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Update from Cotton Hall



The Cotton Hall continues to be available for community use and provides a welcoming space for groups to meet. Our main objectives are to support groups working with children and young people. Adult groups are also welcome, but groups for children get the best price.

You can now find out what's going on using our online calendar. Did you know that dozens of groups meet in the Hall each week? We have Bobtails, Connections Youth Club, Brownies, Scouts, a children's acting group, Hot Yoga, a bridge club, keep fit classes, a Finnish language school, and regular children's birthday parties.

And of course, we also host 'Cakes by Lexi' every Friday!

Food Truck Friday

Now that it's getting warmer, we are also experimenting with using the forecourt as a place for food trucks to operate. At the moment there's something there most Friday nights (from roughly 5-9pm). Why not come along and treat yourself?

In the coming weeks we are welcoming:

- Jamra Charcoal Grill (7th April)
- Tradizione on Wheels (14th April)
- Rotisseroll (21st April)
- Pizza Passione (28th April)

You can find out more and get the latest at www.cottonhall.co.uk.

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Girton Social Club

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Girton Parish Council

1. Public Meeting

Girton on the Move Please accept our apologies for the change of dates for the active travel meeting which was due to be held on 13th March. We have decided to change this to a bigger, more interactive event which families can attend on Saturday 22nd April from 10am to 1pm. Please watch our village noticeboards, website and social media for more information.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at this meeting to find out more about Girton Parish Council and the projects underway.

2. Annual Parish Meeting

Council approved the date of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 10th May.

3. Recreation Charges

At our Full Council meeting it was confirmed that all GPC recreation charges would rise by 10% as recommended by the Sport and Recreation Committee. GPC charges have not gone up in three years and with costs rising it is now time to raise these charges to support sport and wellbeing in our village. The increase will apply for all recreation users from the 1st April or the beginning of their season. Thank you to the recreation users now co-opted to the Sport and Recreation Committee for their help in this discussion.

4. Bowls Club Working Group

The Bowls Club Working Group including representatives from GPC, GBC and GTC has now met four times to address availability of toilets for Bowls Club members. Cllr Marshall who chairs this group thanked all members for the discussions which had highlighted several options. As a result of these meetings, we expect to hold an extraordinary meeting, week beginning 27th March, to identify a solution for the 2023 Bowls Season.

5. Girton Corner Telephone Box

Thank you to three Girton residents who have submitted a business plan for the Girton Corner telephone box to become a library. The request from this group was for funding of £1,500 to be granted to support the refurbishment of the telephone box. This decision was delegated to the Chair and Clerk to assist with funding and the next steps.

6. Coronation Events

The Events working group have been working hard to provide a programme of events to take place over the Coronation weekend with the themes of bringing the community to take part in the Big Lunch and the Big Help Out. The working group are still working on the request for funding and will bring this request back to the extraordinary meeting. Full Council did approve a competition to take place to design a logo to be launched this year over the Coronation. More details to follow.

The idea is to get more young people involved in Parish Council initiatives.

Please look out for more details on the Coronation events on the back page of this newsletter.

7. Committee News

The Sport and Recreation Committee met on Tuesday 28th February, and we are pleased to welcome to this Committee, newly co-opted members Graham Clare and Alan Richard, representing the Bowls Club and Tennis Club respectively.

8. 20mph Scheme

Thank you to everyone who has commented on our survey which asks your views on extending 20mph zones in our village. At the time of writing this article we have received 195 responses to our survey and a small number of comments on our website.

Our survey was launched on Thursday 9th March and will be open till Tuesday 11th April to give you as much time to respond as possible. A copy is available on Pages 17-20 of this magazine.

In addition to your surveys, GPC now has four weeks of road speed data captured from Girton Road and is now collecting data in Thornton Road.

Any questions do contact the Clerk on 01223 618619.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

At Full Council we continue to develop the initial stage of our Neighbourhood Plan (NP) with Girton Parish Council being approved as the qualifying body for the plan. Additional decisions approved at that meeting include:

- NP covering the whole of the electoral parish of Girton (including Eddington).
- Approving communication channels for the NP development.
- An approval under GDPR for GPC sharing of information with the NP team.

10. Bridleway 99/6

Our Chair has now asked Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways Committee about the stopping of bridleway 99/6. This was done without providing a replacement, nor determining that one was not required, which we take to be in contravention of the Planning Act 2008 under which the A14 works were undertaken. We hope to hear back from CCC soon following this question.

Girton Parish Clerk

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See full list of Councillors on page 34.

From Our District Councillors

SCDC Business Plan

The council's revised Business Plan was considered and approved by the council. Please check the SCDC web site at: <https://tinyurl.com/3y58cec>. The Business Plan restates the pillars of the council's business: a green, modern, and caring council which helps local businesses to grow and provides housing that is affordable for everyone.

Aircraft Noise

A meeting was held in Little Gransden on 23rd February to discuss the research of aircraft noise and what needs to be done. The researchers were all Little Gransden residents who have set up RELAS (Reject Luton Airport Stacking), please email: info@relas.uk for more information or check <https://www.facebook.com/groups/relas.ad6>.

Local MPs have spoken to the aviation minister but need to do more to push for a consultation or abandonment of the new AD6 routes which have aircraft flying over our villages.

The smartphone app FlightRadar24 will identify the offending aircraft.

In the meantime, residents should continue to email concerns directly to: noise.enquiries@LTN.aero or submit them online at: <https://www.london-luton.co.uk/corporate/community/noise/making-a-noise-complaint>.

Accidents on the A1307

There have been a number of accidents where the Avenue from Madingley meets the A1307: the road from Dry Drayton to Cambridge. There have been two accidents in a single week. Be aware when you pass the junction that some cars are not stopping at the end of the Avenue. The Police and County Highways have been informed about recent incidents but for the moment please take care.

Drink & Drug Driving

The Police have asked us to publicise the confidential hotline to report suspected drink or drug drivers. Last month more than 80 drivers were arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence as part of a force crackdown. The hotline: 0800 032 0845 is available 24/7. If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999.

Wood Fires

It was recently reported that wood burners triple the level of harmful particulates inside the home as well as creating dangerous levels of pollution in the surrounding neighbourhood.

Now experts at Asthma UK and the British Lung Foundation are asking people with wood burners only to use them if they have no alternative source of heat.

Photo ID for Elections

The Government has changed the rules so that everyone who votes needs to have photo ID or to have a postal vote. We are concerned about young people who will be voting, some for the first time, not having a current photo card. There are no elections in South Cambs in May but they are happening in the City and East Cambs. South Cambs will see how the scheme has worked in these areas to learn how to target our voters who might miss out.

Businesses

Times are tough for businesses right now. The cost of doing business, fuel prices, supply chain issues and staffing shortages have all hit hard. If your business is struggling and you feel you'd benefit from a chat or a visit from one of our High Street Support Officers, drop an email to: OpenForBusiness@scambs.gov.uk. They won't have all the answers but can offer as much advice and support as possible. They are here to help businesses navigate these uncertain times.

They are committed to supporting local businesses and work with colleagues across the council to ensure queries are acknowledged and dealt with as efficiently as possible.

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Wild Girton

By the time you read this we should have had our Open Meeting on developing a Local Nature Recovery Plan for Girton. Thanks to all of you that attended and contributed, and watch this space for

further updates on the actions we agreed at the meeting.



Hedgehogs

As the weather finally begins to warm and we start to welcome back the first spring plants, we particularly look forward to our first hedgehog sighting of the year. A gardener's friend in the form of natural slug and snail control, less destructive than badgers and without the fox's trademark musk, the hedgehog must be a strong contender for Britain's favourite common wild mammal.

Hedgehogs are shy creatures and also nocturnal so estimating the size of their population is a tricky job. Conservationists have been known to rely on roadkill data or reports from gamekeepers on how many hedgehogs they accidentally kill each year! Regardless, there is an agreement that numbers have been decreasing since the 70s, and in 2020 hedgehogs were put on to the national red list as a creature at danger of extinction in the UK. There is some good news however: although numbers have been decreasing overall, there are signs that hedgehog numbers have been increasing in urban areas. This good news story can almost certainly be attributed to the actions of humans, either from attempts to help hedgehogs directly, or due to a shift holistically to a more nature friendly approach in urban gardening.

Supporting hedgehogs in our gardens is extremely simple to do. Actions to take include:

- Don't use slug pellets! Hedgehogs can eat up to 100 slugs per night and so can easily be overcome by the

poison from the pellets. There have also been reports of hedgehogs eating the pellets themselves.

- Provide access to water - preferably a pond. Not only do the hedgehogs need to drink but having a pond in your garden will increase biodiversity and provide more for the hedgehogs to eat. It is extremely important however to provide a way for hedgehogs to get out of your pond should they fall in.

- Be lazy. Areas of uncut grass, piles of leaves, twigs, and logs, all provide sanctuary for insects and other culinary treats for hedgehogs.

- Provide accommodation. Prefabricated hedgehog houses are available from most garden centres and if you are up for DIY, plans are easily accessed online to make your own. Hedgehogs hibernate in the winter and they need somewhere safe to do that. Come spring, they will also use the shelter as somewhere to raise their hoglets.

The final and most important way in which hedgehogs can be helped is by providing them safe access to your and also your neighbour's garden. Hedgehogs are constantly searching for food and one garden is not enough to meet their needs. Studies have shown that hedgehogs roam 2km on average each night and amorous males are more likely to clock up 3km! Roads are far from their preferred habitat, and having safe access to a network of gardens will



benefit them greatly. Guidelines for the creation of hedgehog holes in fences recommend a diameter of 13cm - just ensure, before you get your tools out and start cutting, that the fence belongs to you, or you have permission from your neighbours!

Tell us about your hedgehogs. As part of the Local Nature Recovery Plan, we would be very keen to know how many gardens in Girton have hedgehogs visiting. Do you have them in your garden regularly? Have you seen them in 2023 yet? Perhaps you have not yet seen them in the flesh but know they visit because of droppings they have left behind (distinctive in that they are almost black in colour and have many shiny pieces of insect carapace incorporated). Maybe your street already has a coordinated network of connected gardens? Please tell us about them by emailing: lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk and we can start to build up a picture of Girton's hedgehog population.

Local Nature Recovery Group

GIRTON GARDEN SOCIETY SUMMER COACH TRIPS



You are invited to join our members on our coach trips which are planned for this summer to two well known gardens.

On Wednesday 21st June we are visiting the gardens and nature reserve at **Pensthorpe** near Fakenham in Norfolk (www.pensthorpe.com). The Millenium Garden was designed by Piet Oudolf and has 150 species of shrubs, grasses and climbers. There are various smaller gardens and many sculptures (see the website). Pensthorpe is also an internationally recognised nature reserve teeming with flora and fauna. There is much to see.

Access: Surfaces are grass, loose gravel, tarmac and boards. There are wheelchair friendly routes and electric scooters can be pre-booked.

Facilities: These include the Courtyard cafe, and a gift shop.

We will leave Girton Church bus stop at 9.15am and hope to return by 5pm. The cost, including coach and entry fee, is £31 per person.

On Wednesday 19th July we are visiting the world famous **Beth Chatto Garden** near Colchester, Essex (www.bethchatto.co.uk). There is so much to see here from the innovative gravel dry garden created on a former car park to the beautifully landscaped sloping lawns, dells and damp woodland areas. The planting is exquisite with some unusual plant combinations. There is a well stocked nursery where you can purchase plants propagated from the gardens.

Facilities: These include Chatto's tearoom, the nursery and gardener's shop. Food and drink may not be taken into the grounds but picnics are permitted in the adjacent field.

Access: The site is gently sloping with grass, bark, earth and gravel paths. Wheelchairs are welcome but pushing can be quite strenuous. There are many benches for a rest but the site is not really suitable for smaller mobility aids such as wheeled walkers because of the slopes and surfaces.

We will leave Girton Church bus stop at 9.15am and hope to return by 5pm. The cost including coach and entry fee is £31 per person.

For further details and booking forms please contact either

Wendy Cattell at wrc25@cam.ac.uk or ring Wendy on 01223 277534

or contact girtongardensociety@outlook.com.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

St Andrew's Church, Girton Action Abroad Art Exhibition 2023



Friday 12th May – 11am to 7pm
Saturday 13th May – 10am to 5pm

- Free entry • Refreshments



Music at Girton College

An Extravaganza for Organ

Sunday 30th April at 2.30pm (until 3.30pm),
Chapel, Girton College.

Girton's four organ scholars – Felix Elliott, Emily Nott, Gabriel Kennedy, and Tom Williamson perform a variety of works for the 'king of instruments'.

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Eddington Beer Garden 2023

Friday 28th to Saturday 29th April 2023

The Eddington Beer Garden 2023 takes place as a pop-up event in Eddington Square this spring.

Come with your friends and family to sample a wide selection of drinks and fantastic food at this welcoming outdoor festival taking place on
Friday 28th April, 4pm-10:30pm, and
Saturday 29th April, 12pm-10:30pm.

This two-day event will provide a choice of draft and craft beers, gins, spirits, wines, and non-alcoholic beverages within the setting of this intriguing pop-up concept. Local independent street food vendors, and live musical acts, will create a feel-good vibe and a chance to meet friends in a new community space.

The Beer Garden is free to attend and open to all, so why not join the Eddington community for something a little different?

Register for your free entry ticket at:
bit.ly/beer garden23.

Girton Open Gardens – 2023

**Open Gardens will be held on
Sunday 18th June, 2pm - 5pm**

Would you like to consider opening your garden?
We are not looking for "Chelsea" standard, just village gardens for everyone to enjoy.
Wild gardens particularly welcome!

Please contact Mary Rodger for more details on:
mary.rodger32@gmail.com or 07905 584224.



Girton Garden Society



**Wednesday 12th April
7.30pm at William Collin Community Centre**

Simon White from Peter Beale's Roses 'Growing for Gold'

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Girton WI

Girton W.I.'s March meeting was our AGM, the most formal of the meetings on our calendar and the chance for members to stand for the roles of

President, Secretary, Treasurer and other positions on our committee.

To start, our President welcomed us all then announced apologies from a few members followed by us all singing the traditional hymn 'Jerusalem'. A report was then read out by the President to summarise what happened this year, including the various speakers on topics such as Caring for Antiques, Textiles, Arts, Edible Plants, and a fascinating talk on Pearls. In addition our Secretary thanked the President and the Speaker for all their hard work during the year and presented them both with a bouquet of flowers. A further member was also thanked for her job to greet speakers at each W.I. meeting.

To close the formalities of the evening a fun game was arranged for all members to participate in, titled 'Have you ever', well this game was so much fun as one member asked another to pick a slip out of a hat, which meant whatever the title was, any member could contribute to that by explaining a funny story that had happened in their earlier life, good or not so good, funny or not so funny. This took a while as a number of members took part. We all thoroughly enjoyed listening to everyone's individual stories and situations that had occurred in their lives.

Finally, refreshments were served along with the raffle and all members enjoyed a get together for a chat.

As always, if you are free on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm and would like to come and join us then please do pop in.

Sue Jiggins
Press and Publicity Officer

Earlybirds WI

Anna Hamilton gave a zoom talk to the Early Birds about the wildlife reserve she had set up with her husband in August 2020. Anna's background is in teaching, and her husband is a farmer. They decided to turn 170 acres of land in Norfolk from farmland into a habitat for a variety of deer and antelope: Watatunga Wildlife Reserve was born.

Early Birds meet again on the 14th April at 10.30am at the CFWI office where we will have a session with John Lewis. For more information, please email our secretary: earlybirdsec@gmail.com.

Trish Peroni



"An Evening at Palm Court" by Girton Musical Theatre

(Excerpt from NODA review by Julie Petrucci.)

"An Evening at Palm Court" was a sidestep from Girton Musical Theatre's usual full-blown G&S production. Staying with tradition, our evening commenced with Jerry Harrison's cleverly written and well sung house-keeping notes, followed by music from Girton's answer to the Palm Court Orchestra. The eighteen-piece orchestra under the baton of MD Patricia Davies, treated the audience to a few well-known orchestral pieces, taking us back to a more genteel era.

This interlude was followed by a one-act play written by Damian Trasler, "Murder in Twilight Gardens" about four amateur sleuths in a retirement home trying to solve a murder within their community. A neat little piece where the ladies, with the help of their activities manager, endeavour to make their perceived clues fit their chosen perpetrator.

The second part of the evening was back to Girton Musical Theatre's forte - Gilbert & Sullivan's "Trial by Jury". As with most Gilbert & Sullivan operas, the plot of "Trial by Jury" is somewhat ludicrous, but the characters behave as if the events are perfectly reasonable. The story concerns a 'breach of promise of marriage' lawsuit in which the judge and legal system are the objects of light-hearted satire. Costumes, particularly for the ladies, were, without doubt, lovely. This was another amusing piece to complete the evening. The whole programme was well thought out. Everything worked well together and, as always, there were a few little humorous quirks sneaked in to snag our attention.



Congratulations to all involved, this was an interesting evening with a combination of something old and something new.

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Spring bulbs are still giving colour in April to our gardens, parks and meadows. After garden bulbs have flowered this month, use a tomato feed and do not cut leaves until they turn brown naturally to encourage a healthy flowering crop next year. Trees, shrubs and young plants also need feeding now to stimulate new shoots and plant growth. Use a fishbone and blood fertilizer with high Nitrogen factor. Phosphorous in the form of bone meal builds healthy roots in newly planted shrubs and vegetables and can be spread on borders without diluting.

We can bring instant colour to our gardens by planting primula and polyanthus in pots and front borders. Half-hardy flowers including nemesia, rudbeckia, cosmos and French marigold can be grown now under cover. Hardy annuals such as oxalis and clarkia can be sown indoors and outdoors. Be watchful for aphids on shoot tips and wipe off before they multiply. Cut away unwanted suckers around the base of trees and shrubs. Many garden plants are flowering earlier giving extra colour and this year for the first time my garden rosemary had flowers in January and my quince is out a good month earlier too.

Most top fruit and soft fruit are hardy, but spring flowers and buds are especially vulnerable to frost and may need protection to crop well. As perennials begin to grow, put in stakes to avoid stems being damaged. Tie in climbing and rambling roses to maintain the coverage you wish.

Ensure spare ground is well fed and raked and sprinkle seeds such as nigella, cosmos, and Californian poppies in any gaps in the beds. They should germinate in a matter of days. Not all bedding plants are hardy and shouldn't be planted out unprotected until after the last predicted frosts.

Early April is still good for pruning. Lavenders get straggly and do well with a hard prune. Cut back old brown fern fronds to make way for new ones starting to unfurl. I leave mine over winter for their autumn colours but cut back now and within weeks healthy new leaves unfurl.

Back now to regular lawn cutting. Do first cut at highest blade setting after a dry spell, followed with a good lawn feed. Gradually reduce blade height over coming weeks. If time, scarify lawns to remove old thatch and winter debris that starve lawns of light and air.

Pick a dry day to clean your patio. Remove pots and furniture, then brush with a stiff broom to remove debris and weeds. Regular pressure washer use can cause surface degradation, pitting and damage between slabs

as our patios age. Here are a few alternative methods, more time consuming but effective. Fill a watering can with warm water and mix in cup of washing liquid, soap or baking soda crystals. Pour across the area and scrub with broom. Alternatively pour over 50-50 solution of white vinegar and water. Leave to soak for 20 minutes, then go over with stiff brush. Mop with clean water. Leave to dry before replacing patio pots. If paving is particularly dirty, use more vinegar than water. You may need to repeat process next day for the best results. Always use white vinegar, as dark vinegar stains. White vinegar can damage some materials, so keep away from garden furniture. If you use a targeted patio weed killer spray, make sure to protect nearby plants.

When restocking garden pots perhaps reserve one pot for culinary herbs such as: dill, lemon balm, marjoram and thyme. Not forgetting a small pot of basil or parsley on our kitchen window ledge.

Chris Pittock
Gorton Garden Society



Ten Sing

It has been a busy couple of months for Ten Sing, with a fun team building event in February,

followed by our Annual Concert which took place on Saturday 11th March.

The team building event was in the form of a sleepover. The young people arrived in the evening on the Friday, did some practice of the dance routine for the concert and played some games, before settling down to sleep with some hot chocolate and biscuits. The next day, after a "yummy breakfast" (their feedback!), we took them to Clip and Climb in Cambridge, they spent a tiring hour working their way around all the walls before we returned to the Baptist Church for lunch. We then played some more games, rehearsed more of the concert, and took on the balloon chair challenge in teams, this provided much laughter and fun before they all went home, tired but happy. The feedback was that everyone had enjoyed themselves immensely and were desperate to do it all again as soon as possible!

The concert was a success too, on the theme of Reignite, as we celebrated the fact that Ten Sing had continued to happen despite lockdowns and was now performing again. Many of our new members have never performed in public, so the concert was a great learning curve for them as they practiced stage entrance and exits, singing with microphones, and all the additional work that surrounds putting on a concert. A great way to learn skills you can apply in other aspects of life.

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

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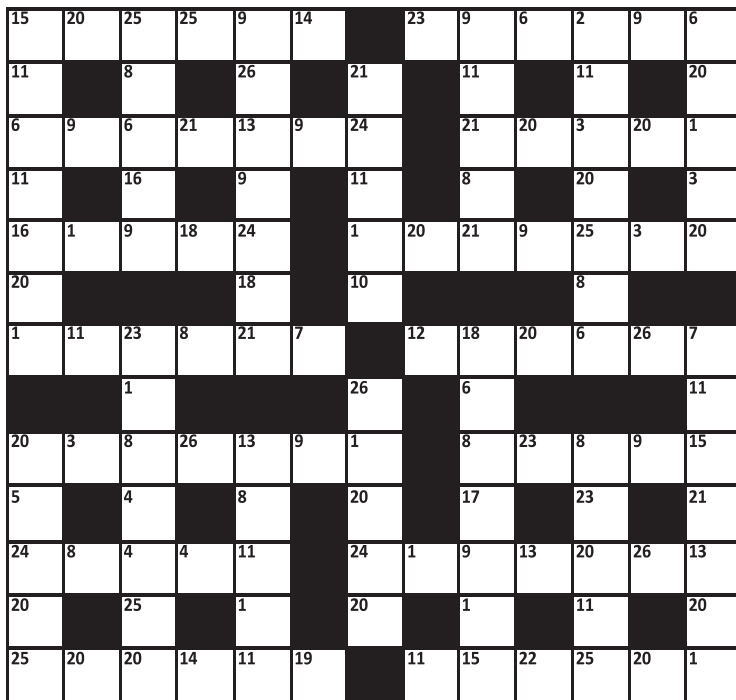
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Y	25
Z	26

CODEWORDS

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

The solution is on page 32.

WORDSEARCH – Cakes to Enjoy!

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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C	O	E	F	R	U	I	T	I	I	C	E	R
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T	Y	I	W	C	H	A	Z	E	L	N	U	T
F	I	G	R	U	B	N	E	T	T	A	B	X

APPLE	DRIZZLE	PLUM
BANANA	FIG	PUMPKIN
BARA	FRUIT	RAINBOW
BATTENBURG	GENOA	SACHERTORTE
BRAN	GINGER	SIMNEL
BUN	HAZELNUT	STRAWBERRY
BUTTER	HONEY	TEA
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GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL – 20MPH SURVEY

Is Twenty Plenty?

The following questionnaire is to gauge residents' support for Girton Parish Council making changes and applying for Cambridgeshire County Council Funding.

How would 20mph be implemented?

Signs and lines will be installed in line with current traffic and road safety manuals. If a new area is changing to 20mph local residents will be informed in advance. Signs will mark the entrance and exits of a 20mph area where the speed limit changes. Smaller repeat signs or on road markings will supplement these signs.

Process

Our questionnaire will be available until Tuesday 11th April. Members of the Parish Council's Environment committee will analyse your responses and prepare a proposal for Full Council on 13th April. This will allow us to meet Cambridgeshire County Council's deadline whilst giving you the longest possible response time. If successful, we anticipate working on detailed design and a formal consultation between September 2023 and March 2024. If agreed upon, construction would then go ahead March to July 2024.

Full Details of 20mph Schemes for Girton

For further details on this scheme please view Girton Village Community website: <https://www.girton-cambs.org.uk/2023/03/09/girton-parish-council-20mph-consultation-2023-2024/> where the survey may also be completed online.

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**This survey should be popped through the letterbox or posted to
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Your Details

1. Which village do you live in?

- ☐ Girton
- ☐ Eddington
- ☐ Other

Other.....

2. What is your post code?

3. In what age group are you?

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65 and Older
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Your views on 20mph limits

4. Here are some opinions why people might support 20 mph speed limits. Which of these views do you agree with? Please note these comments may not be supported by evidence.
(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Make it safer for pedestrians
- ☐ Means fewer serious collisions on the roads
- ☐ Means children can play more safely
- ☐ Makes streets more pleasant to live in
- ☐ Makes it safer for cyclists
- ☐ Reduces noise
- ☐ Reduces pollution
- ☐ Improves quality of life
- ☐ Encourages more walking and cycling
- ☐ Improves motor traffic flow
- ☐ None of these
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Makes it safer for Horse riders
- ☐ Other

5. Here are some opinions why people might oppose 20 mph speed limits. Which of these views do you agree with? Please note these comments may not be supported by evidence.
(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Might be ignored by drivers
- ☐ Might not be policed and enforced effectively
- ☐ Would annoy drivers

- ☐ Make journey times longer
- ☐ Increases congestion
- ☐ Increases noise
- ☐ Increases pollution
- ☐ Improves quality of life
- ☐ Would make no difference to pedestrian safety
- ☐ Would make no difference to cyclist safety
- ☐ Increases serious collisions on the roads
- ☐ Makes quality of life worse
- ☐ None of these
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Makes it more dangerous for Horse riders
- ☐ Other

What 20mph Zones would you support in our village?

6. What difference might the introduction of 20 mph speed limits make to you personally? Would they make you or your family more or less likely to do the following?

	Less	Same	More
Walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scoot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horse Ride	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Would you support a 20mph limit on the entire Zone from A14 to Girton Corner and all Side roads?

	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral/ Don't know	Support	Strongly Support
Parish Wide Zone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Would you support 20mph limits in each of these locations?

This question is included so we can confirm areas that you feel are the greatest priority or that you may not support becoming 20mph.

This question is not mandatory so if you have nothing to add to your answer to Question 7 please do not feel you need to answer.

	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral/ Don't know	Support	Strongly Support
Girton Road (A14 to Girton Corner)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Thorntons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
St Margaret's Road and Side Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wellbrook Way	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A chance for you to give further details on 20 mph Zones and Traffic Calming

9. If you would like to provide detailed feedback on 20mph zones and limits, please give details here.

10. Would you like to see any additional changes, alongside 20mph, to increase road safety in Girton? This might include, but is not limited to, traffic islands, speed bumps, planters, road narrowing, pedestrian crossings and cycle lanes. If so, please give details here.

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We have a full line-up of entertainment, from belly dancers, children's choirs, to The Cambridge Wind Band. A great range of food stalls and stallholder products, Tug of war, family fun run ... and much more. The Garden and Allotment Society will provide separate details about the garden show.

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News from Girton Glebe Primary School

World Book Day at Girton Glebe

On Thursday 2nd March,
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was a hive of colour and excitement as the children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters to



celebrate World Book Day. From Harry Potter characters to Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, and even a flying Grandpa from Grandpa's Great Escape (complete with helicopter!). It was wonderful to see so many creative costumes and to feel so much energy and

enthusiasm towards reading around the school.

We had a great day celebrating the joy of reading with our Roald Dahl theme. On the day, children across the school enjoyed writing workshops with local authors Keith Hatton and Rebecca Patterson, hunting for Roald Dahl characters around the school,

participating in our daily Drop & Read sessions and reading with buddy classes in our newly decorated library.

As well as all the fun in classrooms, children also worked incredibly hard in our two homework competitions:



a writing competition and an egg-decorating contest - both with a Roald Dahl theme. We were blown away by the quality of the writing, and the creativity that went into these two competitions, and though it was an incredibly difficult decision to choose the best, the winners for each competition were as follows:

Key Stage 1 Egg Winner: Adeline

Key Stage 2 Egg Winner: Vera

Key Stage 1 Writing Winner: Mikey

Key Stage 2 Writing Winner: Zachary

Thank you very much to all children, staff, and parents for making this event such a special day at Girton Glebe. We are already looking forward to our next whole-school event!

Mr Chris Butler, Headteacher, cbutler@gg.tela.org.uk

Girton Walking Group

On 4th March, seventeen cheery souls met in Willingham for a pleasant walk through flat fen country and along the embankment of the River Great Ouse, returning via a track once used by Hereward the Wake to escape from the Normans to his hold-out in Ely. There was a distressing amount of fly-tipping by the paths back to Willingham. What can be done about this scourge?



Rest stop on the Ouse embankment

Our future walk is: **Saturday 6th May:
Oakington - Longstanton - Northstowe**

Approx. six miles (2+ hours). We start from the car park at Oakington Recreation Ground at 10am. We walk through an orchard and a small wood on to the guided busway towards Longstanton. Before we get to Longstanton we cross the guided busway and wind our way through Northstowe, passing many lakes, bridges, and places to sit. Continuing into Longstanton, we pass the old asylum and airfield buildings. Just before the big church we cut across a field and join St Michael's Road where we continue finally back into Oakington, near the White Horse pub, and then back to the Recreation Ground. There are quite a few places to sit along the way so members may wish to bring a snack or drink.

The walk will be led by Margaret Wheatley, wheatleymargaret606@yahoo.co.uk.

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

Having reported last month on the filming day by the BBC at Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club, I have been told by those members of Girton Bowls Club, who attended, that it was a tremendous day. The

BBC filmed with drones whilst the players were bowling, and although there will only be a five-minute slot on the One Show, I understand there will be a DVD available of the whole day's filming for those who want a souvenir of the day. The main object of the programme is to highlight how inclusive the game of bowls is and that it can be enjoyed at any age. This was demonstrated by the fact that the oldest bowler playing was in their nineties and the youngest, a teenager.

If you are thinking about taking up bowls, or just fancy a new set of bowls, Chesterton now has a fully equipped bowls shop on the premises where you can purchase all the equipment you will need.

As the Indoor Bowls season progresses and with two matches to play, Girton is still achieving good results as reflected in their positions. Girton 1 is in second place, and Girton 2 is in fourth place, in their respective leagues.

Our pre-season dinner will be at Abbeyfield on 1st April, which makes the beginning of the outdoor season feel a little closer. Our thanks once again go to Abbeyfield.



Girton winners with their Cambridge & District bowling trophies.

Our volunteer maintenance team continue to work hard on the preparation of the Green for the new season. The Green has had a verticut, been mown, and has had several passes with the Sorrel machine. The next major treatment will be undertaken within the next week or

two when a top dressing will be applied. Our first club night of the outdoor season will be on 12th April. We look forward to welcoming all our old members and several new faces this season.

The third tri-organisation working group meeting was held on Monday 6th March, at which it was felt that there is a definite desire from the Parish Councillors, on the working party, to find a solution to our problem regarding the lack of toilet facilities.

We remain positive and look forward to working with both the Parish Council and the Girton Town Charity.

If you are interested in finding out about joining Girton Bowls Club, please see our website: www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com or please contact our Secretary, Carey Horton, at: carey@horton.uk.net We are always pleased to welcome new members.

Lynne McGill



Girton Golf Club

After such a wet and white interlude, the course was back to playing main greens as soon as the snow melted away, a great tribute to the work done on the drainage over the last few years. The main tees were back in place this week (mid-March), so it

feels like the full golf season is getting close now and competitions and matches are just round the corner.

There are still spaces available in the Saturday Junior Academy; contact our Pro shop on 01223 276169 or pop in at any time during the day for more information.

Dates for your social diary should include a Sunday Carvery on 16th April, and an 80's disco night on Saturday 29th April - contact the clubhouse for details and to make your booking.

Finally, the offer of 13 months full membership for the price of 12 has been extended so now is the time to join Cambridgeshire's friendliest golf club. Just call or pop into the office for more information and to sign up.

Alan Henderson-Smith

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Girton Tennis Club

Our tennis club AGM was held on Wednesday 15th March, at The George, Girton. We are grateful to Michelle for hosting us again.

Minutes of the meeting are now

available on the club website, and you can also find details there about membership costs for our 2023/2024 year which starts this month. Despite rising costs for things like court hire, the committee are aware of the many financial pressures that we all face and have

decided not to raise membership fees this year. A discounted membership rate is also offered to those joining before the end of April. Whether you are planning to renew your membership, or join us for the first time, we aim to keep costs as low as possible and encourage all ages to enjoy playing tennis.

We have run supervised sessions for junior members on Friday evenings for several years, and April is traditionally the month when we consider the weather to be reliable enough to start these again. At the time of writing, we hope to have these running again from 21st April, but we suggest you check our website if you are interested.

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 by email: info@girtontennisclub.uk.

Alan Franklin



Girton Tennis Club

No increase in fees for this year. Now is a good time to apply for membership of our friendly, local club.

Membership Benefits

Court access until April 2024
Professional coaching sessions can be booked
Opportunity to play in a team and at club nights
Free supervised tennis sessions for children

Membership fees - Standard and (Reduced) are:

Family (up to 2 adults and children): £136 (£116)
Single adult: £68 (£58)
Junior (under 21 and studying full-time): £30 (£25)

The reduced fee is accepted until 30th April 2023.

Application forms and coaching information is available on our website: www.girtontennisclub.uk or email: info@girtontennisclub.uk for information.

April Wine Selection

As we begin to experience the joys of spring again, here is a selection of wines to tempt your taste buds.

A very appealing Rioja to brighten up any day: *Baron de Ley Reserva 2018, Rioja (Spain)*

Tempranillo is Spain's principal black grape variety and is grown widely throughout northern and central Spain. It is particularly associated with wines from Rioja,



located in the Ebro River Valley, around 60 miles south of Bilbao. This is a very appealing Rioja. It is a smooth well-balanced wine, with medium acidity, medium tannins, and a lengthy finish. Deep ruby in colour, it has aromas of plum, blackcurrant and cloves on the nose, and plum, cherry and chocolate on the palate. The barrel-ageing gives the wine additional characters of vanilla and oak. A wine which can be enjoyed by itself, but which also goes well with lamb, duck, or a roast vegetable dish.

Available from Co-op (£12.75).

A little gem from New Zealand:

Main Divide, Riesling 2019 (New Zealand)



Although we might automatically think of Germany when we think of Riesling, the grape is very adaptable and is grown in many different parts of the world. With a preference for cooler, more temperate environments, it is quite at home in the Waipara Valley region on New Zealand's South Island. And this Main Divide 2019 is a fine example of a New Zealand Riesling. With floral, honey, orange peel notes on the nose and flavours of citrus fruits, nectarine, and honey on the palate, this is an off-dry wine with lively acidity and an unexpected

but very pleasant spritzig touch to it. A medium-bodied, well-balanced wine with a long finish, it will go well with seafood, duck, or a slightly spicy Asian-inspired dish.

Available from Majestic (£13.99, Mix Six £10.99).

A refreshing white wine from Staffordshire:

Halfpenny Green Bacchus 2019 (Staffordshire)



The Bacchus grape variety was created in the 1930s in Germany from a cross between Silvaner, Riesling and Müller-Thurgau. It is well suited to the UK climate and seems at home here. This delightful Bacchus wine from Halfpenny Green Wine Estate in Staffordshire is redolent of a walk through an English orchard. A light-bodied, dry white wine with refreshing acidity, it has aromas of apple and pear on the nose leading to a burst of similar flavours on the palate, together with additional overtones of white peach and lychee. It is a wine you can

enjoy by itself, and it also pairs very well with fish or chicken dishes.

Available from Grape Britannia (Arbury Road, Cambridge) (£13.49).

Martin Nuttall

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Trustees report a successful year 2021/22 for GTC

This summary is extracted from the Trustee Report submitted with the Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 30th June 2022.

The full report and accounts can be viewed on the Companies House website www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house.



Progress in expanding the number of almshouses in Girton, increased use of the William Collyn Centre and take-up of Schemes and Grants on offer to residents, added up to a busy year for Girton Town Charity during 2021/22. The following are headlines from the report.

Almshouse provision

This year has seen major strides towards increasing the number of almshouses, available to the over 55's who are resident in or have a strong connection with Girton. Once completed, Dovehouse Court on High Street will provide 15 additional modern, energy-efficient homes, as well as a new office for GTC. Completion and handover is scheduled for Spring 2023.

William Collyn Centre

Following the decisions to move away from management of the Centre by Cambridgeshire ACRE, it is now run and managed by part-time Duty Managers.

Bookings from local groups, residents and organisations outside the Village have enabled the Centre to attract revenue to help defray the maintenance and staffing costs, with the difference met by GTC from unrestricted funds.

Grants awarded

A range of grants were made to benefit all sections of the community. These included the Educational Grant Scheme which provided assistance to 25 recipients towards buying books and equipment for recent school leavers who have moved on to further and higher education.

Trustees also awarded a grant to the Connections Bus Project to commence a weekly youth group operating from the Cotton Hall which is seeing regular use from residents.

A total of 30 grants were made to help individuals meet needs arising from a range of requests spanning support for special needs, enhancement of mobility and coping with medical conditions.

Twenty six residents were helped through the Care Plus Scheme which delivers support over and above that provided by statutory care. The Charity's Hospital Taxi Scheme continued to be popular and currently has 250 members who enjoy a subsidised taxi service to

get to hospitals on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Brookfields Hospital in Mill Road, and the ARU University Eye Clinic.

Community help

GTC continues to support Age UK's Community Warden Scheme to help around 20 Village residents who subscribe to the Scheme, as well as the Older Residents' Co-ordinator. Further grants were made to organisations such as St. Andrew's Church, Girton Glebe School and Girton Colts Football Club.

The Sculptural Railings continue to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, together with the Sensory Garden which is now well-established, used and much appreciated by Village residents. A contract with the design company provides maintenance of the garden on a weekly basis and it is anticipated that some replanting and upgrading will be required over the next 12 months.

Investments

The Charity's main source of income continues to be from investments, with additional revenue from the rental of almshouses, income from the Community Centre and a Gift Aid payment.

The Trustees successfully applied for a grant of £675,000 from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) towards the construction of Dovehouse Court properties.

Reserves policy

GTC's primary objective is the provision of almshouses within Girton, ensuring that there are sufficient reserves to take opportunities as and when they arise. Its secondary objective is to make grants and provide other assistance to those who are in need, hardship or distress, generating sufficient income from its investments, on an annual basis, to meet its current and estimated future demands.

For longer-term maintenance of the almshouses, GTC makes provisions in line with the recommendations of the Charity Commission and the Almshouse Association for both cyclical and extraordinary repairs, and the funds are kept separately in appropriate investments.

Educational Grants 2023

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 July 2023.

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.

* Terms and conditions apply

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 and addressed to any of the Trustees below:

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Monday

9.30 - 1.00pm	Tumble Tots
2.00 - 3.00pm	Kurling for over 55's
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
12.30 - 2.30pm	Falls Prevention Clinic
11.15 - 12.15pm	Yoga with Jess (Hatha)
6.15 - 7.15pm	Pilates with Wendy Jayne
7.30 - 10.30pm	Easton Swing

Wednesday

6.15 - 7.00pm	Bounce
7.30 - 10.00pm	The W.I. (first in month)
7.30 - 10.00pm	Girton Garden Society (second in month)

Thursday

9.30 - 11.30am	Pilates with Wendy Jayne
5.45 - 6.45pm	Pilates with Jax Eades
7.15pm & 8.15pm	Ballroom Dance Classes

Friday

9.30am - 12.30pm	Little City Toddler Play (second in month)
7.30 - 8.30pm	Easton Swing (third in month)
7.30 - 8.45pm	Sound Our Souls (monthly)

Saturday

9.00 - 10.00am	Bounce
11.00 - 1.00pm	Cambridge Jazz Co-op (monthly)

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

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News for Older Residents



Welcome to Sarah Stuart, the new Age UKCAP Community Warden for Girton. I wish her well as she settles into her role and gets to know the people she visits.

Spies, Lies and Double Agents

Learn how secrets are kept and betrayed with relevance to Cambridge, which has produced cryptographers for Bletchley Park, spies for the KGB, and possibly the world's most famous spy. Ruth Meyer, a Cambridge Tour Guide, will be leading this session on Zoom at 3pm on Wednesday 22nd May. Please register by 17th May by phoning 01223 364303 or by emailing: copetalkingtogether@hotmail.com and the Zoom link will be sent to you. This is an online addition to the popular telephone discussions, Talking Together run by COPE i.e., Cambridge Older People's Enterprise.

Forever Active exercise classes

Their new brochure is now available explaining the value of exercise and the different sorts of exercise classes they run, some of which are in person and some online. All the details are on the website: www.forever-active.org.uk and their information phonenumber is 07432 480105. Let me know if you would like a paper copy of the Forever Active brochure or a Stay Well for Longer leaflet and/or booklet.

Age UKCAP services

Last month Juliet Adlouné of Listening Lantern gave a web link for the Sharing Time scheme. For further information or to be referred to Sharing Time, Sarah the Community Warden (see above) or any of the services provided by Age UKCAP in South Cambridgeshire please get in touch with me. Our excellent Information and Advice line continues to be very busy and has a waiting list. Unlike them, I cannot give advice, but I can provide basic information.

Singing for Breathing

This is for anyone with any sort of respiratory problem, including breathlessness. The group continues to meet on Zoom from 2.30pm to 4pm on Thursday afternoons. Mary, the new leader, can be contacted on 07972 645473 or by email on: singingforbreathingcambridge@gmail.com.

Contact me if you can use non-spill drinking mugs or incontinence equipment.

Happy Easter everyone!

Patricia Johnston,
Older Residents' Coordinator
Tel: 07469 660 866

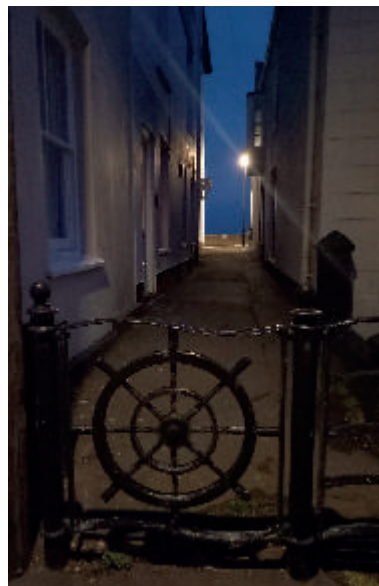
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Picture this...

Spending a long weekend with good friends on the Suffolk coast provided me with many a photo opportunity which I knew would feed into my daily Listening Lantern Facebook

posts and my monthly GPN articles. This night-time scene is full of images which I can draw on for analogies:



- *The light is shining a way down what would be an otherwise dark alley. Seeing a way forward at times of darkness can be so difficult. When a non-judgemental listener holds up a light by offering their time, patience and empathy, it can make such a difference.*

- *The ship's wheel steers it through the waters. When*

someone feels desperate and has thoughts of suicide, the steer of someone who can provide support and guide towards connection is crucial.

Signposting

Adfam supports those living with and supporting someone affected by drugs or alcohol. Their website includes listings of helplines and local support groups across England - www.adfam.org.uk, tel: 0207 553 7640.

Training which reflects diversity

From consideration of our body language when listening to others to the words we use in supportive conversations, all Mental Health First Aid and Suicide First Aid courses reflect the diverse communities in which we live and work.

The recent redevelopment of the MHFA course includes videos which reflect diversity too.

If you'd like to join an open MHFA course on 8th/9th June in Cambridge, or an open SFA lite course on 4th July online, please do contact me via my email address below.

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 or mhfa.julietadlouné@gmail.com.

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Updates from St Andrew's Church

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, Christians throughout the world are thankful for Jesus' defeat of death and showing the first fruits of a new created order in which all things will be made well. However, Christians are also aware that Easter is not only the promise of "pie-in-the-sky-when-you-die"!; Easter is also the promise of "steak-on-your-plate-while-you-wait" (with apologies to any vegetarian readers).

Because we have no fear of death, followers of Jesus can live in joyful fullness of life in the present. Christian people throughout the ages have taken Jesus' promise of new life and have used it as a springboard to campaign against the social ills of the time. From providing medical care and education to the masses, to campaigning against the slave trade; to promoting higher standards in the prison estate; to Justin Welby's recent campaign against predatory "pay day lenders" - Christians are often found in the vanguard of social action.

At the moment we are concerned about social isolation and climate change. We have therefore been developing plans for some years to improve our church building to these ends. Over the summer our hope is to open the west end of the church and to introduce a servery into the north-west corner. This will enable us to provide more flexible space for the social events that

are so vital to the proper functioning of community life. We have also introduced an electric heating system that not only keeps us warm, but also reduces our need to burn gas. Once the refurbishment of the west end is complete our next job will be to introduce solar panels onto the roof of the church to offset our increased energy



Photo by Stuart Wills

use and to make the building as carbon neutral as possible. (You can read more about our current plans on the church website: www.girton.church.)

Stations of the Cross

From (hopefully) Tuesday of Holy Week (4th April) there will be a "Stations of the Cross" installation within the church. This is an opportunity to walk

through Jesus' final days for anyone who would like to. Each "station" will have art and words to reflect upon. More details on the website!

Easter Day Dawn Service

We would love to invite everyone to join us for a dawn service outside the church on Easter Sunday (9th April). The short service will begin at 6.15am around a fire pit and will conclude with coffee and hot cross buns in the North Room. We are delighted to be working with our friends at Girton Baptist Church on this. If you normally go to church somewhere else then it would be lovely to have you with us early in the morning, before you head off to your usual place of worship.

(There'll hopefully be a mini-Easter Egg hunt for any children who might turn up!)

Michael Bigg

Rector

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Other Church events

Events at Easter

During Holy Week the church will have a display of illustrations and texts associated with the traditional "Stations of the Cross". These can be used as part of a self-guided spiritual journey following Christ's path to Calvary, with opportunities for reflection and prayer. On Good Friday there will be a guided tour for young people at 2pm and one for adults at 3.30pm.

There will also be an Easter Garden activity for the younger people and families at 10am on Maundy Thursday.

For up-to-date time and place information about all these events, please see the church website.

Joint Service with Madingley

On 30th April we will have a joint service in the Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Madingley at 10.30am. Madingley is our sister parish, and we invite you to join us to share fellowship with them.

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).

Resurrection Thou - Bright Morning Star - Lord of the Dance - Leap of Faith - Stillness of Joy - ALL HAIL!



Girton Cottontails Preschool

This month, our rising 5's have been learning about the body, what systems we have inside us and the important jobs they do. When we started, the children shared the knowledge they already had. They said the brain is 'for thinking' and the heart is 'for loving'!



Following the children's interests is really important for their learning, it makes them realise that their ideas are valued, and they are more engaged and so learn more when the subject matter is something they have chosen and are interested in. We support children in making their own decisions. When they come up with their own suggestions, we try to accommodate them. A few weeks ago, one of the children suggested we have a café for our snack with flowers on the tables. We did this and it was so lovely, all the children and staff really appreciated and enjoyed this.

We had a great World Book Day, with some brilliant costumes including: tigers, hungry caterpillars, the

smartest giant, Matilda and more. We read lots of stories together that day, and in the afternoon the children made their own books, making up the stories and drawing the illustrations.

We are a community interest company, so non-profit making and we greatly appreciate any support you can give. Please take a look at our gofundme page and our Amazon wish list: <http://www.gofundme.com/f/emma-amp-laura-are-reopening-cottontails-preschool> https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/JJP8OJALIV2I?ref_=wl_share.

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 and get in touch using the contact details below.

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Solution to this month's Codeword on page 15:

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OUTSIDE ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,
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Sunday Services: April

2nd Palm Sunday

10.00am Holy Communion (+StA4K*)

9th Easter Day

6.15am Easter Dawn Vigil

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am All-age Communion

6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

16th 10.00am Holy Communion (+StA4K)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

23rd 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Morning Prayer (CW)
(+StA4K in the Cotton Hall)

30th 10.30am Holy Communion at Madingley Church
(+StA4K at Madingley)

* StA4K is St Andrew's for Kids in the church North Room unless otherwise stated.

Regular weekday Services: April

Tues 9.00am Morning Prayer (said)

Weds 9.00am Morning Prayer (said) (Online)

Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer (said) (Online)

9.00pm Compline (said) (Online)

Other Services

12th 2.00pm Abbeyfield Holy Communion

13th 3.30pm Messy Church

18th 2.15pm Arlington Manor Holy Communion

27th 11.00am Gretton Court Holy Communion (BCP)

Events in Holy Week beginning 2nd April

6th 7.00pm Maundy Thursday Service

7th 11.00am Good Friday

9th 6.15am Easter Dawn Vigil

Girton Baptist Church



Minister: Revd Nick Lowe

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Secretary: Mrs Virginia Rootham-Smith

Tel: 01223 520442

Website: www.girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk

Sunday Services: April (all on Zoom)

2nd 10.30am Palm Sunday with Communion, led by Nick Lowe

6th 7.00pm Maundy Thursday Communion, led by Nick Lowe

7th 7.30pm Friday Evening Hymns and Prayers

9th 6.15am Gathering outside St Andrew's Church, followed by breakfast (see below)

10.30am Easter Day Worship, led by Nick Lowe

16th 10.30am Morning Worship, with Communion, led by Nick Lowe

23rd 10.30am Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe

30th 10.30am Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe

We are having an early morning gathering with St Andrew's Church, for 15 minutes, to celebrate Easter at sunrise followed by a light breakfast. We would love as many as possible from the village to join this celebration.

Messy Church is on Thursday 13th April 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 prayer. 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 services, please ring 07483 334860 or email pastor@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk.

The victory of Jesus at Easter

Easter is about the victory of Jesus over sin, evil and death through his sufferings and resurrection. The well-known hymn "Thine Be the Glory" is a favourite for Easter because it expresses this victory. The tune for the hymn was originally written by Handel for his oratorio, Joshua, for the chorus "See, the Conquering Hero Comes". This tune was appropriate because just as Joshua overcame evil through military force, Jesus overcame the invisible spiritual powers of evil, not by physical force, but by laying down his sinless life. Both Joshua and Jesus were conquering heroes. In fact, the Greek name Jesus is essentially the same as the Hebrew name Joshua, and it means "The Lord is salvation". This is the salvation we desperately need today.

"Lord, we thank you for your victory at Easter over sin and death. Help us to believe and to celebrate your resurrection at this Easter time. Amen."

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Ring in the New!

In February last year, a number of residents enjoyed a period of bell-ringing to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

As we approach the Coronation of King Charles

III, the Rector has agreed to allow another session for all who would like to try their hands.

His Majesty will be 76 years old so we plan to ring between 3.30pm and 4.46pm on Coronation Day, Saturday 6th May.

No experience is necessary for you to join in the fun. Just come along to St Andrew's any time in this period; you are assured of a warm welcome, some light refreshment, a quick introduction to the bells, and a chance to try for yourself. Come and help us celebrate!

Douglas de Lacey and Nigel Deacon

Contact numbers for bookings

Cotton Hall	07759 983420
Orchard Close	277164
Pavilion	618619
St Vincent's Close	276447
William Collyn Community Centre	279587



Mobile Post Office

The mobile Post Office is open every Friday 1.30-2.30pm in the car park in Orchard Close behind the old Scallywags Nursery.

Mobile Library

Thursday 13th and 27th April 2023

Thornton Court	09.40 – 10.00
Abbeyfield	10.10 – 10.50
Cotton Hall/Church	11.00 – 11.30
Orchard Close	11.35 – 11.55
St Vincent's Close	12.00 – 12.40
Gretton Court	12.50 – 13.15
Churchfield Court	13.20 – 13.45

Bin Collections

Thursday 6th April	Blue and Green bins
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GIRTON CELEBRATES LIFE IN OUR VILLAGE AND THE KING'S CORONATION

THURSDAY 4th May QUIZ AT THE GEORGE  Kick Off with the Coronation Quiz. Jeabs Thai Food will be available. Teams of 6 maximum. Be seated by 6.30pm for 7pm start
Booking is strongly recommended


THE GREAT TREASURE HUNT launches Today. Fun for family and friends. A hunt that takes you round the village finding treasures that are used in a coronation. Unravel the clues. Come up with the correct phrase and enter the "Design A New Crown" Competition. You can obtain an entry form with map at all the venues marked with a 

This event continues until Monday. Read entry form for all terms and conditions.

THE BIG HELP OUT Thank you to South Cambs District Council for providing Litter Picking Equipment over the Coronation weekend to tie in with **THE BIG HELP OUT**. Anyone wishing to pick up litter in their area is free to come and borrow equipment over the weekend.

FRIDAY 5th May LEXI'S CAFÉ At The Cotton Hall.  Come to Lexi's famous pop up café for teas, cakes, coffee, and delicious refreshments. Opens at 9 am. The Great Treasure Hunt continues

SATURDAY 6th May CORONATION DAY FAYRE TRADERS MARKET with LEXI'S CAFÉ

At the Glebe School.  **From 9am. Until 1pm.** The first of our regular monthly markets. To Include: Lexi's Café, Handmade goods, artisan items, foods, and local produce. Also featuring The Glebe School Choir

The William Collyn Centre Presents: - Screening of the Coronation on the big screen. Come and watch the Coronation with family and friends in the delightful William Collyn Community Centre. Traditional refreshments will be available. Please contact the venue to book.

The Girton Bowls Club:- Bowls for everyone. The perfect opportunity to experience the joy of bowling. Taking place on our immaculate, premier league, bowling green.

Whispers Café at Abbeyfield. An invitation to relax. Enjoy a refreshing glass of Pimm's and a bowl of strawberries and cream at Whispers Café. With musical entertainment from the Ukulele Players.

Girton Social Club Karaoke. What better way to celebrate than with some upbeat dance music. Please contact the venue for details.

The Great Treasure Hunt Continues

SUNDAY 7th May THE KINGS BIG LUNCH. From 11 am. Until 5pm.

At The Girton Recreation Ground and in The Pavilion. Girton Parish Councils multicultural lunch will feature vendors selling a variety of food. The sports and recreation grounds will be open and some of our sports clubs will be hosting events for everyone to join in and have a go! You can picnic outdoors, tables and chairs will be provided. Entertainment in the pavilion features, Girton Musical Theatre, The Liz Monroe Band.

The Great Treasure Hunt Continues

MONDAY 8th May THE BIG HELP OUT - The Great Treasure Hunt FINAL DAY!