



## FOC – The First Class CW Operators' Club

### 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### Proposed Programme of Events

The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend has been well-received, and we look forward to welcoming a large crowd of 135 members and guests to Cambridge this weekend!

With a large group the logistics are multiplied many-fold, and this document hopes to cover as many questions about the weekend as possible. This PDF is the final summary for all guests (produced 4 September) and replaces an earlier document.

We have a few suggestions for things to do in the area. As you will see, there is no shortage of choice.

### General

**Transport:** Cambridge is not car-friendly, and parking is expensive with long queues at the weekend.

A public bus (Number 6) passes Girton College (less often on Sunday) going into the City centre and back.

Cambridge is well served by taxis, but please be aware they have to be booked and cannot be “hailed”, although there is a taxi rank at the railway station where taxis will always be available without booking.

### Taxi companies:

- CamCab 01223 704704
- A1 Cabco 01223 313131
- Cambridge City Taxis 01223 832832
- Panther Taxis 01223 523523
- Uber is available in Cambridge

If using a roaming mobile phone, the dialling code for the UK (+44) may be required. To give an example, CamCab can be called by entering +441223704704 on your mobile handset.

### Girton college notes:

If you are staying in the college, check-in is officially at 2pm, but the college staff have advised me 12pm is usually fine. Check-out is at 10am. Breakfast

is served at the refectory (café) between 8am and 9.30am. Due to a function, the Great Hall will not be available for lunch on Saturday 8th, so you may want to plan to eat off-site at that time.

On arrival, you can collect your keys at the Porters' Lodge, which is currently situated in a cabin at the front of the college (to the right-hand side of the main gate house).

If travelling by car, access is from the rear of the site, via the Old Kitchens Door. Signs will be put up with the FOC logo to help you. If the door is locked, the electronic buzzer will connect you to the Porters' Lodge and they will let you in after speaking with you (24 hours).

The whole of Girton College, inside and out, is non-smoking. The only exception is an area in the south-east corner of the Sports Ground (see map) which has a smoking point. It's within easy reach of the bar.

While in the Fellows' Lounge, please be mindful of the antique furniture. The piano and various old cabinets are very valuable, and any damage will need to be paid for - for example, ring marks from a glass may cause a mark. The college staff will leave obvious signs to help avoid such mistakes!

**Important note on etiquette:** Despite their title, "Porters" do not carry bags or act as bellhops – they are the general security and site management team working at the front of every Cambridge college. You should not tip the Porters. You can ask them for help finding your way around the site, to book a taxi or generally if you are stuck for someone as a first point of contact, including medical emergencies.

In the event of a life-threatening medical situation, the UK emergency services number is 999 and can be called from any telephone including a mobile handset.

## Friday

We expect that most Members will arrive in the area during the day on Friday. With quite a number of different hotels being booked, there is not a central meeting place, so we are getting together in the evening at a restaurant in the city centre.

We are meeting for **dinner at Jamie's Italian at 7pm**, a large restaurant which is pre-booked for our party of 60 people. The web site is:  
<https://www.jamieoliver.com/italian/restaurants/cambridge/>.

Booking has been completed based on survey responses, and please take note that we will only have space for the numbers that we confirmed. There is a bar downstairs where you can meet other FOC members, if early. If you didn't book through FOC, please call the restaurant to check if they will still accept your personal booking.

There is no dress code at Jamie's, nor indeed in the pubs of Cambridge!

How to get to Jamie's:

Taxis have been pre-booked for those who responded to the survey from the following locations:

Girton College  
Huntingdon Road Premier Inn  
Hotel Felix

The taxis are booked for **6.20pm**. The taxis will accept cash or card payments and the cost should be very reasonable, sharing.

If you are staying somewhere else, don't worry - just call a taxi to collect you and anyone else you want to team up with. Please don't come to Girton College or the other locations, as the number of cars booked is based on numbers we've crunched from the survey responses and there is no cost saving to you to make the extra intermediate trip. Cambridge has abundant taxis and they will come promptly when called.

If you are driving, the nearest car park is the Grand Arcade (see <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/grand-arcade-car-park>).

£10 deposit arrangements for Jamie's

Please remember to bring a £10 note per person. FOC paid a deposit which, to keep things simple, will be collected during the meal by Michael G7VJR, before the bill is settled. The bill will have the deposit already deducted. It would be appreciated if members and their guests could coordinate (perhaps per table) to settle their own restaurant bill at the end of the evening. All major credit cards are accepted.

**After dinner there will be a Pub "crawl"** – a leisurely tour of three historic pubs in Cambridge, each serving a range of fine ales (and soft drinks if preferred). Entry to these pubs is subject to a reasonable upper limit on the number of people so we must divide into smaller groups. John, G3WGV and Michael G7VJR have volunteered to help with two parties, but we may find three or even four parties works better.

Please note, there is a walk of approximately 15 minutes between the pubs. At your option you can also choose to stay put in one pub!

- **The Pickerel** (the oldest pub in Cambridge). See [http://cambridge.openguides.org/wiki/?id=Pickerel;oldid=The\\_Pickerel](http://cambridge.openguides.org/wiki/?id=Pickerel;oldid=The_Pickerel)

- **The Eagle** (the pub where Crick and Watson announced their discovery of DNA in 1952). See [http://cambridge.openguides.org/wiki/?id=Eagle;oldid=The\\_Eagle](http://cambridge.openguides.org/wiki/?id=Eagle;oldid=The_Eagle)
- **The Anchor** (a charming and iconic riverside pub). See <http://www.anchorcambridge.com/>

Note: The Eagle is within a few tens of metres of Jamie's Italian, so for anyone needing mobility help, this is the pub of choice.

Return transport will be in individual or shared taxis called from the list above (this has not been pre-arranged by FOC as there are too many permutations). Allow extra time around 11pm or later as this is a busy time in town; if you call ahead for a taxi they will give you an ETA.

## Saturday

**If staying on-site at Girton College:** FOC has booked the Stanley Library as a meeting place for any FOC members' use between 10am and 4pm. Look for signs near the door if you are in any doubt. There will be a coffee point and comfortable seating for members to socialise. If you take any antique books from the shelves, please handle them with care.

We do also recommend members take advantage of the attractions of the Cambridge area (or congregate in the convivial settings of a pub!), after having a good look around the college grounds.

**Morning/early afternoon** – The Cambridge area has many options depending on taste and interests. These are summarised below.

**\*\*\* Please take care not to miss the AGM \*\*\***  
**Aim to be back at Girton College at 4pm**

**Duxford – Imperial War Museum** <https://www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford> (3 to 5 hours). An outstanding, world class museum of aviation including Concorde and every era of flight to the modern day. It is slightly further afield, but reachable by taxi or car sharing.

**Cambridge American Cemetery (WW2)** (1 to 2 hours) – an immaculate, open-air cemetery with numerous tributes to airmen from the US Air Force who gave their lives in WWII. A deeply moving experience. There is no charge for entry or group tours. Within easy reach of Girton College.  
<https://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries-memorials/europe/cambridge-american-cemetery#.W0OKktUzqUk>

**G6UW – the shack of the Cambridge University Wireless Society** (close to the Cemetery so could be a combined visit). G6UW is one of the oldest

callsigns in the UK. The shack has a SteppIR Yagi at 60' and various HF and VHF radios. However, please be aware the shack is a very small space and it may not be possible to accommodate a large group arriving at the same time, so some coordination or possible queuing will be necessary. FOC is grateful to Martin, G3ZAY (President of the CUWS) for generously volunteering his time. The shack will be open between **10am and 1pm**.

To reach G6UW, turn off the A1303 at the junction for Moor Barn Farm, postcode CB23 7PG (the post code is sufficient to book a taxi). See the aerial photo below. Regrettably, the road network makes the journey slightly longer than the map suggests: you will need to go into town on Huntingdon Road, in order to get back out on the A1303 – and you cannot go on foot as there is a motorway in the way!







**The attractive village of Grantchester** (with meadows, an orchard tea room and numerous pubs) is within driving distance by taxi, or by bus (but not on Sunday).

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grantchester>

## **Cambridge City**

There are lots of places to visit, all within walking distance. A taxi journey to King's Parade will bring you to the centre of the city, where all of the following attractions can be explored:

**The Fitzwilliam Museum** <http://www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/>

**The Round Church** (features in "The Davinci Code")  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy\\_Sepulchre,\\_Cambridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Sepulchre,_Cambridge)

**King's College** <http://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/visit/index.html>

**Highly recommended: A Punt trip on the river** (lasts up to an hour on the punt). DIY if you have no fear of falling in, or take a chauffeured guided

tour with interesting historical commentary as you weave your way through “The Backs”. You can save money by booking in advance online, or just walk up to the punt stations which are easy to find at Magdalene College Great Bridge, and Granta Place (near Queen’s College). If a punt “tout” approaches you near those areas to offer you a tour, have a go at haggling the price down. Many of the tour guides are students at the University working during the summer months.

<https://www.scudamores.com/punting-quayside>  
<https://www.rutherfordspunting.com>

**Botanical Gardens** <http://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/Botanic/Home.aspx> (2-3 hours). A large, very pleasant and well-curated botanic garden with plants, shrubs, trees and all manner of greenhouses, as well as visitor facilities and on-site cafe.

**Organised walking tours** are available and visitor information can be found here:

<https://www.visitcambridge.org/visitor-information/visitor-information-centre>

**Shopping** – All main UK and many international brands are available in Cambridge as well as a traditional market in the centre of town. The Grand Arcade is the premier shopping area. For an authentic antique book shop, look for G. David’s (est. 1896) in St. Edward’s Passage. It is well hidden.

Google “Mapaplan.com Cambridge” for a superb printable tourist map of the city, including the locations of the pubs, the punt stations and so on.

## **Saturday Afternoon/Evening**

- **4.30pm:** All FOC Members are asked to assemble at 4.15pm for 4.30pm AGM in the Old Library, Girton College (opposite the Stanley Library). Members’ guests are welcome to attend but may not vote.
- **5.30pm (after AGM):** An 80<sup>th</sup> birthday drinks reception will be held in the Fellows’ Lounge and courtyard. A complimentary glass of Prosecco will be offered to you, and the nearby bar will be open. Informal photos will be taken by a professional photographer who will be happy to take any small group shots on request.

Between 5.30pm and 7.45pm, your time is your own. Please allow time to get ready for the more formal setting of the dinner in the evening. As there are no changing facilities, if you are not staying in a room at Girton College you may need to dash back to your hotel at this stage.

The Great Hall is an old-fashioned dining hall in a traditional Cambridge college. Members are invited to wear black tie, national dress or other formal wear, **or** a dark suit and tie. Ladies are invited to wear ballgowns or cocktail dresses. These notes are a *recommendation*, but the Club does not wish to place any burden on its international visitors by imposing a dress code.

- **8pm:** Four-course gala dinner. 7.45pm for 8pm in the Great Hall. There is no fixed seating plan, but name cards (with a reminder of your menu selections) will be available to collect from a table near the entrance. If you wish to choose a seat, please take your card and place it at an available seat *at any time before 7.45pm*, and leave your menu choices facing you once seated, for the benefit of the waiting staff.
- A group photo will be taken at 8pm by a professional photographer before the dinner service commences. Please be on time to be sure of your place in the photo!
- A wine table and bar service will be available throughout the meal should you wish to purchase drinks. As part of your ticket, FOC is providing your first glass of wine (Girton College house wines). The red wine is a New Zealand Pinot Noir, and the white wine is a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc.
- There will also be a paper-based quiz challenge to try your knowledge during the dinner (enter as a team; a pen will be useful).
- During the final port and cheese course, awards will be presented, and a number of official ceremonies will take place. The proceedings will be managed by Bob, GU4YOX, our Master of Ceremonies.
- **After dinner:** Coffee and mints will be served in the Fellows' Lounge depending on exact timings. This is inclusive in your meal ticket. A bar service will be available until approximately midnight.

## Sunday

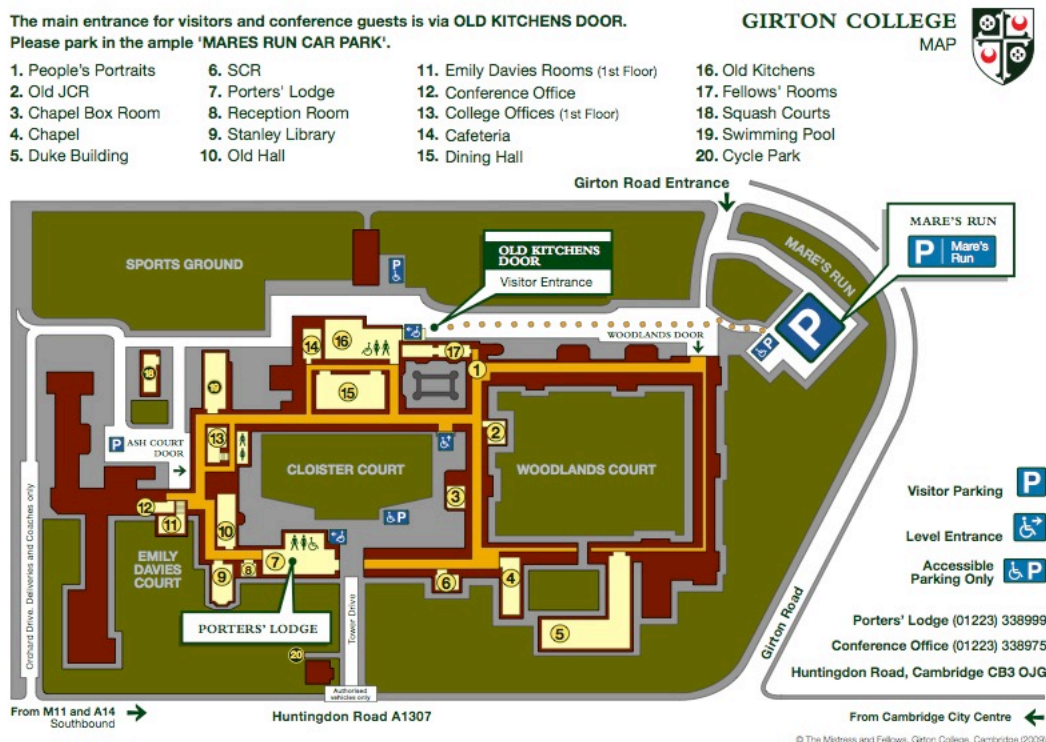
Those not needing to rush home may like to make further visits to the Cambridge area, as above. The weather forecast is currently good, and all of the outdoor options should be most enjoyable.

## Map of Girton College

Notice that parking is at Mare's Run (please do not drive to the front of the college – instead, access the parking via Girton Road). Taxis will take you directly to the gate house at the front of the college.



The temporary Porters' Lodge is very close to the circled '6' on the map, the Senior Common Room (SCR), just outside the front gatehouse. A higher-resolution version of this map is available on the college web site at [www.girton.cam.ac.uk](http://www.girton.cam.ac.uk).



## Repeater Access

Cambridge has a superb repeater, GB3PY, located very close to Girton College and offering convenient coverage for all of the locations in the area, including Duxford with a good HT.

It is proposed to make good use of the repeater – so if you have a 70cm radio, please bring it along. You can use M/homecall/p (for example, M/N3QI/p) without any special paperwork for CEPT countries.

Location	Madingley	Access Method	1750Hz Toneburst / CTCSS
QTH Locator	JO02af	CTCSS	77Hz
Input Frequency	438.500MHz	Timeout	5 minutes
Output Frequency	430.900MHz	Reaccess	Yes

Mode	Speech (FM)	Reaccess Period	5 minutes
Polarisation	Vertical	Aerial	Stacked Dipoles
Height AGL	30m	Direction	South East
Height ASL	93m	ERP	10W