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## Vision for Girton – developing our collective future

The Parish Council has decided to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan for the electoral parish. This is a document that sits alongside, and not in conflict with, the district council's Local Plan 2018, and the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan and helps guide planning and other policies in the parish.

Drawing on consultation with residents, businesses, landowners, and others in or affecting the parish, it is a key chance to develop a view for Girton for the next decade or more. It includes not only buildings, but also transport, nature and environment, business, facilities, heritage, protected green or other special areas, views and so forth. It is a means of all of us in Girton to set out our collective vision for the future.

After an initial period of information gathering, there will be the main public consultation phase in due course, followed by the development of the draft plan which would be expected to come back for approval in a parish referendum. It can then be adopted by the district council.

It is not a particularly quick process as it is important that it is a truly collective plan for the whole electoral parish. Please note that various committees of the Parish Council are also in the process of starting consultations within the parish to help them set out their more day-to-day plans for the next three years. The Neighbourhood Plan consultation exercise will build on these too.

The Parish Council has asked Andrew Muston (husband of Cllr Muston and a Girton Town Charity Trustee), to lead this process on their behalf in a personal capacity unrelated to Girton Town Charity. However, it's best done as a team effort so volunteers from all parts of the parish would be very welcome – especially from anyone with experience in planning or public consultation exercises.

Please contact Yvonne Murray: [clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk) or Andrew Muston directly, or by email: [andrew@amuston.com](mailto:andrew@amuston.com) in the first instance.

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## Girton Parish Council

Girton Parish Council was pleased to welcome eight members of the public to our Full Council meeting on Wednesday 8 February. The draft minutes are now available on Girton Village Community website. See link and QR code below.

### Girton College Ball

Thanks to Tom Smith, Deputy Head Porter at Girton College, who attended GPC Full Council meeting; to ensure the Ball goes smoothly for both students and residents.

### Public Meetings

Girton Parish Council will be hosting the following public meetings at Girton Recreation Ground Pavilion:

- Active Travel led by Camcycle - Monday 13 March, 7pm to 9pm.
- Commercial Opportunities in Girton - Saturday 1 April, 9.30am to 12.30pm.
- Sport & Recreation – Date to be confirmed.

All information from these meetings will feed into the Neighbourhood Plan.

### Neighbourhood Plan

Girton Parish Council approved the production of a Neighbourhood Plan at the GPC Full Council meeting. This will enable our community to take the lead in producing part of the statutory development plan for the area.

### Environment

Cllr Giles noted at the Full Council, it is great to see Girton Green Team and the Local Nature Recovery Group back up and running. The GPC Environment Committee recommended a budget to support the work of the Local Nature Recovery group. This budget was approved. Tree replanting is underway, volunteers to help plant these trees would be very welcome as the window before bird-nesting season is tight.

Girton Parish Council received one Beech tree from the South Cambridgeshire District Council's Free Trees scheme, which has been planted on the recreation ground. Cllr Giles thanked our groundsman Chris Wilson for his help planting the first tree in 2023.

### Hotel Felix Inquiry (31 January 2023)

Cllr Muston attended the above and spoke of the reasons for Girton Parish Council's objection to the planning application. Cllr Muston's presentation at the Inquiry can be found on Girton Village Community Website.

### Sport & Recreation Committee

Girton Parish Council would like to welcome new co-opted members to this committee from Girton Colts, Girton United FC and Girton Cricket Club. We also hope to

welcome further co-opted members from the Girton Bowls Club and Girton Tennis Club.

### Coronation Events

Girton Parish Council Events committee are planning events to be held over the Coronation weekend. Volunteers to help with these events would be very helpful. Please contact: [clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk)

Ideas for King Charles III Coronation include:

- Saturday 6 May – Enjoy Coronation.
- Sunday 7 May – Community Lunch.
- Monday 8 May - Big Help Out (Community Volunteering).
- Events to be held up to and after the Coronation are also being considered.

### Girton Bowls Club

The first meeting of the Bowls Club Working group took place at Abbeyfield last month to address the availability of the toilets for Bowls Club members. Cllr Marshall confirmed that possible solutions for the Bowls Club requirements were in the early stages.

### Support for Pay It Forward Scheme considered across two Parish Councils

After discussions between Cllr Hayat, Girton Glebe School, and Impington Village College, Girton Parish Council approved their support for residents paying extra money for school meals to support those students who may find it difficult to pay for school meals. The same motion will go to Histon & Impington Parish Council for a decision on 20 February.

### Electric Vehicle Charging Points

The above initiative was brought to the Full Council again due to funding currently available from South Cambridgeshire District Council. The window for funding closes on 31 March 2023. The decision was deferred by the Council.

### Cut hedges back now to avoid summer overgrowth, says Council.

Council approved an initiative to ask all Girton residents to check and act on any hedges, and trees that they own, that are blocking or impeding footpaths and footways.

### CCC 20mph Scheme

This scheme has not yet been launched. However, Girton Parish Council have already approved the release of a survey to get feedback from Girton residents. This should allow maximum length of time for you to provide your feedback on this topic. Also, look out for our Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) sign.

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## District Councillors' Report, February 2023

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The UK Government has committed substantial funding to Cambridge under the City Deal, which led to the formation of the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP). The “City Access” proposal includes massive improvements to public transport, cycleways, and footpaths; funded by a road usage charge. The proposal outlines improvements to public transport before a road-usage charge is introduced. The consultation on the GCP’s plans closed on 23 December 2022. There was an enthusiastic response from the public.

### Local Plan update

Great Cambridge Planning has just published an update about the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/greater-cambridge-local-plan/>). Recent work has shown that the projected growth will lead to a demand for more houses. Across the country, planning authorities have no choice but to plan to meet the demand. The government adopts a ‘carrot and stick’ approach; local authorities that deliver the number of houses that the government demands continue to have local planning control, whereas those that do not, lose the ability to decide what is built and where.

There are serious constraints on housebuilding in our area due to poor water availability. So much so, that there are plans to transfer water from other areas and to build a reservoir. These plans are in the medium to long-term and the supply shortage needs to be resolved quickly to meet expected growth.

And in other news...

### Facilities Grants for those with disabilities

We have been asked to post a reminder that the Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency (HIA) offer a range of grants to people living in South Cambridgeshire, to help adapt their homes. These government grants are aimed at people with disabilities and older people on low incomes. More information is here: [hia@cambshia.org](mailto:hia@cambshia.org)

### Campaign for more Homes for Ukraine Hosts

The SCDC campaign for new hosts for Ukrainian guests is ongoing. Our pool of hosts stood at over 600 when the Homes for Ukraine scheme first launched last year, but this has now reduced considerably. Anyone who can offer help simply needs to text ROOM to 88802. If you can, please help to amplify the message.

### Aircraft Noise

Cllr Noushin Rostami, Chair of Little Gransden Parish Council, is calling a Public Meeting on the topic of the Luton Airport stacking trial, AD6. It is on Thursday 23 February at 7.30pm at Little Gransden village Hall, or on zoom. Contact: [nrostami@gmail.com](mailto:nrostami@gmail.com) to book a place.

### More frequent battery recycling collections

South Cambridgeshire households can now conveniently recycle small, used batteries on a weekly basis.

Adjustments to bin lorries mean that small plastic bags containing used batteries can now be left on top of green, black, or blue bins for collection by crews on their usual rounds.

Residents of flats with shared bins should not leave batteries on these bins but can take them to one of the many public battery collection points for example Sainsburys.

### Fly Tipper fined

A fly-tipper has been fined for dumping rubbish in a layby after an investigation by SCDC officers. The waste, including household rubbish and personal correspondence, was found next to a public litter bin in Madingley. A Lode address was discovered in amongst the rubbish. An individual was identified and issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £400.

### Key Amnesty

People who are misusing council properties are being offered a one-off opportunity to #DoTheRightThing

and return their keys without facing criminal proceedings during a month-long campaign by SCDC's housing team.

A "Key Amnesty" campaign called #DoTheRightThing is taking place across the district during February 2023. Additionally, the campaign is encouraging anyone who suspects housing fraud to #DoTheRightThing and report it to SCDC using the online form or emailing: [fraud@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:fraud@scambs.gov.uk). To surrender keys, people are asked to hand them in at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne CB23 6EA, in an envelope containing the property address. No questions will be asked.

### **Voter Photo ID**

From May this year, voters will be required to show photo ID in polling stations before being allowed to vote. However, if voters think they might not have the required ID to be able to vote at a polling station in the future, they may wish to apply for a free Voter ID now. People can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online. For further information please visit the Electoral Commission Website. Photos can be on documents like driving licences and bus passes, but there will be some of you who do not have photo ID. It is important that you do not lose your right to vote.

### **Guidance for councils and business owners on tackling graffiti and flyposting**

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has recently published advisory guidance for all land managers responsible for managing graffiti and flyposting. The new guidance has been developed primarily for business owners and landowners. The document provides recommendations for good practice in graffiti and fly-posting management.

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Guidance:  
<https://randd.defra.gov.uk/ProjectDetails?ProjectId=20773>

### **Rough Sleeping and Homelessness.**

A resident came across a lady while walking her dog in Girton who was sleeping rough whom she

helped. We thought that it would be useful to know how to help if it happens again.

If you see someone sleeping rough or homeless, you can inform the CGL Street Outreach team on 01223 366292 or via the Streetlink website. You can also direct them to our team of advisers.

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### **Wood Burners**

Residents have complained about the smoke from wood burning stoves. There are many of them in Girton and the smoke is hazardous for people with respiratory diseases. To report a problem, go to the District Council website. It is Environmental Health: pollution and wood fires.

The latest guidance is that sales of bagged house coal and wet wood in units under two cubic meters have become unlawful. And wet wood in bigger volumes must be sold with advice on how to dry it out before it's burned. Also new stoves will have to conform to new guidelines.

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## **County Councillor's Report, February 2023**

### **Local Highways Improvement and 20mph schemes**

Both Girton (jointly with Oakington) and Dry Drayton have put applications forward for the LHI scheme this year which is great news. We are awaiting the publication of the guidelines and application process for the new 20mph scheme, which should appear soon. We think the window for applications for 20mph schemes will be about three months, so there will be some time to develop the proposals. Consultation is an important aspect of all these improvement schemes.

## Winter road damage

The road network was already in poor condition from being in 'managed decline' for decades and has deteriorated rapidly in the winter months. The Council has responded with concentrated effort to fix potholes. There are eight teams dealing with this and they are also using two dragon patchers in the rural areas. There have been up to 5000 new potholes found every weekend for several months, and it will take some weeks to fix them. The Chair of Highways has put out the following statement:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/a-statement-from-the-chair-and-vice-chair-of-highways-and-transport-regarding-potholes>

## Caring Together in Cambridgeshire

You may start to see communications being circulated online and among local publications in South Cambridgeshire about the County Council's Caring Together programme.

This is a programme that aims to transform the way older people are cared for in Cambridgeshire. They plan to work collaboratively with partners and local communities, and the aim is to help people live independently in their own homes for longer. This programme will result in a switch from social care based on county-wide contracts, to one in which people living and working in their own communities (micro-providers), will be empowered to support older and vulnerable residents. This will help people to remain living in their own homes for longer as well as adding extra capacity to the local care market. To help make sure they get the programme right, they are inviting residents over the age of 55, or looking after a person over 55, to complete an online survey and are sharing some communications with South Cambridgeshire residents to encourage this. We will be supporting this by including it in our residents' magazine in the spring.

Please help by sharing the survey, which can be accessed by visiting:

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Paper copies can be received by calling: 01954 286 002 from Monday to Friday, between 9am and 2pm, or email: [care.together@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:care.together@cambridgeshire.gov.uk). If you have any further questions about Care Together, please contact

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## Budget

The budget is being debated on 7 February 2023 – more news on this in the next edition.

Please don't hesitate to get back to me with any issues or queries:

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



**Girton Gardeners**

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**Girton Garden Society**

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2. Garden coach trips
  - a) Pensthorpe ([www.pensthorpe.com](http://www.pensthorpe.com)) Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023
  - b) Beth Chatto's Garden ([www.bethchatto.co.uk](http://www.bethchatto.co.uk)) Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Full details and prices on our website and in the April edition

- 3. Mini Show with Girton Allotment Society at the Feast Week Village Fete on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Full details in the May edition and on the diary page of our website. Get planting now.



**GIRTON: Watch this space**  
**And prepare to join in**

Girton is planning some exciting events to encourage all our community to join in a celebration of life in our village while making memories of the Coronation of King Charles III.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Music at Girton College – March 2023

#### Composers' Concert

Sunday 5 March at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm),  
Stanley Library, Girton College.

A selection of recent works by Girton composers, including pieces by Sofia Vasieva from her debut album, *Sky*, performed by the composer on the piano.

Admission free; retiring collection.

#### Recitalists in Concert

Wednesday 8 March at 8.00 pm (until 9.15 pm),  
Stanley Library, Girton College.

A selection of works from examination programmes performed by Girton's first-year music students.

Admission free; retiring collection.

#### Recitalists in Concert

Friday 10 March at 8.00 pm (until 9.00 pm),  
Stanley Library, Girton College.

A selection of works from examination programmes performed by Girton's second-year music students.

Admission free; retiring collection.

#### Romantic Piano Music – and End-of-Term Tea

Sunday 12 March at 2.00 pm (until 3.00 pm) – NB Time!

Stanley Library, Girton College.

Girton alumnus Sam O'Neal, returns to perform a programme of piano music by composers including Chopin, Schumann, and Rachmaninov.

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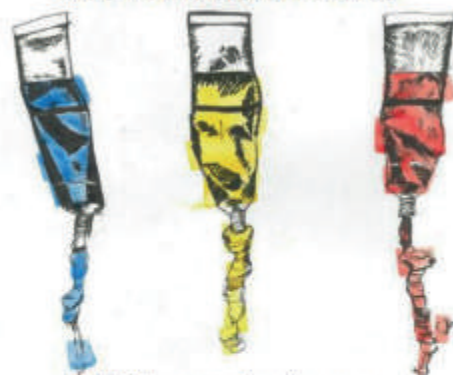
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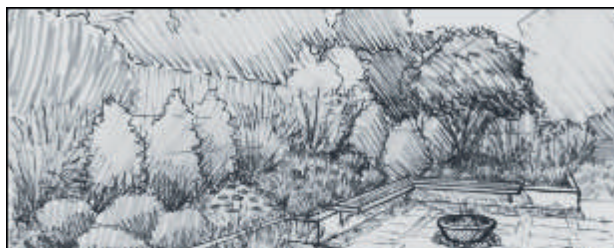


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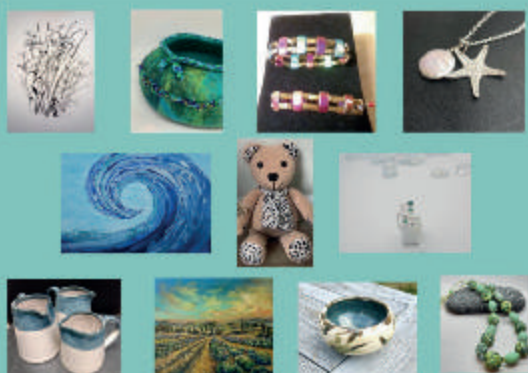
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## Girton Cottontails Preschool

The children have been loving the role play area over the last few weeks and the theme has been ever changing due to their interests and requests. The large cardboard box postbox that we made before Christmas was turned into a pirate ship, there was treasure to be found and seas to be sailed! We then turned it into a spaceship and the children loved dressing up in the spacesuits. Then we decided on a hairdressers, the children took charge and did each other's hair and the staff's too! Our hair has never looked so good! Lastly, this week, we've had a fire station, the same box was used again, this time being a fire engine. There have been many fires to put out and everybody had to work hard as a team to get the job done. Last week was national story telling week and we invited our parents to come in and read stories to the children. All that came did an amazing job, and the children really enjoyed having different people in to read. We had some lovely stories. We recognise the importance of working with our parents and involving them in preschool life. The children also made up their own stories in a group, one child starting the story, then the next continuing, etc. These made some really interesting stories!

We've been doing puppet shows with the animal puppets, performing to our friends and making the animals do funny things was lots of fun!

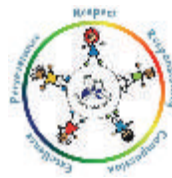
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For further information about the preschool and what we have to offer, you can visit our website, follow us on social media, or get in touch using the contact details below.

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## Girton Glebe

Our amazing Key Stage 2 choir joined over 8,700 children from around the country to put on a fantastic concert for our friends and family at the O2 on 17 January. It was a wonderful opportunity for our young children to sing as part of a large group and perform at such a stunning venue. So many famous people took to the stage to perform their talents, such as singer Heather Small, Urban Striders Street dancers, violinist Anna Phoebe, and world champion beat boxers.

For one of the performances, all the acts joined together to make the most incredible sound and sight! It was truly inspiring and something that the children will remember in years to come. A huge thank you to the adults who volunteered their time to accompany the children, and to Girton Town Charity for their generous donation to cover the cost of the coach.

*Chris Butler, Headteacher*



## Sustainable Girton

Only about 1% of the world's water is accessible for consumption; and although global warming increases ice melt, it will also increase evaporation. Purifying water for our consumption costs the environment, and the resulting water in the tap costs us.

How can you cut your consumption? For the average user, unmetered water is significantly more expensive: Cambridge Water claims the average person saves £100 a year when they switch to a water meter.

The standard metered tariff is 168.5p per cubic metre (1000 litres). The average person uses about 140 litres each day, or about 25p worth (all figures are approximate and I'm ignoring the fixed charge),

25p per day is £90pa. If you are using a lot of water on the garden, half of that £90 could buy you a big water butt to collect rainwater and greatly cut your usage.

What about your bathroom? An average bath takes about 75 litres: that's nearly 90p in the week. You could halve that in the shower. While in the bathroom, consider how much you flush down the loo. Consider reducing the volume of a flush: see the links below.

How often do you wash things? Only run your washing machine when you can fill it; if you only need to wash a few dishes use a bowl. Don't use a hose or a power washer on the car; rainwater from the butt will do just fine.

Whenever you run a tap (waiting for the water to become hot), capture it if you can and use it on the garden. If the tap doesn't need to be running (while you brush your teeth) then turn it off.

Cambridge Water and Anglian Water have advice on their websites and information about water-saving devices. See: [tinyurl.com/2ghpcfna](http://tinyurl.com/2ghpcfna) (Cambridge Water) and: [tinyurl.com/2pyvy7ba](http://tinyurl.com/2pyvy7ba) (Anglian Water).

*Douglas de Lacey*  
*Sustainable Girton*

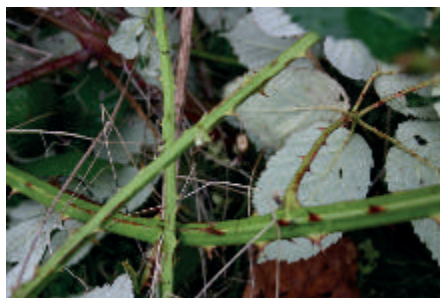


One of those lovely blue-sky mornings in mid-February, I was standing at the door of my greenhouse, surveying the allotment scene. "Has spring arrived?" I thought. The meteorological start of spring is 1st March; the astronomical start of spring is 20th March. But those are arbitrary dates, irrespective of all those things that are happening to plants, soil, weather, ourselves. As I thought about spring, a jackdaw landed on a nearby plot and stood proudly erect. Was he relishing the sun's warmth? This bird wasn't the dusty grey creature of winter. His black feathers and the silvery sheen at the back of his head positively glowed as if freshly oiled. This single bird seemed a magnificent creature in his pride and lustre. Just a symbol, but I felt a certainty that spring had made its presence felt. Perhaps spring is a conviction within us and a pervasive sense that a renewed life-force is active. There may well be frosts and storms to come, but spring has announced that it has taken a foothold in the seasons. We of horticultural inclinations can prepare our minds, our planning, our seed packets and equipment for the imminent growing season.

As the weather has become more amenable and members have come out of hibernation; a valuable aspect of allotmenting has sprung up again ... meeting with old friends and acquaintances, taking a break from the work, and swapping cultivation plans, discussing last night's TV (what a relief ... Happy Valley ended well), the state of national and world affairs. One theme which pervades so many of our chats is our desperate hopes that this season will bring us far better rewards than last year. The difficult spring conditions, germination problems (arising from the transition to peat-free composts?), then weeks of soaring temperatures and drought, huge efforts of watering, parched, dusty soil: all are etched into our memories. A second successive such unrewarding season would be hard to bear.

A week of heavy overnight frosts in the first half of February made the site a winter wonderland early in the mornings. Areas shaded from the sun retained the frost all day. The frosts took their toll on some over-wintering vegetables. Some broad bean plants, usually tough in recovering from frost, succumbed and were ploughed back in. Winter cabbages, looking fine outwardly, were found to have turned into watery mush when sliced through. Today I watched a re-sowing of broad beans. The theory is that autumn planted beans will mature and produce pods earlier in the summer, whereas spring planted will mature later and be plagued by the horrible sticky covering of blackfly.

Oakington Garden Centre offered an excellent range of seed potatoes and many Society members availed themselves of the wide choice, and of being able to select healthy, medium sized tubers. These are now laid out in frost-free, light places so that they can start to put out shoots from the 'eyes' (chitting) prior to planting out around Easter time. We have to judge the timing – between being early but not so early that foliage appears while frosts are still possible. Many of us have been out at dusk to cover the foliage, having heard forecast of frost.



Over the first two weekends of January, smallish working parties assembled to carry out bramble clearance and annual coppicing within the hazel copse. Rows of

the hazel bushes take their turn year by year to be cut back almost to ground level. This produces burgeoning new shoots, and provides bean support poles and pea sticks for use on our plots.

The age range of the working parties was 2 years to mid eighties. The former was not allowed to use the power saw!



The allotment site continues to provide an environment for wildlife. Muntjak and fox have been sighted. I have seen, after a few years absence, my longed-for fieldfares, and I was thrilled by a red kite swooping low over my plot. Charms (what a lovely collective noun) of goldfinches frequently fly over the site. The green woodpecker has started up his mocking, laughing call.

Time to break off now and do some browsing through seed packets and to prepare a schedule of sowing and planting. Here's hoping for a well-balanced climate for the new season.

*Graham Jones*

*Girton Allotment Society*

## Codeword solution (see page 23)

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## Wild Girton

### Public Meeting & Help our Swifts

This month we have news of the public meeting to develop the Local Nature Recovery Plan (LNRP) for the village, and we also are delighted to have a guest

contributor to write our column.

### Public Meeting - Tuesday 28 March, Girton Pavilion

The Working Group has been busy mapping habitats and species in Girton using available data. We plan to put forward proposals for areas and species of potential conservation priority in Girton and we need your help to prioritise the next steps. Please come along - it would be great to have as many Girton residents and stakeholders as possible attend.

### Parish Council Public Meeting - Developing a Local Nature Recovery Plan for Girton

Prioritising sites, habitats and species for conservation and enhancement in our village, Tuesday 28 March 7.30

The Pavilion, Girton Recreation Ground  
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### Swifts

At the public meeting on biodiversity in Girton last year, one of the guest speakers was Rowena Baxter who gave an inspirational talk on the project she led to establish a colony for Swifts in Dry Drayton. We want to explore if this is feasible in Girton too, and we've asked her to write to us describing the process she went through in establishing the colony.

### Action for Swifts

Swifts are tropical birds; they come here from Africa to breed and stay from May until the end of July. They like to find holes in buildings for their nests. Most of us try to ensure we don't have holes in our buildings, so swifts have a hard time finding homes - that is one reason why they have declined 72% since 1995. They are now on the British Trust for Ornithology's Red List of conservation concern. That being so, Rowena Baxter explains how we can help them

In June 2008 I saw several swifts prospecting for nest sites where I live in Pettitt's Close, Dry Drayton. Pettitt's Close houses are very well maintained so I knew the swifts wouldn't be successful. As a result, I put up two swift boxes in July. There were no swifts breeding in Dry Drayton at that time, so I was advised to play swift calls to attract them. I used two old speakers and my CD player, but nowadays there are simple, neat, and relatively inexpensive ways of doing this.

The neighbours were very tolerant of the constant swift screaming noise, or at least they refrained from complaining! I promised my next-door neighbour that I would open a bottle of champagne when swifts were finally breeding in our boxes. This took several years; it doesn't necessarily take that long.

Anyway, true to my word, when swifts started breeding in 2012, I invited the neighbours who had been supportive, and we had a bit of a party. Maybe because of having a glass of fizz, several neighbours said they would like a box on their house. To cut a long story short, seven houses ended up with a couple swift boxes each.



Over the last 10 years we have added more boxes and we now have about 40 boxes in Pettitt's Close including 10 integral nest holes built into the adjoining newly built

houses in Swifts Close. Last summer 27 boxes were occupied, with up to 40 chicks fledging.

Action for Swifts website (locally run) (<https://actionforswifts.blogspot.com>) gives all the information you need to start your swift colony. Basic boxes are available for around £20 from John Stimpson in Wilburton (Tel: 01353 740451) and of course from the RSPB and other on-line sources.

When siting a box (and it's always better to fix two!) ideally fix it under an overhanging eave, so that it is partly protected from the weather. Bear in mind that south and south-west facing will be in direct sun at the hottest part of the day. Unimpeded access is also important, so no trees in the direct flight path, although swifts are extremely agile and can dodge aerials and a few cables, it's better to have a clear flight path especially for the young as they leave the nest on their first flight. They will drop out of the box vertically for a few feet, recover and set off on the long migration to southern Africa. So, a recommended height for siting boxes is 5m but a bit less than that is still ok. The youngsters won't land again until they are two, to three, years old, when they will start to investigate possible nest sites, not necessarily near where they were born.

Playing attraction calls will hugely increase the chances of swifts finding the boxes. It is simple to set up. Action for Swifts have a very helpful webpage here:

<https://actionforswifts.blogspot.com/p/attraction-call-systems-for-swifts.html>.

Swifts are mostly unobtrusive neighbours and make hardly any mess, but parties of swifts, screaming and dashing around our homes is one of the most enthralling sights and sounds of summer - so let's help them find nest sites, and increase biodiversity in our neighbourhoods!

### Girton Swift Colony?

If you've been inspired by Rowena and live somewhere in the village where you think a similar project could be started, then let us know. You'll probably need the support of your neighbours - and the swifts are more likely to nest if a number of adjacent houses put up swift boxes. Email us at [lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk) if you are interested. We'd love to help!

*Local Nature Recovery Group*

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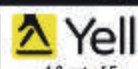
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## Girton Walking Group

Fourteen of us met at Fulbourn Recreation Ground on February 4 for a pleasant and surprisingly un-muddy walk across fields around the Wilbrahams, with a glimpse of Fleam Dyke towards the end.



Our future walks are:

### **Saturday 4th March: Willingham and the Great Ouse**

This is a slightly longer walk (six miles, three hours), mostly on good tracks so not as muddy as some other Cambridgeshire winter walks!

Please meet for a prompt 10am start at Willingham Church, CB24 5HS.

After entering Willingham on the B1050, turn right at the second set of traffic lights, opposite the Co-op, into Church Street. The church is on the left shortly after the turn. There is plenty of on-street parking in Church Street, especially past the church itself.

We will have a rest stop so bring refreshments. You can get lunch afterwards at the Porterhouse pub in Willingham (the other pub in Willingham was closed at the time of writing).

The walk will be led by Angela and Simon Blackburn, [angela.blackburn@cantab.net](mailto:angela.blackburn@cantab.net), 07482 222536.

### **Saturday 1st April: Ickworth**

A circular trail round the grounds and gardens of Ickworth House, just over five miles on an all-weather path. There may be puddles after wet weather but no serious mud. Entrance to the house and gardens costs £11 per adult to non-NT members, free for members. Meet for a 10am start by the information board at the entrance to the main car park (next to the plant sale area).

NT directions: from A14 take junction 42 towards Westley; on west side of A143. For all other routes head towards Horringer.

Sat Nav: Please don't use Ickworth's postcode for your Satnav, the main entrance to the Ickworth Estate is via Horringer Village on the A143 and follow the brown signs. Please avoid routes through Chevington (as this is a no through road).

This walk is led by Gina and Paul Lane, [ginaklane@aol.com](mailto:ginaklane@aol.com)



## Girton WI

At our recent February meeting we welcomed Doctor Gwenda Kyd a scientist and complementary medicine practitioner. Her main interests are in plants and how we use them.

Gwenda loves learning about new plants and sharing her stories in her talks, blogs, and books. She co-devised the chemicals from plants at the Cambridge University Botanic Gardens and published a book on an extended version called "Molecular Medicine and Mischief." Gwenda published her second book titled "The plants of Doctor Bach," on the plants used to make the remedies. Gwenda gave us some very interesting facts on what we should eat per day, and that plants can add flavour to foods; she explained the difference between the various foods by giving a presentation on the benefits they had on our diets. Carrots were the number one vegetable, and most popular, along with broccoli and potatoes.

She explained what each vegetable contains in the way of vitamins and that carrots contain antioxidants, and carotene; this is good for eyes and gives you good night vision. Vitamin A in carrots prevents cancer so should be eaten for good health. Gwenda also gave us additional facts on drinks, such as coffee, wine, and beers which was very interesting. Gwenda pointed out that you can get a lot of goodness from a selection of foods and to eat a good diet containing anything and everything in moderation.



## Early Birds WI

Libby Cull a resident of Girton, Green badge Guide and a Cambridge Blue Badge Guide, adapted her walking tour to give us a fascinating glimpse of the role that women have played in the

formation of Cambridge, in her talk 'Sex and the City of Cambridge-Women Town and Gown'.

Did you know that six of the Cambridge colleges were founded by women? The first being Clare College, founded by Elizabeth de Clare, granddaughter of Edward I. At this time a woman's husband had control over his wife's property and wealth, but she was a widow, able to do as she wished with her money, thankfully for Cambridge.

There have been many influential women shaping the history of Cambridge; Daisy Hopkins was instrumental in altering the legal powers held by the University; a fascinating story. Florence Ada Keynes, after her education at Newnham, became an author and a political and philanthropic influence in the 'town', becoming the first female councillor, magistrate and mayor. As well as instigating the redevelopment of the guildhall to meet the needs of a growing city, her charitable causes included the foundation of Papworth Village Settlement, forerunner to Papworth hospital. Thank you, Libby, for a spellbinding hour; I am sure that we will be talking to you about your Cambridge Spy tour and others soon. If you would like to find out more, Libby and her fellow guides can be contacted at: <https://www.c4y.uk/CamWomen>

Early Birds meet on the second Friday of every month at 10:30am. Our next meeting, on 10 March, will be a zoom session on Watatunga Wildlife Reserve, and 14 April will be a talk from John Lewis. For more information, please email our secretary: [earlybirdsec@gmail.com](mailto:earlybirdsec@gmail.com)  
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## An update from RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes

Lapwings are wading birds that can be found in grasslands, farmland, and wetlands. They are well known for their distinctive calls, (giving them the alternative name 'peewit'), their complex courtship displays and their striking plumage, in particular their head crests. Sadly, lapwing populations in the UK have declined significantly over the past few decades, predominantly due to changes in agricultural practices and the loss of suitable nesting habitats; meaning that they are now a red-listed species in the UK and are deemed a conservation priority. Here at Fen Drayton Lakes, we have seen a steady decrease in breeding numbers, so, we are working to provide suitable habitats and to implement effective habitat management measures with the aim of helping the species recover.

Lapwings are ground-nesting birds that lay their eggs in shallow scrapes, often in grassy fields. The chicks are born precocial; meaning they leave the nest after hatching and feed themselves with the help of their parents who care for them until they fledge. Nesting lapwings require suitable grass sward and vegetation conditions to build their nests and rear their young. The ideal habitat is an area of short, grazed grass, with some scattered tussocky vegetation and bare patches with nearby shallow water margins. This type of habitat provides cover for the birds; feeding areas for adults and chicks and reduces the risk of predation.

The grasslands of Ferry Mere along the northern edges of the lake, are the best areas for nesting lapwings at the reserve, and we carry out management work to maintain it as a suitable habitat. The area is grazed by cattle in the summer and autumn to ensure suitable grass conditions the following spring when lapwings are looking to nest with a majority low, even height. This enables the birds to see around them and watch out for predators, thus making them feel more secure and more likely to nest.

Having nearby tall trees and shrubs can deter lapwing from nesting as they provide cover for ground predators, such as foxes, and perching points for avian predators; such as crows, that can take eggs and chicks. In previous years we have worked to fell trees from around the ditches on Ferry Mere, and this past winter we have spent time with our volunteer work group removing a dense area of tall trees from the lake edge very near to our shallow pools where lapwings

are often seen and have nested in the past. Not only will this improve the area for the birds, but it also has the added benefit of opening views of the lake from the footpath and the view shelter along the north of Ferry Lake.

As we head into spring the large wintering lapwing flocks will start to disperse, but we hope that some will stay and choose to nest out on Ferry Mere or elsewhere at the reserve. We will be carefully monitoring lapwing numbers as part of our annual breeding bird survey; to see the effects of our management work, and determine if there is more we can do. In fact, we are already working on plans for another project to try to ensure the continued presence of shallow pools that remain wet throughout the breeding season. Watch this space for more details in the future.

### Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Volunteer-led guided walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday.

### Dawn Chorus Walk

Be an early bird and join us on a morning walk around Fen Drayton Lakes to experience the magic of the spring dawn chorus. Listen to the spectacular sounds of the birds bursting into song as the sun rises over the lakes on 29 April.

To see further details and book for one of our upcoming events, please visit:

<https://events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes>

Email: [fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk](mailto:fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk)

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Lapwing – Andy Hay ([rspb-images.com](https://rspb-images.com))

# GIRTON scoreboard



## Girton Bowls Club

With the better weather around, our thoughts do start to turn towards the upcoming outdoor season, but in the meantime the indoor bowls continues at a pace. In the Indoor/Outdoor League

Girton 1 has now won 8 of the 10 matches they have played and are lying second in Division 1. Girton 2 has won 7 of their matches and are in fourth position out of nine teams in Division 2.

Whilst on the subject of Indoor bowls, there is exciting news for Chesterton Bowls Club! They were recently invited to pitch to the BBC in an attempt to get a slot on one of their television programmes. This followed some recent Press coverage on the BBC news online website which highlighted their increase in membership and the NHS usage of the Club. I am delighted to say that they were successful with their pitch, defeating other organisations and securing a slot on the BBC prime time TV programme The One Show. The film crew visited the Club all day on Saturday 25th February and the Presenter on the day was Ritchie Anderson. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the Club and to highlight the progress that has been achieved.

Girton Bowls Club were happy to be able to inform their members recently that a working group has been established in an effort to find a solution to the lack of facilities at the bowls green. The first meeting was held on 25th January where a very positive view was expressed by the Parish Councillors and it was acknowledged that the Bowls Club must have toilets. We explained at great length why the WCCC was not fit for our purposes. As there has now been a group established through which to project our needs we hope that momentum can be maintained going forward. The next meeting has been scheduled for 20th February.

We have been invited to take part in the Girton Feast again this year where we will provide two stalls, probably along the lines of last year when we had a bottle Tombola stall and our very popular Target Bowls.

Last year's winners in the external C&D competitions recently received their prizes at the Presentation dinner held on 25th February at the Girton Golf Club.

Our thanks go to Abbeyfield who have confirmed that we can use their facilities for our after match refreshments in the coming season and we will be holding our pre-season dinner there on 1st April.

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, Carey Horton, at [carey@horton.uk.net](mailto:carey@horton.uk.net). We are always pleased to welcome new members.

*Lynne McGill*



## Girton Tennis Club

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th March, 7.30pm at the George, Girton. Many thanks to Michelle for agreeing to host us again. Like many voluntary committees, we are fortunate

to have a core group of members who are willing to help keep our club running but we need more volunteers. Being on our small committee is not very time consuming and it gives you the chance to shape the way our club operates. If you are interested in how the tennis club is organised, please come along to the AGM. We will be reviewing the previous year and planning for the next membership year which starts in April.

The club purchases three types of tennis ball to support match play, club nights and junior sessions. The balls used for junior training are softer and slightly larger than the others and often have a green spot on the side. Balls used for matches and more active play tend to be 'pressurised' and may have different materials covering the rubber to make them more suitable for the type of surface and playing conditions. These balls will slowly lose their internal air pressure and their bounce can reduce in lower air temperatures making them harder to use in winter. The non-pressurised balls (supplied by Babolat currently) are made with slightly thicker rubber and keep an even bounce in most UK temperatures so are ideal for general practice. Sometimes club balls get left in the gully around the courts so, if you find one, you may now have an idea of how it will perform!

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 by email at [info@girtontennisclub.uk](mailto:info@girtontennisclub.uk).

*Alan Franklin*



## Girton Golf Club

A lot is starting to happen at the Golf Club as we slowly emerge from the cold, on the course and practice ground and in the clubhouse, so here are a few of the things worth knowing about.

The Junior Academy at Girton is a great way of getting you or your offspring or your grandchildren into a game that they can play throughout their life. Check it out and contact our Head Professional Sam Beckett now.



Currently, adult (over 30) membership at Girton, to be able to play 7 days a week, is £975 a year (offering 13 months for the price of 12). Just contact our office and chat about joining us. They can also tell you how the cost can be spread over the course of the year. However, we do have other categories. If you are only around for a while or want to 'try before you buy', 3 month full membership is available for £425 including joining fee, and if you are under 33 it is even cheaper at only £295. We also offer very much reduced rates for the under 30s for annual membership, and juniors are only £65.

If you fancy an evening of fun locally then on 3rd March the Peg Leg Pub Band will be playing music from the 50s, 60s and 70s at the golf club – for only £10 a ticket come along and join us for a good time. Pop in and see any member of the bar staff to get your ticket/s. If you want to see what to expect then go to <https://youtube/5NUomE2czhM>. Hope to see you there, but you will have to be quick.

Mother's Day on the 19th March sees the Club offering a two-course carvery lunch at £21, which includes a free drink for the 'Mum', open to both members and non-members. Table booking needs to be made with the bar staff – call or call in. Another unusual event in March is Girton Golf Club's Spring Fashion Show at John Lewis. Enjoy a Spring Fashion Show (Ladies & Gents) with welcome drinks on arrival and a raffle at an exclusive out-of-hours event with John Lewis Cambridge. Date and time: 23rd March 2023, 6:30–8:00pm. Venue: John Lewis & Partners, 10 Downing Place, Cambridge CB2 3DS. Cost: £10.00 per person. Tickets can be bought at: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/girton-golf-clubs-spring-fashion-show-at-john-lewis-tickets-518753143617](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/girton-golf-clubs-spring-fashion-show-at-john-lewis-tickets-518753143617).

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## Girton Colts Football Club

Teams are busy booking tournaments, but the FA have had to rearrange a lot of fixtures, with what they are reporting as one of the worst seasons for fixture postponements due to ground conditions. They are saying we have lost out on four weekends of fixtures, which seems to have crept up on all of us. For some of our teams it's not too much of a big deal as they have capacity in their calendars, but others it has meant fixtures have been organised during the week and double headers on Saturday too. It's a shame this has to happen, but there's not a lot they can really do about it.

Final arrangements for the club presentation event are taking place at the moment, with a date soon to be released of when these will be held.

We could do with a couple more volunteers for the committee. Do you have any time to assist? Contact [chair@girtoncolts.co.uk](mailto:chair@girtoncolts.co.uk) for a chat.

**Kickabouts.** These are going really well. Unfortunately, we have had to move the Saturday kickabout to a new slot on Sunday 10–11am. If your child is interested in taking part then get in contact: [chair@girtoncolts.co.uk](mailto:chair@girtoncolts.co.uk).

### Team news

The U8 squad have had a good start to the term and are enjoying a few taster games on the larger 7-a-side pitch. We have been working hard on ball control and quick passing, which is showing in some positive recent results and good performances by all the players.

Andrew Hawkes, Chairman



## Girton Netball Club

If you had been thinking about giving netball a try, now is the perfect time. Girton Netball Club is hosting a series of four free 'Try Netball' sessions on Mondays starting 27th February (7–8pm). All sessions will be led by a

professional coach teaching you all the basics in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. No experience of netball needed. Complete beginners welcome. Get in touch if you would like to come along – we'd love to see you there.

In other news, the team has been playing a series of friendly games in Girton against other local sides, including a team from Ely, and the infamous Trumpington Tigers. The matches have been a chance to put our training into practice with a variety of interesting results but lots of fun whatever the outcome.

Girton Netball Club meets Mondays during term-time at Girton Rec. Sessions run 7–8pm. Email [girton.village.netball@gmail.com](mailto:girton.village.netball@gmail.com) or facebook: Girton Netball Club.

Emma-Louise Longden

## Ballet classes in Girton

Girton has had ballet classes running for many years and they still continue today

In the late 1940's an Estonian born ballerina moved into the village with her English husband. She started classes in the Cotton Hall and soon outgrew the space so moved to the WI hall in the High Street.

Her reputation spread and she then moved into Cambridge in the old Masonic Hall which stood where the Lion Yard car park now is. She, however, kept the Girton classes going. They were taught by a succession of senior ballet students who were serious about ballet as a career. Many wanted to perform as opposed to teaching but she felt it was important that they had a wide range of experiences and training. A dancers working life can be short so to have the ability to teach was important.

As time went on and I started my three years training with her I was sent to teach the Girton classes, the difference was I wanted to teach and had done since I was about 8 years old and often was allowed to watch senior rehearsals or a class which gave me a depth of knowledge and the skills to observe and find faults which have stood me in good stead ever since. She then gave me the classes as the base of my own dance school. She knew that this was my ambition and I hope I have made her proud!

I used the WI Hall for years running classes for a variety of age groups from 4 to 18 . The WI was an interesting place to teach - in winter it was very cold to begin with as the solid fuel heating needed to get going but by the end of a three hour session we were sweltering - you could not turn it down! In summer due to the corrugated iron walls and roof it could get very hot so all doors and windows were open!

We coped with swarms of bees in the walls, frozen taps and toilets a fire in the back room which was caught in time before it got enough hold to burn the place down and the odd curious rodent running across the little stage at one end

and were sad to have to move when we were told it was no longer "fit for purpose".

We moved to the pavilion which I remember being built as one of those involved was the father of one of my students.

Now we face the Pavilion being re-furbished so where we shall be while this is happening I have no idea - it will be in Girton that is for sure. I may not live in the village but feel I am an honorary resident as I have been there every week in school time for all my teaching career.

Girton must have one of the longest running ballet classes in a village in the country! My aim is and has always been to work at the grass roots and develop the hidden talent in youngsters. I have had many go on to professional dance as a career or become teachers themselves. Meanwhile, those who have chosen other career paths have had the pleasure of dance and the confidence it brings and then bring their children to classes so I must be getting it right!

*April Martin*



*Ballet class student in traditional Ukrainian dress*

## CODEWORDS

Each number 1-26 represents a different letter of the alphabet. Can you work out which is which? Use your word skills and the clues included. Note that Codewords can include names or well-known phrases. Answers are on page 14.

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## WORDSEARCH – Making Music

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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E	X	N	I	L	O	D	N	A	M	Q	O	E
M	G	V	U	R	H	L	A	B	M	Y	C	H
I	B	T	G	A	R	A	T	I	S	U	E	T
H	E	A	R	C	E	N	O	B	M	O	R	T
C	N	P	S	S	A	B	E	L	B	U	O	D

BAG	GUITAR	PIPES
BANJO	HARP	RECORDER
BELL	HORN	SAX
BONGO	LUTE	SITAR
CELLO	MANDOLIN	SYNTH
CHIMES	OBOE	THEREMIN
CYMBAL	OCARINA	TROMBONE
DOUBLEBASS	ORGAN	TUBA
DRUM	LOUD	VIOLA
ERHU	PAN	XYLOPHONE
EUPHONIUM	PIANO	
FLUTE	PICCOLO	
GONG	PIPA	

## New Benches for Girton

Members of Girton Neighbourhood Watch have donated two new benches to the village. One bench is located on Smithy Green opposite St Andrew's Church. The second bench, located at the Girton end of Washpit Lane, replaces an older bench that had fallen into disrepair. That bench was placed there by Val Godby in memory of her daughter, Sally. Val is a member of Girton Neighbourhood Watch and previously a serving Councillor of many years standing on Girton Parish Council. Members have planted bulbs around both benches and hope to see their spring colours light up the area in the weeks to come. The group also hope everyone will enjoy resting on these benches in the months and years to come.



## Tennis 4 Tots

Tennis 4 Tots toddler group is coming to Girton Pavilion on Thursday mornings. It's a fun, active and energetic toddler group aimed at 18 month - 4-year-olds.

If your toddler loves hitting, chasing and throwing balls, hitting targets, completing obstacle courses, scoring goals, hitting balloons and much more then please do come and join us for a half price taster session. To book your place please email [info@tennis4tots.co.uk](mailto:info@tennis4tots.co.uk).

Session times:

10.15am-10.45am - 18 month - 3 years

10.50am-11.30am – 3-4 years



## Please bear with me....

Due to a bereavement, these four words have been the start of my communications recently. I am someone who prides myself on holding to my commitments and ensuring that I follow through with what I have said I will do. So, these four words were not easy to write when I knew that I had to make cancellations, postpone scheduled engagements, and not respond to queries/requests in as timely fashion as I would usually. I even paused my daily Facebook Listening Lantern posts.

So how were those four words met by colleagues, friends, and contacts? They were met with humanity and compassion, with understanding and patience - sometimes expressed through flowers, cards, and home cooked meals, sometimes expressed through words, hugs, and a smile. Thank you for bearing with me.

## Signposting

What do you know about 'Sharing Time' at AgeUK? The scheme aims to reduce loneliness and social isolation in later life by sharing time and providing friendship and support. Support is in the form of regular contact from a fully trained volunteer, usually once a week either by a home visit or a telephone call. A volunteer can offer conversation, listening and talking; sharing reminiscence - looking at photos; recreation - play board & card games, share crosswords & puzzles; communication - read the post, help with correspondence, and make phone calls; signposting - provide a link to other services and support.

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/cambridgeshireandpeterborough/our-services/sharingtime/>

## Inclusive Training

The Mental Health First Aid [two days] course and its associated refresher course, which I have delivered for some years now, has recently been updated and redeveloped including access to an App to support Mental Health First Aiders, more inclusive materials, and increased opportunities during training to practise the skills needed in the role. Adapted materials can also be provided to suit different needs.

Juliet Adlouné, 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.julietadlouné](https://www.facebook.com/listeninglantern.julietadlouné) or [mhfa.julietadlouné@gmail.com](mailto:mhfa.julietadlouné@gmail.com)



## News For Older Residents

### Spring Tea Dance

It's time to dance away the winter blues at the William Collyn Hall from 2 to 4 pm on Saturday 11 March with Clive and Jenny. The charge of £5 includes tea or coffee and a scone. Please note that advance booking is essential.

### Coffee Morning and talk

Club 55 is holding a coffee morning from 10am on Monday 27 March, in the Abbeyfield Restaurant, with a talk from Jane Bower at 11am entitled "Story of a Story". Donations are requested for the Macular Society. After this, a soup and bread lunch, costing only £2, will be available. See the Club 55 page for more details.

### Community Car Scheme

The scheme will start running in March for anyone with difficulty using buses. In the meantime, please contact me for information and by next month I will be able to advertise the phone number to be used. Many thanks go to those who have been setting up the scheme and to the volunteer drivers.

### Voting in government elections

There are no scheduled elections in South Cambridgeshire in May 2023 but please be aware that photo ID will be essential for voting at all polling stations in the future.

### Talking Together

Another series has begun, however, I received the information too late to publicise it in the last magazine. Once again there is a range of interesting topics. Let me know if these phone discussions are of interest to you and I will make sure you get all relevant information in good time to register.

### And finally

Incontinence pants, and a light, very easily manoeuvred, shopping trolley are being offered. I will be using up annual leave on the 7, 8 and 29 March. Like many aspects of life, it is a case of "use it or lose it"!

Patricia Johnston Older Residents' Coordinator  
Tel: 07469 660 866

Email: [patricia.johnston@ageukcap.org.uk](mailto:patricia.johnston@ageukcap.org.uk)





## GIRTON FEAST 2023



**This year's dates for your calendars:**

**Music on a Summer's Evening - Friday 7<sup>TH</sup> July**

**Village Fete Day - Saturday 8<sup>TH</sup> July**

The entertainers already booked for this year include:

- Friday evening:
  - Cambridge Wind Band
  - Bethany Jane, singer and guitarist
- Saturday's Village Fete
  - Pom Pom The Fox, children's entertainer
  - Belly dancers
  - Girton Glebe Primary School
  - KJV Community Children's Choir
  - Sandy Ukulele Band
  - The Remnants
  - Family Fun Run with a new 'Toddler Toddle'
  - Rides and games
  - Food stalls and Beer Tent
  - .....and much, much more

We are taking bookings for stall holders and the booking form can be found on our website: [www.girtonfeast.org.uk](http://www.girtonfeast.org.uk), alternatively contact Carol by email: [carol@girtonfeast.org.uk](mailto:carol@girtonfeast.org.uk)

Your continuing support will help make this another great event! Please contact us via our website or: [rowena@girtonfeast.org.uk](mailto:rowena@girtonfeast.org.uk) / [carol@girtonfeast.org.uk](mailto:carol@girtonfeast.org.uk)



## Dovehouse Court prepares to welcome first residents

Girton Town Charity's £5 million project to create 15 almshouses and an office for the Charity at Dovehouse Court is almost completed – with the first residents scheduled to move in over the next few weeks.

With only a few elements still to be finalised – including some planting in the central communal garden – the development is scheduled to be officially handed over from Barnes Construction to GTC this month.

### Invitation to residents

In addition to a visit by GTC Trustees to see how works were progressing, on 10th February an invitation was extended to residents of the former almshouses in Michael's Close and High Street who were re-homed in Gretton Court for the duration of the project.

Ann Bonnett, GTC Chair said: "Feedback was very positive with future residents commenting on the space within the internal courtyard where there is a communal garden with seating, pergolas, allotment beds, orchard and walkways.

"Everyone said they were looking forward to moving into their light-filled spacious new homes, which feature contemporary kitchens with accessible cupboards, tiled wet-rooms and open-plan living space. Some have their own terrace too.

"It is very exciting to have reached this stage in the project. All GTC Trustees are very grateful to residents around the High Street site who have been exceptionally understanding during the build. They would also like to thank Paul Darrington, Barnes' Site Manager, who has been so helpful in responding to residents questions and requests over this time."

### Independent living

An advertisement appears in this issue of GPN, requesting expressions of interest from over 55's who are resident or with a close connection to Girton and would like to apply. It is open to those who are able to live independently, look after themselves and fulfil the criteria



*Trustees and Administration staff on site at Dovehouse Court.  
Living Room, Wet Room and Kitchen interiors at Dovehouse Court.*

for appointment to an almshouse as specified by the Charity Commission.

The almshouses at Dovehouse Court have been designed to meet stringent Passivhaus standards achieved through high levels of insulation. This results in low energy costs and improved indoor air quality, all made possible by installing energy-efficient windows and doors, with stricter levels of airtightness, mechanical ventilation and heat recovery.

Once the landscaping has been completed, an Open Day at Dovehouse Court will be arranged and publicised so that Village residents can come and take a look themselves.

## Expressions of interest invited for Dovehouse Court



the village, who meet qualifications laid down by the Charity Commission.

Dovehouse Court almshouses have been designed to meet stringent Passivhaus standards achieved through high levels of insulation and a heat recovery system. This results in low energy costs and improved indoor air quality.

The apartments include fitted kitchen, tiled wet room, open plan living space, bedroom and a small additional room.

Storage cupboards are included in all rooms and the properties are wired with Virgin and BT connections.



Landscaped communal gardens include seating areas, raised allotment beds, an orchard, outdoor drying lines and secure cycle parking. The arrivals court has off-road parking spaces and EV charging points with mobility scooter parking bays and recharge at each front door.

Applications are invited from Girton residents age 55 and over or those having a close connection with

Applicants must be able to live independently and look after themselves. Further information on Girton Almshouses can be found on the GTC website [www.girtontowncharity.org.uk](http://www.girtontowncharity.org.uk)

Each applicant must complete their own form and return together with a written expression of interest to the GTC Office post box at 22 High Street.

Additional information will be requested from applicants invited for interview particularly relating to personal circumstances, financial situation and ability to cover the weekly maintenance contributions, council tax and utilities bills.

Permanent appointments will be made based on a range of criteria specified by the Charity Commission as well as the interview.

Request an application form from the GTC office, 01223 2763534 or email: [gtc@girtontowncharity.org.uk](mailto:gtc@girtontowncharity.org.uk)

*Closing date 31st March 2023*

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subsidised lunchtime soup with bread – surely an offer that you cannot refuse. That's not all: Jane Bower will be there to delight you all with a talk. Our computer group will be open as usual if you have a question about your phones or computers and as always there will be scintillating conversations.

### Open coffee morning

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*by Jane Bower, teacher, writer, actor & speaker*

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However, Club 55 will make a £50 donation to help with the relief of Macular Degeneration - an eye condition affecting older people, a fund supported by Jane.

We will also ask those attending to donate to that cause. Donations will of course be voluntary and you do not have to donate.

Finally, put your hand up if you think the state of the footpath along the school side of Cambridge Road, Girton is in a dangerous condition for us oldies and young alike – wow, that's a lot of hands.

Please do get in touch with the parish council and let them know about your concerns so that they can then speak to the county council and get something done.

If you have any questions or queries contact us using the details below.

*Sam Clift*

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## March Wine Selection

How glad we are to welcome March, with its longer days and better weather! And here is a selection of wines to enjoy as we look forward to spring ...

### A great value Haut-Médoc, perfect with a Sunday roast : *Château Dasvin-Bel-Air, Haut-Médoc 2019 (Bordeaux)*



This smooth, elegant wine is from the heart of the Médoc wine area, just to the north of the city of Bordeaux. A blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. It has vanilla, blackcurrant and dark cherry on the nose, and blackcurrant and plum on the palate.

A hint of smokiness reflects the oak ageing and there is a slight earthiness in the finish. This is a well-balanced, medium-bodied wine with medium

tannins, offering very good value for money.

This is an excellent match for a Sunday roast and will also go well with hard cheese.

Available from **Co-op** (£13.50)

### A nod to Spain in this Australian wine:

*Yalumba Y Series Tempranillo 2019/20 (South Australia)*



When we think of Tempranillo, we think of Spain, and in particular, Rioja, but this Tempranillo wine from South Australia adds a little Antipodean twist to proceedings. Produced by Yalumba winery, one of Australia's oldest wineries, founded by Englishman Samuel Smith in 1849, this is a deliciously smooth wine which can be enjoyed by itself, and goes well with duck or

lamb.

With aromas of cranberry, cherry and bramble on the nose, and flavours of blackberry and plum, with a hint of chocolate and spice, on the palate, this is a balanced wine with a long finish which is guaranteed to brighten up your day.

Available from Majestic (£9.49, Mix Six £7.49)

### A perfect English wine to welcome spring:

*Danebury Madeleine Angevine 2021 (Hampshire)*



Produced from Madeleine Angevine grapes, this elegant, floral wine from Danebury Vineyards in Hampshire, heralds spring perfectly. With apple, pear and peach on the nose, and orchard fruits, lemon, and a hint of honey on the palate, this is a well-balanced, crisp wine with a lengthy mineral finish. Here is another fine example of the excellent

quality of wines now being produced on this island. This Madeleine Angevine wine can be enjoyed by itself and pairs very well with a seafood dish or chicken. Available from Grape Britannia (Arbury Road) (£11.99)

*Martin Nuttall, [www.itmustbewineoclock](http://www.itmustbewineoclock)*



## A Radical Solution

You may recall a little chorus from school days that offered the sterling advice:

“Enmity, jealousy, malice, and pride,  
they must never in my heart abide.”

Indeed, you may be able to recall a list of vices that came to be known as the 'Seven Deadly Sins'. Several versions have been presented as warnings against unhealthy living. In Proverbs Ch.6, we find, “a heart that devises wicked plans” and “hands that shed innocent blood”. When writing to the church of Galacia, the Apostle Paul lists anger, disputes, dissensions, and strife, all of which we may witness any day in global issues.

Addressing these prevalent matters, back in the fifth century AD, a Christian governor called Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, composed a poem *Psychomachia*, in which he promotes seven virtues that may counteract the destructive power of these vices in everyday life.

Kindness, when applied with sincerity, will help to dissolve envy. But, in Luke Ch.16, Jesus enlightened his hearers as he described the ultimate time of accountability. A rich man enjoyed all the comforts of his wealth, whilst at his gate, disregarded, sat Lazarus, poor and in ill health, begging for the basic means of survival.

Inevitably, both men faced death. With a reversal of status in the afterlife, came a new realization of how God assesses the attitude of the heart. Too late, the rich man regretted his negligence.

Temperance was proposed as a helpful cure for gluttony; because a fit and healthy body enables one to provide active service towards the needs and stresses of others.

Charity or love overcomes greed by putting the desire to help others above the quest to store up a never-satisfying search for more of everything, an accumulation beyond reasonable need. The

treasure that is stored in Heaven endures when all else has passed away.

Chastity or self-control is a sure means of avoiding the pitfalls that have derailed the best intentions of many luminaries whose potential might have brightened the lives of others.

Humility counteracts pride and the need for boastfulness or setting oneself up as superior in value. When Jesus became the Servant King, he set the example for all who would follow him in offering the gifts of talents, energies and resources for the benefit and blessing of all.

Then comes diligence to overcome slothfulness and the temptation to prefer a life of ease and relaxation to one of application and industry.

Finally, patience: that rare and lovely quality that offers a listening ear, a calm attention, and an attitude of waiting, rather than the impatient response of wrath that generates conflict and distress.

This is indeed an arduous list, but we come back again to the promise that we are not left alone with our unreliable efforts and lack of enduring resolve. In his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul concedes that the old inner self is separate from God, without hope and always liable to stumble and fall.

Therefore, by faith and trust in the salvation won for us in the death and resurrection of Jesus, we can “put off the old self” and its corruption. Ch.4 v 23. “Be made new in the attitude of your minds, and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

So, there we have it. Virtues and vices are always tugging in opposite directions, but we are offered the most perfect solution, the most enduring gift; a joyous relief that is a radical new heart, ours for the prayerful asking.

*Iris Niven.*



## St Andrew's Church

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### Sunday Services: March

5th	10:00 am	Holy Communion (+StA4K*)
12th	8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:00 am	All-age Communion
	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
19th	10:00 am	Holy Communion (+StA4K*)
	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
26th	8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:00 am	Morning Prayer (CW) (+StA4K* in the Cotton Hall)
2nd Apr	10:00 am	Holy Communion (+StA4K*)

\* StA4K is St Andrew's for Kids in the church North Room

### Regular weekday Services: March

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

### Other Services

8th	2:00 pm	Abbeyfield Holy Communion
9th	3:30 pm	Messy Church
21st	2:15 pm	Arlington Manor Holy Communion
30th	11:00 am	Gretton Court Holy Communion (BCP)

### Services in Holy Week beginning 2 April

6th Apr 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday

7th Apr 11:00 am - Good Friday

There will also be something for the younger people and families during Holy Week. Details to follow. Mothering Sunday is on 19 March at which service we will distribute the traditional posies. And Palm Sunday is on 2 April, the beginning of Holy Week. You are welcome to join us for Sunday morning 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)

**A prayer for Lent:** Joy with peace, amendment of life, time for true repentance, the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit, and perseverance in good works, grant us, O almighty and merciful Lord. *Enriching the Christian Year*

Children and Families Minister: *Mrs Eona Bell*

## Girton Baptist Church



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### March Services, all at Girton Baptist Church at 10.30am, and on Zoom:

5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship, with communion, led by Nick Lowe.
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe.
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship, with communion, led by Nick Lowe.
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe.

Messy Church is on Thursday 9 March from 3.30pm. It is for parents or grandparents and their children, with craft activities based on a Biblical theme, a story, and a meal together. This month, the theme will be Easter. If you would like to find out more, please contact us or just come along. All are welcome to any of the services and events.

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](mailto:pastor@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk)

### Rest is a gift from God

This devotional thought is by Xochitl Dixon, Our Daily Bread author.

Tossing and turning in bed, I fretted over my list of weekly tasks. Family, friends, and even people I barely knew depended on me. For the fourth night in a row, I watched the clock change to three a.m. before I fell asleep. The alarm I'd set for six a.m. shocked me into starting my day. I snapped at my husband, barked orders at my son, and rushed him into the car. I don't remember driving to his school. But I'll never forget watching his teacher close the classroom door before I headed outside and collapsed from exhaustion onto the playground. A friend drove me home and promised to care for my son until my husband returned from work. My neighbour prayed over me and stayed close by until I woke up... eight hours later.

God knows His children worry and sometimes try to do too much. He also knows how desperately we need down time to rejuvenate physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.

In Psalm 62, David says his "soul finds rest in God" (v. 1). For this holistic revitalisation, David needed to be silent and still as he leaned into God's proven trustworthiness as our all-sufficient hope-giver, deliverer, and protector (vv. 5-7). Urging others to trust in God "at all times" by approaching Him with honest prayers, David demonstrates bold dependence on God and His power (vv. 8, 12). God didn't design us to be weighed down by worry or the need to meet everyone's needs. He does, however, prove His dependability. When we trust His constant presence and His power, we can worship Him by resting. What a priceless gift from God!

Our Daily Bread devotionals can be found online at <https://odb.org>

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