

Friends of Girton College

Supporting the College into the future



Girton College Cambridge

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Friends of Girton College – play a vital role in the life of the College and become part of its future

A collection of Friends Groups have been established to ensure that several important veins of college life are supported and safeguarded now and in the future. An outstanding College needs exceptional supporters and we continue to be impressed by the interest and generosity provided by the Friends Groups of Girton College, and hope that you too will consider becoming a supporter. Regular gifts are particularly appreciated.





Friends of **Girton College Choir**

Girton College Chapel Choir has gained a reputation as one of the most distinguished mixed-voice choirs in Cambridge. It is an international-prize-winning choir of some 30 members. The choir has built this impressive reputation through regular choral services in the College Chapel and frequent performances across the UK and abroad. The choir tours overseas at least once a year; recent tours have included Austria, Switzerland, Singapore, Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, the Czech Republic, Italy, Germany and France. The choir has sung for the Duke of Edinburgh, the late Queen Mother and the late Pope John Paul II.

The choir greatly benefits from the support of its Friends and Patrons, who provide much-needed financial resources to help enable choral music in Girton to continue to flourish. The Friends of the Choir help to fund the choir trips, enabling all choir members, irrespective of background, to take part in these exceptional tours. Friends receive a newsletter, and are invited to the annual Friends' Concert (free admittance); Patrons may also, if they wish, have their contributions acknowledged in concert programmes.



Friends of **Girton College Library**

Girton is justifiably proud of its library, which holds a series of outstanding collections, including our special collections of rare books, our unique Archive, and, of course, our undergraduate collections, which are acclaimed as some of the best in the University. The College Library plays a central role in Girton's academic life and achievements, while its Archive and its Special Collections enjoy an international reputation.

Maintaining these collections, the fabric of the building, and the provision of a professional information service to our users is an expensive undertaking. Donations from Friends and Patrons of the Library offer vital help with the 'value-added' aspects that

make Girton's library so special. We try to spread this support right across our operations – for instance funds from the Friends have been used to provide additional books and IT resources for undergraduates, the cataloguing and conservation of archival papers, and the purchase of special book collections.

Friends of the Library receive an invitation to an annual summer event. In addition, Patrons of the Library will be commemorated on special, printed and personalised book plates inserted in new library books – to the value of the donation. These bookplates use an original design for Girton by Joan Hassall.



Friends of **Girton College Chapel**

The part played by Girton Chapel in college life is diverse and extends well beyond the regular observance of the Christian liturgy. The chapel is not just a building; it is a community and a haven.

Many are first drawn to it by the high standard of music provided by the choir, the new St Martin organ and by College's instrumentalists and visiting musicians.

Others take refuge in this quiet oasis at times of emotion or stress, or seek pastoral care from the chapel community. College has always felt that its chapel is there for use by all members – those of all faiths and none.

Friends and Patrons of the chapel are vital in maintaining this important aspect of college life. Funds raised by the Friends in the past have been used to improve the fabric of the building, purchase new hymn books, pew Bibles and books for the chapel library. The Friends' funds also support the choir's chapel performances by providing a tea for the choir and congregation after the Sunday service.

As a Friend of the Chapel, you will receive an annual newsletter and you are, of course, most welcome to join us at any of the chapel services. In addition to this, Patrons will also be given the opportunity to have a personalised book plate in one of the chapel library's books.



Friends of **Girton College Lawrence Room**

Girton's Lawrence Room collections offer unique insight into College history. Hermione, our beautiful and unequalled portrait mummy, is joined by archaeological finds from as close at hand as the College site and as far away as Mesopotamia in offering material evidence of the interests and scholarship of Girtonians past and present.

A new display showcases Girton's treasures, and a complete electronic catalogue now makes the Lawrence Room collections accessible to the public and researchers alike. The generosity of Friends and Patrons of the Lawrence Room is vital in ensuring the environmental monitoring, conservation,

ongoing curation and security of these expanding collections. Donations meet small costs and large, ranging from an annual filter change for Hermione's state-of-the-art display cabinet to the establishment of an endowment that will meet annual running costs of £3,700 and support the management of the collections into the future.

Friends of the Lawrence Room receive an invitation to an annual event and, if they wish, are commemorated in the Donors' Book. In addition, every year Patrons are sent an illustrated card highlighting recent research concerning a select object from these fascinating collections.



Friends of **Girton College Gardens**

Girton College prides itself on its beautiful and extensive grounds. Unlike so many other colleges, the gardens are not spoilt by signs telling people to 'keep off the grass'. As a result, these unique gardens are more accessible to members of the College, and the public, to enjoy.

The gardens require a great deal of attention to continue to be as appealing as they are – whether it is maintaining our beautiful Fellows' Garden (designed by Penelope Hobhouse), continuing stewardship of the rare varieties of apple in the orchard, or

conserving a varied habitat for wildlife by regular replanting. The latest project is to plant around the perimeter of the sports pitches to provide a diverse habitat.

Friends of the College Gardens are essential in supporting such activities. For instance, the Friends have contributed to the rebuilding of the pond's banks, which has not only enhanced the entire area, but made the ducks very happy! Friends are invited to an annual event. Patrons of the Gardens also receive a gardener's tip from Girton's Head Gardener.





Chris McCann, scaffolder by June Mendoza

Friends of **People's Portraits**

From the lifeboatmen of Fowey to a retired actor, people from different walks of life are captured on canvas in the unique *People's Portraits* exhibition housed at Girton College. The high calibre of the artists, all of whom are members of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters, makes this one of the UK's hidden jewels in the portraiture world.

People's Portraits is continually growing thanks to the ongoing generosity of those newly-elected members of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters who donate a portrait to the collection. The Friends and Patrons of *People's Portraits* are key to providing the resources the College needs to promote the exhibition and assist with the ongoing maintenance of this expanding collection.

As a Friend of *People's Portraits* you will be invited to the annual People's Portraits reception at which a new portrait will be officially unveiled. Patrons – who also include those who feel able to make occasional significant donations to support areas of need, for instance hanging and photographing new portraits (this costs £150), or covering annual costs (£500 for maintenance; £3,700 for insurance) – will be invited to an annual dinner too. Those who donate more than £1,000 have the chance to receive a personal postcard-sized drawing of themselves created by one of the artists from the Royal Society of Portrait Painters*.

*Please note that if you receive a postcard-sized drawing, your donation no longer qualifies for gift aid.



The Infidel Boat Club

The Infidel Boat Club is Girton's alumni boat club. The Club endeavours to encourage networking between alumni who used to row; to support Girton College Boat Club; and to promote rowing within the College and beyond. Since its formation in 2001, the Club has enabled more than 40 Old Girtonians to get out on the water.

The Club organises rowing and social events in Cambridge, London and beyond; and by keeping members updated on both TIBC and GCBC activities, the Club hopes to create a social hub that maintains and develops friendships forged on the Cam. You can see some upcoming events and more information at: www.theinfidel.co.uk

Funds raised through subscriptions will ensure the Club is able to offer rowing and social activities to alumni, and will help to cover insurance and equipment costs. The overarching aim is to strengthen links between alumni and current Girton students, and to facilitate the development of GCBC.

There is a subscription fee of £25 per year to be a member. Members will be added to an e-mail list and will receive news of forthcoming events and activities. If you wish to join as a Patron, with the chance to have your name acknowledged in rowing programmes, we ask for a donation of at least £200.

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If you would like to join one of the Girton College Friends Groups, renew your existing membership, or make a donation, please use the form below. Your subscription will run for 12 months, after which you will be invited to renew. It is particularly appreciated if your subscription or donation can be tax-efficient. In order to achieve this, if you are a UK taxpayer, please complete the Gift Aid declaration below, as we can now reclaim tax at the basic rate on donations.

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Gift Aid Declaration

I am a UK taxpayer, paying tax at the basic rate or above. Please treat all donations I have made in this tax year to Girton College (Registered Charity Number 1137541), and in the previous six taxyears, and all donations I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations, until I notify you otherwise. I understand that I must pay an amount of UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that Girton reclaims on my donations in each tax year.

Signature: Date:

I should like to subscribe as:

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Girton College Choir	<input type="checkbox"/> (£20)	<input type="checkbox"/> (£50 min. = <input type="text"/>)
Girton College Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> (£20)	<input type="checkbox"/> (£50 min. = <input type="text"/>)
Girton College Library	<input type="checkbox"/> (£20)	<input type="checkbox"/> (£50 min. = <input type="text"/>)
People's Portraits	<input type="checkbox"/> (£20)	<input type="checkbox"/> (£50 min. = <input type="text"/>)
Lawrence Room	<input type="checkbox"/> (£20)	<input type="checkbox"/> (£50 min. = <input type="text"/>)
The Infidel Boat Club	<input type="checkbox"/> (£25)	<input type="checkbox"/> (£200 min. = <input type="text"/>)

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