SPD should now explicitly mention my view that shared-use cycle/pedestrian paths are no longer acceptable in a high-quality development.

I had hoped that the prosecution of the ice-cream vendor would be well under way by now but our enforcement team has decided it needs more evidence. Meanwhile please do not buy from him: he has no licence and no permission to use the car park and we have had many complaints about the air pollution he creates. Instead give me full details of when you see him, with photos if possible. However, the pizza company which has recently been advertising deliveries to Girton appears to have satisfied all our health safety requirements.

As the summer holidays come many disadvantaged children will miss out on their free school meals. Please make extra efforts to replenish the foodbank supplies either through the collection point at the Co-op or at St Andrew's Church. As last year I shall be supporting the local foodbank through my Chairman's Charity.

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

Blue plaque unveiled for Girton College

On Sunday 30th June, a Blue Plaque was unveiled at a special ceremony at Girton College, as the culmination of the Girton 150 Festival, marking the 150th anniversary of the College's founding. The plaque was unveiled by The Rt Hon. Baroness Hale of Richmond, President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, a distinguished graduate of Girton College.

The plaque records that the College was 'Established in 1869 as Britain's first residential institution for the higher education of women'. It pays tribute to Emily Davies and Barbara Bodichon, the College's principal founders. The plaque will shortly be installed in its chosen location on the main gatehouse of the College, where it can be seen from Huntingdon Road and where passers-by can walk down and have a look.

Few of Cambridge's 31 colleges have a plaque to mark their foundation, and it was felt by the Blue Plaques Committee, of which I am a member, that the foundation of Girton College is internationally important as a pioneering example of gender equality in education.

This plaque will be the first in a series of plaques to mark important historical events and to honour the contributions of individual people in South Cambridgeshire District. There are currently 33 plaques in the City, commemorating events such as the discovery of the structure of DNA in 1953, and individuals such as Alan Turing, Sir Frank Whittle, John Maynard Keynes and William Wilkins.

More information on the Cambridge and District Blue Plaques, which is part of Cambridge Past, Present and Future, can be found at www.cambridgeppf.org/pages/category/blue-plaques.

More information on Girton College's 150th anniversary can be found at girton150.com.

Local Transport Plan Consultation

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) has been out for consultation since 17th June and will run for 15 weeks until 27th September.

The Plan covers transport infrastructure in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and its development up to 2050. It includes nearby projects such as the much-needed CAM Metro, the Cambridge South (Addenbrooke's) rail station and reforming the bus network, as well as more distant projects.

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Residents are encouraged to make comments, ask questions, and provide feedback on the Plan. This includes the key priorities and principles behind what a future transport network should look like.

Nearby summer consultation events are as follows:

- Cambourne Library, Sat 6 July, 9am–1pm
- Cambridge Central Library, Thur 11 July, 1pm–6pm
- Cottenham Community Centre Coffee Shop, Thur 18 July, 3pm–7.30pm
- Cambridge Central Library, Wed 25 July, 2pm–7pm
- Cambridge Central Library, Sat 14 Sept, 10am–3pm

Other events are being held further afield, and the details of these, along with the documents and an online comments questionnaire can be found on the Combined Authority website at cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/ltp. Following the consultation and inclusion of comments, the Board will be asked to approve the first Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LTP later in 2019.

On the whole, there are many good projects in the document that I wholeheartedly support, such as the CAM metro, the Wisbech rail link and the electrification of the rail lines to Newmarket and from Ely to Norwich and Peterborough. There is also a Girton Interchange Study that could identify additional connections at the interchange that could reduce traffic on local roads, for example along the A1303 past the American Cemetery.

However, there are two items that I plan to oppose:

(1) Removing the breakdown lanes along the M11. These are essential for safety on a motorway. The AA has issued a safety warning about the installation of so-called 'smart' motorways following a number of fatal accidents, for example: www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/03/28/smart-motorways-prompt-aa-safety-warning-second-person-dies.

(2) On page 77 it says: 'Looking further ahead, we may consider a link road connecting the M11 in the Girton area to the A47 in the Guyhirn / Wisbech area.' Such a road link would do major damage to our villages. The north of the county is in great need of better roads, which is why dualling the A47 is such an important project. However, in the south of the county the focus should be on rail and metro. This route would encourage commuting into Cambridge by car and make our local problems – urbanisation of the countryside, noise, pollution and congestion – far worse.

Cllr Tom Bygott
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07765 475 513



Girton WI

The Speaker for our June meeting was Dr Simone Maghenzani, a Fellow of Girton College. Aided by a projector, screen and microphone he was

there to give us a presentation on the history of Girton College, in the year of its 150th anniversary for which they have held a weekend of exciting celebrations, which I hope many of you have been along to and enjoyed. In fact, you would probably have seen some of our WI members parading with the banner they had made. The banner is going to be presented to the WW1 Heritage site, the home of our old hall, when we visit on the 20th July and will be displayed in the old hall with other memorabilia from Girton WI from the last 100 years, which we are also celebrating this year.

Girton College was founded in 1869 by Emily Davies, Barbara Bodichon and Lady Stanley. It has a proud history as an institution that changed the world. It was Britain's first residential college for women offering an education at degree level and the college has always set the pace on matters of equality and inclusion. Girton was also the first of the women's colleges to go mixed over thirty years ago now.

Dr Maghenzani was an enthusiastic speaker and we were all very interested in listening to his amusing anecdotes and seeing pictures of Girton College through the years. The speaker thank you was given by Hannah Wyborn, a former student of Girton College, who also works there and is a WI member.

Wendy Hall

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Girton Neighbourhood Watch Committee

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- OPEN GARDENS – 7th JULY
- PIMMS & CAKE – 11th JULY
- THE GREATEST SHOWMAN – 11th July
- ROCK CHOIR & SIMPLY REEDS - 12th July

Events throughout the week have been organised by local
clubs and businesses.....Motown Night, BBQ, Village

Ramble, Pub Quiz, Wine & Cheese Evening, Bobtails
Summer Parties, Afternoon teas, Hymns & Pimms.....

VILLAGE FETE DAY SATURDAY 13th JULY

- Entertainment from 12 noon
- Gardening & vegetable competition
- Tug of war competition
- Children's Disco
- Band evening featuring 2 local bands
- Rides, BBQ, model aircraft flying display, vintage cars
- Cream teas
- Candy floss, popcorn and ice creams
- Raptors
- Stall selling gifts, plants, cakes, handmade itemsand lots, lots more



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biggest annual fundraiser, which culminates in
November's Remembrance Day service
at St Andrew's Church, Girton.

I have organised the campaign for the past 2 years,
but regret that a replacement is needed now to carry
on with this very worthwhile cause. Girton volunteers
raised over £8,000 last year through collecting in the
village and in Sainsbury's at Eddington.

The role can be as basic or as involved as you wish
to make it and I found it to be a very
rewarding experience.

If anyone is interested in taking over as PAO
or wishes to know more about the role,
please contact me on: 07885190597.

Thank you

Wendy Ripley
Current Poppy Appeal Organiser for Girton

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friends of St. Andrew's Church



An escorted visit to

Grimsthorpe Castle & Gardens

near Bourne, Lincs.

Thursday 12th September

Leaving Girton at 9.00am
*Includes: morning coffee, tour of the
park, lunch and tour of the castle.
Walk the gardens & visit the shop.*
Leaving Grimsthorpe at 4.00pm

Cost: £35.00 inclusive
payable on booking

To book a place, or for further details,
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Girton Walking Group

Saturday 6th July: 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 10 am. Bring a drink and a snack. Walk distance about 7 miles. For further details contact Ann Jerram on 01223 514135.

Saturday 3rd August: Anglesey Abbey (approx. 5.5 miles). The walk starts at the National Trust car park at Anglesey Abbey, Lode, CB25 9EJ. Meet at 10 am. For details contact Kay Green, kaygreen1@gmail.com.

Huntingdon Road and Girton Surgeries
Patient Group
Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Dementia touches all our lives

***Please come to our Open Meeting at 6.30pm
on Wednesday 3rd July
in Huntingdon Road Surgery***

Join us for this free interactive information session led by Lisa Vile of Arlington Manor Care Home to find out:

- ✦ How dementia affects a person and what you can do to make a difference
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Dear GPN:

We are replying to recent comments made by the Girton Town Charity in respect of the proposed redevelopment of 16–22 (including Michaels Close) High Street, Girton.

The immediate local residents have always been and continue to be wholly supportive of plans to improve the existing properties and to provide additional accommodation for those in need in the village.

However, we believe the plans put forward by the Town Charity were totally inappropriate for the site.

Our views were reflected by the South Cambs planning officer, who rejected the proposed development on the basis that its scale, massing, form and siting would cause adverse harm to the enjoyment of the amenity area of No. 14 High Street and to the character and appearance of the local area. The planning committee agreed with these views and the plans were therefore further refused.

We have more than once offered to discuss a more pragmatic approach with the Town Charity, enabling them to produce new and more appropriate plans, which can be fully supported by all and allowing them to meet their brief to 'enable Girton residents to lead as full a life as possible in the comfort and safety of their own homes', without any further unnecessary delay or costs. We continue to await their response.

*Roger and Eileen Webster
and 16 other residents of High Street Girton*

GTC responds:

Girton Town Charity will be updating the local community next month on progress and next steps for the High Street development. Any new scheme will, of course, include opportunities for all residents in the Village to provide feedback.

*Ann Bonnett
on behalf of the Trustees of Girton Town Charity*

Dear GPN:

A recent letter in the *Cambridge News* highlights the important part that sport and recreational activities play in the well-being of our ageing population. Physical inactivity in later life is one of the country's greatest health challenges and is set to cost the NHS more than £1.3bn by 2030 if left unaddressed.

As a society we urgently need solutions which encourage exercise and which are suited to senior citizens to improve their general health and thereby reduce the mounting strain on the NHS which is a lifeline for so many of our community. Research from the charity Anchor Hanover indicates that 76% of older people wish they were more physically active.

This is where membership of our local community sports organisations such as Girton Bowls Club is so valuable. The Bowls Club provides an opportunity to enjoy some gentle exercise and to meet like-minded people thereby alleviating health issues arising from inactivity and loneliness. The Girton Bowls Club is actively seeking new members from the village and continues to promote the many benefits of staying active.

It is against this backdrop that it is so disappointing that the Trustees of Girton Town Charity have through their appointed management company tabled the hire charges of the William Collyn Community Centre without consideration as to how the Girton Bowls Club operates. The current hiring structure can only discourage the growth of the Bowls Club and reduce the opportunity to attract new members.

The failure in design planning that makes the playing of indoor bowling impossible in the winter is another great disappointment as the Bowls Club looks to support the community throughout the whole year and not just during the summer period.

Everyone should have the opportunity to join a sports club regardless of age or finances and thereby improve their health and well-being. Any barriers to this as a result of financial constraints imposed by the current table of the hire charges, and the lack of free access to toilet facilities, is a serious setback to the Bowls Club and its plans to expand its membership.

It is surely the intention of the Town Charity to promote a range of activities freely available for the local community and to provide opportunities for those in hardship to take part in physical activity. Unfortunately the current arrangements do not allow this to happen.

*Lynne McGill
on behalf of Girton Bowls Club Committee*

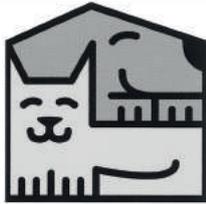
GTC responds:

The William Collyn Community Centre is provided and run for the whole community and is already being used for a wide range of activities and events. With this objective in mind, it is essential that hire arrangements and charges are transparent and consistent for all users. GTC is responsible for the safety and security of Centre users and it is necessary to have a member of staff on site when the Centre is in use. The minimum charge is considerably subsidised.

GTC is very supportive of village organisations and over the years has helped with activity clubs' set-up costs, provided there is a business proposal which outlines plans for the group to become self-sufficient. Indeed, the Bowls Club has already been a recipient of generous funding to the sum £83,286 covering a contribution to the construction of the bowls green, associated professional services and maintenance equipment, plus £600 per season for toilet facilities.

The question of year-round activity has been addressed with the offer of free storage of the Club's bowls mat when not in use, within the Centre.

*Ann Bonnett
on behalf of the Trustees of Girton Town Charity*



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This month we have had some new arrivals at Cottontails – 5 very hungry caterpillars! The children have been observing their rapid growth each day as they get fatter and fatter and we are looking forward to what will happen after that. This has brought about lots of discussion about life cycles and we are now very knowledgeable about that of a butterfly.



Our inter-generational visits to Arlington Manor are continuing each week and we have been involved in some lovely activities including painting bird boxes and playing parachute games with the residents. Myself, Ruth and Arlington Manor's Lisa have been on a couple of radio shows over the last few weeks talking about the excellent time everyone has at these sessions and all of the benefits to both the children and the care home residents. We are all very happy to be able to be involved in such a worthwhile and rewarding project.



Last week, we took our older children on their pre-school outing to Shepreth wildlife park. After a small transport hiccup and despite the rainy weather, we had a lovely day which was much enjoyed by everyone. Seeing the tigers and walking through the 'bat cave' were particular highlights, and in the

educational centre we learnt about caring for animals and that they have feelings too. The children were able to hold and stroke rats, stick insects and giant snails and see a snake up close too, very brave!

Our committee have been working very hard on a new website for Cottontails Pre-school. There is lots of information about what we do and many more wonderful pictures. Please do have a look.

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

Laura Norman
Cottontails Pre-school Manager
manager@cottontailspreschool.org



Girton Youth Project have had a relaxing month. The exam pressure has been on, and we have endeavoured to provide a warm, welcoming and stress free zone. We have enjoyed playing rounders, cooking, playing pool and listening to music. We are now looking forward to planning summer activities. We are hoping to run another bouncy castle day, with fire engine experience, on Monday 19th August. Pop it in your diaries and watch this space for more information.

With the support and funding from Girton Town Charity we are able to offer a variety of different activities and opportunities for the young people of Girton. 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.

If you are interested in being part of or enrolling your young person on to the youth project, please email me at frances.roach@ymcatrinitygroup.org.uk or contact 07771 357 187.

Frances Roach

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GIRTON GREEN FINGERS

Thursday 13th June: after many days, if not weeks, of squeaking and creaking, the water pump handles have fallen silent. No trekking between plots and pumps, laden with watering cans and sundry containers. It has been raining almost non-stop for four days. Last Sunday the constant conversations about the long dry spell ran: "Rain's forecast for Monday but no doubt it will by-pass Girton as usual." But it didn't. It's almost a case of: be careful what you wish for. There is a sodden, dismal and cold appearance out there at the moment. But once the depression moves on and the sun and warm weather return, we'll be relieved and contented that the ground is wet to a good depth, no longer dust-dry; crops are watered; paths are springy and the grass green.

Although the site has been largely bereft of workers over the last few days, not quite entirely: the Society has real stalwarts. Early one morning, in the sweeping rain and cold, a member who, shall I say, won't see his seventies again, clad in his gilet jaune, was on his plot, planting young brassica plants. "Am I mad or keen?" he asked me. Although I was out there too, inspecting my crops, I had to reply "mad".

When I wrote two months ago, there was serious frost damage to report. Since then conditions have been up and down. Warm Spring weather during mid-April and early May tempted some into planting out indoor-reared plants such as courgettes and marrows, sweet corn, tomatoes. Then late afternoon/early evening clear skies and googled weather forecasts induced panic about frosts. Three nights running I made myself go outside between 6 and 7pm to hastily erect makeshift protection with cloches and horticultural fleece. One feels somewhat foolish the next morning when there has been no frost; but relieved (perhaps unkindly) to hear that some of the veterans of the Society had also been out on those same nights taking emergency measures to protect their potato rows. Perhaps prospective new members/plot holders should be handed a document with a warning akin to adverts for investments: "Your investments can go down as well as up" ... warnings that having an allotment plot and maintaining it well and rewardingly is no easy ride. The vagaries of the climate, pests and diseases, the persistence of weeds, the demands on time. But any such warning should end up with: if you are steadily persistent, it's a fulfilling activity.

I think it can be said that the two months from mid-May are the most enjoyable as the routines and rhythms of the growing season swing into play after the inactivity of Winter and the care and anxieties of propagating seeds and young plants. When the sky is blue, the warmth of the sun is felt, we settle into the routines of the season. Emerging potato haulms (green tops) need soil pulling up over them for late frost protection and so that tubers near the surface are not green. So many types of vegetable plants (and some flowers)

are planted out and watered in ... a sigh of relief when the last trays and pots are emptied and greenhouses have space for later propagation. Tomato plants and any climbing beans which fail to climb their canes need careful tying in. Lateral growths on tomato plants are removed, giving that distinctive smell on one's fingers which takes one back to childhood memories of gardening with Dad. That most useful of tools, the hoe, is carefully manoeuvred between plants to remove weeds.

I believe I have quoted before the aphorism of a panel member of Gardeners' Question Time, "the most useful thing in garden or allotment is the gardener's shadow", meaning the presence of the gardener with his sensitive eye and instinct for his plants' needs: staking, watering, tying-in, weeding.

Most pleasing of all at this early stage, we are tasting the early rewards of our activities. A tentative digging has produced small (as early should be) potatoes. Nothing in the rest of the season quite matches the taste of freshly dug early potatoes. I have enjoyed my first courgettes (restaurant menus would boast of 'young baby courgettes' in their list of side dishes). Broad beans (of which I wrote last time suffering frost damage) have produced industrial quantities and are now taking up much freezer space throughout Girton. And young peas are being harvested. That's why the warning document I suggested above should end up with a description of a dinner plate with fresh new potatoes, young courgettes, tender broad beans and peas. It's all more than worthwhile!

I wish I could write about the second year success of the wild flower area, and of the proposed wild berry patch; also about the teeming bird population on the site as fledglings leave their nests; and about bees. But space forbids. Perhaps next time.

*Graham Jones
Girton Allotment Society*



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Girton Community Choir Says Goodbye ... And Hello?



By the time you read this, Girton Community Choir will have sung at the Midsummer Festival, which we hope will have been an enjoyable experience for all concerned, but it will be tinged with some sadness, as Elaine Diamand has decided to take her talents to pastures new. Here she is, like Dick Whittington before her, setting off with not even a backward glance, complete with musical bundle and cat.

History decided not to repeat itself and the bells of St Andrew's failed to ring out encouraging her to 'turn again', unfortunately, so we are looking for a new leader.

We are, at present, about 15 strong and enjoy singing a variety of styles. We meet on a Wednesday at 7.30pm during the school term and sing at various village events and locations. Richard accompanies us for an hour each week. We can't offer an enormous salary, but we can cover expenses. The unauditioned choir has existed for about eight years and we would be very sad to see its demise, especially as we have a growing membership at present. If you would like to consider leading a mixed, enthusiastic choir, or know of someone who would like to use their musical talents to enable us to continue meeting, please contact Jane on 01223 474667.

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Gorgeous Girton Gallery (?)

Some time ago I wrote in the *Girton Parish News* that we should endeavour to utilise the former BT kiosks that the Girton Parish Council purchased for the princely sum of £1 each – not as much as a newspaper!

Girton Garden Society adopted the one by the church, that is a popular feature now, and the 'Bring and Borrow' library at Pepys Way is established and well-used.



The kiosk at Girton Corner is still in need of a purpose (and TLC). I have Googled former kiosks and there are some amazing uses (especially those in London) and in rural areas where one is housing a stool and people can go to take in the countryside and exercise 'mindfulness' or maybe a good old 'daydream'. Settle in Yorkshire has turned theirs into a gallery, as has Prickwillow near Ely.

We live in a village where there are a lot of clever, talented and able people, all of whom are very busy, so ideally nobody wants to add to their workload and risk being saddled with an extra weight around their neck. I do understand!

A small team of willing bods could manage to organise this tiny icon and make our village even more special. To start, we need to fit a lock – could you do that? Clean it up – if you live close by, could you supply the buckets of soapy water? Could you help to clean it or paint it? I'm hoping to change the colour!

If it is a display case/gallery, the exhibits do not have to be changed constantly and they can be simple things such as a mass of balloons or a piece of sculpture or children's paintings. Seasonal themes such as Halloween and Christmas would be fun things for the children to look out for.

Since the success of Matthew Lane Sanderson's art fence at the church, I see no reason why we cannot welcome people who turn in from Huntingdon Road with a piece of our own making, that says this village has something special about it, and, dare I say it – a bit 'gorgeous'.

Do please get in touch if you would like to be a part of Team 'G'. September would be a great time to launch this project.

Jane Buckler
Girton Parish Council



Lawn Tennis at Girton

Girton College opened on its current site in 1873, the same year that Major Walter Clopton Wingfield patented an hourglass-shaped tennis court

and also copyrighted the original set of rules for Lawn Tennis. His patent for this unusual tennis court shape expired in 1877 and was fortunately not renewed. The rules however were adopted by London's Marylebone Cricket Club (who were then the controlling body for Real Tennis) and have formed the basis of the modern game ever since 1875.

By 1881, Girton College had decided to have tennis courts built on site so that the students could enjoy this new fashionable sport (in addition to hockey, lacrosse, golf and racquets). The excavations uncovered a number of skeletons and over the next few years further archaeological work produced more remains from what turned out to be an Anglo-Saxon Cemetery.

A tennis club was in operation at Girton College by 1900 but our first records of a village club go back to 1943 when it was known as the 'Girton Lawn Tennis Club'. There were probably very limited opportunities to play tennis until the end of the Second World War and court facilities were quite limited. The College kindly allowed the village club to play on one grass court on the lacrosse field and another in the garden of a house called Girton Gate. To play at either location required someone from our tennis club to mark out the court lines each time on the grass, so they were clearly not permanent features. The college still owns a property called Girton Gate, which is nearly opposite the main college entrance on Huntingdon Rd. The large rear garden would definitely have space for a nice tennis court!

Although our Parish Council had acquired land from the County Council in 1912 to form the recreation ground it was requisitioned during the Second World War so only became available for further development from 1946. During 1948-49 it seems that there was a very expensive redevelopment that provided local facilities for cricket, football, tennis and bowls. One of the two tennis courts was normally provided for the general

public but the tennis club was able to book both courts for matches. The village tennis club has made good use of the facilities on the recreation ground ever since.

The small 1913 pavilion was replaced in the 1970s and then again by the current building in 2000 (which was lottery funded). This provides better facilities for changing and hosting those playing matches. We realised that floodlighting would help the club to keep operating throughout the year and an initial system was



installed in the late 1980s. By the early 2000s the lighting was showing its age so planning and discussions started in 2004 with both the Parish Council and the Town Charity about how to fund and make a major improvement. Planning permission was granted in 2006 and by 2007 we were able to turn on our new lighting system for the first time, and it has proved to be a well-used facility.

The recreation ground tennis courts have always been owned by the Parish Council and in the early 2000s a system was introduced to enable other users to book the courts when the tennis club is not using them. Maintenance of the courts also reverted from the Tennis Club (as previous sole users) to the Parish Council at this time and this topic became of increasing concern as the playing surface got more pitted, uneven and slippery over the years. Fortunately by 2015 funding was found to completely re-surface the two courts and they are now in first class condition and envied by many visiting clubs.

Several members of the tennis club committee help set up and run the annual village feast on the recreation ground (running 5th-14th July with open tennis on Saturday 13th this year). In 2017 we were pleased to receive a donation from this event and this was used to

fund a practice net which is now installed to the side of one of the courts. This allows solo players to practise their tennis.

Wimbledon and Girton

One of the many benefits of being a member of the Girton Tennis Club is free annual membership of the Lawn Tennis Association and entry into a ballot for Wimbledon tickets. This year six pairs of tickets have been purchased through this ballot and lucky club members will be heading to London in the next few weeks to enjoy some excellent tennis. Last year two lucky members secured tickets to the men's final through the club ballot.

Wimbledon started their tennis championship just a bit before Girton College started their tennis club but the first ladies' singles match wasn't until 1886 – which only predates Girton by four years. The college and our village were definitely 'early lawn tennis adopters'.

Whilst researching some of our UK tennis history it was interesting to see that the Wimbledon Championship only started handing out prize money in 1968 when the top prize was £2,000 for the men's singles. By comparison, in 2018 Novak Djokovic would have won £2.25 million from his Wimbledon success.

Girton Tennis Club

Our club continues to thrive with over 100 current members. We are a friendly group who enjoy taking outdoor exercise – and often having a good chat over a beer at a local pub. Our two teams compete in the local summer league so there is an opportunity for some more challenging play if you enjoy playing matches. Friday evening is our main club night and committee member Victor gives a great outline of a typical evening:

Every Friday there's a curious sight in the village, as a ragtag of children walking on soft trainers, or riding on



scooter or bicycles, arrives at the Rec.

The members of this colourful group usually have a tennis racquet on their shoulder



and a big smile on their face. They are the younger members of our tennis club, coming together for their weekly games. A tradition kept alive by the unfailing dedication of Alan Richardson, with the help of parents and volunteers from the club.



Later on, the club seniors take their turn with social tennis. The thwack-thwack of racquet strokes might be more uniform and the balls might be flying longer and faster through the air, but giggles and cries of delight are still ringing on the courts. A passer-by listening to the hubbub would be forgiven for thinking there's still a group of children playing games.

Tennis is a competitive game, but on Friday nights, for young and old, it is the gregarious nature of the sport that matters most. Laughing is permitted when a ball comes off the frame or when a sitter of a volley inexplicably ends up at the bottom of the net. Like in life, it pays off not to take things too seriously.

I often think that the children who took to the courts early in the evening are just adults who took to the courts early in life. In so doing, they are building a link with outdoor sports and with their community that can last them for life.

Here's to a long and successful future for our Girton Tennis Club and many thanks to the committee members who keep everything running so efficiently.

*Alan Franklin
Girton Tennis Club*

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

The season is continuing well, despite some horrendous downpours, which resulted in three matches being cancelled in one week.

In the C & D league, we have played 5 matches and won 4, putting us in second position behind Little Shelford. In the Business Houses league, we have played 4 matches, won 2 and lost 2, which puts us in sixth position out of 13 teams. In the E & D afternoon league, division 1, we have played 9 matches and won 5. In the Meldreth league, we are still coming up against some very competitive teams and are yet to achieve a win.

We have had some very close games, one of which was in the E & D league against Newmarket. On the last end, the last rink to finish needed 4 points to draw but managed to achieve 5, which gave Girton a win by one point. Well done to all our players!

On the 8th June, Girton entered a team into the Cottenham Open Triples Competition and had to play in the most dreadful conditions. Driving rain and gale force winds made playing very challenging, but in spite of this, of the 4 games we played, we won 2, one of which was against the eventual tournament winners, so came away with a certain amount of satisfaction. Janet Graaff has begun her defence of the C & D Ladies singles title and after a very close game, won her first match 21 to 19. Lynne McGill and Dave Fryer have won through in their first match in the Business Houses league and go on to play their second game shortly.

We held our first Open Day Triples Competition on 15th June. Sixteen teams from various clubs entered, making a total of 48 players. The event was sponsored by Peasgood and Skeates (Funeral Directors and Monumental Masons) who generously provided programmes giving the day's order of play, together with a goody bag and a bowls towel for every player. The day was a great success and the eventual winners.



Open Day Triples Competition

were Alexander Beehive who beat the team from Coton. The winners shared a first prize of £150, the losers shared a prize of £90 and the 6 runners up received £10 each. All the prizes were kindly provided by our sponsors. I think the success of this event will guarantee it becomes an annual event. The feedback we received was very complimentary and the Club's thanks go to all those members who gave of their time, from providing home baked cakes, selling raffle tickets, preparing the bowls green to serving refreshments throughout the day. Our special thanks to Peasgood and Skeates.

If you would like to try your hand at Bowls, we are always looking for new players. Our club night is on Thursdays and starts at 6pm. The only requirement is that you wear flat soled shoes on the green. We have bowls you can use and coaching is always 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 catch up with all our results and view photos of our activities to date.

Lynne McGill



Girton Golf Club

Well, writing this in mid-June the weather has decided to make up for the lack of rain previously this year and ensure that Ian, our Head Green Keeper and Matt, his Deputy, have to find something else to complain about. I have just met a couple coming off the course saying the rough was wet – yes, that happens when it rains day after day. Having said that the course now looks spectacular and is playing so, so well.

A note for your diaries: Thursday 26th September. Some way off, but the Ladies at Girton Golf Club are holding a Macmillan coffee morning and you are all invited to drop in, any time after 10.30. Take the opportunity to come along, sample the wares and enjoy a friendly and relaxing atmosphere for a while, whilst helping raise money for a really good cause.

July 9th sees the exciting PGA Eastern Region Pro-am at the Golf Club, with a large number of players enjoying a round of golf with a PGA professional whilst competing for some great prizes, including Barons BMW's great offer of a BMW Series 8 for a weekend for the nearest the pin on our 8th hole. I will let you know next month who is the lucky winner.

The ladies were disappointed when Ladies Day was rained off this year but congratulations to Ruth Lawton and Jacqui Storey, who at the time of writing were through to the 5th round of the Daily Mail 4s, having won again this time at Feltwell Golf Club; they face Gedney Hill next time out. Well done, ladies – a credit to our Golf Club!

Fourteen different clubs were represented by 39 ladies at Girton this month in the Audrey Nicole Trophy and the competition was won by Ely Golf Club. Girton managed to lose at home but win away to the Gogs this month, an unusual set of results for golf. The Presidents' Cup was won by Eileen Webster and presented to her by past President Maureen Mansfield.

Natasha Bamford won the Juniors' Peter Silk Trophy with an excellent 41 points. The Junior team beat Gog Magog in the 2nd league match of the season and also brilliantly beat Newmarket away in the 1st round (Natasha Bamford with an eagle at the second extra hole) and St Ives in the 2nd round of the knock out cup. The next round, the semi-final, is against Peterborough Milton.

The Seniors' section have lost away in a downpour at Royston, drawn at home to Lakeside Lodge, and beaten Old Nene in recent weeks.

The Golf Club's Summer Caribbean BBQ is on August 10th, with Ziggy making a return appearance with his laid back reggae music and what will undoubtedly be wonderful Caribbean food from our chefs Ben and Trevor (Deano). Tickets will be selling fast so get in early if you fancy a chilled evening – see the advert for more details or call the club and speak to the bar and catering. Our events are proving more and more popular. The ABBA night sold out weeks in advance, as did our Punjabi Night, so book your tickets now.

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www.girtongolf.co.uk



Girton Netball Club

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

Our netball team has been having a fantastic run of matches in the summer league, with 4 results to

bring to readers of the *Girton Parish News*. The first was against a team we have played several times before. We have beaten them in friendly matches but never in a league match, so it was very pleasing to have a final score of Girton 38–26 Thundercats2. The next match was outstanding, as we scored our highest ever number of goals in one game (the previous record was 57) and the umpire complained of 'running out of space' on the score card for the second quarter! The final result was Girton 60–18 Over2. Our next match was much more even and was very competitive, with the final score in our favour at Girton 28–25 Stetchworth, and our most recent match was very enjoyable ending in another Girton win with a full time score of Girton 37–21 Warboys3. At the moment we are top in our division – Division F – with only one more match to play, but some other teams in the division still have 4 matches to play so positions could change.

	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
1	Girton	6	5	1	0	32
2	Thundercats2	4	3	1	0	20
3	Royston	3	3	0	0	18
4	Warboys3	5	2	3	0	18
5	Stetchworth	4	2	2	0	17
6	Milton2	4	2	2	0	17
7	Over2	5	0	5	0	8
8	Trumpington Tigers	3	0	3	0	7

We have been helped by an amazing goal keeper, Jane, who has been voted player of the match for every match; she is kindly playing with us during the summer while her university team do not need her.

Competition Time

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. There will also be a competition to design a kit and come up with a nick-name for our team. Entry forms will be available on the day or in the Girton Feast programme and are also available on www.girtonfeast.org.uk.

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 online at: sites.google.com/site/girtonnetball/ and tinyurl.com/girton-netball.

Mel Gulston



Girton Tennis Club

Our club will be running an 'open court' session during the afternoon on the main Feast Saturday (13th July) so please come along and have a go. Racquets and balls will be provided so just turn up, wearing flat soled shoes, please.

The men's summer tennis league has now finished but our mixed team are now starting their matches so please get in touch if you are interested in playing a few friendly matches against local teams this summer.

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

Alan Franklin

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Girton Colts

In our rest between seasons we are busy recruiting for next year. Currently we are looking for more players to join our U5 and U8 teams, which would be Early Years and Year 3 pupils. If you're interested

please contact teamsec@girtoncolts.co.uk.

We are also looking to start our new under 5 team for next season and if you would like your child to have a go please email teamsec@girtoncolts.co.uk. Both boys and girls from next year's Early Years are welcome and we'll run some taster sessions to see if we can build a new team.

Do you fancy helping us on a Saturday morning in term time by becoming a referee? We are trying to build a pool of referees to assist with our home matches. We offer full training and once trained the position offers paid work per match as well as opening up other opportunities within the FA if you want to progress it further. If you're interested please contact chair@girtoncolts.co.uk.

Feast Week is fast approaching and we will have our stand offering the chance for you to be top scorer and win a football again. Looking forward to seeing you at the stand!

Team news:

Girton under 7 team are taking a well-deserved break from football, but will be ready to start again for pre-season training in August. The club would just like to thank all the parents and guardians who have supported the team this season – without their help the team couldn't run.

The under 8 team is continuing to train after season end, as we are re-forming with new players for next season. If there are any Year 3 players who want to give it a go, then please do get in contact so we can get you along to the remaining training sessions over the next couple of weeks: info@girtoncolts.co.uk.

Under 9 team are taking a well earned break and will take the opportunity to practise their skills in preparation for next season.

The under 11 team have now finished their league matches and just have a couple of post-season tournaments. The first of these was in Willingham where the U11s fielded two teams. Both had a good day winning some and losing some. Girton 1 came close to qualifying for the semi-finals but just missed out by 1 point.

Andrew Hawkes
Chairman



giving nature a home An Update from Fen Drayton Lakes

We're mindful that 'the lakes' have provided access to the countryside for local people for decades, and the RSPB has supported the continuation of this since acquiring the site, with the addition of routes to get closer to the lakes and the maintenance of surfaces to standards beyond that required of the County Council.

Alongside our continuous efforts to improve the reserve for wildlife is our ongoing work in evolving the lakes from being a disused quarry to being a wonderful, wild and natural wetland that's accessible to all.

And later this year we'll be making further improvements in the central area close to the car park. As well as re-surfacing the worn-out stretch of road near the car park and welcome area, we'll be adding a seamless, hardened and level pedestrian route from the disabled parking spaces to the water's edge at the nearby picnic and viewing area. We'll also be adding a few subtle features to make crossing the track here as safe as possible, such as adding a contrasting crossing point and some extra signs.

This latest piece of work has been made possible by a grant from **the A14 Community Fund**, a fund managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, whom we would like to thank.

Get involved ...

Dragonfly Walk

Go on a guided walk around the reserve to learn all about dragonflies and damselflies.

Sunday 21st July, 2–4pm. Booking required

Willow Weaving Workshops

Join us to learn how to use willow harvested at the reserve for weaving.

Sunday 8th Sept., 10am–4pm: Garden obelisk

Sunday 8th Dec., 10am–4pm: Christmas decoration

Booking required.

Stargazing

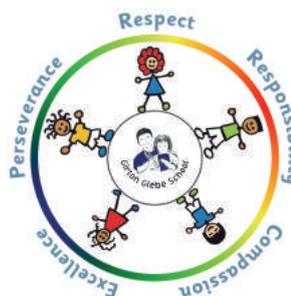
Join experts from the Cambridge Astronomical Association on a stargazing evening at the lakes.

Saturday 12th Oct., 8.30–9.30pm. Booking required.

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Informal volunteer-led guided walks take place on the second Wednesday of each month. There's no need to book and it only costs £3 for members and £4 for others. Walkers meet at the main car park, leaving at 10.15am.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk
Phone: 01954 233260



News from Girton Glebe Primary School

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

Sports Day 2019

We were blessed with the warmest, driest day of the last fortnight on Thursday 6 June when our pupils took to the school field to take part in our annual sports day event. It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers to share sports day with us and there was a wonderful atmosphere on the field as the children completed a carousel of activities throughout the afternoon. Conditions were perfect and the children took part in the usual sports day favourites, such as long jump, javelin and 3-legged race, as well as a sprint race and boundary sprint for Key Stage 2 pupils.

Many thanks to all of our children who took part and for doing so with such spirit! Well done to all staff and volunteers for their hard work in preparing for the afternoon's events and thanks to parents and carers for your continued support! Thanks also to FOGG for providing refreshments at the end of the afternoon.

The children scored points for their houses throughout the afternoon's events and, after tallying these scores, we announced that Robinson were the winning house – well done, Robinson!

Foundation Stage 2020 Open Morning

For parents with children of pre-school age, I would like to invite you to the Foundation Stage Open Morning we will be hosting on Saturday 21 September (10am–12pm). This session is designed to give parents and children an idea of the exceptional EYFS provision we offer at Girton Glebe Primary School and provide you with the opportunity to talk to the Headteacher and the EYFS team. Please, come and join us!

Swimming at Girton Glebe

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

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

Girton College Banners Project

Well done to all of our Year 5 pupils who took part in an art project to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Girton College.

Our pupils visited the college to find out about its history and worked collaboratively with children from UCPS to create banners which they then paraded through the college grounds on Sunday 30 June. The banners looked magnificent and the pupils were fabulous ambassadors for Girton Glebe!

Mr Andrew Simpson
Headteacher

Friends of the Rosie



Thank you for all your support at The Friends of the Rosie Hospital stalls this year. So far we have raised £518 to help make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. For up-to-the minute information follow Rosie in Stitches facebook page

Upcoming Stall dates this summer:

Tea Bar, Rosie Hospital Outpatient Clinic

Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm

Bar Hill Village Fete

Saturday 6th July, 2pm to 5pm

Selling toys for all ages

We always need help in the Tea Bar in Clinic 21 for a few hours a week or on an occasional basis. At present we do not have a regular volunteer for either Monday afternoon or Thursday morning. We also require occasional volunteers to help when a regular volunteer is unable to help due to holidays/illness etc.

Please email annlaskey@icloud.com if you would like to volunteer.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of knitters, provide transport for our volunteers, 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.

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Advice about equipment for deafness is available to all; in addition NHS hearing aid wearers can exchange batteries and have hearing aids re-tubed.

Sessions are from 2pm to 4pm on the third Wednesday of each month at Girton Baptist Church. These are free sessions and no appointment is necessary. Should you require a home visit please telephone 416141 between 9.30am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

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

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News for Older Residents



How about trying a new activity?

New Age Kurling is an increasingly popular game based on the Winter Olympic Ice Curling and can be played by anyone whether standing or sitting. Look at kurling.com/new-age-kurling to see the game in action.

Let's Get Moving Cambs (funded by CCC) has organised two taster sessions from 10–11am on **Wednesday 3rd** and **Wednesday 10th July** in the William Collyn Hall with a charge of £3.

For more information please contact Ellen Bridges at ellen.bridges@scamb.gov.uk or by phoning 01954 713294.

If enough people are interested this will become a regular weekly event from September. I will be going along and am happy to provide transport in my (small) car for a small number of people.

Or what about T'ai Chi?

Several residents have been in touch to say they would like a daytime T'ai Chi class. This might be possible on Thursday mornings if enough people are interested to make it viable.

Or Fit as a Fiddle?

The Strength and Balance class, formerly run by Forever Active and now called Fit as a Fiddle, is continuing on Thursday mornings from 10.30–11.30am in Orchard Close Community Room with Clare Strongman as the tutor. It will run till the school holidays and then close until September. The weekly charge is £4. For further information please phone 01223 276372.

Or?

Other possibilities for local classes include Exercise to Music, Walking Netball, Dance, to name just a few. However, there must be enough interest to ensure a class is feasible before it can be set up. Please get in touch with your preferences and suggestions.

Club 55 Fish and Chips lunch followed by Fishermen's Friends

Come along to the William Collyn Hall on Thursday 18th July for fish and chips, followed by strawberries and cream. Then sit back and enjoy the film of the story of the Cornish fishermen who enjoy singing and have featured a number of times at the Cambridge Folk Festival. See Sam Clift or me to order your lunch for £10.

Club 55 Bowls, Buffet and Film summer event

Keep Thursday 22nd August free for this event at the Bowls Club and the William Collyn Hall. See Sam Clift or me for further details.

Last but not least....

I will be at the Fete with my ID badge dangling round my neck. Please come and say hello.

After the Fish and Chip lunch on Thursday 18th July I will be on leave until the first full week in August.

All good wishes to Mandy Maxwell, the Rector, as she moves to pastures new. Thank you Mandy for all the help and support you have given me.

Patricia Johnston

Older Residents' Co-ordinator

Tel: 07469 660 866,

Email: patricia.johnston@ageukcap.org.uk



Garden Tip of the Month – July

Hurray! For the first time for ages there is plenty of water in the soil! Now is the perfect moment to indulge in some seasonal pruning. Evergreens with broad leaves (unlike pine needles) can be trimmed or more firmly cut back: the potential list is boggling but some common favourites are privet, box, holly, laurel and ceanothus. This last can be tricky to prune convincingly, as it is inclined to expand all over in a vigorous manner. Clipping can work if you can reach. I sometimes allow it to expand a bit, but thin out weaker growths allowing the better branches to develop, and prevent it becoming too dense. Many ceanothus had a particularly fine show this year; I think as natives of California they soaked up the sun last summer, which ripens the wood and promotes flowering. My yellow flowered potentilla did particularly well right through the heat and well into autumn.

I have seen several plum trees already showing lots of fruit. Do bear in mind their potential to drag the branches down to breaking point and where practical use a prop. Even quite a flimsy stick can make enough difference. You may also have lots of little apples. Some years many small apples fall in June (the June drop) but consider the meditative task of thinning the crop. A few minutes spent thinning the ones easy to reach can improve the size and quality of those remaining. The experts recommend starting with the 'king' apple; the one at the end of a cluster, often slightly larger than its chums, as this evens the space for the rest.

George Thorpe

Helping everyone in our community

Girton Town Charity has a remit to improve the lives of Girton residents through a range of schemes and grants, as well as to enhance the environment in which we live.

Here we take a look at how the Charity is helping all sections of our community – from the very young to the elderly.

On offer to families and the over 55s, are GTC's almshouses which currently total ten, seven in Wellbrook Way and one each in Girton Road, St Vincent's Close and Fairway. Plans are in the pipeline to increase this number to meet growing demand, on the High Street and the former WI Site.

Other sources of support which are valued by all sections of the community are the Citizens' Advice Bureau and Relate Outreach Services, both based at the William Collyn Centre and delivering help to Girton residents right on their doorstep.

Home from hospital

The CarePlus Grant Scheme which provides short-term care to those living in the Village, helping them to live independently in their own homes, also assists anyone returning home from hospital, responding quickly in time of need.

Our younger villagers receive GTC support through Girton Glebe School where funds are made available for intervention support, educational enrichment activities and wrap-around support for the children of families-in-need. Relate also provides counselling at the School and a new project, Relate4Parents, is being funded for three years.

Activities for young people

Teenagers benefit from our hugely successful Youth Project which is run by the YMCA under the leadership of Frances Roach. This includes evening club nights all year round and additional events and activities during the Spring and Summer holidays, as well as sessions for primary school members. Around 40 participants attend each week.

Helping students to meet the cost of materials for further and higher education – whether it is books, a computer or other equipment – is on offer through the Educational Grant Scheme which provides £275 per calendar year, payable on production of receipts.

Attending appointments

Older members of the community are helped with a range of schemes and grants. The very popular Hospital Taxi Scheme takes people for outpatient appointments at Addenbrooke's, Brookfields or the Royal Papworth Hospital when alternative transport is not practical. It operates on a membership basis with users paying a capped rate of £7 per return journey. Last year 230 people used the scheme, illustrating what a valuable service is provided.

A Prescription Delivery Service run by the pharmacist at the GP practice serving Girton is available for patients living within the Pepys Way dispensing area who are unable, through incapacity, to collect dispensed medicines from the Pepys Way or Huntingdon Road Surgeries.

Supporting older residents

In partnership with Age UK, GTC supports the provision of a Community Warden and an Older Residents' Coordinator. At the end of 2018, Gail retired as the Community Warden after years of helping older members of the community and has now been replaced by Fiona, with support from Jane. The Warden Scheme currently looks after around 20 villagers who have subscribed. As Older Residents' Coordinator, Patricia works on a number of initiatives to deliver regular activities in which villagers can participate.

In addition, GTC makes grants to individuals for a range of purposes such as modest children's subscriptions to activities unaffordable to the family, works to make homes safe, mobility needs and contributions towards the cost of coping with medical conditions. Over the last year, the number of individual grants has increased substantially, highlighting that this is a much-valued source of help at a time of need.

For further information on GTC Grants and Schemes please contact the GTC Office at 22 High Street, Girton, CB3 0PU 01223 276008

Educational Grant Scheme

Next payment date for grant applications received
July 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.

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.

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* Terms and conditions apply

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The William Collyn Community Centre



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William Collyn Community Centre
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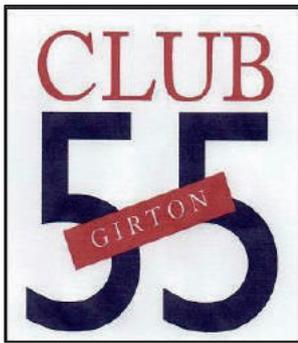
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Blue Lion trip:

Our trip out to the Blue Lion Public House at Hardwick on 12th June was a great success. It was a very wet June day but forty people turned out via minibus or their own transport for a meal by the ex-landlord of the Old Crown, Girton. The food was very good, the portions generous, a little too generous for some ladies but that was not to be complained about.



The scene inside the Conservatory



Inside the main building

If you have been reading this

page over the last couple of years you will have seen all our functions throughout the year. We don't like to go too far away, and we always time our functions for around midday which suits our members. Maybe you have been thinking about joining us but just haven't done so yet. If you would like to contact us directly, via a family member or through Patricia Johnston of Age Concern and Girton's Older Persons Co-ordinator, we would be happy to help.

For your diary:

Thursday 18th July, 12 for 12.30pm: Film Fisherman's Friends. Something a little different, **Fish and Chips** followed by a film at the William Collyn Community Centre. We will be enjoying a Fish (or Pie) and Chips lunch (out of the paper) with a Strawberry and Ice Cream dessert followed by the film 'Fishermen's Friends' which is due to be released on 8th July. *(You must pre-order for this. Regular lunch club members will receive the usual form; others should contact Sam on the telephone number below.)* Lunch £10.

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

Wednesday 7th August, 12 for 12.30pm: Lunch at the Old Crown, Girton – our first visit since it reopened.

Thursday 22nd August, 10.30am for 1.25pm: Film 'The Favourite'. Oscar nominated film starring award-winning actress Olivia Coleman. Preceded by a **Bowls Match** between local teams. 10.30am: Bowls match on green next to William Collyn Hall; 12.30pm: Buffet lunch; and 1.25pm: Film 'The Favourite' in hall. Come and support your team and have a fun day. *In inclement weather competitive activities will take place in hall.* Buffet lunch for players and spectators £5.

Wednesday 11th September, 12 for 12.30pm: Lunch at Baytree Hilgay – our first visit since it reopened. Minibus available.

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Jackdaw

For some of us, attempts to foil squirrel theft from garden birdfeeders is a matter of honour, but recently the Jackdaws in our garden have given us much pleasure with their display of ingenuity. Fly up, rattle the feeder, knock a few seeds to the ground, drop down, eat, repeat. And so it goes on, providing a spectacle of wisdom and aerobatics.

In his poem 'The Jackdaw', William Cowper (1731–1800) notes how their appearance and calls can make it easy to mistake them for crows:

*There is a bird who, by his coat
And by the hoarseness of his note,
Might be supposed a crow;
A great frequenter of the church,
Where, bishop-like, he finds a perch,
And dormitory too.*

To most, the silvery sheen on the back of the head, a little like a grey hood, is what marks out the jackdaw from its similar corvid cousins but their black eyes with silvery white iris are more than just a distinguishing feature. We know that humans share intention and disposition through gaze, and many animals



respond to direct eye contact, but generally speaking animals are regarded as less sophisticated. Not so for the Jackdaw – not only can they use the direction of human gaze

to find food, but their behaviour has been observed to differ depending upon whether they knew the human or were interpreting an unfamiliar, and thus possibly threatening, gaze.



The chimney-frequenting habits of the Jackdaw are variously believed to signal death or birth depending on their direction of travel, but their fondness for stick collection has also been able to assist in some horticultural detective work in researching the early planting of the Cambridge Botanical Gardens. In Volume VI of the *Magazine of Natural History* (1833) it was noted that the late Dr Kerrich, principal librarian of the University of Cambridge and resident of Free School Lane, close to the Botanical Gardens, had a stopped-up chimney full of the wooden labels that had been used to mark out the planting. Together with his manservant, he returned 18 dozen to Mr Arthur Biggs, the curator of the Gardens. Other reports suggest that labels were also found atop Great St Mary's church and other Cambridge towers and steeples. 1815–1818 represented peak years for label theft, and the gardeners sometimes had simply to wait a year for enough growth to be certain what had been planted.

Happily the Jackdaw seems to be bucking the trend for population decline, and its numbers are stable or possibly increasing. All the more opportunity to appreciate this lively and intelligent bird.

James de Winter
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The paper *Jackdaws Respond to Human Attentional States and Communicative Cues in Different Contexts* is easy to find and access online. Rather surprisingly, so is Volume VI of the *Magazine of Natural History* (1833); pages 394–8 have the Cambridge jackdaw correspondence.

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That Which Remains

As a small child, I would hear my mother asking my step-grandmother what she would like for her birthday gift, and Williamina, a sea captain's daughter from Leith, would reply, 'Just some wee remnants please, dear. That would be nice.' They would drive off to some Aladdin's cave and return with a selection of lovely fabrics that would keep Grandma happily busy at her sewing machine for hours, creating her summer collection. Then, with elegant accessories, she would emerge into the season, looking fabulous.

The word remnant is often used as a dismissive, even derogatory, term denoting apparent insignificance as something left over, or all that remains. To Grandma, however, a remnant of fabric presented a delightful challenge, an opportunity to bring value to something just as precious, just as beautiful as the entire bale had been.

Indeed, a remnant, despite its small size or quantity, represents all the substance, texture, design and essence of the whole, when all else has been used up or lost. The term remnant is used in historical and in spiritual contexts to describe the special status of those who represent and preserve the essential core values of a faith system or a shared purpose that is under threat of extinction.

A young Jewish friend treasured the account of his ancestor, the only remaining member of a family left alive in times of severe persecution. His life was spared because his expert skills in watch making and mending were so highly regarded. In more peaceful times he became the father of a new family of notable people, so the remnant carried forth the essential ingredients of a dynastic line.

Around the world at this moment, where the Christian faith is under threat politically and ideologically, small remnants of adherents risk death and imprisonment without mercy. Their courage and fortitude shame our lethargy, as we take for granted our freedom of worship. Christianity in countries like Egypt and Tunisia and many more countries where the early church once flourished with great vibrancy and enthusiasm, now shrinks to a threatened minority. They cling, as a precarious remnant to the hope of better times or even revival when the message of love, forgiveness, compassion, justice, truth and peaceful co-operation will return to honour.

In terms of faith, certain principles stand for those who find themselves designated to the remnants of a once

greater mission. They are not to consign their beliefs and hopes to the dust-heap of history. They are to maintain the responsibility of those who guard a great treasure committed to their safekeeping. This is not a display of bigotry, prejudice or rigid adherence to unchanging ritual, but rather a realization that the light of some deep and precious truth is in danger of being extinguished either by subtle shifts or by outright onslaught. Their clear conviction of its efficacy will compensate for discouragement and conflict.

The prophet Isaiah noted that the remnant of God's people were those who would bear witness to the great things he had done and who carried the privilege of preserving God's laws and statutes. When Isaiah confronted King Ahaz, he was accompanied by his son Shear-Joshub whose name means 'a remnant will return' (from exile). It was a reminder that even in the darkest of times, the nation would not entirely perish. God would be faithful to his covenant of protection and provision for 'the little flock'. Psalm 91 provides a stirring message for today. Read it and be encouraged. It begins with:

*'Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge
and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.'*

Best wishes to Mandy and family as they look to new horizons and opportunities.

Be strong and of good courage.

Iris Niven



All change at St Andrew's *News from your Village church*

By now most of the village will have heard via the grapevine that it is time for our well loved Rector to be moved on to bigger things. This is a regular feature of parish ministry but leaves those who have got to know Mandy over the last eight years with a big hole. She has been a friendly, visible presence both in the village and within the church community. Much is asked of Anglican clergy these days as they try to respond to the expectations of the non-church and church folk in often more than one parish. We are well on the way to finding someone to follow her but there will be the inevitable interregnum of six months or more including the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Because of her awareness that the church is a place of hospitality for the village around life and festival events and for worship by church members, she courageously initiated the 'St Andrew's Makeover' project to raise money for heating and modernising the internal space. This has been a challenge but the response from the village, Girton Town Charity and the church members has been heart-warming. The PCC and the Churchwardens are enormously grateful to all who have contributed and now enable us to proceed.

It has taken many hours for the project leaders and Parochial Church Council with wet towels round their heads to peruse facts and figures around the type of energy we can afford to use in today's world along with our moral responsibility. We have finally decided to go ahead with the modern green option and install photovoltaic panels to provide the electricity for an Air Source Heat Pump to provide heat in the winter for under-floor heating. Because of the architecture of the church roof the panels will be largely hidden. The old floor will have to be taken up and the church vacated for 3 or 4 months. We have come to an arrangement with Girton College to hold services there until we are able to move back in. We are very grateful to the chaplain and warden for their accommodation to our needs.

We plan to start the work at the beginning of September. The drawings for the project are still on display at the back of the church and our makeover banner announces what is going on. How to give is explained clearly on a leaflet on the table in the church.

Thank you again to all who have helped us with this ambitious project. We will keep you posted on its progress through the *Girton Parish News* which is kindly publishing this report on our behalf.

Wendy & Bruce Hunter, Penny de Lacey, Robin Bradford Churchwardens



Abbeyfield Girton Green Bids Farewell to Revd. Mandy Maxwell



On Tuesday 11th June residents and staff at Abbeyfield Girton Green over 55s independent living complex put on a farewell tea party to thank Revd Dr Mandy Maxwell for her outstanding contribution over the last 7 years. Operations Manager Andrew Watson said, 'We have been truly blessed to have had Mandy work with us to support the spiritual needs of our residents and we wish her all the very best in her new parish.'



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	6.00pm	Evensong
28th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
		led by Revd Tom Amrose
	10.00am	Morning Prayer

Weekday Services: July

Tuesday Communion Services at Arlington Manor and Abbeyfield, Girton Green will take a break until September.

Wednesdays 10.15am Silent Prayer in the North Room

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The drop-in dementia support café will be open the first Thursday of every month from 10.30am to 12 noon, and will be hosted by the care home's Dementia Champion and Customer Relationship Manager, Lisa Vile. The next dementia support café will commence on Thursday 4th July.

Lisa says: 'We have decided to host a dementia support café at our home as currently 850,000 people in the UK are living with dementia. It is important that as a care provider we get the word out there and as a community we become more dementia friendly.'

'The café will offer a support network for carers, a place they can come together and share knowledge and life experiences. There will also be an opportunity at some sessions to extend your knowledge of dementia further with various guest speakers.'

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