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St Andrew's Community Coffee Mornings



We're starting a weekly coffee morning for young and old on Wednesday 3 May, from 9am to 11am at the Cotton Hall. All are

welcome to come by for a cuppa and a chat, or just a place to be among neighbours. With toys for children and board games and cards for the adults. And a £2 donation to cover costs. For more information contact Eona: cfm@girton.church.

Christian Aid Week from 14 to 20 May 2023 – making dreams come true

In past years, Girton people have given generously to Christian Aid, the charity which helps people of all faiths and none, in the poorest communities of the world. Christian Aid was already working with partners in Malawi when Cyclone Freddy hit earlier this year, leaving hundreds dead and half a million people displaced and facing increased risk of typhoid and cholera. Crops and livelihoods have been destroyed, in a country already facing a massive cost-of-living crisis.

Food, fuel, fertiliser, and school fees have doubled in price in the last 12 months. And hard-working farmers are seeing their harvests fail as the climate crisis brings increasingly erratic weather. Parents like Jen face impossible choices – Jen's two sons have won places at prestigious further education colleges, but she must decide which of the two can have the education he deserves, because she cannot afford to send them both. Christian Aid supports projects helping farmers in Malawi like Jen plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for the crops, and build happier futures for their children.

You may remember the red collection envelopes posted through your letterbox in previous years. For Christian Aid Week 2023, we are going online, and asking you to send your donations via envelope.christianaid.org.uk/girton-village-envelope. A gift of £10 could pay for a 2kg bag of seeds to plant pigeon peas – a hardy, drought-resistant crop. A gift of £100 could help provide a business training session, helping farmers to secure higher, fairer prices for their crops. Thank you for your support!

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Girton Parish Council

Parish Council facilities at Wellbrook Way to be reviewed

The Working Group came together following January Full Council. The group including members from Girton Bowls Club, Girton Town Charity and Girton Parish Council. Following a number of meetings this group brought a decision to Council to investigate available facilities in Wellbrook Way. This decision was approved at April Full Council with an amount of up to £5,000 being put aside for this work. This project is due to start as soon as possible. In addition, Girton Town Charity Trustees are reviewing the possible costs of toilet facilities now their new manager, Tom Lee is in post.

Coronation Event Preparation

Girton Parish Council are working with a number of Community organisations and businesses to bring people together on Sunday 7th May.

(See page 30 for Girton Parish Council's communication channel QR codes)

Sunday's event supported by Girton Parish Council brings many local sports and other groups to the Recreation ground for you to test out different activities and learn more about our recreation facilities. There will be food and refreshments available from 11am to 5pm. Girton Parish Council is pleased to contribute up to £400 to support the events to be held on Sunday at the recreation ground.

We are pleased to be including Girton College in our community events who are also joining together with Girton Cricket Club for a Cricket Match to be held on Saturday 3rd June. Spectators are welcome. More details are available on the Play Cricket website.

Apologies that Girton Musical Theatre was incorrectly listed among the performers at the Coronation lunch on the back page of the April edition of the GPN. Please check the GPN for details of performances in the future.

William Collyn Centre to be venue for 2023 Annual Parish Meeting

Please save the date for our Annual Parish Meeting which the Council has now approved to take place on Wednesday 17th May. The date was changed from 10th May so that we could hold the meeting at the William Collyn Community Centre and aim to live-stream it so it can be made available to as many residents as possible. The William Collyn Centre also allows us to house more people and we hope that as many of you can attend as possible. Thank you to the William Collyn Community Centre for providing a great space for the meeting and working with us to test out this new technology. Thank you also to Girton Scouts who have agreed to serve refreshments at our meeting.

20mph zone scheme

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback for this Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) initiative. A total of 396 responses were received with 53 received at Girton Pavilion in hard copy. Thank you to Girton Parish News for their hard work in adding the survey to the March edition. Thank you also to everyone who chose to comment on our community website.

Council approved the following motion at April Full Council:

Council to approve recommendation for application to CCC 20mph zone scheme to cover:

- Girton Road (A14 Bridge to Girton Corner)
- The Thorntons
- St Margaret's Road and side roads
- Wellbrook Way

Sport & Recreation committee welcomes new co-opted members

Our Sport & Recreation committee now has a number of co-opted members including Graham Clare (Girton Bowls Club), Alan Richardson (Girton Tennis Club), Andrew Hawkes (Girton Colts), Andrew Chapman (Girton Cricket Club). At our meeting on 19th April, Tom Lee, the new manager of the William Collyn Community Centre was co-opted to the committee. We hope that working more closely with our recreation users and other organisations will allow us to better understand and react to the requirements of our residents. If these are your sports and you have ideas that you wish to reach the Council, please do speak to any of your representatives above.

And finally, a thank you from the Council

The Council was delighted to receive a letter from Year 6 students at Girton Glebe for review in our sport and recreation committee on 19th April. Many thanks to these students for getting in touch with us and for providing such clear requirements for our councillors to consider.

May 2023 District Councillors' Report for Girton Parish News

News from South Cambridgeshire District Council

Cost of Living

A further cost-of-living support package for residents worth more than £200,000 has been agreed by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

The plans include a roadshow of cost-of-living talks, increasing awareness of Council Tax support, more free energy saving appliances, and the creation of a South Cambridgeshire Sustainable Food Network.

The roadshow of cost-of-living talks, organised in partnership with parish councils, will see a rolling programme of events designed to highlight support available to the most vulnerable. This will aim to improve reach and uptake of grants and other support services that many don't know are available to them.

Are you claiming for Reductions in Council Tax?

A large-scale Council Tax communications campaign will take place, to increase the number of eligible people to claim financial help towards their Council Tax bill. Ring 01954 713000 for more details.

Free energy saving appliances to those residents who are only just about managing

South Cambridgeshire District Council's scheme to provide free energy saving appliances to those residents who are only just about managing will be expanded into next winter. So far this winter, more than 400 South Cambridgeshire residents have been provided with either a slow cooker, electric blanket, or both by the council. A charitable giving fund, which residents, who are able to, can donate towards as part of this scheme has raised nearly £2,000 and remains open. Ring South Cambs District Council on 01954 713000 for more details.

£1.7 million Government funding to continue work to decarbonise Council homes

The council has successfully bid for £1.7 million from the Government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund. This funding will go towards some of the projects we have already started to improve the fabric of our council homes. It will also support other measures being put in place to help the council achieve its own and the Government's Net Zero targets.

Make Things Right campaign to empower social tenants to make complaints

On 6 March, the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, launched the government's 'Make Things Right' advertising campaign which urges social housing tenants to complain about substandard housing. Residents are being encouraged to make a complaint to their landlord in the first instance and then escalate to the Housing Ombudsman if they are unhappy with the landlord's final response. Website: www.gov.uk/guidance/make-things-right-introduction-and-how-to-help.

More on EWR: We now know that government will announce the route of EWR in May. **EWR has failed to categorically say that it would be electrified.**

A14 Tree Planting Thanks to Edna Murphy, our own County Councillor, we now have a commitment from National Highways regarding the replanting of 1000s of trees along the A14.

Latest South Cambs magazine

If you have not received the latest South Cambs magazine ring 0800 6444011 or email: scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk.

For Businesses

There are only a few weeks left for businesses based in South Cambridgeshire to apply for and claim their Growth Works Revenue Grants. June 23 is the deadline. New applications need to be submitted by the end of May.

These are for you to apply for a grant of up to £20,000 towards a project that will help you: increase your sales, improve your performance, attract more customers, recruit additional talent, grow your business and scale up to the next level. Contact: OpenForBusiness@scambs.gov.uk.

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County Councillor Report

Potholes and the condition of the roads generally

We're extremely concerned about the state of the roads. Our Local Highways Officers are overwhelmed with problems particularly potholes which can be alarming and dangerous. Highways is operating to address this.

Unfortunately, this is a national problem, and our problems are not unique, although we are in a worse area than some (though not the worst). The real problem is that there has been a gradual deterioration of our road network over many years and strategic investment in maintenance did not happen in better times.

Road maintenance in South Cambs has been less funded (£ per km) than all other areas in Cambridgeshire before the new administration took over. The effects of underfunding have been exacerbated by drought and soil shrinkage, deep freezes, and periods of persistent wet weather.

It takes a long time to create road damage – but it is also very costly to fix.

Thank you to everyone who has highlighted issues, and please keep logging the faults in the county's reporting system as this really helps officers to organise their work.

highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/

Budget

Like three quarters of all councils in the country this year, Cambridgeshire County Council had to increase its portion of the council tax by 4.99%, the maximum permitted. We have a number of challenges, not least the well-known problem that the Government for a number of years now has failed to introduce a fair funding formula. Without this, we receive a much worse deal than many other councils. However, where we have had to make savings, we have done so carefully.

Focus on social care

The County is responsible for both adult and children's social care, and public health commissioning; 80% of our revenue budget goes on social care. Much of this expenditure is tied up in long-term care contracts and individual care packages can be highly complex.

Post-Covid the population is generally older and less well, and the workforce is relatively smaller and under more pressure. The health of the workforce too is less good. The impact of Brexit (many EU citizens left the UK) and the pandemic have hit hard. Our focus is on supporting the workforce by: introducing the real living wage, creating apprenticeships, a range of initiatives centred on prevention of ill-health and community level support for people to live independently in their own homes.

Under government health and care reforms, as of July 2022, CCC is a member of the Integrated Care System, the new framework for the local NHS, which includes local authority social care in its decision-making for collective forward planning. Ours is the Cambs and Peterborough ICS.

Like all local authorities we have been required to adhere to and prepare for government-mandated reforms and this has tied up significant resource. Many reforms have been put off until after the next General Election. From April 2023 local authorities will fall under a new CQC framework. We have worked hard to establish good collaboration with our district and Peterborough partners, and the local NHS. All come together in the Health and Wellbeing Board and Integrated Care Partnership. District councils are recognised as holding important levers for positive change at community level, for example housing.

Focus on the 'safety valve'

There has been some more positive news that pressure on school places for children with additional needs will be eased after the County Council secured significant additional funding from the Government to deal with it. We were facing potentially widespread cuts in support for children with special educational needs (SEND) due to a £58m budget gap. The extra money came through a process known as a 'safety valve' and is worth £49m to the Council.

Under the agreement with the Department for Education, the authority will use the funds to balance its budget for children with additional needs by 2026/7. The government has also allocated a further £11.3m for capital funding to Cambridgeshire to support new SEND provision on mainstream school sites. The funding will help tackle a gap in the budget. Requests for Education, Health, and Care Plans in Cambridgeshire – the document which describes a young person's special needs and the support they will need to meet their educational goals, have more than doubled from 3,429 in 2016 to more than 7,000 currently.

Cambridgeshire has historically received less funding per child for education than elsewhere. This is on top of having a rapidly growing population of children with special educational needs and disabilities. To meet these challenges, the council will use the new funding to create 463 new special school places. There will also be extra support for 105 pupils at mainstream schools by September 2026 through a programme of expanding current sites and building new schools.

Please don't hesitate to get back to me with any issues or queries: edna.murphy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Dear Editor,

Many Thornton Road residents are really looking forward to the possibility of a 20-mph restriction on traffic for increased safety. Thank you to our Parish and District Councillors for promoting this to the Highways Committee.

This Spring in Thornton Road, there were many beautiful flowering trees and bushes out, including 11 Magnolia trees of various types and sizes. Eagerly awaited green shoots from hedges were

welcomed as we realized most had survived last summer's drought, but not all. Some replanting may be needed. Christmas lights will be differently arranged too!

It has also become apparent that some hedges that did well in the drought have expanded, taking up a larger portion of the newly surfaced pavement so two walkers cannot go side by side on our pathways. Two elderly people cannot support each other without one walking on grass which may be wet and muddy, so slippery. A parent can not walk side by side with a small child to keep them from running into the road where harm could come to them even after the 20-mph limit is in force.

Perhaps a spruce-up and cut-back could be carried out on overhanging hedges after bird nesting season, in time for the implementation of the 20mph limit and next winter's rains?

Christine Bromwich



Girton WI

Dr. Mike Muncaster gave us a talk called 'Horsepower'. This talk was about the role of horses in agricultural Suffolk

in the 19th century, together with associated folklore.

From the beginning of the 19th Century, Britain was powered by horses for agriculture. Workers had particular skills on the farm, and the head horseman was a key person responsible for training the horses and was paid more than the agricultural workers. Dr. Muncaster illustrated exactly what the farmer's roles were by giving us an interesting presentation of their work with the shire horses, and pointing out that stallions could be quite difficult in fulfilling their duties for the farmers. He also spoke about the horsemen's duties, and the fact that their days started well before daylight as they were responsible for the horses' welfare. Hierarchy was important, and the head horseman would take the lead followed by the other horsemen. They would keep their secrets of how to keep horses in pristine condition, and

remedies to use for illnesses such as oils and jading oils, which gave the horseman the ability to leave the horse in a favourite spot by applying this oil on their tongue.

We thanked Dr. Muncaster for coming along to give us such a fascinating and interesting talk along with his presentation.

Earlybirds WI

The Earlybirds WI meeting in Girton, with a membership open to anyone within the Cambridge Federation area, held its AGM in April. Reviewing the past year, our President Rachel reminded us of the wide variety of talks we have had – subjects ranging from Japanese language to positive psychology, to belly dancing with many others in between. A full year indeed! This was followed by the election of the committee and officers before our speakers for the day were introduced.

Denise, Holly, and Dolly, from John Lewis, supported by a rail full of clothing, told us about their "secret service", nicknamed such because so many people do not realize what they do. They are part of a team offering personal styling – with bespoke one-to-one appointments and walk in appointments, in a new (four years old) styling suite. All free, within the comfort of a fitting room and a sitting room! Inevitably, this service is sometimes used for special occasions such as looking for wedding outfits; but if you're searching for workwear, holiday outfits, a wardrobe 'refresh', or even funeral outfits, it could prove most useful. Plus, they also do a styling service for men.

Denise, Holly, and Dolly were friendly, relaxed, and open to questions and even suggestions. They showed us how to mix and match a variety of outfits, recommending checking our wardrobe for the basic classics that could go with virtually anything. The colour to watch out for this summer is orange! One outfit I'm still not sure about, the tank top, apparently can look great over a sleeved summer dress.

If you'd like to join us, our next meeting on 12 May is a talk and a beginners' session on archery, from 10.30am at the CFWI office. For further information please contact:

earlybirdsec@gmail.com

Trish Peroni

Vision for Girton The Neighbourhood Plan

Since the article in the March 2023 GPN, key initial steps have been taken. The Parish Council has agreed to be the ‘qualifying body’ so the Plan is formulated under their auspices. It has agreed that the area to be covered by the plan is the whole electoral parish.

The electoral parish is our most local tier of government and should not be confused with St Andrew’s ecclesiastical parish. The Parish Council has just submitted the necessary form and map to SCDC so that the district council recognises the plan is underway and this can then free up some support funding.

Just as a reminder, a Neighbourhood Plan is a document that sits alongside the District Council’s Local Plan 2018 (see South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018 - scambs.gov.uk and the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan - greatercambridgeplanning.org) and helps guide planning and other policies and aspirations in the parish. Drawing on consultation with residents, businesses, landowners and others in or affecting the parish, it is a key chance to develop our collective vision for Girton out to 2041. In due course the plan, that will arise out of public consultation, will be subject to a parish referendum before being adopted by SCDC.

Five residents responded to the request for assistance in the March 2023 GPN article. We will be getting together to see who wishes to contribute to which aspects. Contributions can be large or small so further volunteers are always welcome. Everyone, of any age with an interest in any aspect is welcome.

The non-exhaustive list of broad topics that could be included are:

Housing – Transport – Businesses services – Facilities – Heritage Protection – Green Areas – Connections to other areas – Infrastructure – Natural Environment – Flooding – Living Environment – Protected Areas of Parish

Please do suggest any other broad topics, or specific aspects that you would like to suggest under any of these topics.

There is an intention to have a Neighbourhood Plan part of the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 17th May, held simultaneously both in person at the William Collyn Community Centre and live-streamed.

Contact Yvonne Murray at clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk or Andrew Muston directly or at

Girton_Neighbourhood_Plan@girton-pc.gov.uk in the first instance to volunteer, to suggest topics to be included in the plan or to find out more information.

Thank you.



The Day of The Red Noses!

On Friday 17 March 2023, lots of money was raised for Comic Relief by the children at Girton Glebe. Red Nose Day was a huge success and the school celebrated with: a talent show, what-not-to-

wear day and a crazy hair day. Many students could be seen in and around school in things like a banana outfit and other strange clothes! This was to raise money for families in need.

The first thing you would notice when you walked through the gates were the outfits. One student, Samuel in Year 6, wore an inflatable suit that made it look like he was being kidnapped by an alien! Unsurprisingly, he won the award for the worst-dressed pupil in Year 6.

The second thing you would notice was the hair. Crazy Hair Day was a phenomenal way to raise money for Comic Relief, students could style their hair in any way they wanted! From pretty ponytails to marvellous mohawks, many students had bright streaks of fake hair and others dyed their hair temporarily, some even wore multi-coloured wigs. Max (from Year 6) said, “Some hair styles were absolutely bonkers. Especially mine – red and yellow plaits!”. Rowena, one of the worst-dressed pupil winners, commented that Friday was one of the most memorable days ever.

Another amazing event of that day, and the thing everyone looked forward to most, was the talent show, featuring seven impeccable acts such as: jokes, beat-boxing, dancing, singing and the piano. This was hosted by the hilarious John and Samuel (from Year 6), who did an excellent job of entertaining the crowd. Sam told me, “I loved the talent show and I appreciated the opportunity to host it, especially as it was my birthday.” Megan – one of the performers – said, “I think it was a great way to celebrate Red Nose Day!”

On this day, Girton Glebe raised an incredible £181.82 with more still to count. We also have other events to come such as: our April Easter Event and a Coronation Street Party on Friday 5 May. It is incredible to be part of a school that has so many exciting events; I never had this at my last school!

Written by Timothy & Henry, Year 6 Pupils

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friends of Girton Glebe
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Friday 19th May

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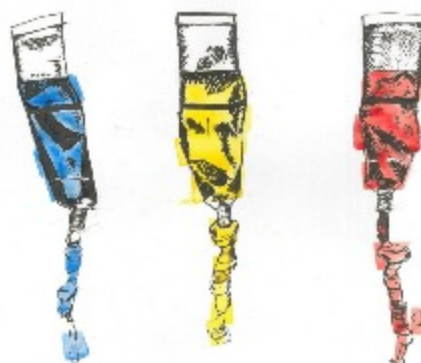
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St Andrews Church, Girton Action Abroad Art Exhibition 2023



Exhibition opening hours:

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

Free entry
Refreshments



Music at Girton College May 2023

Finalists in Concert

Sunday 14 May, at 2.30pm (until 3.30pm),
Chapel, Girton College.

A selection of works, mostly from examination
programmes, performed by final-year students at
Girton.

Admission free; retiring collection.

From Light to Darkness

Saturday 20 May, at 9.00pm (until 9.45pm),
Chapel, Girton College.

Izzy Benson (soprano)

Emily Clare-Hunt (alto)

Joe Wardhaugh (tenor)

Daniel Sandell (bass)

A programme of Renaissance vocal music in an
intimate, candlelit setting

Admission free; retiring collection.



Girton Garden Society Spring Plant Sale

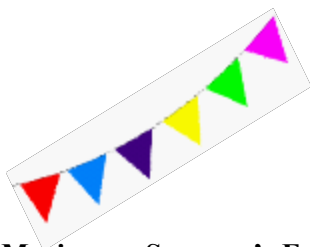
Saturday 13th May

2pm onward

At 46 Cambridge Rd, Girton. Put the
date in your diary now! Our much loved
plant sale is here again.

So do come along promptly at **2pm** and
pick up some of the many bargains
available including large perennials,
delicate annuals, bedding
plants, herbs, vegetable
seedlings (tomatoes,
peppers, courgettes etc.),
wild flowers and packets of
seeds.





Girton Feast 2023

**Friday 7 July - Music on a Summer's Evening
Concert**
Saturday 8 July – Girton Village Fête



Music on a Summer's Evening Concert, Friday July 7 at 7pm

The concert features the popular Cambridge Wind Band, and Bethany Jane soloist and guitarist. Ticket prices are £6 for adults and £2 for children. Tickets can be purchased online (a booking fee applies) at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/girtonfeast via our website: www.girtonfeast.org.uk or at the door.

The food stalls from 5.45pm include: Galley Slaves Fish & Chips, Pizza Passione, Wintertons' Burgers and Hot dogs, Ice creams, and Lexi's cakes. The beer tent will serve a selection of real ales from local breweries plus wine, cider, and soft drinks.



Girton Village Fête, Saturday July 8, from 11.45am to 9pm

We have a full line-up of entertainment, from bouncy castles to children's fairground rides; a children's entertainer, stalls selling a wide variety of goods; samba drummers, belly dancers, a model aircraft flying display and children's choirs. We have several local bands playing during the afternoon and evening: The Remnants, The Lexie Green Band and The Junkyard preachers, as well as The Sandy Ukulele Band and Rock Choir.

The Family Fun Run is back and will include a 'Toddler Toddler'

so that everyone in the family can get involved. There is no entry fee, and every runner will receive a medal as well as prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Please see the separate details relating to the Garden and Allotment Society's mini garden show in this GPN edition.

Stalls and games run by local clubs such as: 'Beat the goalie', 'Have a go tennis', target bowls, and golf putting will enable you to try out some different sports.

The food stalls will include Jeab's Thai food, plus the food stalls from Friday evening. The beer tent will be open until late serving a selection of real ales from local breweries plus wine, cider, and soft drinks.



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Girton Walking Group

Saturday 1 April saw seven “foolish”, but cheerful members of the group turn out for a wet and windy walk around Ickworth park. We warmed up afterwards with coffee in the house. This was Bernard Townshend’s last walk with us, and we wish him and Hanna well in their new home in Sussex.

Saturday 6 May: Oakington – Longstanton – Northstowe

Approx. 6 miles (2+ hours). We start from the car park at Oakington recreation ground at 10am.

We walk through an orchard and 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 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, email: wheatleymargaret606@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday 3 June: Chesterton – Baits Bite Lock – Fen Ditton – Chesterton

Approx. 4.4 miles (1.5–2 hours).

Meet at 10am in Chesterton where Water Street meets Fen Road, beside the river Cam. There are some off road parking spaces here and you can also park on the road. From the small parking area we head left following the towpath. We pass under the railway bridge and the new footbridge, and Fen Ditton will come into sight on the other bank before we walk under the A14 bridge. At Baits Bite Lock the towpath carries on, but we cross over here and move away from the river as we make our way to Fen Ditton. Once through the village we head back towards the river walking through Ditton Meadows and Stourbridge Common, before crossing back over the river to Chesterton to complete our circular walk. Many opportunities present themselves to stop and watch the world go by.

The walk is led by Karen Richardson, email: k.m.richardson.1157@gmail.com



Girton Cottontails Preschool

We are just back to preschool after the Easter break and looking forward to the summer term. For

our rising 5’s children this will be their last term with us before going to primary school in September, so there will be lots of school readiness activities to look forward to.

Last term our rising 5’s continued learning about the body, we learnt about germs and the importance of good hand washing. We also learnt about how to keep our teeth healthy and practiced good teeth cleaning on our giant mouth model!

The children really enjoyed science week, we carried out lots of exciting experiments including: making a rainbow with skittles, making volcanos, and making our own ice-cream.

In the water tray, there’s been some hard work excavating objects that had been frozen in ice blocks. It was fun to try and guess what the objects were. We then used different methods to melt the ice such as: pouring on warm water and salt. The most popular method was to chip away at the ice with tools!

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We welcome children from the age of two years and upwards. Please contact us if you would like to apply for a place.

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

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NB: volunteer drivers are needed so that more journeys can be facilitated. If you have a car, a full driver's license, and a few hours a week to help others in the community, please register your interest by using the above contact details. Drivers are paid 45p per mile to cover their costs.

News for older residents

Spring and Summer Celebrations!



I am holding two musical afternoons to celebrate spring and summer. They will be on Tuesday 16 May and Tuesday 20 June from 2 to 4pm in the William Collyn Hall. Both events are free and will include singing (well-known songs), making music (with percussion instruments), and enjoying some poetry all led by Penny Lutoslawska. No musical experience or talent is needed as the emphasis will be on having an enjoyable and sociable time together. However, feel free to get in touch if you have a musical talent you would like to share. Tea and coffee will be served in the middle of each event.

Put these dates in your diary and plan to come.

Intensive Support Service, a new service of Alzheimer's Society

Caring for a person with any form of dementia is difficult. If you are struggling to carry on, and your health is being seriously affected by your caring responsibilities, or if the health of the person you are caring for is declining, the Intensive Support Team may be of help. Trained specialist dementia advisors help carers find new ways and strategies of coping and will identify new ways to improve your health and well-being. Contact the team by phone: 01223 620962 or email: cambridgeshiredementia@alzheimers.org.uk.

If you would benefit from on-going support, practical advice or information contact the dementia advisors on 0333 150 3456 or email: dementia.connect@alzheimers.org.uk

I will be unavailable on Wednesday mornings in May until 31 May. During this period, I will visit Girton on Thursday mornings instead. Incontinence items, mainly for men, are available.

Patricia Johnston

Older Residents' Coordinator

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The spiral of learning – helped along by a cinnamon swirl!

Spiral learning is all about revisiting learning, to extend and deepen

understanding. Consider, for instance, how many times the concept of addition in maths is revisited from 'one more than' to PhD level and beyond. As a child or young adult, there may be a misconception that you're learning things so that you can 'become an adult', almost like there's a clear destination, a finished product. But the truth is that we keep on learning - as an adult and how to be an adult! The spiral keeps on turning.



Signposting

OCD Action works for a society where OCD is better understood, and treatment/support is accessible. They explain people with OCD experience intensely negative, repetitive, and intrusive thoughts, combined with a chronic feeling of doubt or danger (obsessions). To quell the thought or quieten the anxiety, they will often repeat an action, again and again (compulsions). Find out more: ocdaction.org.uk

Skills, knowledge, and understanding

Effective training should include the development of skills, knowledge, and understanding. When the content is about Mental Health, learning needs to include safety. I was thrilled to receive feedback from a recent course, describing my style as including, "a natural ability to make us feel comfortable and confident to practice what we had learnt."

If you'd like to join an open MHFA course on 8/9 June in Cambridge, or an open SFA lite course on 4 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

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Netball Club

This month's highlights include meeting our club's youngest member! We were delighted to welcome baby Thomas to training, along with Mum Claire, who has put her Goal Shooter duties on pause while she focuses on her growing family. Hurry back though, Claire – we miss you!

Welcoming baby Thomas

The team played a vigorous match against youthful opponents, Thundercats 2, losing by a fair margin but amidst a nice friendly atmosphere. More matches are being scheduled for the summer months. We have invested in some new kit including new team bibs and were pleased to donate the old ones to a local primary school. We've also bought a new match ball, the FLYTE PRO Match Ball – a top level netball which boasts a 3D grip and 'superior bladder'. The envy of the rest of the teams!

Girton Netball Club meets Mondays during term-time at Girton Rec. Sessions run from 7pm to 8pm. New members always welcome – no previous experience needed. Email girton.village.netball@gmail.com or facebook: *Girton Netball Club*.

Emma-Louise Longden



Girton Bowls Club

Once again we extend our thanks to Abbeyfield, Girton Green for hosting our very successful pre-season dinner on the 1st April. A great evening was had by all.

As reported last month, the five minute slot scheduled for The One Show was recently aired. The filming was done at Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club, demonstrating that bowls is a game that



can be enjoyed by all ages.

Another financial opportunity has been negotiated recently by Chesterton Bowls Club, an opportunity to hire out the Club to Netflix for 4 days. They required a large venue to host their costumes and makeup teams while they film the latest Netflix series of The Crown in Cambridge.

In addition to the regular maintenance carried out over the winter months, the green has been undergoing major maintenance as the beginning of the new season gets closer. Our volunteer team spent a whole day working on the green, including scarifying, aerating and applying top dressing, seed and fertiliser. Our thanks go to all those who volunteered. Due to the green not being quite ready our first club night was delayed from the 12th to the 19th April, followed by our first friendly game on the 20th.

As the outdoor season gets closer, indoor bowls starts to taper off for most players. Our two teams that play in the Indoor/Outdoor league have had a very successful season. Girton 1 finished strongly with 6–0 wins over Romsey and Chesterton, finishing 2nd out of nine teams. Girton 2 lost their last match against top of the table Newmarket 0–6, but finished 4th out of nine teams. Well done to all our bowlers; a tremendous result.

We are planning to take part in the Coronation celebrations being held in Girton, by holding a Bowls Drive on Saturday 6th May, which will be open to everyone. The only requirement is that you must wear flat soled shoes to go on the green. All other equipment will be supplied. Plans for our annual Open Triples competition, to be held on 25th June, are progressing well, with entries from 18 teams so far. Spectators welcome!

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

Lynne McGill

Girton Tennis Club



The Parish Council has arranged several events to mark the Coronation of King Charles and the tennis club is pleased to be supporting this celebration by opening the courts from 2pm on Sunday 7th May. If you would like to try hitting a few balls, please come along to the courts and have a go. Rackets and balls are provided so you just need flat-soled shoes to play.

We have entered teams in the Men's and Mixed Leagues again this year and the Men's matches will be starting in May. If you would like to take part in these friendly but competitive matches, please get in touch via our website.

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 at info@girtontennisclub.uk.

Alan Franklin



Girton Golf Club

The summer must be coming because the rain is feeling slightly warmer and the grass is growing at a pace hard to keep up with. Why I wonder are the sunny days always those when I am not playing golf?

Lots starting to happen at the Golf Club, both on the course and in the clubhouse.

The season is starting to warm up and our juniors are making an impact already. The club's junior team consisting of Willian Cronje, Aryan Alwala, Ronak Alwala and Will Robinson won the Junior Open at Links Golf Club, Newmarket, on Monday 3th April, supported by our Junior Organiser and Head Professional Sam Beckett. Ronak was also part of the CAGU Junior team that won the Culford Junior Pro Am - a great start to the season, and he also won the Junior Stableford with 37 points off his 29 handicap.

Our seniors are already well into their matches with a home win against Cambridge Country Club and a rare away draw on the always tricky Royston Golf course, a really good result. With another 26 seniors matches to play these come thick and fast throughout the summer. However, the seniors also have a hectic competitions schedule and the first round of the Senior Captain's Challenge was won by Chris Hampton who is a fairly recent convert to golf and playing off his first handicap had a remarkable 41 points but got cut by 10 shots on his WHS handicap - a huge reduction and well deserved. Unfortunately, a loss at home to Meridian followed and brought everyone down to earth.

Wednesday April 12th brought the Seniors Strokeplay Championship which, in really tricky conditions, was won by vice captain Kevin Julien with a net 72 (see photo of Kevin receiving the trophy from Paul Jobson,



the Seniors Captain), a lead of just one stroke from Alan Heaver and two from Roger Thomas, considering the gale force winds it was a great result.

Our ladies section also has their season underway with the first 9 hole qualifier being won

by Anne Ife and the winner of the first stableford of the year was Jessica Hollingworth (see photo on the right) with 38 points, 5 ahead of the next 2 competitors.

The men's competitions kicked off with the Monteith Trophy and the winners of this were Simon Blunt and Graham Grint with a commendable 42 points playing off a combined handicap of 13, pipping Peter Adams and Andrew Halket by just 2 points. The men's stableford on 13th April was won by Aryan Alwala and David Walker won the 6th April competition.

So everything is up and running at Girton Golf Club - if you fancy being part of this thriving community in the heart of Girton call us or pop in and have a chat, and a coffee or lunch. Hope to see you soon!

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At 6am this morning, Wednesday 19th April, I pulled back the curtain and looked out over the patchwork of the allotment site. To the east, over

Cambridge Road, there was the most spectacular blazing-red globe, the rising sun, that I can remember. What a picture, I thought, to accompany this month's GPN article. But in the brief time it took to prepare my camera, the glory had dissipated.

Second thought was: what sort of day does the early beauty presage? The official arrival of spring, Easter, and the start of our new growing season has been a rollercoaster ride. There have been a few lovely warm sunny days when plot holders, individually or en famille, are working enthusiastically on early season tasks. But these welcome spring days haven't been able to establish a firm foothold and succeeding days have been bleak with uncomfortably cold winds. Then the site returns to winter de-population.

Being positive, by mid-April, in these fluctuating weather conditions, plenty has been achieved. I look out and see rows of peas, protected from the pigeons; broad beans; young onion leaves; raised ridges above potato tubers below. Owing to advancing years, I welcomed a morning's help from my grandson in planting my six rows of potatoes. I also enjoyed watching others spacing out their well-chitted tubers along the bottom of trenches. As well as the growing plants, I can see well-constructed cloches and fleece tunnels adding to the proliferation from previous years.

Fine drifts of daffodils have given way to brightly coloured swathes of tulips. In my line of sight is the beautiful white blossom of a communal pear tree.

Talking of my grandson's helping me, I have been reflecting on the passing down the generations of love of gardening. My mother loved her garden in an old-fashioned way, planting out bright annuals each spring. I inherited the enthusiasm and made gardens at various homes, and helped my children with their gardens (there was an annual pilgrimage to Islington with the car packed with trays of plants I had nurtured). Next came my son's struggle with his garden in Royston, and my daughter's development of a huge garden in Chamonix, far more ambitious than anything I've ever attempted. And now my grandson, who now knows the potato planting procedure.

Returning from that digression to Girton: it is early and there is only a limited amount of crops planted out. But greenhouses, window sills, sheds and sheltered spots in gardens are packed full with pots and trays of vegetable and flower seeds, germinating (hopefully) in readiness to go out into our plots. Tomatoes, courgettes, squashes, beetroot, beans of various types, cucumbers and much more. Now a time of worrying. Have we sown too early? Will this or that plant be ready to go outside before it is safe weather-wise? Why has that variety failed? (Not a single one of my Scotch Bonnett, Tabasco or Romano peppers has germinated.) Why ever did I book a holiday in

May? All this never varies year after year, and we get through.

Another digression before I close. This time last year, I mentioned a book about weeds which almost endeared me to the little blighters. I have just finished another book from the same Christmas present giver: *The Wild Life*. The writer is a farmer whose land is in the shadow of the Black Mountains, Herefordshire. To ease the family budget, he vowed to live off foraging, shooting and trapping whatever was available on his land. The long list of plants he foraged and processed into his daily fare was fascinating. Dandelion, elderberries, haws, hazelnuts, sloes, Jew's ear, chanterelle, shaggy ink cap, aniseed agaric mushrooms, sorrel, nettles, rosehips, crab apple, hairy bittercress, hogweed, sow thistle, lichen, burdock, Jack-by-the-hedge, chickweed, burdock, comfrey, fat hen, cow parsley, red clover, yarrow, plantain, acorns, blackberries. All these and much else, the author turned into vegetable dishes, soups, wines and beers, coffee, flour. Recipes are included. Given time from essential allotment work, I would like to make a project of scouring the allotment for edible 'weeds' with the help of a foraging book. Is there amongst our membership anyone who does live on wild food? I'm afraid I don't fancy gathering and cooking such stuff myself. I leave that to the few specialist restaurants who offer such menus, like L'Enclume in Cartmel, Cumbria, whose menus are built on local foraging. It's one of my ambitions to dine there.

Graham Jones, Girton Allotment Society

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We would like to encourage all adults and children living in the village to show off their gardening and growing skills by entering this competition

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- Judging and awarding of rosettes will take place at 12pm.
- The winners will be announced soon after judging has finished and entries can be collected later.

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Hi Dave

I was sitting on the 9:57am bus into Cambridge a couple of Saturdays ago when I was surprised to see Dave get on. Nothing remarkable about that I hear you cry but after a few niceties he turned to me and said: "I missed your article in

the Girton Parish News this month." Realising immediately that there was another reader besides me, I told him: "Unfortunately Dave, our functions for March took place after the GPN's news deadline so I had very little news to impart last month."

It wasn't until 27th March that Jane Bower came along to Abbeyfield at Girton Green to give us a talk entitled 'The story of a story'. Club 55 supplied free coffee & cakes & made a donation to the Macula Society, Jane's chosen charity, & with her help the coffee morning was very successful, raising £151. Thank you Jane, for your most professional, pleasant and interesting talk – we would like you back later in the year – please.



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Club 55 will make a donation to this charity of £50 and will ask for a donation from you but you do not have to give. Come along at 10am for a chat and hear what these wonderful volunteers do.

The good weather is on the way so toddle up to Abbeyfield and see us, it's not expensive and we'll talk to anyone to try to raise their happiness level to at least 'happy' on the 'miserability scale.' We know that loneliness is not just about being alone as one can be very happy in one's own company but if you feel that you need to interact socially and/or just need to make new friends then come along and see us.

Sam Clift

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Wine Selection - May

Here is a selection of three red wines to delight your palate this month ...

Altolandon Mil Historias Bobal 2020 Manchuela (Spain)

Though it may not be very well-known internationally, Bobal is Spain's second most-planted red varietal after Tempranillo, and records show it was already being cultivated in the Valencia region in the fifteenth century.



This Bobal is produced by the Altolandon winery, located around 45 miles inland from Valencia, where the high-altitude climate and well-drained soils create a perfect growing environment for the grapes.

A very appealing wine with herbaceous and black fruit aromas, and flavours of cherry, plum, blackberry, and raisins. It's a smooth, medium-bodied wine with medium tannins and medium acidity and is a very good example of this less well-known grape variety. Try it with lamb chops or a stew. It's also a great match for cold meats and hard cheese. Available from Cambridge Wine Merchants (£12.99).

Trivento Private Reserve Malbec 2021, Uco Valley (Argentina)

A very good value Malbec from Argentina's Uco Valley. This Private Reserve 2021 was awarded a gold medal in the International Wine Challenge 2022 and was recently awarded 93 points by Master of Wine Tim Atkin in his 2022 Best of Argentina report.

With bramble, plum and black pepper on the nose, and blackberry and plum, with a hint of spice and vanilla on the palate, this is a smooth, medium-bodied wine with medium tannins and a lengthy finish. A well-balanced wine which is a good match for red meat dishes or cheese.

Available from Tesco, Sainsbury's and Morrisons (£8.50-£10).

Radlow Hundred English Red (Herefordshire)



This smooth, silky red wine from Radlow Hundred Vineyard in Herefordshire is a blend of Pinot Noir, Regent, and Rondo grape varieties. With aromas of raspberry, cherry and plum on the nose, and plenty of red fruit flavours, notably cherry, on the palate, this is a balanced wine with medium tannins and a hint of pepper on the finish.

A very pleasant English red wine that can be enjoyed by itself, or with a red meat or roasted vegetable dish. Available from Grape Britannia (Arbury Road, Cambridge) (£16.99).

Martin Nuttall

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New Manager at the William Collyn Centre

Girton Town Charity has appointed Tom Lee as the new Manager at the William Collyn Centre. Tom tells us what he is looking forward to in his new role and his plans to expand the use of the Centre's facilities even more broadly to benefit the whole community.

He says: "I am responsible for ensuring the smooth day-to-day running of the Centre, as well as maximising use of all the space and identifying new opportunities to appeal to local residents of all ages and organisations too.

Excellent facilities

"I was attracted to the job as it gives me the chance to make a difference in the community. The facilities we have here in the Centre are second to none and I'm excited to throw open our doors to support community groups and help bring the Village together.

"I want to create a welcoming space for activities, events and socialising in response to the needs of the Village and beyond. There are a number of fantastic venues that are providing just that and I hope to work collaboratively with them to ensure everyone in Girton is catered for.

Supportive

"I have been in the hospitality sector for over 20 years. This has included managing hotels' operations and leisure centres, as well as three years running a social and community hub in Newmarket providing a range of services for the racing community. Most recently I was the General Manager for an integrated Retirement Village, so I understand the importance of a supportive community.

"I'm very proud to join GTC at a time when it has just completed 15 new almshouses for the over 55s at Dovehouse Court. Its support in providing this outstanding facility we have here at the Centre is amazing and appreciated by the many people who use it.

Warm welcome

"Although I have only been in the job for a short while, it has been great to meet so many faces already and been made to feel so welcome. I'm a real people person and I am looking forward to building a team of staff and volunteers who will be as enthusiastic about the Centre as I am.



"To showcase all we have to offer, I am planning an Open Day next month when we will open our doors to everyone so they can see all our facilities and meet the team."

Welcome to our new Age UK Warden

GTC is also pleased to welcome Age UK Community Warden, Sarah to Girton along with the skills she brings to the Warden Scheme.



We know from feedback that our residents really appreciate having the Warden support and feel secure that someone will be in regular contact to check how they are doing and assist with any practical problems too.

GTC supports two Age UK initiatives. In the Community Warden

Scheme, Sarah provides full-time cover to more than 16 villagers who subscribe to the scheme and as Older Residents' Co-ordinator, Patricia networks with residents and organisations to offer a range of opportunities that broaden provision and participation in activities across the Village.

Anyone wishing to register on the Warden Scheme – or to register a parent or other family member (over 65 years) – should contact Sarah on 07979 333963. Registration is £10 per week for a single person and £12 for a couple.

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.

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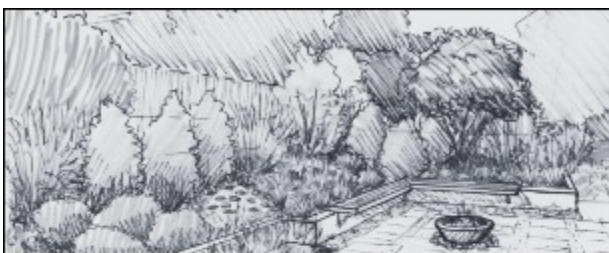
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Each number 1-26 represents a different letter of the alphabet. Can You work out which is which ? Use your word skills and the clues included. Note that Codewords can include names or well-known phrases.

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WORDSEARCH

Coronation Celebrations!

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.

Solution on page 29

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CHARLES	MAJESTY	SCOTLAND
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CROSS	OUT	SIR
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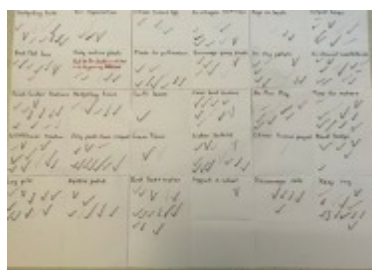
A well-attended public meeting on 28th March, saw the Local Nature Recovery Plan working group present the draft plan for the village. Some ideas for initial projects were put forward but the focus was on getting attendees to suggest actions that could be included in the plan.



Enthusiasm was palpable, and ideas were not in short supply, ranging from sites in the village that could be improved for wildlife, to regular community events, and actions for individual species (hedgehogs, swifts, and newts). There was a particular focus on the importance of insects and other invertebrates to our biodiversity.

In addition, each attendee was asked to make at least one 'pledge for wildlife' – a personal action that will make a difference for nature.

Following the meeting, the working group are updating the plan for circulation and will be looking for volunteers to launch the first projects.



Personal pledges for wildlife

There will be several community events planned for members of the village to join in with – news of one for May below.

Events

We are excited to announce the first LNRP community event. Liesbeth ten Ham, from local business Purple Flowers Gardens and Mosaics (www.purpleflowersgm.co.uk), in conjunction with the LNRP Group, will be hosting 'Gardening for Wildlife', on Sunday 21st May at 72 Girton Road, CB3 0LN. Drop in anytime from 11am to 3pm or join a guided tour of the garden at 11.30am or 2pm.

This is a free, informal event where you will get tips and inspiration to help you encourage more wildlife into your garden. All are welcome including gardening and wildlife novices. We hope to see you there!

What you can do this month

You have probably heard about 'No Mow May'. If you have a lawn, consider leaving an area of grass uncut to benefit invertebrates and small mammals, which in turn provide food for various birds. Depending on the size of your lawn and how you use it, you might wish to leave a

corner uncut, the whole area, or use it to define a playing area - be creative! However, the larger the area the bigger the benefit; one large area is better than several small patches. Mowing a border around the uncut area makes it look purposeful and if you leave the whole area, you could cut a path through it.

To get the most benefit for wildlife you ideally need to leave this uncut until at least mid-July and it will then need to be cut with a strimmer. Leaving some or all of it over



the whole of winter will provide overwintering habitat for invertebrates and small mammals. If you choose this option wait until early April before cutting ahead of the main growth season.

We need your sightings

If you search online for 'No Mow May' you are given the impression that you will immediately be rewarded with a flower-rich meadow full of orchids and knapweeds. The reality can be disappointing, but many of the plants which may appear are equally useful for wildlife and attractive in a more subtle way. Past management of your lawn will have a direct impact on the results - if you have used herbicide then there will be very few wildflowers, instead mostly grasses. If it is a newly sown lawn the diversity of grasses will likely be restricted to perennial ryegrass, fescues, and meadow-grasses.

In more established lawns which have been managed by frequent cutting (but no herbicide), the flowers you are likely to see include Selfheal, various buttercups, Daisy, Yarrow, Dandelion, Speedwells, geraniums, violets, forget-me-nots, Red and White Clover, trefoils, and medicks. And grasses such as Yorkshire-fog, Crested Dog's-tail, and Wall Barley. In shadier areas look out for Lords-and-Ladies, Ground-ivy, and Common Nettle. Our oldest lawns may host other species such as: Field Wood-rush, Cowslip, Bee Orchid, and Adder's-tongue (all known from Girton), but it may take a few years of a relaxed mowing regime for them to appear. Even if you cannot put a name to the plants take a moment to have a closer look - the flowers on grasses are tiny but beautifully intricate, and those on clovers and speedwells might be small but are still quite showy. Apps like iNaturalist might help you to identify them and do not forget to send us your records! Email them to: lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk

Further Reading

Wild about Gardens (www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk/) is a useful resource about 'No Mow May'. It also includes handy guides about other aspects of wildlife and gardening.

Local Nature Recovery Plan Group:
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Crowned in Hearts

May 2023 is of special significance to Republicans and Monarchists, as the heir to the British throne is presented to the nation as 'Charles, your undoubted King'.

Bearing the crown and the ancient traditions, he will be responsible for representing a diverse and complex citizenship, treading a narrow line of authority with accountability. It is human nature to look to someone who has either the courage or the audacity to be a figurehead and champion.

In the natural world of wild creatures, the quest to command the respect of the flock or herd becomes paramount and the right to sire progeny is a matter of conflict and competition.

In the Scriptures to Jesus, we find that He is called, 'The Lion of the Tribe of Judah'. Over time the church has turned from the dignity and authority of His being, to focus on the meekness and mildness portrayed in His compassion for the poor and the sick. In 'The Greatest Drama Ever Staged', the writer Dorothy L. Sayers (1893-1957), summed up her conclusions thus, "We have very efficiently pared the claws of the Lion of Judah, certified him meek and mild and recommended him as a fitting household pet for pale curates and pious old ladies." Was she right? Is it more convenient to deal with the gentle Jesus than to address the one who overturned the moneychangers' tables, or accused the Pharisees of hypocrisy? Here was a strong, young man, who would walk 60 kms between villages, spend nights on the mountainside, and give himself daily to hours of exhausting work, healing and teaching.

His personality is captured in 1 Timothy 3:16. "The mystery of godliness is great. He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory."

A perception of meekness comes from Isaiah Ch. 53, "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."

This is not the silence of weakness, but of supreme strength in the fulfilment of his mission of redemption. In Matt 26:53 "He bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors." It was an eternal decision of choice. At the time of his arrest, Jesus said, "Do you think that I cannot call on my Father and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scripture be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

Faith embraces the most profound of mysteries as expressed in the beautiful lyrics of Graham Kendrick's song.

"Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity, in perfect harmony, the man who is God."

The final verse expresses the complexity of the human body containing the essence and holiness of the Divine.

"Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible

Love indestructible in frailty appears.

Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly

Lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne."

Iris Niven.

The Coronation of Charles III

At the time of writing, the details of Charles's coronation service have not yet been divulged. But it is a fair bet that Hubert Parry's anthem, "I was glad" will be performed at his coronation, especially since Parry is known to be one of his favourite composers.

The anthem has been sung at the entrance of the monarch at every British coronation since that of Charles I, albeit to different music. The words of the anthem are taken directly from Psalm 122:

I was glad when they said unto me,
 Let us go into the house of the Lord
 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem
 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:
 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel,
 to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.
 For there are set thrones of judgment,
 the thrones of the house of David
 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 they shall prosper that love thee
 Peace be within thy walls,
 and prosperity within thy palaces.
 For my brethren and companions' sakes,
 I will now say, Peace be within thee,
 Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

Historically, there are good reasons to believe that this Psalm, together with others in a collection called "Psalms of Ascent," were originally sung at the dedication of Solomon's Temple in 959BC. They continued to be sung each year at the Feast of Tabernacles and were also sung by pilgrims as they travelled up to Jerusalem to worship at their festivals. It is even possible Jesus sung Psalm 122 as he travelled to Jerusalem for Jewish festivals.

But it is also a fitting Psalm for a coronation, filled, as it is, with hope and expectation, acknowledging that peace comes ultimately as a gift from God.



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7th	10:00am	Holy Communion (+StA4K)
14th	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:00am	All-age Communion
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
21st	10:00am	Holy Communion (+StA4K)
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
28th	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:00am	Morning Prayer (CW) (+StA4K in the Cotton Hall)

4th June 10:00am - Holy Communion (+StA4K)

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

Regular weekday Services: May

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

10th	2.00pm	Abbeyfield Holy Communion
11th	3.30pm	Messy Church
16th	2.15pm	Arlington Manor Holy Communion
25th	11.00am	Gretton Court Holy Communion (BCP)

On Thursday 18th May at 7pm we will celebrate Ascension Day – 40 days after Easter. Keep an eye on the church website for more details.

For up to date, time, and place information about all these events please see the church website. You are welcome to join us for Sunday morning worship in person or remotely at: bit.ly/GirtonParishLive. Please check the church website for up-to-date information. (www.girton.church) Ever living God, help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord and to express in our lives the love we celebrate. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. (*Liturgy of the Hours*)

Girton Baptist Church



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Tel: 01223 520442

Website: www.girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk

Sunday services: May

- 7th 10.30am Morning Worship, with Communion, led by Nick Lowe.
- 14th 10.30am Morning Worship, led by Cottenham House Group.
- 21st 10.30am Morning Worship, with Communion, led by Nick Lowe, with a visit from 4H, about Christian work in and around Hungary.
- 28th 10.30am Pentecost Morning Worship, with baptisms, led by Tina Stephens, preacher Nick Lowe.

Messy Church

is on

Thursday 11 May

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 "handling our worries." 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



The Solution

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You may also use the QR codes below to contact us:



Bin collections May

Friday	5	Blue & Green bins
Friday	12	Black bin
Thurs	18	Blue & Green bins
Thurs	25	Black bin

Mobile Library

Thursday

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

Contact numbers for bookings

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



The A10 Fish & Chip Van

Visits Girton most Thursdays

Church Yard	3.50 – 4.10
Orchard Close	4.15 – 4.30
Wellbrook Way	4.30 – 4.45
St. Vincents Close	4.45 – 5.30
Church Lane	5.30 – 5.45
Hicks Lane	5.45 – 6.00
Duck End	6.00 – 6.30
Gretton Court	6.30 – 6.45
Woodlands Park	6.45 – 7.00
Dodford Lane	7.00 – 7.15



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Girton's Coronation Celebrations

Saturday 6th May 2023

CORONATION DAY FAYRE TRADERS MARKET

**With
LEXI'S CAFE
At the Glebe School**

9am to 1pm

The first of our regular monthly markets. To include; Lexi's cafe. Handmade goods, artisan items foods and local produce

GIRTON BOWLS CLUB

Bowls for everyone

The perfect opportunity to experience the joy of bowling. Taking place on the Girton Bowles Club immaculate, premier league, bowling green Starting 2pm Saturday 6th May at Welbrook Way, Girton

GIRTON SOCIAL CLUB

Barbecue and Disco

**What better way to celebrate than with a great barbecue and some upbeat dance music.
8pm Saturday 6th May
Please contact the venue for details**

The WILLIAM COLLYN CENTRE

Presents

A screening of the Coronation

On the big screen

10.30am to 2.30pm

Come and share the experience of the coronation with family and friends in the main hall Tea coffee, cakes and soft drinks will be available. This is a free event but please book your places using the details below

Telephone:01223 279587

Or

Email: *info@Williamcollyn.co.uk*

WHISPERS CAFE

at

Abbeyfield

An invitation to relax

From 3pm to 4.30pm Saturday 6th May

Enjoy a refreshing glass of Pimm's and a bowl of strawberries and cream at Whispers Cafe.

**With musical entertainment from the
Ukulele Players**

Sunday 7th May

KING'S BIG LUNCH

From 11am to 5pm

At the Girton Recreation Ground and in the Pavilion

Girton Parish Council's 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 and tables and chairs will be provided indoors. Entertainment in the pavilion features The Liz Munroe Band

Monday 8th May

THE BIG HELP OUT

Litter picking around the village. Meet at Girton Recreation Ground at 10am and pick up your litter picking equipment for a good old village clean up. Could be a fun walk.