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# To our beloved Queen Elizabeth II

Upon that sombre winter's day A child cried, "The King is dead", And like a mirrored golden ray From Africa to us you sped.

You had to learn a regal frown
For your coronation year
And to wear a heavy crown
Whose weight, so young, was hard to bear.

Whilst the Abbey throne you sat in, Anointed, solemn, newly crowned, Loyal shouts of ancient Latin Towering stonework echoed round.

You, gently smiling, held the reins As peace and progress took the stage, And led from war's long suffered pains A New Elizabethan Age.

Mark Handley, Girton



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### Letter to the editor

To Girton residents,

Unfortunately, we had a break-in during the early hours of Thursday 1st September. We would like to thank the member of the village who made us aware of the alarm being triggered. Members of the committee attended and called the police but after waiting two hours for them to come called again only to be told they would not be coming out.

Girton Social Club

### Response from Cambridgeshire Constabulary:

We were called at 12.37am on 1st September with a report of a break-in at Girton Social Club where a key safe had been stolen and the suspects had fled. Police officers did not attend the scene at the time the call was made. Efforts were made to get scenes of crime officers to the location, however, by the time this could be arranged the club had been opened and the evidential opportunity was lost.

Demand for our services is high and we have to prioritise every call for service alongside the crimes and incidents ongoing at that time. This means we have to be realistic about what we can attend, and make some difficult decisions around police officer deployment.

Anyone with information about the burglary is urged to contact police on 101 quoting crime number 35/63261/22.

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### Remembering Queen Elizabeth II in Girton

At a quarter past one on 8th September when the BBC had just begun broadcasting that Queen Elizabeth II was ill and her family were gathering at Balmoral, local village plans began to come together. Girton was prepared for and followed the timetable of Operation London Bridge as required by the Queen.



the precision required under Operation Operation London Bridge following the death of our monarch in order to keep communities and her people informed.

Some of the highlights of Girton's local plan were a peal of 96 bells rung from 12 noon on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, the availability of a condolence book at St Andrew's Church on the morning of Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, St Andrew's Church lit up in purple from the evening of 10<sup>th</sup> September and Girton Town Charity hosting a live stream of the Queen's state funeral at the William Collyn Centre on Monday 19th September.

At a time when the national response to the Queen's death has been quite extraordinary, Girton came together to play its part in remembering a monarch who served our country for 70 years.

At 6.30pm a statement was issued by Buckingham Palace, which said: "The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon. The King and Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow."

Following that announcement, the Girton community website had the official photograph and a statement published by 7.06pm, a statement from Girton Parish Chairman followed at 7.37pm. Such was



### (left to right):

Cllr Corinne Garvie (South Cambs District Council), Revd Nick Lowe (Girton Baptist Church)

Cllr Nas Hayat and Cllr Ann Muston (both Girton Parish Council), and

Xander Sandwell and Max Ruddock (both duty managers, William Collyn Community Centre)



### The Queen wore pink

Rowena Barnes, the driving force behind the annual Girton Feast and former chair of Governors at Girton Glebe, shares her memories of meeting the Queen with the *GPN*.



The staff held a sweepstake and there was a lucky winner because you know that when the Queen visits she will always wear a colour and for this event it was pale pink. This was a visit in January 2008, to the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in King's Lynn when I was acting chief executive. We had made a successful bid to the Dept of Health for two new CT scanners and we were delighted when the Queen accepted our invitation to come and open then.

The whole process of planning for the visit and the visit itself gave me a fascinating insight into the protocols that have to be observed. For six weeks prior to the visit, we had weekly visits from her private secretary, security and Norfolk police to ensure that we were adequately prepared. A toilet had to be allocated which the hospital staff took delight in repainting, although we were told that the Queen didn't want to just smell new paint everywhere.

On the day itself, we were not to change our routines because these had been monitored, and the sniffer dogs made an extensive tour of the building and grounds. The Queen arrived with security and the High Sheriff of Norfolk opened the car door. He introduced her to the Chief of Norfolk Police who was providing her security. The Queen was introduced to the Chair of the Hospital Board and she in turn introduced the Chief Nursing Officer and myself to Her Majesty. I then escorted her to meet various groups of staff waiting in the hospital foyer – the caterers, the cleaners, a young girl who gave her a posy, and the porters. I then led her to the X-ray Department.

While she was there, a lady who lives in Norfolk had brought her some bananas, because when she was young and in Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, the Princess Elizabeth (as she was then) and her sister Princess Margaret, had visited the hospital and given the children bananas. Bananas were difficult to get after WWII ended and she wanted to repay The Queen.

My abiding memory is the way she put me at ease, the background knowledge that she had about the hospital, her appropriate and relevant questions and her concern for its future. She joked with the X-ray staff about the ice rink that the Sandringham Estate had established that winter and of the number of wrist fractures that had kept them busy. The Estate had learned from this and would do it differently the next winter!

I feel very privileged, honoured and lucky to have been in the right place at the right time to have the opportunity to spend 45 minutes with the Queen. It is a day I will never forget.

### **County Councillor Edna Murphy**

At the time of writing, the country is coming to terms with the sad death of the Queen. We also want to learn more about our new government and their plans for the energy and cost of living crisis.

I took the opportunity to speak to the county's Environment and Green Investment committee which is considering the next phase of development in Darwin Green. I raised the issue that more school children were crossing the road than had been originally planned, and that the county needed to be more open to supporting a safe east-west crossing of Huntingdon Road, for both pedestrians and cyclists. These points have been noted and they had cross-party agreement. I have also requested that the university put better lighting on the Ridgeway path; they say a permanent solution is not easy to provide, but they hope to have more lighting before the evenings get much darker. They are considering a long-term solution.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has been considering how to improve public transport provision, and to address the related car traffic congestion and high levels of air pollution in Cambridge. This is important, when even the inadequate bus services we have are under threat from uncertain central government funding.

We need a solution that tackles carbon emissions, improves air quality, and makes Cambridgeshire's roads less polluting, congested, and unsafe. We need options for cheap, reliable, public transport. We need to make the experience of cycling and walking more attractive, so that people have alternatives to the use of the private car. The GCP Assembly is being asked to consider proposals for a consultation on improved public transport and active travel into and around Cambridge. A Sustainable Travel Zone is being considered, including a road user charging scheme as an option to provide funding (as none is forthcoming from the government). The consultation proposals will then be considered by the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board on 28 September 2022. It is important that as many people as possible respond with their views on the current proposals, as these details will be considered and the more input there is the better.

In another development, county council officers have agreed to explore detailed designs for a zebra crossing near the intersection with Huntingdon Road, and a potential remodelling of the intersection, to make it safer for crossing. The officer has been advised to include the parish council in consultation about this initiative. If there is an agreement on a preferred option, then we would seek funding for construction work to take place in the 2023/24 financial year. There will be further information and discussion involving the parish council and affected residents later this autumn.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any concerns or questions.

Cllr Edna Murphy - edna.murphy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

### **Girton Parish Council**

We share the national grief at the death of Her Majesty as we prepare this report, combined with grief for the death of a young resident in a collision on Oakington Road on 10 September.

Girton Parish Council has been working alongside the church, and with the community, to put in place all requirements for Operation London Bridge, the plan for Queen Elizabeth II's mourning period. Information about all opportunities for Girton to participate in a community response has been communicated via our village noticeboards, community website, and social media channels.

The GPC Full Council Meeting scheduled for 14 September was cancelled by the GPC Clerk after advice from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Society of Local Council Clerk's (SLCC). Unfortunately, prior notice of this cancellation (normally three clear days) could not be given during the period of mourning for Queen Elizabeth II. Significant effort was made to ensure this advice was correct. We apologise to anyone planning to attend whom we could not contact in time.

At an extraordinary meeting on 23 August the council approved an agreement from Eastern Power Networks plc on behalf of Girton Parish Council for ownership of SCDC Girton Street Lighting.

At the above meeting, a submission from GPC to Cambridgeshire County Council indicating progress on the pavilion project was approved. Cambridgeshire County Council has subsequently informed the parish council that the communities Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee's Steering Group, has recommended to the Full Committee that it withdraw funding for the project. Girton Parish Council is working on next steps as a priority ahead of the Full Committee meeting at the County Council on 22 September 2022.

The council is concerned to learn that someone has been cutting down vegetation from the woodland in Wellbrook Way, perhaps intending to clear the ditch. This is Parish Council land which we manage, and this is not the right time to do this kind of clearance as birds may still be nesting and the habitat provides both cover and food. The loss of this habitat has been evident by the sudden drop in birdsong. Please enjoy the woodland but leave it intact for others.

### **District Councillors' article**

### Queen Elizabeth II - An extraordinary example

We would like to pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth's extraordinary example of life-long service, carried out with humour and humility. We would like to extend our deepest condolences to her family.

# South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC): radical thinking on addressing workforce shortages

A three-month trial of a four-day week will begin in January for 470 desk-based staff at SCDC.

SCDC will be the first public sector authority to run a trial. Evidence from the private sector shows that productivity tends to increase, as well as job satisfaction and job retention. If you want to find out more, please check out <a href="https://www.4dayweek.com/">https://www.4dayweek.com/</a>

For more than a year, the council has only been able to fill around eight out of every ten (or fewer) of its vacancies. There are currently 23 agency staff covering office-based roles. Over a whole year, replacing agency staff with permanently appointed employees will save £1M. Not being able to fill vacant posts is also disruptive to services for residents.

### Cambridge 'City Access' strategy proposed

A Cambridge 'City Access' strategy has been put forward by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), to deliver improvements to public transport, reduce congestion, and improve the environment through lower emissions.

The City Access strategy has two distinct aspects; the delivery of a wholly revised network of bus services, and a substantially improved active travel network that includes the Greenways and better routes in the city.

GCP will fund the roll-out of the new bus and active travel network. Only when the new transport system is in place will a congestion charge be introduced. Once operational it will be funded by the congestion charge.

The job of the Cambridge congestion charge is to diminish road congestion and reduce air pollution, while providing the revenue stream to fund the hugely improved public bus and active travel network.

For news of City Access, please check:

https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/news



There are many points of local detail and personal concern which it is vital to bring to the attention of councillors and the City Access team. For this reason, we strongly urge people to take part in the upcoming public consultation.

### Recycling smaller electrical items

Rather than taking small electrical items like toasters to the tip, you can dispose of them in a purple bin. The nearest is at Tesco's Bar Hill.

Anything up to 29cm in its largest dimension is allowed, with a plug, battery, or cable. If batteries are removable, take these out and recycle them separately. Some examples of suitable items include:

- Kettles, toasters, sandwich toasters, stick blenders
- Games consoles, DVD players
- Hand-held vacuum cleaners, electric toothbrushes
- Mobile phones, tablets, and smart devices
- Cables and headphones
- Printers and scanners
- Laptops, keyboards, and IT accessories

Please note that smoke detectors, light bulbs, e-cigarettes, batteries, paints, chemicals, or aerosols are not accepted in these banks.

https://www.scambs.gov.uk/new-collection-banks-installed-to-recycle-small-electricals/\_



# Aircraft Noise due to Changes in the Flight Paths to and from Luton Airport

This is an extract from the Council Leader's blog

(https://www.scambs.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/leader-s-blog-cllr-bridget-smith/)

which we thought was a useful summary of the situation and actions that residents can take.

We advise you to be as precise as you can with complaints.



I have heard from residents who are concerned about aircraft noise. Changes were made in February to the flight paths flying in, and out of Luton Airport. I met this week with the Head of Flight Operations for Luton Airport.

I was told that nothing has changed since the alterations in February. There is often an increase in complaints during the summer because people are spending more time outdoors.

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These planes are typically flying at between 7,000 ft and 8,000 ft, and current government policy does not prioritise noise pollution when aircrafts are above 7,000 ft.

However, in February 2023 there will be a Post Implementation Review, when Luton Airport will submit all the complaints it has received, along with other data, to the CAA.

I would encourage residents with concerns to submit them directly to noise.enquiries@LTN.aero —

You can also submit a noise complaint on the Luton Airport website.

# If you are not getting a copy, contact Smart Distribution 0800 6444011 or scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk



# Here is a summary of schemes and awards that we have recently presented

### **Ukraine Guests**

duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk



# Passes to the Wimpole Estate for Community Groups

wimpole hall@national trust.org.uk

Children and Young People Grant Fund

https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-

safety-and-health/grants/children-and-



# From Planning Enforcement to Compliance: how to have your input

As part of the review of the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSPS), officers have been reviewing the service relating to compliance with planning controls.

All the information on compliance with planning regulations has been updated and consolidated onto the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service website:

https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/planning-applications/planning-compli-

If you are on Facebook, or Twitter, please check out these pages:

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https://twitter.com/SouthCambs/status/1555 115726742110208



# Help for older residents who are struggling with bills

young-people-grant-fund-2022/

Residents who wish to apply should call Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on 01223 221929 or visit https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-supportfund



# Cost of Living: Support and Information in one place

https://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/



### Cambridge Water and Anglian Water are planning to build two new reservoirs, one in Lincolnshire and one in Fenland.

Proposed new reservoirs will help to ensure water security for the region.

The public consultations start on 3 October. For more information go to:

http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/new-reservoirs



### **South Cambs Magazine**

Warm Hubs

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The Autumn 2022 edition is on its way to all residents of the district. You can find the electronic copy on the council website at:

Warm Hubs is an initiative to set up safe and warm spac-

es for those who are unable to fully heat their homes.

The scheme will be managed by Cambridge Acre who

will work in partnership with Cambridge and Peterborough Integrated Care System and District Councils.

https://www.scambs.gov.uk/your-counciland-democracy/south-cambsmagazine/the-south-cambs-magazine/



### If you have any questions, please contact us.

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A Trustee is a voluntary role to help oversee our mission to support children and families in Girton, mainly through our premises on Cambridge Road.

Trustees meet 6-8 times per year with occasional subcommittee meetings in between. We are particularly keen to recruit people with experience of:

- Finance/accounting (to be a Treasurer)
- Building maintenance
- Health and safety legislation and practice
- Compliance and governance
- Advertising / marketing
- · Working with children

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 and fully refurbished in 2007.

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.

Please contact Michael Bigg (Chair of Trustees)

Phone: 01223 202145

Email:michael@cottonhall.co.uk





### **Girton Poppy Appeal 2022**

The dates for the Annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022 are between 29 October and 13 November.

There are no plans to conduct house-to-house collections again this year, however, traditional paper poppies will be available during this time from several locations throughout

We are hoping to run a stand in Sainsbury's, Eddington, where additional items will be available, including the 2022 poppy lapel pin badge.

The two limited edition pin badges to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Falklands conflict and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee are available now.





All profits benefit the considerable work of the Royal British Legion in supporting the Armed Forces community.

Badges are available from your local Poppy Appeal Organiser: Wendy Ripley– Mobile 07885190597 or email girtonpa@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support.

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### Girton Poppy Appeal 2022

I am still looking for volunteers to collect donations in Sainsbury's Foyer over 2hr shifts

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### Girton Cottontails Preschool

We have just started another busy year at preschool, welcoming

returning and new families to join our fun and learning. It's been a wonderful start so far and the children have been very interested in construction and building. We've built houses and tried to see how tall we can balance towers before they topple over!

At Forest School, we always love autumn. We are looking forward to collecting fallen leaves, acorns and conkers, and so many more learning opportunities that the season brings. This week we enjoyed picking apples and blackberries and eating them for a snack. The trees and hedgerows were abundent with fruit and the children were so excited to have picked their own.



We were saddened to hear of the death of our monarch Queen Elizabeth II, and join the rest of the nation in sending our condolences to the royal family. At the preschool we learned a lot about the Queen while celebrating the jubilee, and the children liked making patriotic jewellery and wearing crowns. We will be talking with the children again about the Queen, there is still so much for them to celebrate about her extraordinary life.



We have a number of staff vacancies at the preschool currently. If you are interested in working for us, please get in touch for more information.

We are a community interest company, so non-profit making, we greatly appreciate any support you can give. Please take a look at our gofundme page and our Amazon wish list: <a href="http://www.gofundme.com/f/emma-amp-laura-are-reopening-cottontails-preschool">https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/JJP8OJALIV2 I?ref =wl share</a>

We welcome children from the age of two years and upwards. 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, or get in touch using the contact details below.

Laura Norman and Emma Pell

Girton Cottontails Preschool Managing Directors

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Lots of fruit? The Apple Juice Club in Girton has a crusher, press, and pasteuriser, available to villagers for a mere £7.50 per year. It's fun and incredibly easy to make juice, and we provide full instructions and are happy to give advice.

Whilst the press is designed for apples, it works equally well for pears, grapes, and berries. Get together with friends or neighbours!

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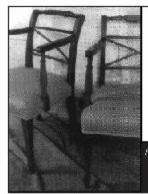


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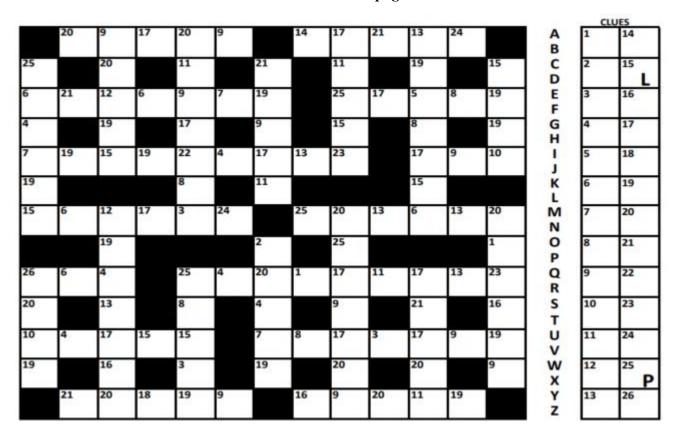




### **CODEWORDS**

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

### Answers are shown on page 27



### **WORDSEARCH - Harvest Vegetables 2022!**

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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Our four seasons used to have an expected amount of yearly rainfall, with our winters cold from December to February. Our seasons are now less defined and a milder February this year encouraged plants and bulbs to emerge weeks earlier than normal. Some shrubs like wisteria have had three separate flowering spells this year. Lack of rain, combined with days and nights of continuous high temperatures, have meant our plants and wildlife are having to adapt to seasonal changes.

As gardeners, we will have taken stock of those plants that have coped well. In my garden lavender and rosemary both in pots and in the ground have showed no sign of heat damage. Their narrow needle leaves reduce the amount of water they lose in the scorching sun. My herbs oregano, thyme, lemon balm and sage have coped too.

I have used *Sedum* acre (stonecrop) in my garden borders for many years. It keeps the weeds low, gives pink flowers in May/June with beautiful purple/green coverage all year regardless of the



rainfall. My taller *Sedum spectabile* (ice plant) both in the ground and in pots provides lush green leaves spring and summer and large purple flower heads from September to November. As the flower heads dry and



turn brown, I leave them standing tall as they add extra colour over winter. In early spring I chop the old flowerheads to the ground. New life is then seen sprouting again ready for a new year.

Over those hottest days, we will also have noticed which parts of our garden were shady or in full sun. If planting any new plants or shrubs this autumn, bear this in mind and ensure sufficient air movement between your new

plants so they can transpire and cool naturally by themselves. If you want to create more shade, shrubs like dogwood (*Cornus sanguinia*) and rockrose (*Cistus* spp.) cope well in the heat and provide refuge for birds and wildlife.

Warm soil in autumn gives new plants a chance to get their roots established in the ground. Water new plants well to establish root growth and feed well. Seaweed is a common additive to organic and non-organic fertilizers, encouraging healthy root growth which will help plants take up water in extreme heat and suffer less stress. Shrubs in pots will need feeding and replenishing with new soil this autumn. Increase pot size if needed to prevent roots getting pot bound.

By choosing the most suitable plants for your garden in the correct garden position, they will generally be happier, healthier, and more resilient, needing less input in terms of watering and care. Sourcing Mediterranean plants may be the answer but any prolonged period near 40°C is going to prove problematic for most plants.

Last year Cambridge recorded the highest temperature in the UK at 39.7°C. This year the temperature in Cambridge peaked at 39.9°C, topped by Coningsby, Lincolnshire at 40.3°C. Hopefully temperatures next year will be lower, if in the future we choose plant varieties that will cope with increased heat and less rainfall, our gardens will cope better. A good excuse perhaps to visit a garden centre or nursery and see what is available.

Chris Pittock, Girton Garden Society



### **Girton Garden Society**

After a difficult summer of drought, GGS will be starting their monthly meetings in The William Collyn Centre on Wednesday October 12 at

Girton Garden Society 7.30pm.

The talk 'Colour in the Autumn Garden', will be given by Roger Harvey, of Harvey's Garden Plants. We will look at some of the plants you can use to extend colour, and pollen, for insects in your garden right up to the first frosts (if we have any).

Competitions are a plate of apples or pears, and autumn flowers from the garden.

Visitors and new members always welcome.

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Over the summer we had two well-supported coach trips, one to RHS Wisley in June, and one to Markshall Arboretum and Gardens. We also had two social meetings, hosted in members gardens, to enjoy a cup of tea and talk about the successes and disasters of this gardening year so far.





# Music lifts our spirits

Often, we can be supported by talking to others, by having the offer of a non-judgemental ear,

and being afforded the time to share our thoughts and feelings. At other times, however, our mental health and well-being is enhanced through action: walking, gardening, drawing, baking etc.

Alongside my passion for supporting mental health and well-being in my community (and beyond) through delivering training, I also like to think about practical and action-based ideas. The Listening Lantern Food Hut, for example, continues to be used and added to. And now I'm delighted to announce the re-birth of my choir Mama Melodia, an inclusive upper voice choir, which rehearses for three sessions and then presents an informal concert for the community, free to join, and free admission [charity retiring collection]. Girton Green Abbeyfield kindly hosts us and we welcome residents to attend the concert too. The following graphic gives you all the details. Come and join us,

### Mama Melodia 2022



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singing is proven to have a positive impact on our mental health and well-being!

### **Signposting**

Grief and loss touch us all. Being part of a community, group of friends, or work colleagues can be so supportive. There are also a few helpful national organisations and charities such as those listed below:

Bereavement Advice Centre

www.bereavementadvice.org

Child Bereavement UK

www.childbereavementuk.org

The Compassionate Friends

www.tcf.org.uk

Cruise Bereavement Care

www.cruise.org.uk

Dying Matters

www.dyingmatters.org

### Mental Health First Aid and Suicide First Aid

The start of September saw National Suicide Prevention Day with the theme of 'Creating hope through action.' But what sort of action could you take? Listening Lantern is now offering enhanced packages of both MHFA and SFA training to fully equip people to support others.

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

# Family pay tribute after death of teenage cyclist

The family of Isla Cochrane, who died after a collision with a car when cycling along Oakington Road on Saturday 10th September near Girton, have paid tribute to the 14-year-old.

"Isla loved life; she enjoyed so much - the outdoors, friendships, art, sewing, baking, hockey, mystery stories, codes, music, Scouts and so much more," they said.



"We will always remember her kindness, unconstrained outlook and fantastic style. Her death has left a huge hole in our lives, and in those of her many friends. We will love and miss her always."

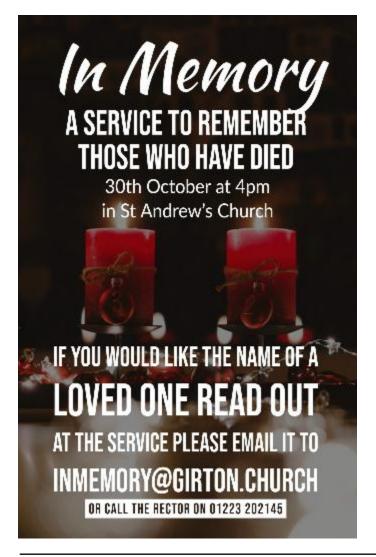
Isla, who lived in Lawrence Close, Girton, was a student at The Perse School, who have remembered her as a "talented and cheerful" student.

The 14-year-old was riding her bicycle in Oakington Road when she was in a collision with a silver Mini Cooper at about 8.20pm. Paramedics attended and Isla was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital but died of her injuries.

The driver, a man in his 20s, was unhurt and remained at the scene.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary is appealing for witnesses and information about the crash. Anyone with dashcam footage or who saw the vehicle in the moments leading up to the collision are asked to get in touch.

You can contact the police via their webchat - *https://bit.ly/3vsiYDw* - quoting incident 443 of 10 September, or call 101.







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### **October Wine Selection**

Autumn beckons. Time to say farewell to the summer heat as we welcome the cooler weather and crisper air. Here are a few wine suggestions to accompany the new season.

Saladini Pilastri Pecorino, Offida DOCG, 2020 (Italy)



Italian wines never fail to surprise (and delight) me, and this Pecorino wine from the Marche region of central Italy is no exception. It is a little gem. Though the word Pecorino may conjure up yearnings for the nutty, buttery sheep cheese of the same name, there is no connection. And while Pecorino wine may not be as widely known as other Italian white wines, it is certainly worth trying for its floral aromas, crisp freshness, and stone fruit flavours.

This honey-coloured wine, from one of the first wine producers in Italy to produce organic wine, is a fine example of what Pecorino grapes are capable of. It is a smooth and elegant wine, with good acidity, a creamy mouthfeel, and a lengthy finish. With notes of honey, blossom and citrus on the nose, and flavours of pear, peach, and apricot on the palate, it can be enjoyed as an aperitif or with risotto, grilled fish, and cheese.

We had it with 'cacio e pepe' (cheese & pepper) pasta and it went down a treat!

Available from Majestic (£11.99, £9.99 Mix Six)

### Grove Mill, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2021 (New Zealand)

This elegant, aromatic Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand is a real treat. Grove Mills produce their wines from grapes grown in the vineyards surrounding their winery in the Wairau Valley, with a keen awareness of environmental considerations, this is a refined wine, with lots of depth and personality.



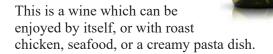
Pronounced aromas of elderflower, peach, lychee, and guava on the nose, herald flavours of lime, nectarine, and passion fruit on the palate. The layers of fruit are well supported by the bright acidity and lasting finish, a hint of minerality adds a further level.

A delightful wine offering great value for money. Perfect by itself, or with a seafood or chicken dish. Available from **Co-op** (£9.50)

### Albourne Sandstone Ridge 2018 (West Sussex)

A delightful blend of Chardonnay, Ortega, and Pinot Blanc grapes, this is a very appealing aromatic wine from award-winning Albourne Estate in the Sussex countryside.

A dry, medium-bodied wine with a refreshing acidity. It has aromas of jasmine, peach, coconut, and a hint of vanilla on the nose, with flavours of peach, nectarine, and citrus overtones on the palate. It is a well-balanced, refined wine, with a buttery mouthfeel and a lengthy finish.



Available from **Grape Britannia** (£15.99)

Martin Nuttall www.itmustbewineoclock.com

### Ten Sing

Having had our first full year of meeting in person at Ten Sing since the pandemic, we finished the academic year off in early July with a mini-concert for friends and family, followed by some drinks and puddings. It was quite strange to be performing to an audience again after three years; sorting out microphones and audio, having to change routines at the last minute as someone fell ill, but it was a great experience for everyone, and the audience were as enthusiastic as ever. The young people performed brilliantly, and it was a new experience for several of them.

Some of the older young people who had finished exams then took the time to go and visit some schools to take part in assemblies in order to show people what Ten Sing was all about and encourage some new members.

After a lovely summer break, Ten Sing has started again with several new potential members coming to see what we did on our first day back, and we are hoping to have more. We have a new Young People's Committee, and they have already come up with some amazing ideas for events this year – going to see a show in London, perhaps a Ten Sing holiday or trip to a festival, and new songs to sing and games to play.

We welcome anyone aged 11-18 to come and try us out on a Thursday evening, 7-9 pm at Histon Baptist Church during term time. If you need any more information, please email cambridgetensing@gmail.com



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### **Girton WI News**

Girton WI have now been back together just over a year, after fearing we might not celebrate our 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday, due to the threat of Covid, and with numbers depleted, unable

to fulfil the committee roles. Luckily that didn't happen, and we now have a strong committee, and our numbers are rising each month. We have had a wonderful year, with speakers on all sorts of subjects! We celebrated with a summer party in my garden. The members all brought food to share, we had quiches, sausage rolls (veggie and meat), sandwiches, savoury nibbles, and a vast array of cakes, all topped off with a homemade Jubilee trifle. The tables were set with vintage crockery, prosecco, soft drinks, and a copious amount of tea was served by the committee, and my daughter Kelly. The weather was warm, although a little windy. We also celebrated with one of our long-term members Clare Channell on her 90th birthday. All the members got a free raffle ticket to win a large hamper with an abundance of goodies in it, donated by committee members. It was won by Jean Sanders, who was absolutely delighted. The whole afternoon was very much enjoyed by all!

At our September meeting we welcomed J. S. Watts, a published author and poet. She charmed us with her poetry and photographs of Cambridge shown on the large screen, making the poems come to life. The photographs were taken by J. S., and she considered herself to be an amateur in this field. Our members did not agree.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday October 5, when our speaker will be Jason Middleton talking about "Pearl: A Famous Gemstone". Our November 2 meeting will be a Christmas craft evening, where we will be making Christmas Fairies led by our president Hannah Wyborn.

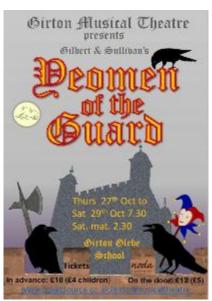
Our Knit and Natter group has now resumed after the summer break and will be held on the third Thursday of each month 2pm to 4pm in The North Room at St Andrews Church. Our Jigsaw group is held on the second Wednesday each month 2pm to 4pm in Gretton Court Conservatory. Girton WI is held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in The William Collyn Community Centre, Wellbrook Way, Girton. We look forward to welcoming you.

If you would like any more information about Girton WI, please contact girtonwi@gmail.com or girtonwisecretary@gmail.com

Wendy Hall

Girton WI Secretary

# Girton Musical Theatre: The Yeomen of the Guard (Gilbert & Sullivan)



We are stepping back in time to around 1540. King Henry is no longer the fun-loving prince and Defender of The Faith. He has morphed into an unhealthy, bloated tyrant, suspicious of all but his closest friends.

It is in this climate, the curtain rises in the Tower of London: not just a fortress and a palace but, by now, a place

of fear and dread. An important event is about to take place – an execution! Usually this would be a cause of excitement, something to look forward to, but the prisoner, Fairfax, who is about to lose his head is not guilty of any crime. He is a war hero, popular with the people, and the victim of jealousy and envy. The Wardens of The Tower are not looking forward to executing their duty – or Fairfax!

Enter Phoebe, who has fallen in love with the condemned man and would do anything to help him gain his freedom, as would her (misogynist) father and brother, because they both owe their lives to him. Wilfred, the head jailer, and assistant tormentor would really like to marry Phoebe, so has a vested interest in despatching this brave soldier.

A band of players arrive to join in the festivities and one of them is asked to help Fairfax wreak revenge on his false accuser (a relative who has given false evidence on the charge of sorcery). This singer is Elsie, loved by Jack Point, a comedian, but who doesn't want to declare his honourable intentions just yet.

Thus, we embark on an intricate and highly (un)believable plot of love and intrigue, camaraderie and duty, disappointment, and desire. Who will fall in love with whom? Who finds themselves a prospective husband – and is pleased at the prospect? Who is responsible for the graffiti on the Tower walls? Why do the Ravens insist on sticking their beaks into human proceedings?

To find the answers to these questions please come to The Glebe School on one of these dates: Thursday 27 to Saturday 29 October 2022 at 7.30pm, or 2.30pm on the 29 October. Tickets in advance: £10 (£4 children). from www.ticketsource.co.uk/girtonmusicaltheatre or on the door: £12 (£5 children).

# scoreboard



### Girton Colts Football Club

Her Majesty the Queen was a longstanding Patron of The Football Association and as a mark of respect, following her death, English football

united to postpone all football fixtures between 9-11 September. Fixtures were restarted the following weekend with a minute's silence before all kick offs on the weekend before her funeral.

All teams have managed to start strongly, with preseason training going well. The U5 and U6 teams have also started their training too. Our Kickabout groups have begun and have attracted great turnouts and its great to see so many players enjoying football in Girton.

### **Kickabout**

Kickabout runs weekly in term time and is a mixture of technical skills and fun football-based games. Its open to girls and boys in Years 2-6 (U7-U11 age groups) who are not in any of our teams.

Kickabout is split into 3 sessions:

Tuesday 5.30-6.30pm (boys and girls)

Wednesday 5.00-6.00pm (girls only)

Saturday 9.00-10.00am (boys and girls)

If your child is interested in taking part in one of these sessions, please do get in contact with our team secretary via *teamsec@girtoncolts.co.uk*.

Andrew Hawkes, Chairman



### **Girton Bowls Club**

The Cambridge and District bowls finals were held on Saturday 10th September at Barton Bowls Club, under skies that threatened heavy showers.

In the first final of the day, the Lacon Cup, unfortunately our team of Paul Foster, Dave Fryer and Alan Benton were beaten 19–21 in a very close game by a very strong team from Cottenham. This was followed by the ladies' pairs in which Janet Graaff and Carey Horton won 21–17 against a very competitive pair from Trumpington. In the men's pairs Alan Benton and Dave Fryer lost to a tough pair from Cambs and County Bowls Club, and in the Secretary and Treasurer's final Carey Horton and Alan Benton

were beaten by a pair from Needingworth. In the mixed pairs Janet Graaff and Alan Benton had a great win, 18–14, against Cottenham. To finish off the event, Alan Benton achieved victory in the over 60s singles by beating an opponent from Castle Camps. Of the six finals Girton reached, they won three – a fantastic result.

The following day our Club finals were played in rather better weather, starting with the pairs competition, which was won by Carey Horton and Matt Smith. The triples match was won by Julie Smith, Janet Graaff and Roger Webster. The men's singles was won by Alan Benton and the ladies' singles by Janet Graaff. The David Rogers trophy was won by Mike Hill, Mike Collier and David Horton. We all enjoyed a lunchtime barbecue, followed by the prize giving and a glass of prosecco to congratulate all the winners and to thank everyone who made it such a successful weekend and season of bowls. Congratulations to Jackie Russell and her ladies' team for reaching the Nationals at Leamington Spa – a wonderful achievement.

### **End of season results**

In the C&D League we were the winners of Division 3, having played 20 matches and won 17, which gives us promotion to Division 2 next season. In the E&D League Division 1, Girton A finished in 4th position, having played 22 games and won 14. Girton B finished 3rd in Division 2, having played 26 games and won 15. In the Meldreth League, Girton finished in 4th position, having played 16 games and won 10. And finally in the Business Houses League we finished in 7th position.



Girton Bowls Club members at Abbeyfield Girton Green

We are pleased to include a photograph taken outside Abbeyfield Girton Green, to whom we are very grateful for their generous support in letting us use their facilities throughout the season at no charge.

Lynne McGill



### Girton Tennis Club

The Summer League is now over, and although our results were a bit mixed,

the matches and post-match refreshments were enjoyed by all. Our team Captain thanks the men and ladies of Girton who took part. We have entered a men's team in the Winter League. This started in September and runs until December 2022 with the usual mix of home and away matches. If you are a member of our club and want to consider joining this team, please contact Mark Lawton via the website.

Our club membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March so, as of the 1st October, we will be halfway 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.

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* or by contacting our Membership Secretary (James) by email at *info@girtontennisclub.uk*.

Alan Franklin



### **Girton Netball Club**

It has been a soft start to the new season, with just a few of us turning up for training ahead of Coach Helen's official return later this month. We've been

looking into the running of the club and how we can make improvements in terms of data management and communications. If any of the other clubs on the Scoreboard pages are using Sports Club Management Apps like Pitchero, Teamo or Spond, please get in touch. We'd love to hear your experiences.

Girton Netball Club meets Mondays during term time from 6.30pm to 7.45pm at Girton Rec. Email *girton.village.netball@gmail.com* or facebook: Girton Netball Club.

Emma-Louise Longden

### **Girton Walking Group**

On Saturday 3 September the group had planned a six-mile walk starting from Cambourne Nature Reserve. Alas, just as the last of our members gathered in the car park, a group of travellers arrived with several large vehicles towing enormous caravans. They told us we could not park as they had permission to take over the site; after some discussion we decided it was prudent to leave. Most of us went instead to Madingley Hall and had a coffee and a short, but pleasant stroll around the grounds and gardens. Better luck next time!

Our future walks are:

### Saturday 1 October: Knapwell circular

This walk of five and a half miles from the church in Knapwell, covers mostly fields and includes a nature reserve. The track rises and falls a bit more than usual.

Use the postcode CB23 4NW to find the church. The track to the church is on your left as you enter the village of Knapwell. Please be aware, the sign is easily missed, although there is also a sign to the reserve pointing the same way.

We begin at 10am and will take a break so bring a drink, and a snack if you like.

This walk is led by Ann and Ian Jerram: contact on: ann.jerram@gmail.com

### Saturday 5 November: Wimpole Hall

Arrington, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 0BW.

Car parking is free, but non-National Trust members will need to pay to enter the park. There are, however, people with a guest pass on their memberships, so if we meet in front of the entrance (just up from the car park) where you normally pay, we can sort out those able to piggyback on other memberships before we go in. If you would like to pay and donate to this great cause I am sure the NT will be delighted.

This is a lovely walk of approximately five miles with views of the surrounding countryside. The walk will not be muddy as the trail is well maintained. We could have lunch, or a drink after at the Stables café, or at the Old Rectory Restaurant.

The walk will be led by Rachel Thomas, email: thomas.rachel@hotmail.co.uk



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### **Girton Golf Club**

Congratulations to Peter Dean, who is the Nett County Open Champion. The competition was played over 36 holes at Gog Magog. Peter was runner up in the Peak Trophy (Men's Club

Championship) and was also half of the pair winning the County foursomes, along with Neil Cowie. An exceptionally good summer of golf for Peter.



Peter Dean – County Champ!

Our annual Charity Day raised £3600 for Dial-a-Ride, this year's club charity. A big thank you to all those who helped with the organisation of the day, all our generous members who bought raffle tickets, donated prizes and provided the coffee and bacon rolls at the halfway house, to our greens staff and catering staff, those companies that donated vouchers, and our band of volunteers who ensured the day was supported throughout at the halfway house.

Our seniors section continues with their friendly club matches. After losing away 2–4 in June at St Ives, in the replay at home Girton succeeded in performing well, with every pair winning or drawing, to bring home a 5–1 win for Girton. Playing Burleigh Park at home, Girton ran out  $4\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$  winners, having lost away in June.

Watch out for a leaflet dropping through your letterbox soon with an offer of a free coffee at the club. Just come down with the voucher and enjoy a drink as good as you will get anywhere locally without having to leave the village. Membership at Girton, a member's club, is still available, both playing and social, and everyone is welcome at the clubhouse. Pop in during the day after 10am, have a drink or lunch,

and chat about membership with Nicola or Lynda in the office, or with the Pro shop. If you are not sure, ask at the bar to be put in touch with the right person.

Alan Henderson-Smith Tel: 01223 276169 www.girtongolf.co.uk

### Girton Scouts are restarting

New leaders and a collection of young people have come forward interested in restarting Girton Scout Group. The Cambridge District Scouts have supported this with funding and some experienced leaders to help get the new group off the ground. The location will be at the Cotton Hall.

From October we will start with a single meeting on Thursdays from 6:10 until 7:30pm. This will be all of our young people together, whether they be Cubs, the majority (aged 8-10), Scouts (over 10½) or Beavers (6-8). Later we will give Scouts their own space at 7:40 until 9pm and Beavers one from 5-6pm, assuming we get enough numbers and a few more leaders or parent helpers. We would welcome any parents or adults from the village who might be able to volunteer the occasional Thursday evening.

As Cambridge District is helping to fund this new group whilst it gets started it is anticipated there will not be any subscription fee (subs) for the first couple of terms. Most will not be in uniform for the first few weeks, even the leaders.

Please come along and join us and see what scouting is all about!

### The A10 Fish & Chip Van

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### MUSIC AT GIRTON MICHAELMAS TERM 2022

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John Paul Ekins (piano)

Chris Hedges, a former music student, returns to Girton to perform

Rachmaninov's Sonata for Cello and Piano in G minor, Op. 19, and

Beethoven's 'Judas Maccabeus' Variations, WoO 45.

Please note: this concert forms part of a day of celebrations linked to Girton College's Commemoration of Benefactors; admission may be limited, so please use the College website to check arrangements closer to the time

Admission free: retiring collection.

Sunday 30 October at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm) Stanley Library, Girton College, Cambridge.

Emmanuel Bach (violin)

Jenny Stern (piano)

Emmanuel Bach, former winner of the Royal Overseas League String Competition, and now a freelance soloist, returns to Girton

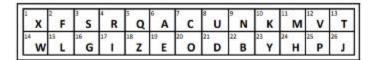
to perform Beethoven's Sonata No. 7 in C minor, Op. 30 No. 2,

and the 'Vineyard' Sonata by André Previn.

Admission free: retiring collection.



Codeword Solution see page 13





# Poppy Beddoe, Clarinet Solo Recital

# St. Andrew's Church, Girton 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 7.30pm

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## **Girton** TownCharity

### Creating buildings for the future

With work on the new almshouses and office for Girton Town Charity at Dovehouse Court progressing to completion later this year, we asked Paul Darrington, Site Manager for Barnes Construction, about his day-to-day role.

"Each morning starts with briefing the workforce so that we can ensure our activity plan runs smoothly", says Paul. "As part of this, I spend time reviewing drawings to see that the design and details will work with the available materials, and our subcontractors can complete what is on the schedule in the timeframe specified.

### Supply chain

"In the current climate, reviewing the programme alongside lead-times from the supply chain is crucial, often adapting our activity to keep the project moving forwards. It's a constant juggling act!"

### Construction career

Paul started his construction career with a bricklaying apprenticeship after leaving school, including studying for an ONC in Building Studies which led to undertaking a BSc(Hons) in Construction Management.

He ran his first sites on such schemes as the Rosie Maternity Ward extension at Addenbrookes, C3 Church on Coldham's Lane and Storey's Field Centre before moving to Barnes Construction in 2019. Since then he has led the Old Garden Hostel project for King's College, ward refurbishment at Addenbrooke's Hospital and now Dovehouse Court here, in Girton.

### Challenges

Paul continues: "In addition to all the challenges presented by the pandemic, the construction industry is currently facing a number of other issues: skills shortages post-Brexit, the housing boom resulting in house builders paying higher wages for unskilled and skilled labour and materials shortages.

"Recent problems requiring flexibility included our brick supplier closing at short notice because of Covid, post-Brexit delays of three weeks for our cladding at the ports and this exceptionally hot Summer.

### National accreditation

"Alongside all these issues, a number of positive initiatives have been possible including our decision to work towards Considerate Contractor Scheme accreditation.

"This process involves visits and assessments of our site, workforce, welfare and planning, as well as evidence of our interaction with the local community and our collaborations with various charities, such as Wood Monkey where we donate timber offcuts to a young people's workshop.



"We are also currently working closely with Woodford Recycling to help meet our current record of less than 1% of waste going to landfill.

### Pride in the job

"The next major step is completion of Dovehouse Court and at the moment we are preparing for the incoming services, making the drainage connections, second fixing the

apartments, fitting kitchens and decorating. We are also planning the submerged bin store.

"Dovehouse Court has been a very rewarding project to work on and I have enjoyed the variety of challenges, working with the trades, designers and engineers to create a working building that we can all be proud of. This is also my first Passivhaus project so I have welcomed the chance to learn all about the standards and construction techniques required for certification."

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.

Enquiries on behalf of individuals or village organisations may be made in confidence:

### GTC Office:

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email: gtc@girtontowncharity.org.uk www.girtontowncharity.org.uk

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Trustees: Ann Bonnett (Chair), Marc Bermann, Dan Buck, Colin Carr, Robin Hiley, Andrew Muston, Patsy Smith

### Educational Grants 2022/23

Applications for an Educational Grant are invited from young people over 18 leaving secondary education and moving on to higher education and some training schemes or NVQ qualifications Level 4 and above.

The Grant covers books, equipment, tools or other direct costs relevant to the course and is a maximum of £300\* per year for up to four years.

The next payment date for grant applications received will be December 2022.

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

Contact the GTC office for an application form.

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Please see website for up to date details of Clubs and Classes www.williamcollyn.co.uk Information correct at time of going to press.

### Monday

9.30 - 1.00pm	Tumble Tots
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 - 9.30am Yoga with Julia Dale 10.00 - 11.00am Yoga with Julia Dale

6.00 - 7.00pm Bounce 7.30 - 10.30pm Easton Swing

### Wednesday

9.30am - 12.00pm Tiny Toes Ballet

6.00 - 6.45pm Bounce

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

7.00 - 10.00pm Girton Garden Society (monthly - second Weds)

Thursday

9.30 - 11.30am Pilates 5.45 - 6.45pm Pilates

7.15pm & 8.15pm Ballroom Dance Classes

### Friday

9.30am - 12.30pm Little City Toddler Play

(monthly - second Friday)

7.30 - 8.30pm Easton Swing

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9.00 - 10.00am Bounce

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# CLUB

### **Another New Dawn?**

Many of our members will remember the death of King George VI and the accession and crowning of Queen Elizabeth II. Like me, many will remember exactly where they were and what they were doing

when they heard the news of the King's death. The doors of the cloakroom at my school opened in both directions with a school rule that 'one should always pull the door open never push it'. Quite sensible really as to push it open could have injured someone on the other side of it. I had just opened that door and was about to step out when one of the older boys burst through it shouting 'The King is dead, the King is dead'. Where he got that news I don't know but that memory has stayed with me for more than seventy years and I suspect many of our younger generations will have similar memories in years to come concerning the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

I am writing this article six days after the death of her Majesty and like many of you have been following events on the television. It does seem to me that at the moment there is a huge change in people right across the country. There seems to be an air of serenity, togetherness and helpfulness everywhere, in some respects a little like I remember it during wartime. We have a new King and a new Prime Minister but is this really a new dawn?

On Wednesday 31st August our group were welcomed at The Old Crown Public House and more than thirty members enjoyed a meal together. I must congratulate the staff there who dealt with us in a most professional, pleasant and helpful manner. Well done them – I hope we will be able to return early next year.

October's lunch is booked for Wednesday 19th October at Abbeyfield and the menu has choices as follows: Starter: soup of the day, chilled melon fan with raspberry coulis or brussle sprout & horseradish pate with red onion chutney. Main: chicken chasseur with fresh vegetables, salmon, potato & courgette salad or rice stuffed aubergine with feta cheese & mint served with tomato sauce & vegetables. Dessert: fresh fruit salad, plum and tarragon puff pastry tart with ginger nut crumble served with custard or cream, chocolate & clementine mousse.

Filter coffee or tea included in the price. Two courses £14 three courses £17.50. Bring your own wine. Excellent value.

On November 16th we visit the Three Tuns, Fen Drayton

For more details contact:

Sam Clift

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As I write this King Charles has been visiting Northern Ireland for the first time as monarch. In July 1966 I watched as his mother, Queen Elizabeth alongside the Duke of Edinburgh, left Hillsborough Castle for engagements in Belfast. Their car, which had very large windows, drove slowly past us, so we had an excellent close-up view of them both. Believe it or not, the security was minimal, a very far cry from current times.

### **Harvest Celebration**

Come along to the tea dance to celebrate harvest on Saturday 8 October from 2 to 4 pm in the William Collyn Hall. The dancing will be led by Clive and Jenny, and refreshments are included in the £5 charge. You are welcome, whatever your ability to dance.

# Are you ever unsteady on your feet? Have you stumbled, tripped, or fallen?

If your answer is yes, I strongly recommend that this month you visit the Falls Prevention clinic run by Healthy You on Friday afternoons between 1.30 and 5 pm in the William Collyn Community Centre. To book a one-to-one appointment, phone 0333 005 0093 or email healthyyou@everyonehealth.co.uk

### Please note:

I will continue working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Your phone messages and emails are always welcome, and I will respond to them, though there may be a delay in doing so.

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# Remembering wonderful women

As I write, many of our thoughts are of the Queen, as we remember her remarkable character, and time on the

throne. Last night we held a little service to mark her death, and over the next week many will light a candle and write in her book of condolences.

I've been reflecting on some of the wonderful women buried in Girton churchyard. To the right of the main path of the church is the grave of Ellen Wordsworth Darwin, one of the early lecturers in English at Newnham College (and daughter-in-law of Charles Darwin). Round the back, near the wall next to the Rec, is the grave of Agnes Arber. She was a botanist and philosopher of biology, the first female botanist to be elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society, and the first woman to receive the Gold Medal of the Linnean Society (she also has a brand of gin named after her!). Nearby is also the grave of Elizabeth Welsh, an influential Mistress of Girton College (the first Mistress who had also been a student there); the college remembered the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death last year.

This October also marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the installation of a headstone to mark the grave of Elisabeth Hertz. She was the wife of

Heinrich Hertz, the pioneering German physicist after whom the unit of frequency is named and whose discoveries made possible so much modern technology. Elisabeth Hertz undoubtedly made a significant contribution to her husband's work, although she was never credited with anything. She came to Girton as a Jewish refugee in 1937, living at 17 Pepys Way until her death in 1941. You can find her grave just behind the goose railings.

But, of course, Girton churchyard is also full of wonderful women (and men!) who weren't well-known or particularly influential, but who quietly got on with life, seeking to make it as good as possible for those around them. As the Queen said back in 2011: "There are stories written daily across these islands which do not find their voice in solemn pages of history books, or newspaper headlines, but which are at the heart of our shared narrative".

Faithful, dutiful, loving service holds us all together and makes our community strong. That's why, on the 30 October we will be gathering in the church to remember those who we have loved. We'll come together before God, light candles, hear a list of names of loved ones, and seek to look forward in hope.



Church lit up in purple



### St Andrew's Church

Rector: Revd Michael Bigg Tel: 01223 202145

> Email: rector@girton.church Website: www.girton.church

Associate Priest: The Revd Christine Barrow Tel: 575089 Email: mcbarrow@me.com

**Licensed Lay Ministers:** 

Mr Dugald Wilson Tel: 276940 Mrs Christina Deacon Tel: 525337

**Churchwardens:** 

Mr Bruce & Mrs Wendy Hunter Tel: 503958

**Sunday Services: October** 

2nd 10:00 am - Holy Communion 7:45 pm - Taize Service

9th 8:00 am - Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 am - All-age Communion 6:00 pm - Evening Prayer (BCP)

16th 10:00 am - Holy Communion 6:00 pm - Evening Prayer (BCP)

23rd 8:00 am - Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 am - Morning Prayer

**30th 10:00 am** - Holy Communion **4:00 pm** - In Memory

6th Nov 10:00 am - Holy Communion

Regular weekday Services: October

Tues 9am Morning Prayer (said)

**3:45pm** Choir Church (during school term time)

Weds 9am Morning Prayer (said) (Online)
Thurs 9am Morning Prayer (said) (Online)
9pm Compline (said) (Online)

**Other Services:** 

**12th 2:00 pm** - Abbeyfield Holy Communion

13th 3:30 pm - Messy Church

**18th 2:15 pm** - Arlington Manor Holy Communion

27th 11:00 am - Gretton Court Holy Communion

(BCP)

You are welcome to join us for Sunday morning worship in person or remotely at <a href="http://bit.ly/GirtonParishLive">http://bit.ly/GirtonParishLive</a>. Please check the church website for up-to-date information. (<a href="http://www.girton.church">www.girton.church</a>)

On the 30 October we will hold an In Memory service, where we will name and remember those who have died in the past year or before, and we will give thanks for their lives among us. If you wish to have someone remembered please send their names to rector@girton.church.

The last Taizé service will be held jointly; in person, and online, all are welcome. We give thanks for the 25 years of this style of worship at St Andrew's. Please email Kay Barrett at *singing.kay@gmail.com* for details on how to attend or join online.

### Girton Baptist Church



Minister: Revd Nick Lowe Tel: 01223 279289

Secretary: Mrs Virginia Rootham-Smith

Tel: 01223 520442

Website: www.girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk

### **Sunday Services**

### (All at Girton Baptist Church and on Jitsi.)

2nd 10.30am Harvest Service, with communion, led by Nick Lowe

9th 10.30am Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe

16<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship, with communion, led by Nick Lowe

23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe

**30**th 10.30am Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe

### All are welcome.

Messy Church is on Thursday 13 October from 3.30pm. Messy Church is for parents and their children, with craft activities based on a Biblical theme, a story, and a meal together. If you would like to find out more, please contact us or just come along.

The Tuesday Afternoon Friendship Group (TAFG) starts again on Tuesday 4 October with a talk from the Arthur Rank Hospice, followed by a Bring and Buy sale to raise funds for this charity. If you would like to come but need a lift, please contact us.

For further details about any of the above, including the online link for the service, please ring 07483 334860 or email pastor@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk.

### A prayer for Harvest:

"Dear Father, in this Harvest season, we lift our prayers of gratefulness to You. Thank you for all we have received throughout the year, and for all we will receive in the years to come. Your love and mercy allow us to enjoy all that You provide, and we thank You for giving us the gift of life. We think and pray also for those less fortunate. Help us to do what we can to give aid where it is needed". Amen



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

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### **Bin Collections**

Thursday 6 October Blue and Green bins

Thursday 13 October Black bin

Thursday 20 October Blue and Green bins

Thursday 27 October Black bin

### **Mobile Library**

### Thursday 13 and 27 October 2022

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Abbeyfield 10.10 -10.50
Cotton Hall/Church 11.00 -11.30
Orchard Close 11.35 -11.55
St Vincents Close 12.00 -12.40
Gretton Court 12.50 -13.15
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### **The Mobile Post Office**

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# GIRTON FEAST 2022 update

We are delighted to let you know that at Girton Village Fete this summer, a total of £3291.50p was raised by village clubs and societies and charities. Thank you to you all for taking part and helping these organisations to continue.

We look forward to seeing you in 2023, the dates are Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

# Parkinson's Charity Day Girton Social Club Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Pool competition £3 entry (percentage to charity, rest to winner)

1.00pm: draw takes place

1.30pm: matches take place

Followed during the evening by a disco and live music, and a raffle.

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### Calling all Girton artists!

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### Girton Social Club

48 Cambridge Road, Girton, CB3 0PJ. Tel: 01223 276890 Email: Girtonsocialclub@gmail.com

### We are a family social club situated in the village of Girton.

We hold various events throughout each month including:

Saturday 15th October, 8.45pm - Play Your Cards Right

Saturday 5th November, 12 noon until late - Charity Event in aid of Parkinson's - pool competition 12 noon with disco and live music during the evening

Fortnightly Bingo on Fridays

We have a modern pool table - 50p per game (free Wednesday evening), 3 dartboards, skittles and a juke box updated twice weekly.

Thank you to the new members who joined us during August and September.

# We now have Free wi-fi and BT Sports Children are welcome Dogs are welcome on a lead Opening Times

Monday to Thursday: 7.30pm to 11pm, Friday: 12 to 3pm, 7.30 to 11pm,

Saturday: 12pm to late, Sunday: 12pm to 3pm

Annual Membership: Adults £10, Senior Citizens £3.50, Armed Forces £1



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