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Girton Parish Council

July's Girton Parish Council meeting is to be held after the copy deadline for this edition, but items to be discussed include a Local Highways Improvement application for double vellow lines at Thornton Road. St Margaret's Road and Weavers Field, and the provision of office space during Pavilion refurbishment works. Since the last meeting, the Council has sadly received the resignation of Cllr Shahila Mitchell for personal reasons. Shahila has done so much for the Council and for the village. We all thank her particularly for her part in the Helping Girton volunteer initiative over the past 18 months, and for her assistance with the Pavilion refurbishment project. Our Assistant to the Clerk, Laura Lawrence, has also sadly resigned on health grounds. Having been appointed a week before the first lockdown, we thank Laura for her sterling service throughout the last year and a half, and wish her all the best for the future.

The Council expresses the village's thanks and appreciation to the Girton Village Celebrations Committee for organising the excellent Girton Feast Outdoor Film Night and Fun Day on 9th-10th July. It was so good to see residents meeting up again and enjoying themselves at these events.

With summer growth, householders are reminded to keep hedges cut back to their boundaries so that pavement access is maintained, particularly for those with mobility aids or pushchairs.

Next meetings

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). The next in-person meetings will be on Tuesday 17th August and Tuesday 21st September.

A full list of Parish Councillors can be found on page 30.

Fly-tipping in Girton

Over the last 12 months there has been a serious problem with fly-tipping in Manor Farm Road and, more recently, Washpit Lane.

Two car brake discs were dumped down Washpit Lane and, this year alone, one resident has picked up and disposed of 170 empty beer cans and bottles down the same stretch of grass verge.

However, last month there was an even worse case of fly-tipping down Washpit Lane, where the road crosses over the culvert on the Brook.

Ten 20 litre containers, together with about eight empty yellow buckets of a similar size were dumped containing what seemed to be cooking oil.

South Cambridgeshire District Council's envirocrime unit has now been out to clear the offending rubbish. Please report any further fly-tipping to env.health@scambs.gov.uk or call: 03450 450 063.



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FROM OUR COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Edna Murphy

Summer programmes for children – funding gap met by County Council

At the last Strategy and Resources Committee, the Council voted to support free school meals for children for the summer holidays. They will receive food vouchers. There had been a funding gap in the budget which we were able to bridge. Also there will be more summer holidays support for families who are disadvantaged.

Update on the Oakington Road Bridge

I have met onsite with County officers to understand the various issues relating to the works being contemplated for the bridge. We covered the options for replacement or 'strengthening', funding, and how to increase the road space allowed for cyclists.

Part of the problem seems to be that there are possible options for work which are contingent upon other work being done first. This has contributed to a sense of vagueness or opacity, when in fact it is just too soon to define the options more precisely. The funding identified in the budget is a provision assuming some work (yet to be precisely defined) needs to be done.

It is important to emphasise that the County Council officers are clear that the bridge is structurally sound and there are no problems with its foundations. It supports 40 tonnes and importantly this is more than other bridges which have been replaced. However the parapet is cracked and will need replacing but this does not affect the rest of the bridge's structure.

Other factors which feed into the planning for the bridge, and the conclusions about which are not yet known, include the impact of the balancing ponds in Bar Hill which were built as part of the A14 works. These could mitigate flooding risk significantly. An evaluation will be done in the coming months.

One option to reduce flooding risk is to lower the concrete slab under the bridge, thus providing more depth for water—the assessment will be done in the coming months. Consideration will be given to the potential for widening the space available to non motorised users to cross the bridge. There are some options which could be considered, but there has been no real planning of options to date—that is for a future date. As options become clearer there will be more opportunity to bring them forward for consultation and discussion.

Milton Recycling Centre redesign

Milton landfill site, including the area occupied by the recycling centre, is owned by the County Council, and leased to FCC Environment on a 99 year lease that expires in 2092. The lease contains a right for the County Council to occupy part of the site as required for use as a recycling centre. Planning consent for the existing recycling centre expires in 2026 and a fresh planning application will need to be submitted for a Centre to continue on that site.

Plans within the County Council have been worked on for a considerable period of time and have now reached the point at which proposals are being put forward for consultation. The Council is taking the opportunity to rebuild the site to serve an increasing population, allow for expansion in recycling volumes, and improve facilities, access, and parking. Obviously this will require the centre to close for a period while it is rebuilt on its existing site.

Features of the proposed new site:

- There will be increased capacity, it can deal with 30,000 tonnes per year versus 12,000 tonnes per year now
- It will operate at a split level (so you don't have to go up steps or ladders), like the site at Witchford
- There will be better car parking, and also cycle parking
- There will be a covered area for a shop allowing resale

For more information about the proposals please see: https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/milton-household-recycling-centre-consultation-document.pdf. Also note there is a virtual exhibition at www.miltonhrc.info.

Cllr Edna Murphy

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District Councillor Tom Bygott

Initiative to encourage young people to be vaccinated

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has launched a marketing campaign to increase the level of Covid-19 vaccination locally, especially amongst 18 to 29 year olds. The campaign is called "The Vaccinators on Tour" and includes a number of walk-in clinics that will be available at certain times and places. It also allows bookings to be made on-line for local vaccination centres. Details can be found on the website at www.thevaccinators.co.uk.

SCDC threatened with legal action for 'misleading' performance figures

According to an article in the Cambridge News on June 30th:

"Accusations that the council misled the government have been denied by South Cambridgeshire District Council, denying its planning service committed any wrongdoing in response to a campaigner threatening legal action. The dispute relates to a metric of the council's planning performance that reports to the government how many planning applications the council's planning service has determined within a set time."

"The director of the community campaign group Fews Lane Consortium, Daniel Fulton, has said he intends to bring a Judicial Review that would see the council 'correct' its figures submitted to the government."

According to a report submitted by the Fews Lane Consortium to the Council's Scrutiny & Overview Committee this April:

'For the past two years, South Cambridgeshire District Council has submitted inaccurate planning performance returns to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).' The Fews Lane Consortium has taken the Council

to court on several occasions in recent years, leading to a decision in one case that the Council's scheme of planning delegation was unlawful.

£100K Homes project axed

The £100K Homes initiative was a flagship policy of the former Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mayor James Palmer. His replacement, elected this May, has said it is "unlikely" any new £100K Homes will be delivered.

Three homes in Cambridge that were due to be sold to struggling first homebuyers as part of the £100K Homes initiative have been offered for sale to Cambridge City Council to be rented out as council housing instead. The City Council decided to buy the three houses at The Mews, Histon Road, for a budget of £155,100 each.

The £100K idea was for one-bedroom properties to be discounted to £100,000, no matter their market-assessed value. The percentage discount from market value would then stay with the property if it were sold on, through a legal covenant registered on the property. The new purchaser would also be found through the £100K Home scheme, and they would also benefit from the same percentage discount on the open market value of the property that the initial buyer received.

The initiative had aimed to provide affordable home ownership; people with strong local connections and key workers were to be prioritised in the selection process. Rather than their monthly payment disappearing into the bank account of their landlord, those who bought a £100K. Home would own it outright and build their equity as they repaid their mortgage. It would have also given them the chance to save more each month towards a deposit on their next home in the open market. The end of this initiative is a sad indictment that our society has now given up on the idea that most people should be able to own their own home.

Cllr Tom Bygott cllr@bygott.net 07765 475 513

District Councillor Corinne Garvie

South Cambridgeshire Growth fund

The South Cambridgeshire Growth fund has opened for applications. It is for micro and small businesses operating in/from South Cambridgeshire. Priority applicants will include those who have not previously received government backed (Covid related) funding. A one-off grant of between £1,000 to a maximum of £50,000 will be awarded to eligible applicants. The Growth Fund scheme is designed to support businesses' growth and expansion plans in the district. Eligible applicants for the scheme must be South Cambridgeshire based start-ups who are looking to scale and grow quickly, or they can be established South Cambridgeshire based companies who can clearly demonstrate ambitious growth plans in the District. Businesses in any sectors can apply, including sole traders and partnerships. One-off grants of between £1,000 and

£50,000 may be awarded to successful applicants. The scheme will end when all funds have been allocated.

Cambs Home Improvement Agency

As you may be aware, each year we complete an annual report showing what Cambs Home Improvement Agency (HIA) has completed in terms of adaptations for disabled and older people. This year's report, and a link to previous reports is on our website:

https://www.cambshia.org/about-us/plans-and-performance/.

Given the challenges in 2020/21, I am really pleased to report that although the number of adaptations completed and the spend was lower than in previous years, we still managed to complete 166 adaptations investing over £2m to enable residents to live more independently in their own home. Our service works closely with occupational therapists who were heavily redeployed to primary care services because of the pandemic. We look forward to a busy year ahead as these critical services resume.

We welcome your support in helping to raise awareness of these grants. Further information is available from our social media pages and you are welcome to also contact us at *hia@cambshia.org*.

Waste Services Campaigns

The shared waste service is launching campaigns to increase public awareness on fly tipping and recycling contamination.

The fly tipping campaign aims to educate residents about the problem and how it can be prevented, highlighting legal ways of disposing of waste and how to report fly tipping. The SCRAP action check list (Suspect, Check, Refuse, Ask, Paperwork) will be a key message.

The recycling campaign's aim is to reduce the amount of non-recyclable material put into blue bins. The contract for recycling has a threshold of 7% contamination so it is important that the council maintains levels below this. Textiles, sanitary products, black bags and food/liquids are the main items that are being found to be contaminating blue recycling bins, and the campaign will lead on these.

Boundary Changes

From 2023 Girton, Dry Drayton and Madingley are planned to be part of St Neots County Constituency and not South Cambridgeshire County Constituency. For general information go to:

https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.u k/2023-review/.

Re-wilding

It is exciting that the re-wilding project is getting off the ground. Contact Mary Rodgers (Mary.rodgers32@gmail.com) for more details.

Corinne Garvie

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News from Girton Glebe Primary

Year 6 Leavers

This term we said a fond farewell to our fabulous class of Year 6 pupils who are moving on to secondary school in September after seven years at Girton Glebe. We are so proud of the pupils for all that they have achieved in their time with us, especially after such challenging times during the pandemic. The pupils marked their final year with us with an outstanding performance of Lights, Camera, Action and a party with their classmates with catering provided by the team at Chesterton College. We wish them all the very best with their transition to secondary education and will miss them all in September.

Cottontails at Girton Glebe

We are delighted to announce that, from January 2022, Cottontails will be joining us on the Girton Glebe site ensuring that we can collectively offer provision from preschool to primary within the same setting. We are hugely excited to be able to welcome Cottontails staff, children and parents to our site, with the preschool set to occupy the space towards the rear of the school which will be used by The Cavendish for the autumn term.

This move allows Cottontails to tailor their space on the school site to deliver high quality preschool provision and provides us with the opportunity to enhance the transition for early years pupils through to primary education.

Further information will follow in the autumn term and we look forward to sharing details and images of the new setting with you in due course.

The Cavendish School

This term we have seen a portion of our school site undergo structural refurbishments to accommodate pupils from The Cavendish School for September 2021. The final weeks of July saw the finishing touches put to this space and it is now ready to open to pupils in the autumn term. We are delighted to be able to host TCS at Girton Glebe until the main site is open at Impington in January 2022 and look forward to welcoming pupils and staff after the summer break.

Skip Beatz – Speed Skipping Record Breakers

In early July we were visited by Peter, a Guinness World Record holding speed skipping master from Skip Beatz who spent time with all of our children, delivering assemblies and workshops on the playground.

The children had a fabulous time learning about skipping technique, exercise and healthy lifestyle choices and many of our pupils returned home with their own skipping rope after purchasing one through Skip Beatz.

Mr Andrew Spencer

Headteacher

@GirtonGlebePS

New date for Girton Glebe Swimming Pool 60th anniversary celebrations

The rescheduled date for the celebrations to mark the 60th anniversary of the opening of Girton Glebe swimming pool is 11 September 2021.

In October 1958 the school's headmaster, Brian Foot explained to a meeting of parents that he felt all children should be taught to swim. The County Council would not pay for a suitable pool and so a group of parents decided they would build one themselves. After fundraising and a lot of backbreaking work, the pool was in use by June 1960 with the official opening in 1961. The pool remains in use to this day. It is believed that around 2,000 children from Girton Glebe School alone have learned to swim in the pool plus many others from neighbouring schools.

It is now 60 years since that official opening when Brian Foot said the pool was "a triumph of teamwork and cooperation". We have managed to trace a number of the children of parents who volunteered back in the day. We have come together to erect a plaque listing the names of all involved with the original project and this will be unveiled at the school. We still have a number 'missing' and we would very much like to get in touch with them. Please see the list in the June 2021 edition of the Girton Parish News.

We have started a Facebook page relating to the construction of the pool -

https://www.facebook.com/groups/302378831357658 which makes interesting viewing. Do take a look! We would ask anyone who has relevant pictures to post them.

Any queries about the event, which is 'invitation only, should be sent to Stephen Allen at *srlallen@virginmedia.com*.

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Girton Cottontails Preschool

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and invite parents to watch too. The children were all brilliant and competed so well in the races including running, sack, egg and spoon and dressing up. We even got lovely weather for the afternoon too!

The end of the term also meant saying goodbye to our older children who have left to go to primary school in September. We celebrated with a party and leavers presentation and had a wonderful time. We wish all of our children well and know that they will all go on to have a great time and do so well at school.

Over the summer we are looking forward to holding some holiday activity days including a water play day and a princesses and knights themed day. We'll follow up with how those go in September's *GPN*.

We were very pleased to be part of the Girton Feast celebrations in July and ran a stall at the fete selling delicious strawberries and cream. It was lovely to be part of the village event and have the chance to be out and chatting to people. Thank you for all those that supported us and came to say hello.



Finally, we have some very exciting news to share with you all. From January we will be moving to Girton Glebe Primary School! Knowing that the preschool has been in Cotton Hall for many years, we understand this is a big move, however, it will mean we have our own room exclusively for us, rather than sharing a space with other hall users. This means we can have a permanently

set up preschool with displays, furniture and activities that haven't been possible before. We will still be independent and will not be part of the school, we will continue welcoming all preschool children regardless of their future schooling plans, however, we are looking forward to the close links with Girton Glebe that this move will bring.

We are a community interest company, so non-profit making and we greatly appreciate any support you can give. Please take a look at our gofundme page and our Amazon wish list:

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Girton Walking Group

A walk of six miles, touching on the villages of Dry Drayton and Madingley, will take place on 7 August. We will meet at Bar Hill at 10am. You will find parking in Viking Way, CB23 8EL. This is reached by **not** turning into the Tesco car park at the roundabout but taking the next left, largely empty on a Saturday. We will take a break so do bring a drink and snack. This walk will be led by Ann and Ian Jerram.

Then on 4 September we will tackle a walk of approximately six miles from Grantchester to Haslingfield. We will meet by the pavilion at The Orchard Tea Garden in Grantchester at 10am and walk past Cantaloupe Farm to Well House Meadow in Haslingfield. It's an easy stroll on footpaths and tarmac tracks. Objects of interest will include views of the Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory, the Mackenzie window, an image of Queen Elizabeth I and possibly the fairies in Glebe Wood. Do bring a picnic lunch. We aim to return to Grantchester before "ten to three." No dogs. This walk will be led by Helen

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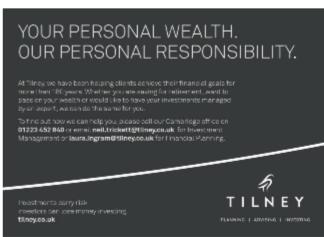


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Many gardeners are aware of some or all of the following facts. Since the 1940s we have lost approximately 50% of our hedgerows in the UK, 97% of our wildflower meadows and 28% of our moths; 40% of insects, including bees, are declining with the rate of loss presently standing at 2.5% per year. This represents a huge loss of biodiversity. In David Attenborough's excellent book A Life on Our Planet, he charts this decline – 1937 World population: 2.3 billion, carbon in the atmosphere: 280 parts per million, remaining wilderness: 66%. In 2020 it was 7.8 billion, 415 ppm and 35%. Why does this matter and more specifically what can we as gardeners do to help?

This is a hugely complex subject and I am making no attempt to cover what is in various excellent books (Rewilding by Isabella Tree on the Knepp Estate in West Sussex to name just one) and academic articles. The main point for us as gardeners is that insect pollinators are vital for the maintenance of ecosystem health and 75% of crop species and 88% of flowering plants are dependent on insect pollinators.

Einstein may or may not have said "If the bee disappears from the surface of the Earth, man would have no more than four years left to live" but it is a sobering thought.

So let's go back to the gardens. Private gardens make up 5% of the land area of the UK or an area the size of Wales. There are 23 million private gardens so we can, at least, help in a variety of ways to reverse the loss of biodiversity.

Firstly, we should stop using peat in our gardens (dealt with by Ruth's article in June) and, just as importantly, stop using chemicals and pesticides as these interrupt the intricate food chains. On Springwatch from the fabulous Wild Ken Hill in Norfolk, Chris Packham said that blue tits feed 35 billion caterpillars to their chicks every year in the UK. This is a staggering amount. Birds also eat aphids and some (thrushes) eat snails. If we want birds in our gardens then we need to think of the whole food chain. If we kill off all the aphids and caterpillars there is less food for birds and their chicks and ladybirds and their larvae. This year the cold, wet May meant there were fewer insects and larvae for nesting birds.

The plants where the majority of insects lay their eggs are not the ones the adult insects visit for pollen. Stinging nettles are the nurseries for Red Admiral, Peacock, Painted Lady and other butterflies. Oxeye daisies, knapweed and other meadow and cornfield plants are also vital so we should try to leave at least part of our gardens wild to encourage pollinators to these plants and not think of them as weeds. It is hard as a gardener to

love slugs and snails but if you are lucky enough to have a hedgehog and/or you have a pond with frogs and toads let them help you. Moths, spiders, slugs and snails provide food for them which is a far more natural way to keep down the numbers of unwanted guests, so create a log pile or an insect hotel to help provide accommodation for all.



Harlequin ladybird larva: a voracious eater of aphids

You can spray cherished plants with garlic solution or put up physical barriers against slimy predators. Young plants are always the most vulnerable and once a plant is healthy and mature there

will be less damage. Going out with a torch at night and removing the offenders to a wilder area is also effective.

To encourage bees and other pollinating insects, not just honey bees and bumble bees which live in colonies but also solitary bees (of 270 bee species in the UK 250 are solitary), one of our jobs as gardeners is to provide them with year round pollen as many of the bumble and solitary bees emerge much earlier than the honey bees. They are all important pollinators so we do need to plant bee friendly plants. In the June issue of Gardener's World, Chris Thorogood's article, 'Plants to please pollinators', provided a list of plants and their specific pollinators.



Spring/summer flowers for pollinators



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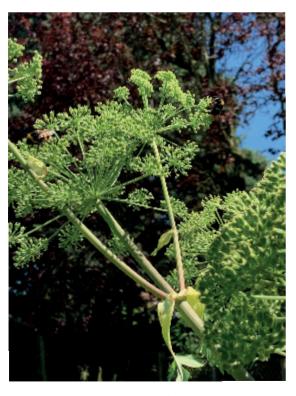
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October flowers for pollinators

For example, beetles pollinate magnolias, euphorbias and acacia. Bumble bees pollinate tomatoes, catmint, chives, comfrey, delphiniums, honeysuckle and clover. Solitary bees pollinate

apple trees, scabious, grape hyacinths, geraniums, tithonias, squash and mallows. Honeybees pollinate many flowers but those with flat open heads such as sunflowers, echinacea, echinops, rudbeckia, achilleas and sedums (hylotelephiums) are much better than those with double flowers. Borage flowers even change from blue to pink to indicate to bees that there is no longer any pollen. Even the dreaded wasp pollinates figs, penstemons, achilleas, euphorbias, lawn daisies, ivy and eryngiums and takes cabbage white butterfly caterpillars and others back to the nest as food for their larvae. Butterflies love buddleia, verbena bonariensis, lavender and heleniums, so plant as many of these as you can. Everything seems to love the giant angelica in my garden!



Bees on angelica

August is also a month to trim the hedges once all the birds have fledged then sit back and enjoy what you have created, with some gentle deadheading of late flowering dahlias, rudbeckias and heleniums to keep the pollen going. Flowering ivy and Fatsia japonicas can go on well into November. Watching the insects thriving on flowers in your garden can bring joy and make you feel you are doing your part for the environment and biodiversity.

Kay Green, Girton Garden Society

George's Garden Tip - August

August can be a quiet month in the garden but there are some jobs to do, which are probably already on your radar. First off is looking after your plants; the usual watering, dead-heading and where required supporting. Young plants and seedlings are a priority here. Then there's the usual list of catch-up tasks, such as pruning your spring flowering shrubs, and stone fruit if you hadn't had time yet. Pruning say, a plum tree with loads of fruit on it may seem mad, but generally plums need little pruning, except say to remove an old or badly placed branch, or even to relieve them of some weight before the crop breaks the branches down!

Some hedges such as beech and hawthorn are often cut in August, although the hawthorn may need another trim by some time in autumn. The twigs of hawthorn harden in late summer so cutting them before they get too hard makes the work easier, even though it may need another go later.

Summer pruning apple trees can start as the wood 'ripens', i.e. gets firmer. You can test this yourself by taking hold of a young shoot and trying to bend it. If the bottom couple of inches, nearest the union with the branch, resist bending it's time to have a go. The great thing about summer pruning apple trees is that it will still help even if you don't get 100% of the shoots done, or don't cut them all to an exact length. The intention is to stop the tree being too vigorous by denying it the opportunity of saving the energy used to make all those twigs and leaves till next year. I usually leave about 4–6 inches of the twig, or 3–5 leaves, whichever is shorter. Of course, if your tree is not too vigorous there's no need to do this.

If you enjoy choosing bulbs from a catalogue now is a good time to do so, so that you've got a good chance of getting them planted in good time. Where practicable, narcissus do best when planted in September, as they have all the autumn to develop their roots.

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How are you feeling?

Learning about the range of feelings beyond happy and sad is not only useful for children, but adults too. Are you angry or are you actually frustrated? Do you feel sad or is it disappointment you are feeling? Once we can identify our emotions, we can work out why we are feeling that way and then, if needed, take action.

If the feeling is uncomfortable, then that discomfort serves a purpose and suppressing it will not be healthy in the long run. A lovely thing someone said to me this weekend was that I had been there for them no matter how they were feeling, with no pressure to 'cheer up' or 'solve the problem'.

Exploring the vocabulary of feelings can be done in many different ways. Maybe these emotion emojis will help you – they come from a Mini Mental Health Guide as part of a school project. You can see the whole project at www.facebook.com/listeninglantern.juleitadloune

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Suicide First Aid

Over the last month I have completed the last of my assessments to become an Associate Tutor for Suicide First Aid comprising four days of training, a level 4 NVQ in Understanding Suicide Interventions and an assessed delivery of one of the courses. The verbal feedback from my assessor when I delivered my first course began with the question, 'How do you think it went?' My response was consistent with any training that I deliver in that I can, of course, analyse what was successful but ultimately it is the learners' perspective which is paramount. Therefore it is comments from their evaluations such as those below, which mean the most to me – and maybe they inspire you to consider attending training too?

- One of the best courses I have done thank you. I felt very well 'looked after'.
- Difficult subject delivered in a sensitive way and feel better equipped to deal with such a situation.
- I think everyone should attend this training. Really informative and incredibly important. Thank you!
- Considered all aspects, provided useful and considerate insight and was thoughtful about our feelings and safety at all times

Juliet Adloune, a longstanding Girton resident, is a fully qualified and accredited Adult Mental Health First Aid Instructor experienced in delivering the full suite of MHFA courses and committed to supporting mental health within her local community. Contact her via: www.facebook.com/listeninglantern.julietadloune or mhfa.julietadloune@gmail.com.

Thank you Girton!

Wow – what a weekend! The volunteers who make up Girton Feast Committee were delighted that their hard work meant that so many Girton people and those from surrounding villages and neighbourhoods had a fantastic time.



The weather wasn't so kind for the Outdoor cinema on Friday evening although we still had over 150 people enjoying the film, food, and drinks. On Saturday it stayed mainly dry and warm, and everyone was able to sit outside and enjoy the atmosphere while social distancing and taking appropriate precautions. After such a challenging 18 months when we have been cut off from family and friends, being able to see so many people was a real bonus. After children having to spend many months home schooling away from their friends, it was glorious to see them enjoying being together and having fun.



Thank you to all the local clubs and societies for taking part and making it such a successful day. FOGG and Girton Bowls Club helped with the car parking, Cottontails ran the soft drinks and strawberries and cream stall, Bobtails once again added the summer spirit with the Pimm's stall, the Colts footballers helped everyone practice for the penalty shoot-out at the Euro 2020 final the next evening, Girton Bowls Club ran Target bowls, FOGG ran their summer raffle

and a games stall, Girton Social Club ran a raffle, there was putting with Girton Golf club and St Andrews Church were there too.



We had various food and drinks stalls that were extremely popular and not many took home surplus stock. The local real ales were as popular as ever and we were surprised how well our card machine worked on the recreation ground. Thank you to the Milton, Lord Conrad, and Moonshine breweries for supplying the 'bright beer' firkins, that means we were able to use them immediately they arrived.



There were lots of stalls selling a wide variety of goods and with the extra spacing between them all, there was plenty of room for moving around. There were several local businesses represented: Green Blue You (who also supplied free surface sanitiser bottles), Off Beat Glass, Lexi's cakes, and Pizza Passione. We would like to thank our sponsors who gave generous donations: Girton Town Charity, The Old Crown and Printerbello. We would also like to thank Lyndsey McDermott and the other residents who allowed us to put posters up on their fences.



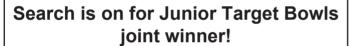
We are looking forward to planning it all again for next year, but we are an ageing Committee. If you enjoyed the event and would be willing to give us an hour of two of your time next

summer, please contact: <code>rowena@girtonfeast.org.uk</code> We will remind you again nearer the time. If you have any ideas as to how we could improve such events, please contact us.



If you are on one of the photos and would like a copy, please get in touch. See you next year!

Girton Feast Committee



If you are HUEY and scored 14 points in our Junior Bowls Competition at the Girton Feast, please make contact with Dave Fryer on *dfryer1946@gmail.com* to claim your prize!











GIRTON BOWLS CLUB

Girton Bowls Club

As the external bowls competitions continue our players have had some very close matches and also some very good wins.

In the Cambridge and District singles, Alan Benton is through to the quarter finals, as is Janet Graaff, who had a comfortable win in very wet and soggy

conditions at Abington. In the men's pairs, Dave Fryer and Alan Benton are through to the quarter finals against Sawston. In the mixed pairs, Janet Graaff and Alan Benton have won three rounds and are through to the quarter finals against Chesterton. In the Lacon Cup, our team won away to Coleridge and will now play Milton. In the Business Houses League, Janet Graaff and Roger Webster had a great win over Coton, scoring 3 on the final end to win 14–12. They now go through to the quarter finals. Well done to all our players and good luck in the next round.

We are maintaining our positions throughout the four leagues in which our club plays, enjoying some very close games. A particularly good result was our 6–1 victory against Milton, who had not been beaten this season.

The internal knockout competitions are continuing as we narrow down the competitors who will play their final matches at our Finals Day on Saturday 4th September.

The Girton Feast was very successful this year. The weather was kind to us and the crowds turned up. We had two very successful stalls and our Target Bowls competition proved very popular throughout the day with both adults and children.



Target bowls

We also had several people express an interest in finding out more about bowls and we look forward to welcoming them at the bowls green.

A letter has been sent to the Chairman of the Parish Council in an effort to find a way forward in resolving the problem the Bowls Club has with a lack of access to toilet facilities.

We have requested that the Parish Council committee discuss the option of building a facility within the boundaries of the Bowls Club, at their next meeting.



Tombola and Flags of the World stalls

If you are interested in finding out about joining Girton Bowls Club, we are always pleased to welcome new members. Please contact our Secretary Lynne McGill at *lynnemcgill63@hotmail.com*. You can also visit our website *www.girtonbowlsclub.com* for all the latest results and photos.

Lynne McGill



Girton Golf Club

Here we are in mid-July and looking forward to all (well nearly all) of the restrictions being lifted next week.

At Girton Golf Club we have been getting on with life, and the bar and catering team have been serving

great food and beverages to one and all in the clubhouse and on the patio, whilst following the Covid rules. We are looking forward to being able to hold more social events in the coming months so look out for announcements of supper nights and more to come.

Yesterday we had 108 players from 12 different clubs taking part in our annual Past Senior Captains Invitational event and a great day was had by all, and remarkably, we all stayed dry.

Membership is still open despite us signing so many new members in the past 12 months and our Professional Sam Beckett welcomes players, or potential players, of all ages and abilities to his academies. Juniors are particularly welcome and Junior membership is a wonderful present to give anyone from 6 to 18.

Wednesday mornings still see our breakfast club for the over 55s operating, so come down and chat to friends you haven't met yet. The clubhouse is always open to members and casual visitors, try a morning coffee sat on the patio, a very pleasant way to spend

an hour watching the world go by, or have a lunch when cooking doesn't appeal. I hope to see many of you soon at the Golf Club.

Alan Henderson-Smith

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Girton Colts

In July we celebrated our growing club with our award presentation, which we held in the morning before the feast kicked off at lunch. With now over 100 players receiving awards for their completed season, it was

so good to see lots of happy players as well as parents.

Our feast stand was a success again, so thank you to all of you who came along and tried your luck.

All teams and committee members have confirmed their place for 2021/2022 season and we welcome Peter and Gideon as team managers to the new Under 7 team. We all wish them the best of luck with their inaugural season.

Next season we will be fielding eight official FA teams as well as developing our Under 5 and 6 teams. We are still looking for referees in the village to come forward and welcome any interest at all ... Contact the club at *info@girtoncolts.co.uk*.

Happy summer break.

Andrew Hawkes, Chairman



Girton Netball Club

By the time you read this we will have played our first proper game in 18 months. We are up against the Trumpington Tigers on Thursday 8th July at the new courts in Stapleford. It's officially a friendly match but we're looking forward to play-

ing together as a team, putting our skills into practice and hopefully coming away with a win. Full match report and pictures to follow next issue. Meanwhile, training continues on Mondays, 6.30–7.45pm, Girton Rec. All newcomers welcome, whatever your level. Email girton.village.netball@gmail.com or facebook: Girton Netball Club.

Emma-Louise Longden

Girton Tennis Club



Girton Tennis Club has two teams playing in the Cambridgeshire Leagues. Our men's team plays in both the summer and winter leagues and the mixed team currently in just the summer league.

In the summer league for the men, we finished in a creditable mid-table position, winning two matches and drawing one. The draw was against the runaway league winners. Well done to our team captain Mark and all the players who have supported this team.

The mixed team have now started their matches with the first fixture away at Great Shelford. Back in 2019 the mixed team were promoted so this year we can expect some stronger opposition. We wish them all the best in this new league.

The village fete ran very successfully on Saturday 10th July and our open tennis court session in the afternoon proved to be very popular with the children. Victor set up a mini competition just outside the courts so that those waiting to play could test their racquet skills by hitting a ball to each other and counting the number of hits before the ball fell to the ground. The most successful player achieved an amazing count of 212 hits



We hope that some of these young players will become keen tennis players in the future and maybe end up joining our friendly tennis club. Several of our tennis club members put a lot of time and effort into helping the village fete to run, and in particular Victor, Yulia, Bruce, Mark and Alan Richardson deserve special thanks this year. Practical help is always needed and the Feast Committee are very grateful for the support they get from our tennis club members.

The tennis club has use of the recreation ground courts and members who purchase a key and have a confirmed booking have court access during most daylight hours. Club members meet and play from around 7.30pm to 9pm on Friday evenings. 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.

Details about our activities can be found on our web site www.girtontennisclub.uk or by contacting our Membership Secretary Kevin Keeves by email at info@girtontennisclub.uk.

Alan Franklin

Girton artist paints pandemic stars

I have lived in Girton for approximately 13 years, working as an artist known for cycling and rowing images, some painted on glass but mainly sold as fine art prints. I also produce work to commission for clients, both corporate and individual.

With the Covid pandemic everything changed, with successive lockdowns and restrictions which have been challenging for everyone. This meant changes in life and work, but there were many people who carried on, either in their normal jobs or in new ones. Some took work in supermarkets when their usual work stopped or volunteered to help the more vulnerable. Others such as doctors, nurses and shop workers carried on working, helping others but at great risk to themselves.

I decided to set myself a 'lockdown' project to record some of these people as oil portraits, donating the finished picture to the subject if they wished to have it as a way of saying thank you. All the subjects were familiar people to me in Girton. The postman Phillip, my neighbour Kevin who worked nights for a supermarket, one of the district nurses who visited my father, the local shopkeeper, 'Helping Girton' volunteers and Fiona, the Girton Warden from Age UK who helps the elderly residents.

I could not work directly from the subjects so had to rely principally on photographs and decided to paint some portraits on found or recycled items. Two halves of a wallpaper pasting table were used for two of the portraits. Another portrait was on an old drawing board and another on a kitchen cupboard door. The different surfaces were a challenge and not all were successful!

These are my portraits of Kevin, Phillip and Fiona.

David Mitchell www.whooshcambridge.com









What a wonderful day for our first outing since lockdown began.

On the 23rd June 2021 a group of Club 55 members met up for a 'toodle' through Girton Wood. The weather was fantastic, warm beautiful sunshine with hardly a breath of wind and the footpaths

through the wood were dry and quite flat. The trees displayed their spring leaves giving us some dappled shade from the early summer sunshine and of course the constant chatter matched the fantastic weather and views.



The walkers took a route through the wood that doubles back on itself and then made their way to the Pavilion



where everyone gathered for more chatting and those that brought flasks enjoyed a drink sitting in the sunshine. Our Older Residents Coordinator, Patricia Johnston, brought along some chairs together with one of our older residents who was making her first outing since the lockdown.

Want to try a meal out? Arrangements have been made for members of Club 55 to enjoy a meal at the White Horse Public House in Milton on Wednesday 18th August

2021. We will be eating in a small marquee and complying with all the Covid rules applying at the time. No transport will be arranged, so you will have to make your own way there but here's a little help. There will be a £10 discount per person for all those members who have eaten out with us prior to the Covid restrictions. The discount on the meals should help towards the cost of your transport to this venue, particularly when two or more join together to hire a taxi or other transport to get there. Where you have your own transport it may be that you could give someone a lift.

If you would like to come along for this meal you must contact me by the 11th August so that I can organise your discount and inform the pub of the numbers attending. You will order from the menu and pay for your meals on the day. For your information the marquee is quite open and there is a large car park at the rear of the venue. I suspect that vast amounts of chatter is just waiting to be released onto ears that have been starved of gossip for months – so why not come and join us to release that build up of pressure.

To see the menu for The White Horse go to www.whitehorsemilton.co.uk/food/menu/

To book a place or for more information contact me on the number below. Clearly by not ordering in advance there will be some waiting time before meals arrive and this should be taken into account when ordering taxis. Discounts will only be available when meals are purchased.

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Girton TownCharity

Continuing to support residents during pandemic

The last 16 months have been challenging for everyone – and that includes the two Administrators running the office for Girton Town Charity who have had to adapt their working week according to Government guidelines.

To keep everyone safe no visitors have been allowed in the office, but Gilly O'Brien and Rachel Allchorne have continued to do a sterling job in ensuring villagers can benefit from the Charity's range of Schemes and Grants. Here's an update on what has been achieved over the last year.

Hospital Taxi Service

The Hospital Taxi Service has continued to help patients attend outpatient appointments at Cambridge Biomedical Campus including Addenbrooke's Hospital, the Rosie and Royal Papworth Hospital, as well as the ARU University Eye Clinic. It currently has 215 subscribing members who pay an annual registration fee of £6 each April and then taxi fares are capped at £9 for each return trip.

GTC is very grateful that Nelsons Taxis have operated both the Hospital Taxi and Prescription Delivery Services throughout lockdown, as well as taking residents for COVID-19 tests ahead of hospital appointments and procedures.

Educational Grant Scheme

Residents seeking help through the Educational Grant Scheme for assistance in buying books and equipment have continued to be supported, with 13 grants awarded last December and 15 in July. Grants are now being made online.

Care Plus Scheme

GTC's Care Plus Scheme, which is to assist Girton residents to live independently by providing additional short-term care over and above any statutory care to which they are entitled, continued to meet a significant demand, benefitting more than 30 residents.

Older residents

The Charity also funds two Age UK activities: the Community Warden Scheme and the Older Residents' Co-ordinator.

Warden Fiona is currently supporting 16 households in Girton and has continued to do essential home visits, as well as helping users to get regular shopping in place, either online or via a local shop. They are also encouraging people to access local activities, as





activities, as Rachel they start to open up.

Gilly

During the pandemic, Patricia as Older Residents' Coordinator, helped to run the Memories Project which was published as an additional GPN magazine in April. Other activities have included: the jigsaw exchange, the Falls Prevention Class at Gretton Court, exercise classes at Abbeyfield, a Monday evening Tai Chi class which has met outdoors and a group enjoying Wednesday refreshments at the Golf Club.

Citizens Advice Bureau and Relate are not yet running face to face meetings but Girton residents can still access support from both organisations. Contact Relate on 01302 347866 for webcam or telephone appointments and CAB via Adviceline 08082 787808 or email htc@cambridge.org.uk

Support

Throughout the pandemic, Gilly and Rachel have adapted their working patterns to ensure that not only has the GTC office continued to function efficiently, but also Trustees have been supported when they were unable to visit in person because of restrictions. With complementary skill-sets, the Administrators have been able to achieve this very successfully, including getting to grips with new meetings technology.

Gilly said: "Being unable to have face to face contact with the residents of Girton and also the Trustees, has been quite challenging and at times somewhat lonely, but am proud that we have been able to continue to offer support where needed."

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Girton TownCharity

Rachel added: "I really enjoy working for an organisation that is responsive, positive and listens, with Trustees who are caring and socially aware. No two days are the same as the Charity has such a broad spectrum of schemes, projects and grants and it's very satisfying to be involved."

Commitment

Ann Bonnett, Chair of GTC concluded: "On behalf of our Trustees and all Village residents I would like to thank Gilly and Rachel for their continued commitment to supporting those needing assistance during such a challenging time. They have demonstrated great flexibility and understanding in carrying out their roles and it is much appreciated. It is thanks to them and those delivering the services that we have largely been able to deliver our Schemes and Grants as usual.

"I would also like to thank our GTC Trustees for their contributions in difficult circumstances. Looking ahead, we will be holding our annual Strategy Day in August to review Policies, Schemes and Grants, develop strategy and set targets so we can evaluate our performance against agreed goals."

Girton Town Charity exists for purposes which include the relief of need in Girton, either individually or collectively, or the support of any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Girton.

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Please see website for up to date details of Clubs and Classes www.williamcollyn.co.uk

Monday

9.30 - 1.00pm Tumble Tots (starts September)

6.30 - 7.30pm Clubbercise

8.00 - 9.30pm Whole Notes Gospel Choir

Tuesday

6.00 - 7.00.pm Bounce

7.30 - 10.30pm West Coast Swing

Wednesday

9.30am - 12.00pmTiny Toes Ballet

7.00 - 8.00pm Bounce

7.00 - 10.00pm The W.I. (monthly - first Wednesday)

Thursday

9.45 - 10.45am Bounce 5.45 - 7.00pm Yoga

7.15pm & 8.15pm Ballroom Dance Classes

Friday

10.00 - 10.45am Shake Rattle & Roll for pre-schoolers

9.30am - 12.30pm: Little City Toddler Play

(monthly - second Friday)

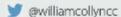
7.00 - 9.30pm New Life Church Youth Club

Saturday

9.00 - 10.00am Bounce 10.30 - 11.45am Yoga

11.00am - 2.00pm Kids Sewing Club







Wellbrook Way, Girton, Cambridge CB3 0GP

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The William Collyn Centre is provided and run for the benefit of Girton residents by Girton Town Charity.



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. Answers are on page 9.

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WORDSEARCH

Messing About in Boats!

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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| HULL | SAIL | | | |
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| JOLLYROGER | SIGNAL | | | |
| LAUNCH | SKULL | | | |
| LOCK | STARBOAR | | | |
| MATE | TOP | | | |
| MAST | VIADUCT | | | |
| NARROW | WAVE | | | |
| NAVIGATE | WHEEL | | | |
| NET | YAW | | | |
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- The Foundation may wish to apply for a DBS check.

The Cotton Hall is situated in Cambridge Road, Girton, adjacent to St Andrew's Church. Built in 1847, it was the village school until 1959.

The primary aim of the charity is to promote the wellbeing and education of young persons within the village by renting the hall out to child orientated groups, although it is available to hire for private parties and village functions.

For further details please contact the Chairman:

Bruce Hunter

Mobile: 07946388897

Email:b.hunter3@ntlworl.com



News for Older Residents

The Fete

Well done and a big thank you to the Girton Feast Committee. The Fete was well attended and it was great to see people having a good time. Everyone, including stall holders, were enjoying being at an organised event once again and chatting to people, some of who they had not seen for a long time.

Keeping Moving

My inbox has had quite a selection of emails recently about the importance of keeping moving and exercising. The message in all of them is clear, any movement is better than none for everyone, whatever our state of health and level of mobility. Regularly standing up for a few minutes is beneficial for those of us who are sitting most of each day.

Booklets and leaflets

I have been forced to sort out my sack of resources as the handle broke due to the weight of it! If you can use information eg on scams and home security, weight management, coping with stress, claiming benefits and Lasting Powers of Attorney do let me know. I also have Stay Stronger for Longer booklets and leaflets. The trampoline is still available to anyone who can use it.

Some catheter and urinary equipment for men is also available. Returning it to a pharmacy will mean it will be destroyed, so the person who has given it to me would be glad if a resident could make use of any of it.

I am about to take annual leave and will be returning on Tuesday 24 August. As soon as I can after that, I will respond to your emails and phone calls. Have a good summer everyone!

Patricia Johnston

Older Residents' Coordinator

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The Joy of shared Endeavour

Only the most die-hard football refuser can have avoided being caught up in the excitement, joy, tension and heartache that was Euro 2020 (2021?).

It was good to see the nation united in a common enterprise, even if most of us contributed from the comfort of our sofas (or occasionally from behind the sofa). After a year of isolation and distance I suspect that most of us appreciated afresh the sense of togetherness that was engendered by Gareth Southgate and his team. Indeed, the sense of togetherness that developed served to amplify the disgust that we felt about the disgraceful racist abuse that marred the end of the tournament.

There is an increasing body of evidence that a sense of unity and common endeavour is good for body and soul. Whether it's the joy of making music with others, team sports, a reading group or the simple pleasure of sharing a meal with others, doing things *together* is good for us; it forges bonds of connection that sustain and nurture us.

For me as a Christian there's also something special about gathering each week for worship and fellowship. As the letter to the Hebrews puts it: "Let us hold resolutely to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to spur one another on to love and good deeds. Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have made a habit, but let us encourage one another". When we do things together, we spur one another on and encourage one another.

We at St Andrew's Church are very aware that the last 18 months have been hard on children and many will have missed out on opportunities to experience the joys of togetherness. That's why we're launching Choir Church in September (details below) in order to make a space where local children can make music together and experience some of the great music that has formed the backbone of English choral music for centuries. We hope that it'll be a chance for children from different schools to get together and know the benefits of shared endeavour.

God bless you as we start to do more things together again!

Michael Bigg

Rector

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Girton Baptist Church

Growing Believing Communities

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Churchwardens:

Mr Bruce & Mrs Wendy Hunter Tel: 503958

Sunday Services: August

| 1st | 10:00am | Holy Communion | | | |
|------|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | 7:30 pm | Taize Service (Online) | | | |
| 8th | 10:00am | All-age Communion | | | |
| | 6:00pm | Evening Prayer (BCP) | | | |
| 15th | 10:00am | Holy Communion | | | |
| | 6:00 pm | Evening Prayer (BCP) | | | |
| 22nd | 8:00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | | | |
| | 10:00 am | Morning Prayer | | | |
| | 4:00 pm | Songs of Celebration - please | | | |
| | come along with your suggestions on the da | | | | |
| | (refreshme | nts afterwards). | | | |
| 29th | 10:00 am | Holy Communion | | | |

Weekday Services: August

| Wednesdays | 9:00am | Morning Prayer (said) |
|--------------|---------|---------------------------|
| | | (Online) |
| Thursdays | 9:00am | Morning Prayer (said) |
| | | (Online) |
| | 9:00 pm | Compline (said) (Online) |
| Wed 11th Aug | 2:00pm | Abbeyfield Holy Communion |
| Thu 26th Aug | 11:00am | Gretton Court Holy |
| | | Communion (BCP) |

You are welcome to join us in person for our worship services. We are doing everything we can to make it a safe environment. For those who wish to continue to worship remotely, Sunday morning services will continue to be streamed on YouTube for the foreseeable future. You may tune in at http://bit.ly/GirtonParishLive.

The Taizé service is being held remotely using Zoom usually 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. The church will be open daily for personal prayer. And may you find peace and comfort in this sacred space.

Please check the church website for up to date information. (www.girton.church)

For freedom:

O God, who has taught us that we are most truly free when we find our wills in yours; help us to gain this liberty by continual surrender to you, that we may walk in the way you have planned for us, and in doing your will we may have life. Amen

(Gelasian Sacramentary, 8th century)

Minister: Revd Nick Lowe Tel: 01223 279289

Secretary: Mrs Virginia Rootham-Smith

Tel: 01223 520442

Website: www.girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk

Sunday services: August (all starting at 10.30am at Girton Baptist Church and on Zoom)

1st Communion, led by Nick Lowe8th Led by Nick Lowe

15th Communion, led by Nick Lowe

22nd Led by Nick Lowe

For the link for Zoom please ring 07751 748757 or email *pastor@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk*.

Please use the church website for booking for inperson services. Masks are now optional.

A Bible verse:

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." (Ephesians 6:12)

Some words from a hymn by Isaac Watts:

When sin and hell their force unite, He makes my soul his care, Instructs me to the heav'nly fight, And guards me through the war.

A friend and helper so divine Does my weak courage raise; He makes the glorious vict'ry mine, And his shall be the praise.

A prayer from Psalm 35:

Contend, LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me. Take up shield and armour; arise and come to my aid. Brandish spear and javelin against those who pursue me. Say to me, 'I am your salvation'.

If you would like to discuss any Parish Council issues, please contact the following:

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Girton Musical Theatre Meet & Greet

On 2 September, Girton Musical Theatre (GMT) is starting rehearsals for our February 2022 production of Gilbert and Sullivan's The Yeomen of the Guard, and we are looking for new members!

Did you sing at school, and want to get back into it? Do you think you would enjoy working with a friendly group of people to put on a stage production (including singing, dancing, painting and building scenery)? Do you have Thursday evenings (and Fridays in January and February) free?



If you'd like to come and meet some of the society for an informal chat over a drink, please come along to the Old Crown garden on Thursday 19 August from 8.30pm. More information from our website *girtonmusicaltheatre.org.uk* or from Helen (01223 276940 or

helen@girtonmusicaltheatre.org.uk).

If you can't manage 19 August, you are welcome to come and meet us at our first rehearsals on 2 or 9 September when we will be having a sing-through of Yeomen, in the Girton Glebe School Hall from 8pm to 10pm.

Bin collections - August

Thursday 5 - Black bin

Thursday 12 - Blue and Green bins

Thursday 19 - Black bin

Thursday 26 - Blue and Green bins

Mobile Library

Thursday 26 August 2021

Thornton Court 9.40 -10.00 Abbeyfield 10.05 -10.50 Cotton Hall/Church 11.00 -11.30 Orchard Close 11.35 -12.00 St Vincents Close 12.05 -12.30 Gretton Court 12.35 -13.00 Churchfield Court 13.05 -13.30

Contact numbers for bookings

Cotton Hall 07759 983420

Orchard Close 277164
Pavilion 472182
St Vincent's Close 276447

William Collyn

Community Centre 279587

Girton Social Club

Join *Girton Social Club* at the Village Institute, Cambridge Road, Girton.

Monday – Saturday 7.30 pm – 11.00 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday 12.00 noon -3.00 pm

For this year only new members will pay half price at £5.00 / £1.75 concs. Current members will have their 2020 membership extended until February, 2022, at no extra cost or loss of continuity.

Lapsed members start again at £5.00.

Members must be over 18. Accompanied members' children and dogs are very welcome. Free wi-fi available.

Enquiries: GirtonSocialClub@gmail.com

Tony Bennett - Chairman, Girton Social Club.

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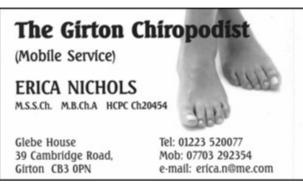
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