

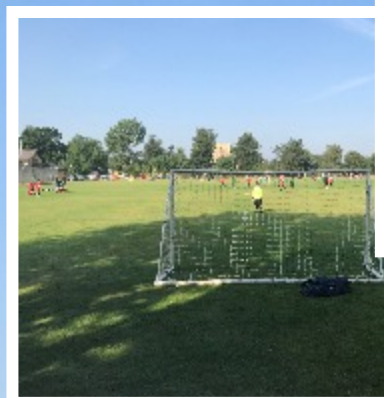


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## An Invitation from St Andrew's Church, Girton

Mitten Tree Project at Christmas to Help the Homeless

You are invited to donate new mittens, gloves, hats or scarves for some homeless

men and women in Cambridge. The donated clothing in adult sizes can be homemade or purchased and they must be new.

A "mitten tree" will be put in the Church in early October and you place your donation on this special Christmas tree when the Church is open. The tree will be taken down on 5 December and all donated items will be given to a

Cambridge charity that helps the homeless. It is hoped that the tree will be full of lovely items of clothing so that some homeless individuals stay a little bit warmer on the cold, dark days of winter. All donations will be gratefully received and appreciated. Can you help, please? This project is based on a children's book called *The Mitten Tree* by Candace

Christiansen in which a woman secretly knits mittens for the needy children of her neighbourhood, with wonderful results for herself and those she helps. So, please consider joining others in this Girton-wide project. Further information will be available on the posters in St Andrew's Church. And, thank you.

## Girton Walking Group

**Wicken Fen - approximately 6 miles - Saturday  
November 6th**

We will meet at the National Trust car park (free for NT members: non-members £3) at 10 am. The address is 34 Lode Lane, Wicken, Ely, CB7 5XP. We will take a circular route over the fens skirtig the National Trust reserve up to Upware. Then walk back along Wicken Lode. This might be a muddy walk as it is November so please wear appropriate footwear. Don't forget to bring a drink! For further details please email [elisabethkron@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elisabethkron@yahoo.co.uk)

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## FROM OUR COUNCILLORS

### County Councillor Edna Murphy

There are a lot of big issues being addressed now that the new Joint Administration has been in control in the County Council for a few months. It's clear we have inherited a number of serious problems. The Local Government Association (LGA) sent a group of experts to review the situation of the Council and made a number of findings. For example:

- A cumulative deficit of £64m has been caused by years of inadequate financial management. There have been years of spending beyond its means – not enough income, not controlling costs. We must develop a long-term strategy to bring the County back in balance, while delivering on ambitious programmes supporting climate, young and vulnerable people.
- The LGA agreed that This Land Ltd needed a review, via an independent advisor to check whether the company's plans were realistic. It is set up so that the Council maximises its return on the loan it made to the company. But can it be a commercial success with these debts? This is potentially a very high-risk strategy for the Council and its invested funds. We'll start to get answers in November.
- 'Farmgate' - it is vital lessons are learned for many reasons including to reassure the public that the council maintains high standards in its conduct. Also that there is a need for some elected members to 'recalibrate' their behaviour which has not been acceptable at times.

The report can be found here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/Cambridgeshire-County-Council-Corporate-Peer-Challenge-Report.pdf>

#### Major decisions of the County include...

- The future of Milton Road Library is secured until at least 2064. The County has negotiated to get an extension to the lease and for protection after that.
- Increasing money spent on biodiversity – we are arguing to invest more in seasonally dependent biodiversity projects to speed up

progress on our climate change commitments and progress our commitment to 20% biodiversity net gain.

- More residential and nursing care beds are now in place in the County to help people stay closer to their support networks. This has been achieved despite an incredibly challenging time for all concerned.

### Beck Brook Bridge

The County is proposing to continue the 3m wide shared-use path across the length of the bridge, and narrow the carriageway. Priority would be given to traffic leaving the village, similar to the pinch point into Oakington. There would be safety benefits to 'non motorised users' and traffic into the village would be slowed down. The parapet would be repaired alongside this work. There are some concerns – pollution caused by waiting traffic, street lighting and hedge management and signage on the south side of the bridge and overall a need for proper consultation with residents.

### Equestrian path

The off road path from Manor Farm Close for equestrians was ready to go some time ago and I am following up to make sure it happens. There have been frightening instances involving equestrians so this would be a helpful measure.

### Tree belt failing to thrive

The A14 development involved creating a tree belt from the bottom of Washpit Road to mitigate noise. Sadly many trees are failing to thrive. This has happened elsewhere in the County. Highways England is notoriously difficult to deal with and are winding down their operations as they feel the work is 'finished'. It isn't – and I am chasing up!

*Cllr Edna Murphy*

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### District Councillor Corinne Garvie

#### Important update on the (new) Local Plan

The next stage of the Local Plan has just been published by the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (a partnership between South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Councils).

Cambridge is an area of growth and the new jobs need housing provision. This plan is until 2041

### **No sites have been identified in Girton Parish.**

Over 690 sites were put forward by landowners in the first stage “Call for Sites” but only 19 (3%) of them are being proposed for acceptance and, of those, many are extremely small. The NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) states that local plans must make ‘sufficient provision’ for need of both homes and jobs. We are proposing to meet what our evidence has determined will meet that minimum need. This means we are rejecting the much higher growth figures suggested by some commentators and reports.

One of the promises of the incoming Lib Dem administration was to develop a proper local plan. If it fails to prove to the Planning Inspector that we are meeting the evidential need, the plan will be rejected or significantly delayed (as was the previous Local Plan, which led to serious consequences for our villages).

### **Afghanistan refugees**

SCDC Housing staff have been working on plans to resettle three Afghan families, providing a home and essential support in response to the international crisis. South Cambridgeshire District Council’s five-year (2020-2025) Council owned homes are not being used to house these three families and it will not have an impact on the waiting time for local families who are on the Council’s housing waiting list.

### **SCDC Growth Grants for small and medium sized businesses.**

Applicants must be South Cambridgeshire based start-ups looking to scale and grow quickly or be established South Cambridgeshire companies who can demonstrate ambitious growth plans. This grant is taxable.

### **A new website for South Cambridgeshire**

SCDC’s Business Support team is working on a new website to promote South Cambridgeshire. This is to support the local economy by encouraging tourists to visit the area and for local people to spend more time in the district.

The site will be launched in the autumn and SCDC is inviting local businesses and event organisers to secure a free listing by submitting information and photos online via a short questionnaire. Visit

[www.VisitSouthCambs.co.uk](http://www.VisitSouthCambs.co.uk) to create a free listing.

### **Free trees**

Six free trees are being provided to parishes. Contact the parish council if you have ideas about where these trees could go.

*Corinne Garvie*

*Cllr.garvie@scambs.gov.uk*

*07780 932267*

## **District Councillor Tom Bygott**

### **Nearly 49,000 more flats and houses proposed for ‘Greater Cambridge’**

One year ago, on 16th September 2020, the District Council, together with Cambridge City Council, published the Call for Sites submissions as part of their preparations for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan up to 2041. Developers and landowners, hoping to make a quick profit, suggested far more development sites than were needed. The Council, knowing that the vast majority of these sites would be rejected, subjected residents to the cruel and unnecessary ordeal of waiting for an entire year, without being formally able to make any direct comment, to find out whether their homes and lives would be blighted by unwanted development.

The good news is that Girton has been spared the new major developments proposed in the Call for Sites. These included ten sites totalling 33 hectares, for between 135 and 445 houses and 40,000 sq m of other floor space. Examples included two sites between the High Street, Woodlands Park and Dodford Lane, and one at the end of Cockerton Road. The only sites in Girton Parish that have been included in the Local Plan are Eddington and Darwin Green Phase Two, which had already been approved.

We need some new homes, including affordable homes that fit in with existing communities, but a growth-led approach risks making affordability worse and putting further strain on local services and damaging the environment. The scale of the growth that is planned could put severe strain on local schools, roads, services and particularly water resources.

### **East West Rail update**

I have continued to meet with the East West Rail strategy team to discuss the route of the proposed railway and to make the case why the ‘northern route’ across the fields between Girton and Oakington and between Dry Drayton and Madingley should not be built. I also regularly talk to key stakeholders in both



Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire about the project. In my view, new railways should be constructed immediately adjacent to motorways and other main roads, wherever possible, to avoid damaging villages and open countryside.

### **South Cambs trailing behind in Covid-19 vaccinations**

In July I mentioned that 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 several 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](http://www.thevaccinators.co.uk).

If you or members of your family haven't yet been double vaccinated, it is worth looking on that website for locations and upcoming events. Covid-19 rates in Cambridgeshire have risen sharply and by mid August were nearly as high as they were in January during the winter peak.

From 23rd August, all young people aged 16 to 17 in England have been offered a first vaccine dose to give them protection before returning to school. By early September, 86.5% of people over sixteen in South Cambridgeshire had had the first dose of a Covid vaccine, compared to 88.8% nationally. For both doses, the numbers were 78.8% in South Cambs and 79.9% nationally.

*Cllr Tom Bygott*

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Every month has a different theme and costumes and activities vary to suit. For instance our Christmas Party will of course involve Santa Claus, his elves and a present for everyone, while our March Birthday party will include a lovely handmade Birthday cake to share plus a sample of the last year's themes.

If you would like to know more about the Girton sessions, or such Cafés in general, then please do get in touch with Rtn Richard de Horsey on 01223 276192 or email [richarddehorsey@gmail.com](mailto:richarddehorsey@gmail.com).

Or just come along, we hope to see you there!

See our club website for next dates and themes: [www.cambridge-southrotary.org.uk](http://www.cambridge-southrotary.org.uk).

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However, it is always more fun and motivating to exercise with others so here are two possible new ventures for Girton. Both activities will be outdoors when the weather permits.

#### Walking Netball

This involves no running or jumping and is designed so that anyone can play, regardless of age or fitness level. Local groups have participants in their 50s to those in their 80s. A free taster session is planned as soon as we can book the Pavilion. No previous knowledge of netball is necessary and I encourage you to come and see what a fun way of exercising it is. It is important that you register your interest with me so I can keep you informed of exactly when the taster will happen.

#### Functional Fitness

These classes are designed to promote whole body strength training, posture correction, balance and stability and encourage fitness for everyday life and movement as well as enjoyment. Once again it would be really helpful to know how much interest there would be for such a class. The more people who are interested, the more chance we have of getting a class going in Girton when the tutor is available.

### New Age Kurling

This has resumed on Mondays from 3 to 4pm in the William Collyn Hall. And please note that I still have exercise leaflets and booklets to give away.

CamSight has resumed its peer group meeting on the second Wednesday morning of the month in St Vincent's Close Community Room and Hearing Help Cambridgeshire continues to run its sessions on the third Wednesday of each month at the Baptist Church.

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## Would you like to join the Girton Feast Team?

1. After another successful Girton Feast weekend this summer, we are starting to plan for next year. We would be delighted to hear from local residents who would like to join our team of volunteers.
2. It's a great way to get to know people within the village and to be involved in organising a fun event. You may have ideas and suggestions as to how we can improve these events in the future. If so, please contact us.

We are a not-for-profit organisation which means that any surplus from Feast events is used to support future events. We work as a team and take on various roles as and when they are needed.

If you are interested in learning more or if you have any queries or suggestions, please email us at [rowena@girtonfeast.org.uk](mailto:rowena@girtonfeast.org.uk) / 01223 565247 or [helen@girtonfeast.org.uk](mailto:helen@girtonfeast.org.uk)





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*Badges are available from your local Poppy Appeal Organiser: Wendy Ripley 07885 190597 or [girtonpa@yahoo.com](mailto:girtonpa@yahoo.com)*

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## The Poppy Appeal 2021

*Should Sainsbury's grant the Royal British Legion permission to collect for the Poppy Appeal in their foyer this year, volunteers will once again be needed to man the stall between 30<sup>th</sup> October and 13<sup>th</sup> November.*

*Please contact Wendy if you are interested.*

***Lest we Forget***



## The Friends of the Rosie

We hope all our customers have enjoyed another unusual summer and remain well.

The Friends of the Rosie are enthusiastic volunteers whose aim is to improve the services the hospital provides by raising money for items that the NHS does not buy.

We are selling new items on our [rosieinstitches.org.uk](http://rosieinstitches.org.uk) website and facebook marketplaces and second hand items in our rosieinstitches2010 charity store on eBay. Please email [avril@rosieinstitches.org.uk](mailto:avril@rosieinstitches.org.uk) to make an appointment to view a selection in person.

If you have been tidying another cupboard, we are still welcoming donations of craft materials.

We need to find alternative storage space for the items we have for sale. If you have a garage or a shed that you

are not making full use of would you consider letting it out to our charity?

We are still unable to run our Friends of the Rosie tea bar in Clinic 21 due to Covid19. We are unable to say when our tea bar will be able to open again as most of our volunteers are of retirement age or older. We will provide you with regular updates when we know more. We would be able to open sooner if our volunteers were younger. We also need more volunteers.

If you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Ann Laskey ([annlaskey@icloud.com](mailto:annlaskey@icloud.com)) for more details of what would be involved.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of knitters, provide transport for our volunteers, display a small selection of our wares or to help on the Rosie tea bar.

Contact Mary Sanders on 01223 356615. Further details are given on our website [www.rosieinstitches.org.uk](http://www.rosieinstitches.org.uk).

Thank you for your continued support  
Stay safe.



October, when days are getting shorter and nights longer and we feel we must make the most of those days when the weather is good. Out in the gardens, parks, allotments, streets and roadsides, the trees are at their most colourful ... the trees along Huntingdon Road were so carefully planned to give us three alternating tree colours and make the cycle ride into Cambridge a pleasure.

In the garden it is time for a clear up as leaves etc. fall and decay and can be added to the compost if free of disease. Tomato and potato blight have spoilt many plants this year and they should not be added to the compost heap.

Fruit is ripening and apples and pears can be harvested, the best being kept in a frost-free shed/garage for later in the winter. Pruning of these trees can be done once the leaves have dropped and I cut back this year's growth to 3 or 4 buds facing outwards from the tree to help keep the tree open and less chance of disease.

If the greenhouse is free of summer plants, it now needs an autumn-time spring clean ready for overwintering plants such as geraniums and herbs.

It may be getting cooler but some planting for next year can take place: garlic bulbs, strawberry plants, sweet pea and broad bean seeds can be sown. I see from my father's gardening diary that as far back as 1977 Aquadulce Claudia broad beans were a favourite of his and are still a favourite among gardeners.

The seed catalogues have arrived and cold wet days give us time to plan and choose for next year. I always like to try something new, and this year I have produced my first butternut squash!

Tulips, daffodils and crocuses planted now will welcome the spring and planting up a large bowl with a mixture of these near the house will give a display lasting several weeks.

Wildlife too is fattening up before winter. Our hedgehogs pay nightly visits although we no longer see them but they leave their calling card and the Tawny owls are calling to each other from the poplar trees by the stream beyond our garden. The squirrels, who defy all squirrel-proof bird feeders, are a little more welcome now I have fewer pots for them to bury their nuts in. Uprturned metal hanging baskets provide good protection for those with bulbs in – mostly!

For a change from apple pies and crumbles how about making:

### Spiced Apple Crisps

Preheat the oven to 160°C. and line a baking tray with baking paper.

Slice a Bramley apple thinly into discs, without coring, ideally using a mandolin.

Cover the baking paper with the apple slices, laying them out in a single layer.

Dust with cinnamon and bake on middle shelf for 30 mins until dried out and crisp.

Sprinkle with crushed peppercorns and turn over the slices with a fish slice.

Allow to cool completely, then serve.

It has once again been a strange year but there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel and we are so thankful to have gardens and allotments where we can relax, exercise, and in my own case meet up with a friend. With our flasks of coffee and warm coats and having dug out the chairs from my shed, we have spent a pleasant hour or so.

*Judith Addison, Girton Garden Society*

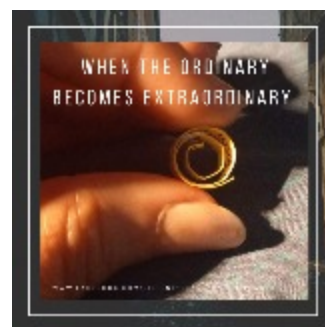


### When the ordinary becomes extraordinary

This month's image is a small, ordinary piece of paper, curled up into a spiral. What makes it extraordinary is the message which was written on it and the feeling

behind that message.

Chad Varah, founder of Samaritans said, 'There are people in this world who seem to be 'ordinary' but who turn out to be extraordinary. They give their total attention. They listen and listen and listen without interrupting.'



This concept of the ordinary becoming extraordinary is inspirational and achievable for all of us. Just as a small random act of kindness can have an impact on someone's day, just as our words can help to heal others, so can the act of true, non-judgemental listening give others hope and make connections. We don't need to be materially wealthy or have special qualifications to make a difference to others' lives – little ordinary acts can be extraordinary.

### Signposting

Learning about the benefits of listening, considering how to listen and reading the lived experiences of those who listen and have been listened to is all encapsulated in the



book *How to Listen: Tools for opening up conversations when it matters* by Katie Columbus. If any Girton residents would like to borrow a copy, get in touch.

### First Aid

Regarding the suite of Adult Mental Health First Aid and Suicide First Aid [Adult and Youth] courses which I am qualified to deliver, there are typically some issues forefront in the minds of people who express reservations about the training. People may be concerned that they would need to be long-term committed to supporting someone, unskilled to diagnose what any issues or problems are and unconfident to advise what someone needs to do next.

To dispel these concerns, I draw comparison to physical first aid which, similar to mental health or suicide first aid, does NOT qualify or indeed require you to become a long-term healthcare provider, to diagnose an illness or to prescribe treatment or medication but it DOES teach you to respond in a crisis, support someone and suggest signposting.

So maybe you are now interested in Mental Health or Suicide First Aid? Visit my facebook page for details.

If you would like to be entered in the draw for a place on my next Suicide First Aid [Understanding Suicide Interventions] course on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021 you can request t&cs and apply by contacting me at [mhfa.julietadloun@gmail.com](mailto:mhfa.julietadloun@gmail.com).

*Juliet Adloun, 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.julietadloun](https://www.facebook.com/listeninglantern.julietadloun) or [mhfa.julietadloun@gmail.com](mailto:mhfa.julietadloun@gmail.com).*



## News from Girton Glebe Primary School

It was such a pleasure to welcome our pupils and parents back to school at the beginning of September and we were delighted to see a number of new families join the Girton Glebe community at the start of term. After such a disrupted year with many restrictions in place, we are so pleased to be able to see families back on the school site and look forward to events across the year where we can celebrate the achievements of our pupils together.

### Early Years 2021

Our new Early Years pupils started school on September 7 and are having a fabulous time in their new primary school setting, learning in the EYFS environment with Miss King. It is lovely to see all 30 children so engaged in their learning – there is a real buzz of excitement in our Early Years classroom as the children explore new learning opportunities and our forest school space for the first time.

### Early Years 2022

During November we will be running open sessions for prospective parents to visit Girton Glebe ahead of admissions for the September 2022 intake. The sessions, hosted on Friday mornings, will provide an opportunity to meet the Headteacher, take tours of the school and see the Early Years environment in action. Dates, times and booking information will be shared on the school website and via preschools from the end of September.

### Swimming Pool 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On September 11 we held a ceremony at Girton Glebe to unveil a plaque celebrating the names of the dedicated team of parents and volunteers who helped to dig the school swimming pool between 1959 and 1961. Those involved in the construction of the pool were represented by family members who came to visit the school grounds ahead of the unveiling and reminisced on their memories of Girton Glebe in the time when they were pupils here. Over the last 60 years, the swimming pool has been invaluable to the pupils at Girton Glebe, facilitating swimming lessons for thousands of children since its construction. (See page 16)

The plaque was unveiled by Eric Whitehead, who was part of the team that helped to install the pool over 60 years ago. Two members of our current Year 6 cohort shared their memories of the school pool before celebrations moved to the Old Crown for lunch ahead of cake and champagne.

It was lovely to share such a special day with the friends and family of those involved in the pool's construction and we are grateful that we can continue to offer this provision as part of the curriculum at Girton Glebe. (For more information and photos see page 16).

### Cleaning Staff Required

We are currently seeking to appoint new members of staff to work alongside our school cleaning team and can offer these positions at the earliest opportunity. The role is term time only, working 3 hours per day between 1500 and 1800. Please email [office@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk) for more information.

*Mr Andrew Spencer*

*Headteacher*

*@GirtonGlebePS*

## Girton Glebe Swimming Pool 60th anniversary celebrations



Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September saw the unveiling of a plaque at Girton Glebe School to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official opening of the swimming pool. The plaque lists all who were involved in what remains, to this day, "... a triumph of teamwork and cooperation", to quote Brian Foot, the then Headmaster.

He had, in 1958, explained to a meeting of parents that he felt it was important to teach children to swim but the County Council would not meet the cost of building a swimming pool. A group of these parents decided that they would build one themselves. Fundraising began followed by much hard work and in June 1961 the pool was officially opened. It is believed that around 2,000 children from Girton Glebe School alone have learned to swim in the pool over the 60 years it has been in operation.



*Gathering before the ceremony*

Over fifty people, many descendants of the volunteers involved in the original construction, attended the unveiling having travelled from far and wide. The furthest distance travelled was from Germany while others came from as far afield as Devon and South Tyneside. The unveiling ceremony was performed by Eric Whitehead, the last survivor of the original volunteers. Year 6 pupils from Girton Glebe, Wendy and Dominic, spoke, saying "what the swimming pool means to me". Following the unveiling ceremony, a buffet lunch was held at the



*Dominic & Wendy*

Old Crown where a celebration cake was shared, accompanied by a glass of champagne.



*The group behind the event - Left to right - Don Bland, Jeremy Symes, Stephen Allen, Stephen Banham, John Blades. Absent due to last minute problem - Keith Hichisson*

Thanks are due to the Old Crown for hosting the buffet, Rev Michael Bigg for stepping in at the last minute to video the proceedings, the school for providing the cake, Greg and Helle Smith for providing the champagne, and the family of the late Joan Bland for providing the plaque. The project was led by Don Bland, Jeremy Symes, John Blades, Keith Hichisson, Stephen Allen and Stephen Banham, helped by many others along the way.

A Facebook page has been created where photos relating to the pool, its construction, its history and the unveiling ceremony are available. It makes interesting viewing and provides a window on Girton back in the day. Hopefully contributions will continue to be made to it.

You can find it here:

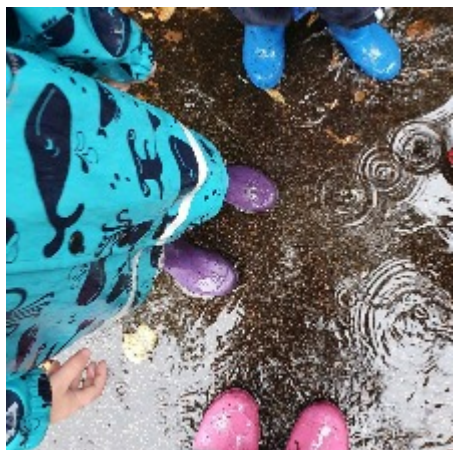
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## Girton Cottontails Preschool

At the time of writing, we are just beginning our second week of the new academic year. It's started off brilliantly for us and it's been just wonderful to welcome our new families and welcome back our returning families to preschool. The children are settling in well and getting to know the staff and the other children. Each day we sit together in a circle to sing our hello song, singing each child's name in turn. This is excellent for the children to learn each other's names and to give each child a sense of belonging to the group.





Activities that have been popular so far are cooking in the home corner, building train tracks and drawing. We had a really rainy day and made the most of it, by splashing and jumping in puddles.

At Forest School, the children have been hunting for insects and we've been talking about the importance of being kind, caring and gentle, even to insects.



We found ladybirds, spiders and woodlice. Also, a very exciting find on our first day was a frog. The children spotted it hiding inside a small hole and could only see its eyes and mouth. They used our identification cards to find out what it was,

brilliant detective work!

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:

<http://www.gofundme.com/f/emma-amp-laura-are-reopening-cottontails-preschool>

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We welcome children from the age of two upwards. We accept 2 year funded and 3 & 4 year 15 and 30 hour funded children. Please contact us if you would like to apply for a place.

For further information about the preschool and what we have to offer, you can visit our website, follow us on social media and get in touch using the contact details below.

*Laura Norman and Emma Pell*

*Girton Cottontails Preschool Managing Directors*

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## Girton WI news

On Wednesday September 1<sup>st</sup> Girton WI finally held our AGM. This meeting was critical to determine the future

of our WI. A WI that has been going for 102 years.

All organisations have been affected by COVID and we were no different, not having had a meeting since our previous AGM in March 2020 we were struggling to put together a new committee to join our five remaining ladies. Our member numbers have dropped considerably, but we had a good turnout for this meeting.

It is fair to say it was a real rollercoaster of a meeting, but there was a lot of positive feedback and a real desire for the group not to close from those who attended and many volunteers to do various roles on the committee. However, when it was time for the obligatory tea and cake, we did not have the big three crucial kingpins in place (a President, a Treasurer and a Secretary) and we were on the verge of closing. Tea, cake and break for a matter were needed to spur us on.

And then out of the blue our previous Treasurer Hannah Wyborn and our retiring President Susie Cumming came forward and said they were prepared to swap roles to save us. We were all elated with the news, so much so that I volunteered to become secretary with help from other members and with all the volunteers who were all willing to join the committee or help out anyway they could. We live to fight another day. Hurrah!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October and we will be having a talk by Kate Kirk titled 'The Cambridge Phenomenon' All ladies welcome (old and new members). The Committee will be meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September to plan a craft activity for our November meeting (Christmas related) and arrange a Christmas Party for our December meeting (details to follow). Look out for posters around the village.

If you are looking to join us for future meetings, please just come along, or if you would like more details of what the WI is all about, email [girtonwi@gmail.com](mailto:girtonwi@gmail.com).

Girton WI is held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the William Collyn Community Centre.

*Wendy Hall*



# GIRTON scoreboard



## Girton Colts Football Club

What a great feeling to be back playing at the recreation ground again.

All teams were in action in September and a warm welcome to our new Under 7's team led by Peter and Gideon. Most teams have picked up new players over the summer and with successful preseason training they have all come out hungry for football.

I'm pleased to announce that for a third year we are going to be supported by Girton Town Charity. Their funding assists our players in getting professional coaching support from Norwich City FC as well as supporting local people to volunteer and get involved with the club. These funds are so valuable to the club and will allow us, among other things, to properly train the new Under 6 and Under 5 managers that are already on board with us.

### Fancy watching a game?

Every Saturday during term time you will find some sort of match on at the Rec from 10am until lunch, so pop down and lend Girton your support. We're the ones in red and black!

### Referees still needed ... can you help?

The FA are very low on referees this season, so it's all hands on deck for clubs to find referees for matches. We have parents who can step in, but we really need a pool of local people we can call upon. It's really important to have impartial referees as it assists in the depth of experience our players can get from playing matches. Our club is very welcoming, and you will be given full support in learning how to be a referee as well as being paid too! If you're interested, please contact [chair@girtoncolts.co.uk](mailto:chair@girtoncolts.co.uk).

Next month I hope to have some specific team news for you. I know of a couple of cracking highlights to September already, which will definitely warm up your spirits.

To our Colts players reading this – good job in September, keep practising every day, nag family to kick about with you and we'll have an even better October. Come on the Colts!

*Andrew Hawkes, Chairman*

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We would like to build a pool of referees to officiate matches on Saturday mornings. Young referees 14+ and older referees are required urgently for our youngsters.

For more information please contact Andrew Hawkes, Chairman of Girton Colts FC [chair@girtoncolts.co.uk](mailto:chair@girtoncolts.co.uk) or 07768821776



## Girton Netball Club

Netball training continues though unfortunately your correspondent is on the sidelines with a hand injury (not sustained playing netball, I hasten to add).

September and the new school term reminded me of the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award. Over the years we've had a number of students come to netball club to complete the Physical Challenge section of their Bronze, Silver or Gold Award. Netball is listed in the DofE guidelines under the 'Team Sport' category, so if any DofE candidates are wondering what to choose, choose us! You would be very welcome and we are happy to sign off any paperwork.

Next year is the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and the chance to watch live netball! We have applied for tickets for the netball sessions in the hope of seeing The Roses play. Keep an eye on future updates to see if we're successful in the ballot.

Training with Helen continues on Mondays, 6.30–7.45, at Girton Rec. All welcome. Email [girton.village.netball@gmail.com](mailto:girton.village.netball@gmail.com) or facebook: Girton Netball Club.

*Emma-Louise Longden*



## Girton Bowls Club

Our finals day took place on 4th September and proved to be a great success. The weather was kind to us and the event attracted a number of spectators as well as players. Our pairs winners were Debbie Foster and Alan Benton, who were up against Dave Fryer and Steve Holmes. The ladies' singles winner was Janet Graaff who won against Debbie Foster and the men's singles winner was Alan Benton, who beat Matt Smith. The David Rogers trophy was won by Geoff McCall and Graham Clare and the triples final, which had been played prior to finals day, was won by Janet Graaff, Jane Hower and Dave Fryer, who beat Alan Benton, Mike Collier and Carey Horton. Congratulations to all our winners – a great end to a most successful season.



*Girton finals winners*

At the close of the season the Club has again achieved some very good League positions. In the C&D League Girton finished second in Division 4 and will be promoted to Division 3 next season. In the E&D League Division 1, Girton finished 7 out of 12 teams. In the Business House League, Girton finished 5th out of 9 teams. And in the Meldreth League, Girton achieved their highest position to date, finishing 4th out of 10 teams.



*C & D finalists*

The C&D external competition finals were held on 11th September at Great Chesterford Bowls Club and Girton had finalists in the Lacon Cup for the first time and the ladies' singles. Unfortunately, in the Lacon Cup

our team of Dave Fryer, Paul Foster and Alan Benton were beaten by a very strong team from Abbey Bowls Club and in the singles Janet Graaff lost to a player from Coton Bowls Club. Nevertheless, a tremendous achievement for our players to have reached two final events and congratulations go to our finalists. They will receive their runners up awards at the C&D presentation dinner on 11th February.

Indoor Bowls will now begin in earnest and many of our members will be playing throughout the winter months.

Our volunteer maintenance team will be closing down the green shortly and the autumn treatment of the green will begin. Our thanks go to all the team for their continued hard work throughout the season, the bowls green and surrounds have looked magnificent!

Our AGM will be held at the WCCC on Friday 26th November 2021 at 7pm.

If you are interested in finding out about joining Girton Bowls Club, please see our website [www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com](http://www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com) or please contact our Secretary Lynne McGill at [lynnemcgill63@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnemcgill63@hotmail.com). We are always pleased to welcome new members.

*Lynne McGill*



## Girton Tennis Club

The Summer League is now over but we have a Men's team in the Winter League. This started in September and runs until December 2021 with the usual mix of home and away matches. Our team captain (Mark Lawton) would welcome a few more men to be available to play in the matches. If you are interested in taking part, please attend one of the team practice sessions and discuss it with Mark. The team practice sessions run every Wednesday from 7pm.

At the time of writing, the big tennis story is the rapid rise and success of Emma Raducanu from Bromley who recently won the USA Open at the age of 18. Once she had secured her place in the final it was nice to see Channel 4 buy the rights to broadcast it on terrestrial TV and make the match available to millions of extra viewers. It was a very exciting match and it is hoped that Emma will act as a role model in encouraging more youngsters to take up tennis. Maybe time you picked up a racket!

Our club membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March so, as of the 1st October, we will be half-way through the membership year. If you are still considering joining our friendly club, we can offer a 50% reduction in fees for the remainder of this year. Just make contact using the details below.

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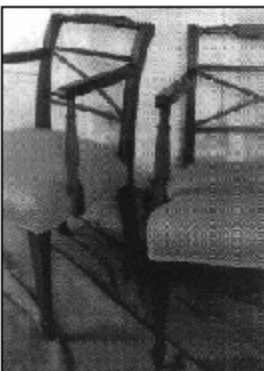
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The tennis club has use of the recreation ground courts and members who purchase a key and have a confirmed booking have court access during most daylight hours. Club members meet and play from around 7.30pm to 9pm on Friday evenings. Potential new 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 website [www.girtontennisclub.uk](http://www.girtontennisclub.uk) or by contacting our Membership Secretary (James) by email [info@girtontennisclub.uk](mailto:info@girtontennisclub.uk).

*Alan Franklin*

### **Kevin Keeves**

It is with great sadness that Girton Tennis Club has to publish the news that Kevin Keeves (Rocket) passed away on 7th September after a short but very tough battle with cancer.

He was a long term member of our club and served as Membership Secretary for many years up until July this year. As a committee member, he was always thoughtful, highly motivated to get things done and happy to stimulate lively debate when necessary.

He will be much missed and our sincere condolences go to his family and friends.



### **Girton Golf Club**

Writing this in early mid-September, the weather has taken a real turn for the better and it is warm and pleasant, just great for golf. Just in time too, as this weekend, 18th September, sees our

Charity Day when we raise funds for the club's nominated charity which is currently Alzheimer's Research. I will let you know next time how much we raise.

Plenty happening at the club at this time of year with internal competitions and many matches for all segments including Ladies, Seniors, Juniors and Men. I attended the Junior Club Championship last Sunday when Tom Smith produced an astonishing net 61 to win both net and gross trophies. Very well played, Tom – and his handicap has been cut accordingly.

Our course is still in remarkably good condition and our greens staff have worked really well all summer to maintain that high quality. Our greens are exceptionally good, having been worked on recently during our course maintenance week.

Whilst there is still some hesitancy in members and visitors attending internal evening events, we are still attracting many societies and visitors to the course and welcome them. We are open, of course, for lunches and drinks all day, with people sitting on the patio or in the lounge where face masks are requested when moving about but are not compulsory.

Membership is still open and we are always delighted to welcome new players at Girton, be it new to our club, or new to golf even. Ask at the ProShop or office for details of the available types of membership. Junior membership for those still in education and under 18 is really attractive.

We hope to see you soon at Girton Golf Club, just at the end of Dodford Lane.

*Alan Henderson-Smith*

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### **Girton woman running London Marathon to raise money for charity close to her heart.**

Alexandra Borrelli, a PhD candidate at the University of Cambridge, is running the London Marathon to raise money for the Prader Willi Syndrome Association, a charity that looks after children and adults living with PWS in the UK. Alexandra's brother Charles lives with this condition and he is greatly supported by the charity.

If you would like to support Alexandra, who lives in Church Lane, Girton, and has spent the past few weeks running the streets of Girton and surrounding areas to get prepared for the race, please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alexandra-borrelli>

### **Former Gretton School teacher to run marathon in memory of former pupil**

Ryan Thomas, a former teacher at Gretton School in Girton, will run the London Marathon in memory of Andy Madden, a Gretton student who died of cancer in April 2021. Andy was 16 and in Year 11 at Gretton. In August 2020 he had an emergency splenectomy and was diagnosed with lymphoma. Mr Thomas, and other Gretton staff, continued to support Andy during his chemotherapy. Mr Thomas is raising funds for Children with Cancer UK. You can donate here:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RyanThomas28>

## 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 shown on page 28

26	11	5	15	1	20		23	12	1	9	26	23
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## WORDSEARCH – Harvest Fruits !

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.

T	N	A	R	R	U	C	D	S	B	Y	P	S
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I	P	O	G	I	F	Z	O	G	R	L	Y	L
L	B	M	X	H	W	E	N	K	C	A	L	B
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I	A	T	A	Y	E	P	D	E	R	Z	E	A
W	M	O	J	R	L	O	G	A	N	F	L	B
H	L	P	G	U	E	C	I	M	O	C	D	U
I	E	A	M	A	R	J	O	R	I	E	E	H
T	Y	Z	S	E	I	R	R	E	H	C	R	R
E	S	T	R	A	W	T	O	C	I	R	P	A

ANNA	ELDER	RHUBARB
APPLE	FIG	SPY
APRICOT	GALA	STRAW
BERRIES	GOOSE	TAY
BLACK	GREENGAGES	TOMATO
BLUE	HIPS	TOPAZ
BRAMLEY	LOGAN	VICTORIA
CHERRIES	MARJORIE	WHITE
COMICE	PEAR	WILLIAM
CONFERENCE	PERRY	
COX	PLUM	
CURRENT	RASP	
DAMSON	RED	



## Dress code?

Our October lunch date has been changed from the 6th to 14th October to allow people more time to book in after the delivery of this newsletter. The October lunch will be at Abbeyfield 12noon for 12.30pm but with a dress code

of 'hats must be worn'. We used this dress code more than two years ago with great success and will repeat the function but this time with prizes for 'largest brim' and 'best decorated' hats. I do hope you, men included, will take part in this fun lunch with good prizes.

**The Abbeyfield menu:** starters to include a choice of minestrone soup with parmesan chips, smoked trout and chive terrine served with artisan brown bread, melon and passion fruit cocktail steeped in cointreau. The main course includes a choice of beef medallions, salmon supreme, gnocchi (pasta) with sun blessed tomato pesto and all served with a panache of fresh vegetables and potatoes of the day. Dessert choices are fresh fruit salad, plum and ginger crumble, sherry trifle and black forest gâteau. Coffee and a glass or two of wine will be included with the meal at £20 for two courses and £24 for three courses.

Our first two functions after the reopening of venues closed due to the coronavirus have been substantially subsidised by our club but this is not sustainable. Prices have risen across the board and trips out of the village for two- or three-course meals will cost in the region of £30 to £35 per head if they are to continue. Food prices and transport costs appear to have risen suddenly but two years have passed since we last made these sort of trips and I suspect businesses need to recover after the long lockdowns. The harsh fact is, 'if we want it, we've got to pay for it'.

Are you an older person? Have you been locked in for weeks, find it difficult to get around but would like to get out? If the answer to any of these questions is 'Yes' then consider our next function at Abbeyfield. It is local, no transport costs, the food will be good and the venue is happy dealing with older people - why not come out and spend your money - you can't take it with you. You might make new friends and it's quite possible that you will have a modicum of fun. Just contact us.

November's function will be fish and chips out of the paper at a local venue and on the 8th December we have another outing by bus for a Christmas-type lunch. Keep an eye on this page next month for more details about both these functions and please book early to avoid disappointment.

## Mystery trip

Our September 15th trip out to lunch saw thirty-three members making their way by coach to The Ship public house at Brandon Creek. Five more arrived by car at this Fenland pub situated at the junction of two rivers, the Great Ouse and Little Ouse. The Tuesday before our visit we had a real drenching after experiencing a very long dry spell so we were lucky, being blessed with fine, sunny weather for our trip out to the Fens. The food was hot and tasty and the staff extremely pleasant and helpful.



*We were happy that our Abbeyfield friends joined us.*

There appeared to be one empty seat on the bus but a passenger was sitting in a seat reserved for employees of the coach company so the bus was at its maximum carrying capacity even though one passenger seat was empty.



*Birthday girl*

We also had a birthday girl on board and we were treated to a great smile when her dessert arrived bedecked with a candle. No expense spared on our trips out!

The coach driver and owner, Dee of Carriageways from Landbeach, could not have been more helpful. She was very patient with her elderly passengers helping them with their walkers, sticks and steps.

There was, of course, much discussion at the round table and I feel sure that the hand gestures got the final point over in a positive way. Fancy joining us?



*Discussion group*

*Contact Sam Clift*

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## New almshouses progressing on schedule

Barnes Construction started on site at Dovehouse Court during August and the building programme is now underway to create 15 almshouses as permanent homes for the over 55s and a new office for Girton Town Charity.

The first phase of Enabling Works has included site clearance and reducing levels, the demolition of GTC's former office at 22 High Street, the installation of a new sub-station and excavations to form the mat for the piling rig in preparation for piling to start.



### The Barnes team

Paul Darrington joined the site on 20th September as Senior Site Manager, taking over from Ian Meadows who held the fort whilst Paul completed a previous project. Paul is joined by Ben Cross as Trainee Site Manager for the duration of the construction programme.

Before any work could commence on site, extensive archaeological investigations were carried out uncovering items dating back to 900AD.

### Excavations

Tom Bourne from the Cambridge Archaeological Unit, working on behalf of GTC explains: "The post-excavation phase of our work is currently ongoing, but we have some of the preliminary findings. The excavations revealed a near unbroken sequence of occupation dating from the Late Saxon

period, c.900AD, until the Late Medieval or Tudor era, c.1450-1600AD.

"The majority of the features we found were small ditched enclosures and building plots, all of which respected the alignment of the High Street, indicating that the road has been a major thoroughfare and focus for activity throughout the past 1000 years.

### Findings

"The artefacts recovered comprise primarily pottery and animal bone, although a single pit produced an intriguing assemblage of bricks, some with mortar still attached, hinting that, perhaps, a building of some quality may have stood nearby.



Ben Cross and Ian Meadows.

"Perhaps the most surprising find, however, was a small tree throw, a hole left from an uprooted tree, within which was an assortment of worked flints, including small blades, dating to the Late Mesolithic/Early Neolithic period, providing evidence for people foraging and hunting within the Girton area around 6000 years ago.

"Hopefully, as the post-excavation process continues and more information is collected, we will be able to shed some fresh light on the Village's early history."

### Updates

Ann Bonnett, GTC Chair added: "Work to deliver our new almshouses – apartments and bungalows set around a landscaped courtyard and communal gardens – together with an office for GTC has got off to a good start. The programme is currently running on schedule, with a completion date of Autumn 2022.

"The team from Barnes are producing a weekly newsletter for all residents on the High Street to keep them abreast of activities and developments. We also look forward to updating everyone on progress in future issues of GPN."

## New Youth Group for Girton

GTC is delighted to announce that a new Youth Group will be launched in early October, funded by the Charity and delivered by Connections Youth Clubs which has been running outdoor youth activities in six local villages since May.

Following a positive response to a survey of young people in Girton, the new Connections Youth Group will start on 5th October, on Tuesday evenings from 7.00-8.30pm for School Years 7-11 in the Cotton Hall.

Patsy Smith, GTC Trustee said: "We are really pleased that we can once again have a Youth Group in our Village. Connections has recruited three Youth Workers to run the Club in Girton which will be offering a broad range of activities including music, crafts, cookery, games consoles and table tennis, as well as providing advice and information for young people attending."

Further information on 07853 795256.

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2.00 - 3.00pm	Kurling for over 55's
6.30 - 7.30pm	Clubbercise
8.00 - 9.30pm	Whole Notes Gospel Choir

### Tuesday

8.30 - 9.30pm	Yoga with Julia Dale
10.00 - 11.00pm	Yoga with Julia Dale
6.00 - 7.00pm	Bounce
7.30 - 10.30pm	West Coast Swing

### Wednesday

9.30am - 12.00pm	Tiny Toes Ballet
5.00 - 6.30pm	Winners Chapel International
7.00 - 10.00pm	The W.I. (monthly - first Weds)
7.00 - 9.30pm	Girton Garden Society (monthly - second Weds)

### Thursday

9.45 - 10.45am	Bounce
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

### Sunday

11.00am - 2.00pm	Winners Chapel International
2.30 - 3.30pm	Cambridge Tamil Mandram

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### A time to remember

In the biblical book Ecclesiastes, the “Teacher” says this:

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:*

*a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.*

Lots of good advice there, but I’d add one thing: “a time to remember, and a time to forget”. Sometimes it’s good to look back on the past, at other times it’s good to look forward. Recalling what has happened with a mix of happiness and grief is sometimes useful; at other times we should perhaps concentrate on things ahead.

In the church our “New Year” actually falls on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November this year. On this day the season of Advent begins and we start again to look forward to the arrival of Jesus at Christmas (and we also look ahead to the time when Jesus will come again). It’s a season to prepare and to look forward in hope.

However, in the month running up to Advent we have a season that’s sometimes called “Remembrance Tide”. In it, we remember those who gave their lives in war on Remembrance Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> November), but we also have a general time of thanksgiving and remembrance for all those who have gone before us.

It’s good to have a time to remember those whom we have loved. Sometimes those memories are still dominated by grief; at other times we look back on those who have died with fondness and appreciation for what we have received from them.

That’s why, on 31<sup>st</sup> October (4pm) there’ll be a service in St Andrew’s called “In Memory”. This will be a time to give thanks, to express sorrow, to light a candle (or two!) and to look forward in hope.

Everyone is very welcome to come, but you may also request that the name of a loved-one is read out and remembered at the service. If you’d like someone to be remembered, whether they died recently or many years ago, then you can drop an email to [inmemory@girton.church](mailto:inmemory@girton.church) and we’ll put the name on our list. Feel free to put forward multiple names. If you don’t use email, then please ring me on 01223 202145 and I’ll add the name for you.

After a year in which death has been rather closer to us than we’d like, we hope that this opportunity to remember will be appreciated.

May God bless you and those whom you love as you remember the past and look forward to the future, each in their season.

With gratitude,

Michael



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### Sunday Services: October

<b>3rd</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>7:30pm</b>	Taize Service (Online)
<b>10th</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Harvest
	<b>6:00pm</b>	Evening Prayer (BCP)
<b>17th</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>6:00pm</b>	Evening Prayer (BCP)
<b>24th</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Holy Communion (BCP)
	<b>10:00am</b>	Morning Prayer
<b>31st</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>4:00pm</b>	In Memory Service

### Weekday Services: October

<b>Tues:</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Morning Prayer (said in person)
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Morning Prayer (said) (Online)
<b>Thurs:</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Morning Prayer (said) (Online)
	<b>9:00 pm</b>	Compline (said) (Online)

**Wed: 13th Oct 2:00 pm** Abbeyfield Holy Communion  
**Thurs: 28th Oct 11:00 am** Gretton Court  
 Holy Communion (BCP)

You are welcome to join us for worship in person or remotely at <http://bit.ly/GirtonParishLive>. Please check the church website for up to date information. ([www.girton.church](http://www.girton.church)).

The Taizé service continues to be held remotely using Zoom. All are welcome. Please email Kay Barrett at [singing.kay@gmail.com](mailto:singing.kay@gmail.com) and she will send you the online link. Any problems, please do contact us via the website.

Our 'In Memory' service on 31st October is for us to take time to remember those who have died in the past year and to give thanks for their lives and what they have given to us. See page 28 for further details.

*Lord, your works are wonderful, in wisdom you have made them all. Forgive us for the madness that abuses the earth for short term ends, and give us wisdom, to cherish and share with daring and delight the abundant gifts of our fragile planet. (Angela Ashwin)*

## Girton Baptist Church



**Minister:** Revd Nick Lowe  
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### October services, all starting at 10.30am at Girton Baptist Church and on Zoom

<b>3rd</b>	Communion, led by John Searle
<b>10th</b>	Led by Nick Lowe
<b>17th</b>	Communion, led by Nick Lowe
<b>24th</b>	Led by Nick Lowe
<b>31st</b>	Led by Nick Lowe

Masks are optional and we have a space for those who wish to socially distance.

### Thursday 14th

Messy Church at Girton Baptist Church from 3.30pm  
 Messy Church is a craft based activity for parents and children of primary age and under based on a Biblical theme. After the activities we have a meal together. You are welcome. To find out more please contact us. For the link for Zoom or more information about Messy Church please ring 07751 748757 or email [pastor@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:pastor@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk).

### A Bible verse:

*"But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 5:20-21)*

### Some words from a hymn called "He Giveth More Grace:

*He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,  
 He sendeth more strength as the labours increase;  
 To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,  
 To multiplied trials He multiplies peace.*

*His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,  
 His power no boundary known unto men;  
 For out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
 He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.*

### A prayer:

*Dear God, Sometimes I feel wronged by others.  
 Sometimes others do and say things that hurt and make me feel unloved. But I realise you love me unconditionally. Help me to extend this grace and love to others.  
 Amen*



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

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The Pavilion, Girton Recreation Ground  
Cambridge Road, Girton, Cambridge, CB3 0FH

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[email: jenny.knights@virginmedia.com](mailto:jenny.knights@virginmedia.com)

**Girton Parish Council**

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If you are interested, please contact:

*Cllr Gill Cockley*

*Tel: 01223 276703 email: [grockley98@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:grockley98@yahoo.co.uk)*

**Closing date for applications:  
Monday 25th October 2021**

**Bin collections October 2021**

Thursday 7 October	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 14 October	Black bin
Thursday 21 October	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 28 October	Black bin

**Mobile Library**

**Thursday 28 October 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**

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Orchard Close	277164
Pavilion	472182
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Community Centre	279587

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