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Girton Parish Council

The following items are amongst those discussed at the June Parish Council Meeting.

The consultation for Northstowe 3A is now active, and the Council discussed the implications of the link of the southern access road (East) onto the Dry Drayton Road with its potential for exacerbating use of the village as a through route to Cambridge. A detailed response will be approved at our July meeting.

The Council also discussed the 'surprise' installation of temporary cycle lanes last month on Girton Road and Cambridge Road. The Council's concerns regarding the safety and efficacy of these changes will be submitted to Cambridgeshire County Council. Also at the meeting, a Task Group was formed to develop protocols and procedures relating to the re-opening of the recreation ground sports facilities and use of the Pavilion building. Timing of these will be in strict adherence with government directives. The Council also heard concerns relating to the drainage provision from the new NMU road that runs alongside the A14 between Girton and Dry Drayton Road, and the poor connectivity between this road/track, Footpath 4 and Washpit Lane. County Councillor Lynda Harford is exploring what improvements are planned/possible and has requested repairs to the Washpit Lane surface.

Provision of a replacement bench at Washpit Lane was also approved.

As Summer continues, the village planters are looking bright and lovely. We are very grateful to those Girton residents and organisations who sponsor the planters, including Girton Village Celebrations, Girton Allotment Society, Gretton School, Abbeyfield Girton Green, Wendy's of Girton, Panther Taxis, and in memory of Patricia Gentle. Our thanks also to all the residents who water and maintain the tubs, especially during hot weather.

A resident has drawn our attention to an increase in dog-fouling and the dumping of black plastic dog-mess bags since the lockdown, particularly on the Girton-Histon footpath behind Manor Farm Road. Residents are politely reminded to properly dispose of all dog mess in the various bins provided for that purpose or to take it home.

As a result of coronavirus restrictions, Girton Parish Council meetings are being held by video-conference until further notice. Residents are encouraged to contact Parish Councillors directly if there are concerns they wish to raise (please see the listing of Parish Councillors elsewhere in this edition). Any member of the public who wishes to attend any meeting may do so but only by arrangement with the Clerk. The next meetings will be on Tuesday 21st July and Tuesday 18th August.

As the Parish Office remains closed the Clerk can be contacted on 01223 526013 or clerk@girton-cambs.org.uk.

A full list of Councillors can be seen on page 26.

Covid-19: Volunteer Preparedness

I am Cecilia, an officer for the District Council and a part of the Covid Response team looking after villages across South Cambridgeshire. My colleagues and I liaise with village community group leaders, Parish Councils and anyone involved in running local responses, and provide the necessary support. I usually work for Council doing a similar role but focused on all areas of our communities and their regular parish needs. I have previous experience of disaster management working for Queensland Fire and Rescue and Emergency Planning Queensland. We had to be very prepared at all levels to get through destructive weather events: as a community, as volunteers, as a local council and as a government, in order to minimise the damage and impact that any disaster might have on us.

A pandemic is not the same as fire or flood but disasters and emergencies share commonalities in prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. We are going through a global pandemic and we have weathered the first peak and we have come through successfully; social distancing has been effective and lock down measures have had the impact needed in keeping the number of cases of CV19 in Cambridgeshire low.

However we are now in an interesting place. We are not facing a visible immediate threat like a ferocious flood or fire, we are slowly moving out of an acute response phase. After 10 weeks of measures and adhering to them, we have ended up for some in a place between complacency and fatigue which is quite natural. There hasn't been a clear ending and may not be for some time. In Emergency Planning terms we haven't shifted from Response to Recovery as cleanly as we might like (that said, you never really do – it is more of a continuum).

Girton is fortunate to have volunteers ready and willing to be on call these last 10 weeks and it is remarkable how brilliantly people have come together in a collaborative and coordinated manner which is no small feat.

What I would like to suggest is that volunteers look upon themselves over these next months as reservists much like the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI). When potentially that next big storm comes, being ready is essential and you'll never quite know when it could hit. Readiness equals preparedness and prevention to the best of our abilities.

In a pre-CV19 environment, volunteer groups train together and gather together regularly and that breeds the 3 Ms: motivation, momentum and mateship. Some of our community volunteers are part of organisations that already did these things and yet many aren't. These volunteers are the neighbour next door going above and beyond with the help of the new-found community response groups. So if the motivation ever wanes, dig into mateship – your friends, communities and networks.

These are unusual times and what we have created in our communities has been inspiring. So as we relax into warmer weather and make a point of enjoying the summer months let us also be like our friends in the RNLI and have a watchful eye on the horizon.

Cecilia Murphy-Roads

From Our Councillors

County Councillor Lynda Harford

Cambridgeshire County Council is now working on plans for the future as the country starts its exit from lockdown. Whilst everyone hopes that there won't be a second wave of the virus, we must be prepared that there may be new outbreaks as we all begin to enjoy the easing of restrictions that have been in place since March. On the basis that prevention is better than cure, the Council is therefore already working on setting up an outbreak control plan.

To lead the Test & Trace response work, a local Health Protection Board has been established. This will include representatives from Public Health England, local authority, health and other relevant bodies. It will be responsible for producing the Local Outbreak Control Plan (LOCP) by the end of June 2020.

Locally the work done to create a support network for vulnerable members of the community is extremely impressive and is greatly appreciated by the County Council as well as those who have benefited from its use. I have the pleasure of joining the regular (virtual) meetings of those in the 'engine room' of Girton's local support group. Led by the parish council and working with local residents and organisations, *Helping Girton* has ensured that those needing support have been able to get it. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. As circumstances change and immediate demand begins to diminish, please will volunteers stay in touch in case there is a need to gear up again later in the year. An emergency food voucher scheme is also available and can be applied for by contacting the parish clerk.

During the crisis many members of the County Council's staff were redeployed to provide Covid-19 related services. With demand for those services lessening, many are now returning to their substantive roles. These include library staff who are returning in a planned way to facilitate the re-opening of libraries. Five hub libraries are planned for reopening as soon as regulations permit. The Ely archives building has also been risk-assessed for public access post lockdown.

Restrictions on birth registrations were lifted from 1st June and registrations recommenced a week later. The resumption of marriage and civil partnership notices will be phased in as capacity allows.

Plans are now in place for inquests to recommence at Peterborough Town Hall. Two appropriately located sites will allow for management of any backlog and delivery of a more accessible service for families, jurors and professionals involved in inquests.

The success of the limited reopening in early May of its nine Household Recycling Centres allowed the Council subsequently to reinstate the service for permit holders.

Users have reported that the booking system supporting the reintroduction of this service is easy to use.

Allocation of a second, bigger tranche of government funding for active travel facilities is now being considered. Community feedback on the temporary cycle lanes along Cambridge Road has been mainly positive and criticism has been constructive. These experimental installations give us all an opportunity to learn to share space. Highways Officers have responded to the request I picked up from social media for cycle signs to be painted on the road. I am now working with the parish council to submit a bid for some of the additional funding. Thank you to all those of you who have been in touch to suggest appropriate projects.

Please do continue to contact me with your comments and questions.

Lynda

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A View from the District

Virtual meetings have their drawbacks. At the first meeting of Scrutiny both of the Chairman's computers decided to play up and he had to make do with a phone connection. A little after last month's deadline, the first full Council meeting since February, and first virtual Council meeting, had a massive agenda and my copy failed to arrive until after the meeting. So I had the meeting on one computer and the electronic agenda on another, with a third device for timing speakers.

The major item, and the majority of the paperwork, was a major revision of our Constitution, including a revision of our scheme of delegating planning decisions to officers. We have been for years technically in breach of the law so change was essential. The Conservative Group wanted every application to go to Committee if either a Parish Council or a Local Member objected, however trivial the grounds; the LibDems (and most other opposition Members) wanted the Chief Planner to decide if such objection included good reasons.

An Action Plan for the North East Cambridge Area (land currently dominated by the Milton water treatment plant) is taking shape: a blueprint for its redevelopment. My major concern is that we still have to come to terms with the great changes in transport created by electric bikes and scooters, and mobility carriages. I have asked if shared-use paths could be outlawed, and clear guidance given for differing modes of non-motorised transport. I am also concerned that such documents may be made out of date by Covid-19.

The Joint Development Control Committee assessed an outline application for 1200 dwellings and ancillary facilities for land north of Cherry Hinton owned by Marshalls. This laid out the main routes through the site

including one past the frontage of the proposed school, a great pity. The next meeting will be the last because the County wishes to withdraw. A new committee will be formed between the City and District.

The advisory cycle lanes which were foisted on us without any consultation are proving as dangerous as I anticipated. The Cycling Campaign condemns such tokenism as this, and I have asked that they be removed.

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

Coronavirus update

It's great to see that everyone in the village is continuing to do the right thing to limit the spread of the virus and that the volunteer network is still working hard. It is worth remembering that, although elements of the lockdown are being relaxed, we are still vulnerable to further waves of infection, and will continue to remain so until there is a vaccine. Although we hope that a vaccine can be developed, tested and approved within the next twelve months, there is no guarantee that this will happen, so we should remain vigilant and not become complacent.

Greater Cambridge Partnership suspends Cambourne Busway plan

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has temporarily suspended its scheme to build a Guided Busway to Cambourne. Environmental campaigners and local residents have been strongly opposed to the scheme, which requires the clear felling of 3,000 trees, many of which are 85 years old, along a strip of land nearly 3km long between St Neots Road and the A428 past Hardwick, giving residents of St Neots Road views of eight lanes of uninterrupted concrete and asphalt across St Neots Road, the Busway and the A428 dual carriageway. The scheme also includes a Park and Ride at Scotland Farm, which would concrete over a significant stretch of countryside, and is likely to increase traffic through Dry Drayton.

This is the latest in a series of schemes where the GCP has angered residents by proposals to clear fell trees. The others involve street trees along Histon Road, Milton Road and Madingley Road in the City. Given the level of concern about the environment in recent years, one would have thought that the days were over when woodland and other natural habitats were seen as the cheapest and easiest land to build on. The leadership of South Cambridgeshire District Council have been supporting the Busway along the proposed route, despite their stated aim of being 'Green to the Core' and despite an election pledge to scrap the project.

The Cambourne to Cambridge Local Liaison Forum (LLF) described the £160M scheme as 'unfit for purpose, anachronistic and environmentally damaging,' and called for it to be paused until the routes for East-West Rail (EWR) and the Cambridge Autonomous Metro (CAM) have been published.

Cllr Tom Bygott

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How has the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown affected your health and care?

People in Girton are being asked to report their experiences in a new survey from Healthwatch Cambridgeshire, the local champion for people who use health and social care services.

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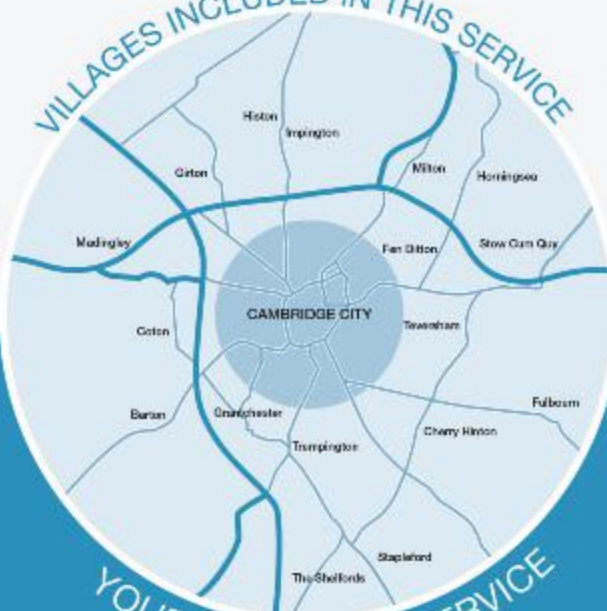


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How different this year's birthday celebrations were compared with those of previous years. For the last twenty years, April had always been the 'Thai Month' at CAE. The annual Thai group was a highlight of the year and there was always a special treat for the homestay hosts of Girton and Oakington, when the Thai group leaders hosted all comers for an evening of delicious Thai food, dancing and even a demonstration of Thai boxing (we always had a first aid kit at the ready just in case of mishaps!). Along with the Thais, there were usually about 20 different nationalities at CAE at any one time during the year. We actually had over 100 different nationalities at CAE over the years.



The imposing building on the corner has seen different owners in the last 200 years and it was in 1975 that the pioneering and indefatigable founder principal, Mrs Adams, and a group of Japanese students, started the CAE story. The Kamiya family in Japan, owners of two private adult colleges in Japan, had bought the school from Littleton House and set up a base for students of their Faculty for British and American Studies to come over to the UK for English courses lasting from 4 weeks to one year. The school soon became an international one as Mrs Adams encouraged other nationalities to come and study at CAE.

In 1988, the inspirational and visionary Arnout de Waal took over at the helm and added further courses, such as English for Law and summer courses for young learners. Arnout soon realised that to expand further, other sites outside Girton would be needed, and after a few years he started a summer residential course at Moreton Hall School in Bury St Edmunds. Three other summer courses followed at boarding schools near Hitchin, Lavenham and Thetford. Each July over 300 CAE youngsters spent their summer somewhere in the beautiful English countryside. Just imagine Girton having to cope with that lot each year!

I took over as principal of the school in 2002 and thought I had got through everything: mad cow disease, SARS, swine flu, Icelandic ash clouds, even Brexit! All had a huge impact on the school, but nothing like the current crisis, which sadly means that CAE will not be celebrating its 46th birthday next year. The school building has now been sold to another educational establishment and I hope the new owners will enjoy many happy birthdays of their own in their new home.

CAE could not have existed without the support of the local residents and we will always be grateful to the local communities for welcoming our students and for hosting them over many years. Our students often refer to CAE as their second home and to their homestay hosts as their second family. Although it was a very sad day when CAE closed on 30th April 2020, we were heartened by an email we received that very same day. It was from a former student who had studied at the school over 10 years ago. In lockdown, and with time on his hands, he wrote to inform us that he was thinking of CAE and how grateful he was to the school. While he was studying English at CAE, he met and fell in love with another student from another part of the world and from another very different culture. He went on to say that their love had overcome geographical, cultural and economic hurdles. They had married and were raising a family together. Arnout used to say that nothing brought the world together more than learning languages, sport and music. I would add something else: love.

John Barnett



Dear Girton Parish News,

Comment on Councillor Tom Bygott's article in June Girton Parish News

In his article, Cllr Bygott claimed 'SCDC adopts new, undemocratic planning arrangements'. What he refers to is the Planning scheme of delegation which is the system by which decisions are taken as to which planning applications 'called-in' by Parish Council or elected Councillors will be decided by the council's planning committee. This committee is made up of 11 elected councillors of all political parties. Call-in applications form about 5% of the total yearly applications received and 95% of applications are decided by a planning officer which is in line with national figures.

Contrary to the claim in the article, there is no 'new' scheme in place. The Council decided to make a Constitutional amendment to the current scheme, which was put in place by the previous administration in 2016. Some of the wording was deemed ambiguous in that it seemed to give the non-executive Chair of Planning committee decision-making powers contrary to Local Government Act 1972. The Council was threatened with legal action by a resident who challenged the lawfulness of the scheme.

The Council's Constitution Review Task & Finish Group reviewed the wording and proposed a change to make sure the call-in process is seen to be clearly lawful so that the council officer in whom lawful power resides, the Director of Planning, makes the final decision but in full consultation with the Chair of Planning Committee. The change was accepted by planning committee in February and adopted by full council on 21 May.

I was glad to read that Cllr Bygott supports a system in which a parish council or a district councillor can call-in a planning application, as that scheme remains firmly in place. But such call-in must be accompanied by material planning reasons as stated by law. The amendment proposed by Cllr Bygott's group for automatic right of call-in without giving material planning reasons would be clearly unlawful and contrary to Article 25 of Town and Country Planning Development Management Procedure Order and Schedule 4(d) Development Management Procedure Order.

The most controversial matters will continue to be decided by the Planning Committee which is directly accountable to residents for their actions. The Chair of

Planning Committee and the Director of Planning continue to meet together and discuss all the call-in applications on the basis of the material reasons given by the parish councils or councillors, and agree on which ones go to planning committee to be determined. The Director signs the decisions reached to keep it lawful. Going forward, parish councils will be sent written letters to inform them of and give reasons for the outcome of their call-in request. The voices of residents through their parish councils and elected district councillors will continue to be heard in a lawful way.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish any further clarification.

*Cllr Dr Tumi Hawkins
Cabinet Member for Planning
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Dear Girton Parish News,

Thank you to Girton residents and posties Jennifer and Heather

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Girton and the posties Jennifer and Heather for raising £4,170 for us.

We are so grateful to the Girton posties for thinking of fundraising for us locally in such an original way. We continue to support residents in Girton through our Warden service and Older Residents' Co-ordinator, and in the wider community of Cambridgeshire. In these unprecedented times, donations help us to reach out to even more older people. A big thank you to Jennifer and Heather, and the very generous residents of Girton!

*Melanie Wicklen
Chief Executive of Age UK Cambs & Peterborough*

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Lockdown and all the antivirus precautions have not curtailed activity on our allotment site. Far from it: I think it's accurate to say that the site has been the most populated and busiest that we can remember. It was so fortunate that, almost on day one of lockdown, it was decreed that working on allotments was permitted outdoor activity, affording fresh air and exercise. I feel somewhat embarrassed by the privilege we allotmenters have been afforded, compared to others whose space and activity have been severely restricted. 'What would we have done without the allotment?' is heard over and over again.

Two months ago, I made an extensive tour of the site to get me started on the May GPN article. I did so again yesterday. Again I felt great satisfaction at being involved in the Society. What a glorious melting pot of order and disorder; fertility and wasteland; well-constructed storage buildings and echoes of Steptoes' yard (much more of the former in each case); land rigorously cultivated for vegetable production and areas given over to the benefit of wildlife. The increased hours available and given over to sowing, planting and maintenance have produced their results.



Obeying the rules

Over the last two months (I write on June 16th) there have been the usual spring and early summer issues. In May when potato haulms (green foliage) were becoming big and strong there were two or three nights of frost; fleece covering afforded some protection, but there was brown scorching of leaves. Mainly plants recovered but there was some set-back. Other young plants, planted out unwisely too early because we had so much time, suffered irrecoverably; there were sad sights of shrivelled dead tomato and beans plants. But in the spirit of 'if you can meet triumph and disaster....', replacements were available. Then days of high winds, almost gale-force, buffeted young plants. And then drought: high temperatures and almost total lack of rain. The ground is parched; the grass is brown. Processions to the pumps all day long, especially early morning (in

the cool) and evening. We ask each other: how long before the aquifers run dry? how well will the pumps operate with so much use?

What a lot happens, horticulturally, in a short space of time. Since I wrote two months ago, there have been the above-mentioned weather events, seed sowing was still happening, planting-out has and is being done. Along the track near where I work and relax, members still process with trays, barrows,



Allowed proximity partners

boxes of their plants to put in. And yet we are well into enjoying eating (and freezing) our vegetables.

Members' results vary, but I hear of excellent pea and broad bean crops; salad crops such as lettuce and beetroot are providing lunch; I've cut my first courgettes and cucumbers; it seems to be a good year for strawberries which are ripening and eating well. Those who have dug their first early potatoes have used the descriptions 'golf balls', 'ping pong balls' and 'marbles'. But earlies should be small! Lack of rain and the dust-dry soil doesn't augur well for later potato crops. But there is so much to look forward to: sweetcorn, beans, all the brassica family, tomatoes. However, onions, garlic and leeks are suffering attack by allium family disease.

I would like to finish with a couple of acknowledgements and thanks. First to take up a topic from the May article: while their business was closed to customers, Oakington Garden Centre continued to supply plants, seeds, composts, gardening accessories to the Society through on-line ordering and a weekly bulk delivery. With horticultural suppliers closed down, it is hard to envisage how we allotmenters could have carried on through the vital spring period. So thank you to the Garden Centre, and our best wishes to your company as momentum builds towards normality.

And secondly, a big thank-you to our chairman and site manager. Malcolm works incredibly hard and long hours in the interests of the Society ... organising the maintenance and orderliness of the site; master-minding the four weeks of the Oakington deliveries; every morning sanitising the gate locks, the pump and barrow handles; ensuring that social distancing and other precautions are observed so that we don't abuse our good fortune in being able to enjoy our allotment; and a lot more.

Graham Jones
Girton Allotment Society

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Arlington Manor Plants A Tree To Mark Unity

Arlington Manor Care Home has held a tree planting ceremony to symbolise unity amongst care home residents and team.

An ornamental pear tree, which was chosen because it signifies persistence and perseverance as it is the first to come into leaf in spring and the last to lose its leaves in winter, was planted at Arlington Manor Care Home in Wellbrook Way on 10th June as part of the home's 'Moment in Time' celebrations.



General Manager Julie Prevett buries the time capsule alongside the tree in the garden.

Residents socially distanced in the garden and in the café to witness the planting of the tree, one of many also planted across 19 other Hallmark Care Homes to represent the shared experiences between the homes, residents and team.

As well as planting a tree, residents buried a time capsule filled with 'when this is all over' thoughts from residents, relatives and team; PPE; a poem written by resident Rose Dickerson; and the home's weekly lifestyles planner.

Julie Prevett, General Manager at Arlington Manor Care Home, said: 'The event was very moving for all. Today we took the time to consider all of those affected by this terrible pandemic and to reflect upon the adaptations we have had to make in our own environment. We recognised the hard work that our team have put in to keep us infection free throughout the whole of the



Resident Rosemary Dickerson, 69, poses with the poem she wrote as part of the celebrations.

lockdown and how this experience has bonded us all as a home.'

Head of Relationship Centred Care at Hallmark Care Homes, April Dobson, said: 'There are many moments in time that hold significance for each of us throughout our lives. Over the last few months, we have shared some difficult and some good times, and today brings us together across Hallmark to remember and reflect. The trees we are planting mark this moment in time and are a symbol of hope for the future.'

*Verity Prentice
Hallmark Care Homes*



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CODEWORDS

Each number 1–26 represents a different letter of the alphabet. Can you work out which is which? Use your word skills and the clues included. Note that Codewords can include names or well-known phrases.

The solution is on page 24.

WORDSEARCH – Theme – Foods to try!

Can you find all these words in the grid? They can read Left to Right, Right to Left, Up or Down or Diagonally. Tick them off as you go.

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GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

Bowls, folks, but not as we know it!



Our members have been very fortunate, given the current circumstances, to have the opportunity to play bowls although on a limited basis. By following both Bowls England and Government guidelines, we have successfully managed to construct a friendly bowls league with our members able to play singles games only. It has proven very popular and our thanks go to our Chairman for devising the programme and also to our Secretary for keeping the weekly rota updated.

With the easing of restrictions ongoing it is envisaged that we will soon be able to move on to playing doubles, whilst obviously continuing to observe social distancing and sanitising all equipment between games.

The club is delighted to welcome six new members who have joined this season and who are taking part in the internal friendly league currently being played.

A big thank you again to all the volunteer members who continue to maintain the bowls green which is looking splendid and has enabled us all to play. This has been such a welcome distraction in the current restricted climate and I am sure is much appreciated by all the players.

If you would like more information or would like to join the Bowls Club, please contact our Secretary Margaret McCall on margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com or visit our website at www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com.

Lynne McGill



Girton Golf Club

We are now underway playing golf and although it is still with restrictions of course, these are few enough to allow our members to thoroughly enjoy their golf and our fabulous course.

We have now (mid-June) signed almost 50 new playing members since the week of re-opening in mid-May, which is wonderful and the really good thing about that is the average age is around 40 and we have another

10 new members in their 20s. All this despite the fact that our club house remains closed as we continue to focus on keeping our members and their guests safe. The Management Council of the Golf Club are meeting every Monday to look at the situation and to adjust where we can, and where necessary, the restrictions, not always to everybody's liking but for everyone's good. We will get through this, and hopefully in a safe and responsible manner.

No competitive golf yet, either internally or against other clubs but we should start in July to hold qualifying competitions – slowly at first to test the ground, but most of us can't wait to play in real competitions, so roll on next month (by which time you will have this).

I hope that those who read it enjoyed the history of Girton Golf Club in the last edition, and perhaps learnt something of our past. Thank you to those who have made such positive statements about it – much appreciated.

Stay safe everyone and if you fancy joining your local golf club, we are still taking new members and our golf professionals are once again coaching. Come and join us – all ages and standards welcome.

Alan Henderson-Smith

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Girton Tennis Club

The club has introduced a court booking system that operates via the website. Members have been logging in and reserving up to 90 minutes of exclusive use of the hard courts. It has been working really

well and, after such a prolonged period without access, we are delighted to see so many members playing again. It is common to find the majority of time slots booked for the next few days so do book ahead if you are keen to play.

A particular vote of thanks needs to go to Victor (on our committee) for sorting out the changes to our website so quickly and making this booking system operate so well.

Coaching, club nights and junior supervised sessions are not operating yet (at the time of writing this article) but we hope to have a formal coaching arrangement in operation soon.

Our club memberships expired at the end of March so those who were members last year have been emailed details of the fees for 2020/2021 and invited to re-join. If you are not a member of our tennis club, please refer to our website www.girtontennisclub.uk for details of how to join our friendly club and make use the courts, or contact our Membership Secretary Kevin Keeves by email info@girtontennisclub.uk.

Alan Franklin

Girton Buses Remembered

'Never get on a bus with a red number,' my mother warned. 'Red numbered buses go into the country and you might get carried off to some outlandish place like Willingham or Cottenham and never get home again.' Buses displaying black numbered destination boards served the town area, a lesser hazard for a small boy of wandering instinct and uncertain reading ability.

In the 1940s Girton had two bus routes into Cambridge, both operated by the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company. Bus 152 ran into the village centre, but whether it was a red or black numbered service I can't recall; it was too infrequent to be of much use. Also, the route to the terminus at Peas Hill (opposite the Arts Theatre) via Storey's Way and Grange Road was too circuitous, unless we were to have a joyous sunny afternoon at the Newnham paddling pool. On one such journey the bus towed a small, two-wheeled trailer on which a device like a large dustbin was mounted. The contraption supplied the bus engine with 'producer gas' fuel; a wartime measure to save precious petrol. In later years the service was re-numbered 129 and extended to Oakington, but by then the sharp distinction between town and country life had lessened and the more modern buses showed their destination by roller-blinds with white numerals.

The other Girton bus was black numbered town service 106. It ran directly through the town centre every 12 minutes, but ventured no farther into the rural area than the terminus at Girton Corner, a weary mile from the village centre for people carrying shopping. Bikes could be parked in the yard of a house nearby, for which voluntary donations were asked, more in hope than expectation.

Commuters from St Margaret's Road or Thornton Road were adept at pacing their walk to the nearest bus stop so that roadside waiting time was as brief as possible; no seats or shelters were provided. But timekeeping by buses was often disrupted by traffic jams in the unregulated town centre and 'Damn – just missed the bus!' was frequently heard.

At Girton Corner the bus pulled off the main Huntingdon Road to the stop near the telephone box where the last remaining passengers got off, many of them 'Girton Girls' from the college. The bus then backed awkwardly into the main road before drawing forward to wait at the side of the small triangle of land which formed the junction. The driver switched off the engine and gratefully squeezed out of the small cab, but then had to climb precariously on to the radiator to reach up to flip the metal destination board to show

'106 Red Cross' ready for the return journey. Time perhaps for a quick smoke and a grumble about traffic conditions; then back into the confines of *his* cab – I never recall there being a female driver.

The junior partner of the two-person crew was the conductor; a role which females were permitted to fill, probably as a result of wartime staff shortages. Their main job was to collect fares and issue tickets as the journey progressed, deftly squeezing between standing passengers and endlessly climbing the steps to the top deck where smoking was permitted but 'Spitting forbidden'. Keeping order among the passengers was another duty. 'Pass right down inside,' and 'We're full up, you will have to get off,' were orders often barked at shoppers, office workers and school pupils surged on to the Girton-bound bus at the town centre stop outside Holy Trinity church.

Only the conductor was allowed to press the button to stop the bus. Any passenger who presumed to do this themselves risked strict censure or even abuse from the outraged conductor. On one memorable journey the conductor had the bus halted between stops to demand the identity of the offender! Visitors from other places found this stricture rather odd, so perhaps it was confined to bus staff at Cambridge? We soon learned to ask politely for the stop bell to be rung, especially at the approach to the penultimate stop at Thornton Road, otherwise the driver would go speeding past, eager to have a slightly longer rest at 'The Corner'.

Another duty of the conductor was to call out the names of the stops. A new conductor on the 106 route had been provided with a list of stops from which he correctly called '... Oxford Road, Priory Street, Histon Road Corner, Shire Hall ...'; then down the hill to the narrow street beyond the traffic lights where the bus stopped outside a college. He looked at the list and called, 'Magda-len Street'. There was a stunned silence among the regular passengers, followed by peals of uncontrolled laughter and 'Fancy not knowing about Maudlin!' The poor chap turned red with embarrassment, but failed to understand his error.

Roger Wolfe

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Planning permission granted for new almshouses on High Street

Girton Town Charity has been granted planning permission to start work on 15 new almshouse apartments to futureproof affordable housing provision for Girton residents.

At the virtual Planning Committee held by South Cambridgeshire District Council on 10th June, designs for the scheme, which includes a replacement office for GTC, were given official approval.

Shortfall

The new apartments will address the shortage of housing for the over-55's. The Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy identifies a shortfall of over 900 units across the county.

The new almshouses will replace six bungalows at Michael's Close, which were no longer meeting the community's needs: they were insufficient in number, had poor energy efficiency and were unsuitable for couples and wheelchair users

Redesign

Michael Aston, the GTC Trustee leading the High Street Project, said: "Since the Charity took its first proposals to the Planning Authority in January 2019 – which were refused – we have substantially redesigned the scheme in line with Planning Officers' requirements.

"Particular care has been given to the scale and positioning of buildings around a central garden: orientating and screening views to respect the privacy of our neighbours and complying with the



Council's Design Guidance on distances from boundaries. The Charity is committed to achieving Passivhaus or equivalent and to using high-quality materials sympathetic to the character of the Village."

Support

Ann Bonnett, Chair of GTC added: "We are delighted that our plans for creating 15 new almshouse apartments and a new office for the Charity have now been approved. I'd like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this happen, including the many Village residents who supported our commitment to create more affordable housing for those living in Girton.

"We believe our new scheme achieves a considered balance between the needs of the future occupiers, existing neighbours

and the wider community. We were delighted the Parish Council supported the revised proposals, enabling our residents to live settled lives for longer, within their own community and at an affordable rent.

"We anticipate building works to start in Spring 2021 which is the year when we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of Girton Town Charity and a fitting way to mark this important milestone."

Educational Grants 2020

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 £300* per year for up to four years.

Next payment date for grant applications received will be December 2020.

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

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What have you been doing to brighten up the lockdown?



'I wanted to make a scarecrow for my garden, and ended up creating a number of "garden guests". Passers-by often comment on them, watch for a new one to appear, and have even taken



photos. People seem to love them, and have thanked us for giving them something different to brighten up their daily walks.'

Trish Peroni

Tell *Girton Parish News* what YOU have been doing!



News from Girton Glebe Primary School

The last few months have necessitated many changes to the way we have been offering provision at Girton Glebe. The period of lockdown and the impact of Covid-19 has meant

that we have had to significantly adapt the operational procedures of the school and, in such challenging times, I have been so proud of the hard work and dedication of our staff, pupils and governing body and thank all parents and carers for their continuing support.

School Closure and Lockdown Provision

Like all schools, Girton Glebe closed its doors to the majority of our school roll in late March and began offering provision for pupils of key workers until wider opening was scheduled for early June.

During this period, the school operated on a reduced staffing rota as we catered for small groups of pupils, whilst at the same time providing learning resources and direction to the bulk of our pupils who were at home.

Throughout the period of lockdown, teaching staff produced weekly Provision Menus shared with parents and carers to direct their home-schooling. The Provision Menus consisted of reading, writing and maths activities, along with tasks for other curriculum areas including ideas for improving physical and mental wellbeing.

Class teachers also provided support through daily emails to their classes, in which they shared tips for completing the work set and information about some of the things they had been doing during lockdown. Pupils were also encouraged to share work with their class teachers via email which staff monitored daily, responding to work with feedback and encouraging comments.

Teachers produced printed workpacks and left these outside of school for pupils who did not have access to printers and we also provided exercise books and stationery for collection for children who required them.

Each week, pupils were also encouraged to take part in our Mission: Impossible? challenges. A challenge was set each Friday afternoon for the children to complete at home and entries were returned to their teachers via email. Challenges included:

- Balance the largest item you can on your head
- Dress up as a member of staff
- Create the most interesting shadow

Judging took place each Friday lunchtime in the Simpson household, with my daughter Josephine presiding over the winning entries.

As the period of lockdown extended pupils, parents and staff began settling in to a very different routine to what they were used to. Our parents and pupils did such an amazing job under such difficult circumstances and staff worked tirelessly to provide support to children at home.

Provision for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6

On Wednesday 3 June, Girton Glebe reopened to a wider cohort of pupils, providing provision for reduced numbers of pupils in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 6.

A considerable amount of planning went into this phase of reopening to ensure the safety of pupils, parents and staff and the way that education was to be delivered had to be adapted quite significantly.

The school currently operates in teaching teams, with pupils and adults working within small groups, spending their days together in isolation from other teams to ensure social distancing. We operate staggered start and end times, along with separate lunch and breaktimes. School life has a very different feel but for those pupils who have returned, they have settled in well to the expected routines.

In order to offer provision for the above pupil groups, we are using our entire teaching and non-teaching workforce and, at the same time, class teachers continue to support home learning for the majority of our children who have not returned. This is no easy feat and I take my hat off to our teaching team for their hard work and dedication.

Year 6 Leavers

Our Year 6 pupils are coming to the end of their time at Girton Glebe in rather unusual circumstances. Normally, we would celebrate their departure with an end-of-term performance, a celebration assembly and a picnic on the lawn. This year, however, we have been unable to do that, for obvious reasons.

We are so incredibly proud of our Year 6 children for their hard work, not only across this academic year, but since they began their time with us at Girton Glebe seven years ago. They have been an incredible cohort of children and we are very sad to see them go. For Year 6 pupils that did return after June 3, they spent 3.5 weeks with their class teachers before we rotated our groupings so that they got time to say farewell to some of their classmates and key staff before finishing with us. Each group celebrated their final few days in different ways and all pupils left with a leavers hoodie provided by FOGG.

We wish all of our pupils the very best of luck for September and beyond and we hope to see them again soon when they are able to return and visit us.

EYFS Transition

Our new starters are currently taking part in our transition process from preschool to Foundation Stage in readiness for September when they join Girton Glebe.

Our Foundation Stage team have been uploading weekly story sessions and information videos to our school website and we have virtual tours of our learning environments online for pupils and parents to view in order to familiarise themselves with our setting.

We hope that school life will be more normal come September and look forward to welcoming our new families to the school community when we reopen.

Mr Andrew Simpson
Headteacher



Friends of Girton Glebe School

As we come to the end of the last term of this school year FOGG hopes everyone in the school community is keeping well

whatever your circumstances, whether you have been working as a keyworker over the whole of this strange period, whether your children are at school, you are schooling at home, working at home or have just returned to your workplace. The current circumstances are strange, unique and stressful and we hope you are all OK.

FOGG are very grateful for all of the support from the parents and carers of pupils over this last year. Our last event was the Spring Jumble Sale at the beginning of March, which seems a very long time ago now! Despite the growing concerns surrounding Covid-19 at that time our Jumble Sale was very successful, raising over £1,000 for the pupils of Girton Glebe. Thank you to everyone in the school community and the wider community who helped with this event and to everyone who attended to help make it a success.

FOGG have not been able to carry on their activities or meetings as usual during the lockdown as our volunteers have naturally been busy tackling the changing circumstances for their own families, but we have provided art packs to the Pupil Premium families to assist with home schooling and organised a virtual school trip watching Cirque du Soleil's show Kurios on YouTube, which we hope you enjoyed. We are hoping to organise another distanced event before the end of this term.

During this time fundraising has obviously stalled but we have received a generous personal donation and also wanted to remind you all, both in the school community and the wider community, that while the school is closed to many we can all continue to help raising money for Girton Glebe Primary School through the Co-operative Membership Scheme.

The Co-op Membership Scheme gives 1% of what you spend on selected Co-op branded products and services to local causes. If you are a Co-operative member please go online and select Friends of Girton Glebe (PTA) as your local cause. If you do not choose a cause the 1% you raise is divided equally between the 3 causes in your community and the Co-op Foundation. Search for Friends of Girton Glebe (PTA) at www.coop.co.uk/local-causes.

If you have not yet joined the Co-op Membership Scheme you can ask for details and an application form in-store or go to www.coop.co.uk/membership and click on 'Become a Co-op Member'.

FOGG will continue to support the school during these unprecedented times as funding will undoubtedly be needed to assist with the future challenges as the new school year resumes in September.

FOGG AGM

FOGG would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to FOGG's Annual General Meeting, which, all being well, will take place on Monday 28th September 2020 at 3.30pm in the Girton Glebe Primary School's Hall.

We will obviously advise you if this has to change and of any guidance in place at the time regarding attendance once the new school year starts.

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Garden Tip of the Month – July

The recent spread of the box tree moth, which has munched lots of bushes to a sorry leaf free skeleton now has a couple of remedies. Pheromone traps and nematode solutions are apparently working well, so if you've been hoping for a better solution than hand picking the bright green caterpillars, or using strong insecticidal sprays there are several on-line suppliers such as www.gardening-naturally.com/box-moth-trap-and-refill.

Another recent pest, the allium leaf miner, has been busy at the allotments. I used a micro mesh during the spring and most of them escaped damage, but unfortunately the white rot is worse this year than usual! The other period worth considering the use of micro mesh if you are growing leeks, is in early autumn (Sept/Oct) when there is a second wave expected.

Now might be a good time to sow rocket and other leafy herbs, as after mid-summer they are less likely to bolt. They may even grow away quickly enough to outpace the rate at which flea beetles graze on them!

Pruning news in July is still largely the broadleaved (i.e. not needle leaved) evergreen shrubs (including hedges: laurel, privet ...) and rather counter-intuitively stone fruits (cherry, plum, gage ...) while the risk of silver leaf disease is lowest. If you haven't got round to pruning spring flowering shrubs (forsythia, flowering currant ...) it's time to get on with it! Probably worth giving dense shrubs a thoughtful check before removing too much and dislodging an active birds nest. The trimming of hedges, however, is usually OK, as the birds will be further in than the trim and less likely to be disturbed.

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Socialising whilst socially distancing

Whilst we cannot get out and about as we did in normal times, there is still a need for us to stay safe and distance ourselves from other people in the hope that Covid-19 will eventually leave us in peace. We have not been able to organise any functions but have tried to keep in contact with our members through the internet. Each Monday morning at 10am we hold a virtual coffee morning using the Zoom app. In the picture below eight members chat, mostly banter, but an enjoyable forty minutes where friends can meet without concern about distancing.



It would be great if you could join us, we will help you download the app if you have not already done so and show you how to use it and of course we would just chat with you. Once familiar with Zoom you would be able to arrange your own group or family meetings and enjoy the company of your own friends and family. Copy the link below into your browser or if reading this on a website click on it to download and join our meeting. The meeting is open at 10am each Monday morning for 40 minutes: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2189337550?Wd=bXNYK0k0cDFzOExmcXNkNCswKzFhZz09>. If you already have the app the i/d number of the meeting is 218 933 7550 and the password is 0HmM3E (case sensitive). Make yourself a cup of coffee and join us. Quite often we are joined by Patricia Johnston, our older persons co-ordinator, who looks in to see how we are.

If you have an iPhone, a tablet, a desktop computer or a laptop and have internet access then you can run and use Zoom. The app is free to download and use. One to one chats can last as long as you like but where three or more participants take part each meeting only lasts for 40 minutes. Once the meeting expires it can be restarted as many times as you like.

More information contact us on Tel: 07850 740721.

Sam Clift

News for Older Residents



Parish Clerk Susie Cumming and Cllr Shahila Mitchell have been working hard to ensure that everyone has the help they need during this pandemic. Many thanks to them and to all who have been helping their neighbours in

these past weeks. I hear of new friendships being formed, which is lovely. I am also enjoying meeting new people as well as visiting and/or walking with those I already know.

Keeping safe and well

Sadly, I am constantly being told of new email scams, the majority relating to Covid-19 in one way or other. A good habit to develop is to always check the address to which you are responding, even when the sender is known to you. Let me know if you need more information or help with this.

Cold callers are fewer these days, but, doubtless they will return to our doorsteps. I have a supply of "We're not buying it" labels and useful Neighbourhood Watch information which I want to give away. Do you need any?

Handicare 2000 Stair Lift available

A (little used) stair lift being removed from a house in the Thornton Road area is offered for free. It is curved and will only fit a staircase of similar design. For more information please email mail@dibeddow.co.uk.

Happy to Chat Benches

It was in good time for this year's spring and summer that the Parish Council agreed to labels being attached to some of the benches around the village. Although the exact wording hadn't been decided it was to be something like "Sit here if you don't mind someone stopping to say hello". I continue to hope we can attach these labels, sooner rather than later, to encourage young and older people to sit and talk together. That day will come.

In the meantime, I am taking annual leave during the second half of July. I will respond to emails and phone calls on my return, the week starting Monday 3rd August.

Patricia Johnston

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The doors being shut

Very early in the year, Frances, an artist friend, felt prompted to uproot the hedge in her front garden. It was replaced with a border of lavender and violas, providing a cheerful open aspect to the space.

Then lock-down happened and places of worship were closed.

Now, when God donated talents to Frances, He gave a generous supply of creative energy and enthusiasm along with artistic ability. So, from under the kitchen sink, she extracted a melamine shelf and began to display encouraging messages for passers-by – an example being, 'We may not be OUT but we needn't be DOWN.'

A cross made from branches tied together attracted attention in the garden just before Easter. Frances wondered if she could dare to stand beside it and sing on Good Friday. A dear Catholic friend provided accompaniment with a guitar and the music soon had neighbours joining in with hymn singing. Some sat in gardens, others stood with social distancing in the street. With the approval of the local constabulary, the signs began to circulate on Twitter and Facebook, resulting in several hundred 'likes' in 24 hours. Then the local newspaper got involved whilst the number of signs steadily increased beyond 80. There were cartoons too, on weekdays, with Bible texts on Sundays. The weekly sing-along audience continued to increase with the provision of vinyl-covered word sheets, along with Bible readings and shared prayers.

In a time of family bereavement, neighbours from all church denominations (and none) offered support in prayer, bringing love and encouragement to each other. It became like a revisit of the bonds and fellowship of the early church.

Frances declares, 'The Lord God is doing mighty things with His church, locked up, and Him free to do what He has waited for years to do with us!'

In the Gospel of John ch. 20 v. 19, we find the disciples on the evening of the first day of the week, meeting together behind locked doors. Jesus came and stood amongst them and said, 'Peace be with you.' The locked doors were no hindrance to the resurrected Son of God. He came amongst the fearful, intimidated disciples to impart an essential message of reassurance, courage and commission for times ahead.

Holman Hunt's famous painting depicts Jesus standing outside a door, patiently waiting for a willing response.

It is in contrast to the appearance of Jesus, coming straight into the locked room, knowing the urgency with which his presence was needed to fortify them for difficult tasks ahead. He would be returning to his heavenly home, assigning the inspirational care of his disciples, present and future, to the inner guidance of the Holy Spirit. God is to be found at work in all situations for good to those who love Him, find Him, trust Him. The doors being shut, Jesus still comes. Churches around our nation have been exploring new ways to operate, to offer support, practical and emotional to many who are distressed by the upheavals that have hit our society. Complacency is being forced into the shadows as fresh vigour and light flourish in unlikely places. The shut doors are no barrier to the Spirit of God.

At a time of tragedy and loss, and a shaking of the nations, we are learning how to do things differently. The doors being locked, Jesus came, bringing peace and purpose. So are we listening?

Iris Niven

Obituary - Doreen Piggott

Doreen Piggott sadly passed away, peacefully, on Saturday 23rd May, 2020, at Arlington Manor, Girton, where she was resting after celebrating her 100th birthday in March. Loved so very much by her close family and especially her neighbours, and so many friends. Now with her dear husband Paul. The funeral was held on Wednesday 17th June, and attended by a small number of people due to the restrictions.



Codeword Answers - see page 15

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St Andrew's Services

St Andrew's is now open for personal prayer.

Unfortunately we have no date yet for restarting services. All care must be taken regarding cleanliness and touching any surfaces. If there is anyone else in the church, please respect social distancing. And may you find peace and comfort in this sacred space.

On our church website you can listen to a weekly podcast by Dugald Wilson: click on 'Services', then 'Podcasts'. The text of his message is also there. You can also listen to the weekly podcasts by telephoning 01223 755091. If you know of anyone who cannot access things online, please do print off a copy of the text for them. There are also links to other helpful websites, so please do explore them. Just click on 'Sacred Links' or 'Useful Links.'

The Taizé service is now being held remotely using Zoom on the first Sunday of each month. Anyone is welcome. Please email Kay Barrett at singing.kay@gmail.com and she will send the link to you in order to join in. Any problems, please do contact us via the website.

During this time of virus, there have been requests for a suitable prayer; one is written below which I do hope you will find helpful.

'God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.'

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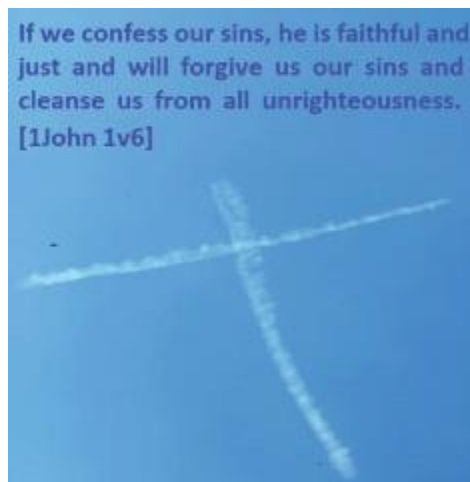
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We photographed this cross in the sky over Cambridge, and have added a Bible verse:



Verse 3 of Charles Wesley's hymn 'And Can It Be' points us to the cross:

*He left His Father's throne above—
So free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me!*

This prayer, shared by a member of the congregation, may be helpful:

'Dear God, thank you for the hope, healing and forgiveness you give us through Jesus' death on the cross. There is so much pain in this world but you have shown us over and over again that you can bring good out of suffering and restoration to the broken. Lord, please help us to be healers and hope givers in this broken world, and may there be great healing in the world as people of all nations come to know you as their Saviour. In Jesus' name we pray.'

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3. It should be kept separate from other waste in suitable secure place on your property for 72 hours before being placed in the black bin as normal.

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Thursday 13 August Blue and Green bins

NOTE: Please put your green bin out every fortnight. We will guarantee to empty your green bin every four weeks but may not be collected some weeks.

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A limited library service is expected to resume from 4th July, but there will be no mobile library service yet due to the challenge of making a confined space safe. Fines for overdue books have been suspended until the end of restrictions. Go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/library-news for updates.

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