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August 2023

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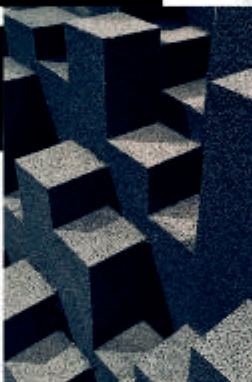


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## Hello from Girton Surgery!

We have had a few changes at Girton Surgery recently that we would like to share with you:

We have extended our opening hours and are now open on a Tuesday afternoon from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Nurse Sally and Dr Ho join us for this shift and of course the dispensary will be open. We are hoping that the extra hours, as well as us being open on a Monday from 3:00pm to 6:00pm, will offer up some flexibility when wanting to collect medications and make appointments.

Over the next few weeks, you may be asked some questions regarding your medications. This is purely an opportunity for us to ask if everything is OK, and for you to tell us if you have any issues with your medications that you would like to discuss. On the most part, one of the Girton team will be able to help you, but if it needs further input we will contact your GP. If you live within our dispensing area, and are registered with our surgery we can also fulfil scripts you are given from the hospital, dentist and private clinics.

Can we gently request that if appointments are being made for our younger members of the community that you make them for a suitable time? We have had some instances lately where appointments have been missed because "my child didn't get up in time"...

From 1 August you will start to see green stickers on your bags...yes! It will be flu appointment season!! We are having a flu surgery at Girton on 23 September. It has been a while since covid and we are hoping to revisit our fun flu days again! There will be our traditional charity tombola so do pop by and say hello after you have been jabbed ☺ Appointments will be open from 1 August.

Finally, we would like to thank our lovely neighbours, John & Brenda, for keeping our flower tubs looking beautiful all year round. We do very much appreciate all of your hard work.

As always, thank you for your patience and support when times are busy. We are most grateful.

*Andrea, Tina, Bev, Julie, Zohra.*

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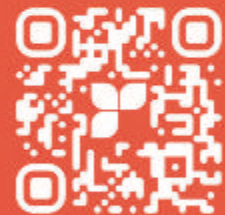


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## **Girton Parish Council**

### **Girton Feast – a thank you from Girton Parish Council**

Thank you to Girton Feast Organisers for giving Girton Parish Council and all our local councils an opportunity to join in the fun. And the many organisations and businesses who do such magnificent work in the village all represented and raising money to do even more. It was great to get a chance to meet you all. Many of our councillors were at the Girton Feast and really enjoyed hearing your views on the day.

### **Key points from our July Full Council Meeting**

- Welcome to our new Parish Councillor Leslie Lampe, co-opted in our July meeting.
- The need to consider a civil burial ground for the future.
- GPC to work with organisations in the village on increasing food trucks in the village.
- Local Nature Recovery Group to work with Girton Glebe on a 'Green Fingers Club.'
- Need for more volunteers to help with Nature and Biodiversity in Girton.
- Holding more events to show what Girton has to offer! Look out for the Open Day (part of Open Cambridge) on September 11.
- A huge thank you to all the sponsors of the Village Planters. More information on this in September's edition of Girton Parish News.

### **Correspondence from residents to the Parish Council received this month.**

Correspondence this month has focused on:

- Treatment of grass verges
- Fly tipping at Washpit Lane
- Emptying bins on Huntingdon Road and for the Feast
- Village planters

Many of the above have now been actioned or will be brought to Council in the next two months. Thank you to all residents who have raised topics for consideration and decision by Council. Please keep them coming. If the Clerk has missed any of your emails, then apologies - please contact us again.

### **Local Highways Improvement application**

It was highly gratifying to see that the LHI application, made in conjunction with Oakington and Westwick Parish Councils, for introducing safety improvements on Oakington Road was scored very highly by the panel assessing the applications for South Cambridgeshire, with an average

score of 4/5, second of all the schemes in the district. That the panel agreed that demonstrable local support had been shown was particularly pleasing. We expect this means that the scheme will be highly prioritised by CCC. The Highways committee met on July 4th but, at time of writing, I have not seen the outcome of this meeting.

### **GPC logo competition**

Congratulations to the winner of our Logo Competition, Alicia. Also, many congratulations to second and third place.

Thank you to all of you who took part in the competition, we were really pleased with the number of entrants. The winners of our Treasure Hunt Competition will be announced next month.

### **Hotel Felix inquiry**

Thank you to the member of the public bringing a request to June's meeting to request GPC consider what action should be taken after receiving the result of the Hotel Felix inquiry. In July's Full Council a task was delegated to Cllr Muston and the Clerk to write to the appropriate bodies regarding the result of the inquiry to highlight the lack of health provision to support a care home on the Hotel Felix site. We will keep you posted on this initiative.

### **Fly Tipping at Washpit Lane**

Thank you to our residents for reporting the fly tipping which could be quickly registered with SCDC as a result of you contacting us. Tens of bin bags were dumped and cleared by SCDC, who reported at July Full Council that they are now developing a service level agreement for any future incident.

### **Contact us!**

Please keep your comments coming in on the work the Parish Council is doing in many ways and make sure your voice is heard:

Neighbourhood Plan Survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/rp47M6TLxz>

Girton Parish Council Data Alley Feast Survey:

<https://forms.gle/5zDxW45rBP7C2mzx5>

Residents Collection to support Girton Corner Telephone Box:

<https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/girtoncornertelephonebox>

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# From Our Councillors

## District Councillors' Report July 2023

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### South Cambs News

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*Connecting.Cambridgeshire@cambridgeshire.gov.uk* and copy one of us in so that we can develop the wider view of what's happening.

### Luton Aircraft Noise

If you are affected by aircraft noise there is a new Public Meeting at 8.00 pm, on Monday 17 July at Eco Hub, Gamlingay.

### Successful Performance outlined in year-end report

District Councillors heard about successful performances in a meeting on achievements in areas like environmental protection, affordable homes, and growing businesses.

Additionally, a "mystery shopper" update showed almost nine in ten people (88%) spoke to a contact centre team member on their first attempt when ringing South Cambridgeshire District Council and 100% were offered help or assistance.

The Business Plan Progress Report is a year-end report covering the council's four key areas: growing local businesses and economies, affordable housing, being green to the core, and being a modern and caring council. The reports were reviewed by SCDC's Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 8 June 2023, and you can check them here:

*(<https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=417&MId=9797&Ver=4>)*

### Fly-tipping

We had a serious incident of fly tipping in Girton last week (Monday 26 June 2023).

The quantity and nature of the waste meant that a grab lorry was needed. Please report any incident of fly tipping. If you see it taking place, call 999 and report to the police.

The reporting form and other information about fly tipping are here:

*(<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/keeping-your-community-clean/fly-tipping/>)*

### Making Connections - the next steps

On 21 June, the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) held an Extraordinary Joint Assembly/Executive Board meeting, and a separate Executive Board meeting, to discuss a revised package of measures to upgrade public transport, improve air quality, and cut congestion on the roads.

On Thursday 29 June, following a lengthy debate, the Executive Board outlined the need for the region's transport network to be upgraded to support its growing needs and decided that - while no options should be taken off the table at this stage - the original Making Connections scheme should be modified.

The five members of the board requested officers to develop a revised package of measures to transform the way people travel around Greater Cambridge, reflecting the public's feedback to the Making Connections consultation and following discussions with the Joint Assembly.

In the autumn a detailed proposal will be brought back to the GCP's Joint Assembly for scrutiny before the Executive Board decides how to proceed with any scheme.

The updated proposal could include changes to the operating hours of a Sustainable Travel Zone and a more extensive package of exemptions – including possible free days for account holders or no charge for hospital patients and visitors.

Any potential scheme would be phased in over time, with the GCP committing £50m of upfront investment in the region's transport infrastructure to improve public transport and active travel.

You can watch the meetings again at: *[www.youtube.com/greatercambridgepartnership](http://www.youtube.com/greatercambridgepartnership)*

If you have any questions, please let us know by email or by phone.

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25th August - Pizza Passione

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Dear GPN,

I am just an old Fenman, there is no doubting that fact, but maybe you should add to that the words grumpy and controversial, I'm not sure. I was brought up during World War Two in the Fens and love those wide-open spaces, huge skies, and the prolific wildlife. But I am not a fan of "No mow May".

"No mow May" is fine in our back gardens, as an excuse for not mowing our lawns, but is it also an excuse for our councils to save money by not cutting verges or sweeping gutters within our village boundaries?

Already there are protected verges in this county where rare wildflowers are growing but, in my opinion, there is no need to leave verges and hedges within village boundaries un-trimmed.

Verges in our village have been left to grow to maturity before being cut, leaving what can only be described as a hay field along our roadsides, gutters are full of hay, drains blocked by hay and the place looks a mess.

Come on you environmentalists, county, district, and parish councillors, what have you got to say about that? Does anyone agree with me, does anyone care, should we clean up this beautiful village?

*Sam Clift*

## Singers and backstage help wanted for Girton Musical Theatre

Girton Musical Theatre will start rehearsals for the Mikado, by Gilbert and Sullivan, on Thursday 7 September at 8pm at Orchard Close Community Centre. Rehearsals are every Thursday until Christmas, and then Thursdays and Fridays in January and February (plus extra dress rehearsals in show week). They are a friendly group of people who enjoy singing and working together to put on a musical show. The social side of the society is also important, whether this is a drink after rehearsal, or visits to see other theatrical productions. If you'd like to know more, please check their website:

[www.girtonmusicaltheatre.org.uk](http://www.girtonmusicaltheatre.org.uk) or contact:  
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Anyone over 16 is welcome to join Girton Musical Theatre (GMT) if they are willing to work with other members of the society in meeting our objective: "The object of the Society is to stage operatic productions and other concerts in order to provide enjoyment for members and the local community, and to support charitable causes." Annual subs are £75.



The Mikado will run from Thursday 29 February to Saturday 2 March 2024 at 7.30pm, and a matinée at 2.30pm on Saturday 2 March, at Girton Glebe School Hall.

## Puzzle solutions (see page 20)

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## Girton Cottontails Preschool

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we will miss them, we are so proud of them all and the amazing progress they have made. We know they are all going to have the best time and be brilliant in everything they go on to do.

We've had some lovely events over the last month including an outing to Wimpole Farm. The highlight for the children was going on the coach and having lunch, but we also saw piglets that had been born that morning, and that was very exciting too!

We also had the "animal experience" come to the preschool as an end of year treat for the children. They were all very brave looking at and holding the different animals including: a snake, a bearded dragon, a tortoise, and without a doubt the cutest, but also the stinkiest, where the baby meerkats!



At Forest School we celebrated International mud day with a mud café. We made things out of mud including mud bricks, it was so much fun!

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*Laura Norman and Emma Pell*

Girton Cottontails Preschool Managing Directors

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## Girton Walking Group

On Saturday 1 July, nine of us had a delightful walk from St Ives across Hemingford Meadow to the Hemingfords, returning via the convenient National Trust picnic tables at Houghton Mill!

Please note that anyone is welcome to join us. Our next walks are:

### Saturday 5 August: Cambourne – Caxton – Bourn

This is another attempt at the walk we had to abandon last year after a confrontation with Travellers! We start at 10am at the car park for the Cambourne Nature Reserve (CB23 5AB is the nearest postcode) and walk through the nature reserve and on to Caxton, then turn east towards Bourn and return through the reserve. Approx. six miles, and we will take a break so bring refreshments. To find the car park: after leaving the A428 at the Cambourne exit, at the second roundabout take the second exit (i.e., not towards Morrisons) and turn right at the T-junction. Follow the road as it wiggles past the school, and the car park is on the right immediately before the sign to Lower Cambourne. This walk is led by Angela and Simon Blackburn: [angela.blackburn@cantab.net](mailto:angela.blackburn@cantab.net)

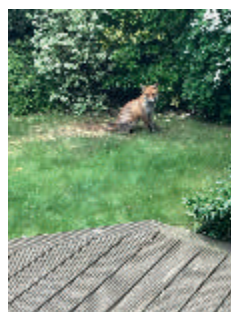
### Saturday 2 September: Lode

This walk will start at 10am from the church in Lode near Stow cum Quy, Junction 35 off the A14. There is street parking in Lode and a car park at the further end of the village. The walk is five and a half miles long, beginning alongside the river. It meanders pleasantly and provides lovely views. Continuing through fields brings us through fenland countryside back to Lode. Bring a drink and snack if you wish and prepare for muddy conditions if there has been recent rain. This walk is led by Elisabeth Kron.

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## Could this be Reynard?

Following last month's Club 55 article about Reynard the fox and a missing size nine shoe, Peter



Baker, a resident of Cambridge Road, has been in touch to share a photo of an early morning visitor to his garden. The big question is, could this be Reynard?

Please do send in any other sightings of wildlife in Girton to publish in future editions.



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## Girton Garden Society

Welcome to August! At this time of year many people are leaving their gardens for a fortnight while they go away on holiday. What to do about all those plants? Although so far this year has not seen the

searing heat of last year, Cambridge can often be very hot, so it's probable you will need to take precautions. The best thing to do is to join Girton Garden Society and prevail upon a kind fellow member to keep an eye on your plants while you're away – but if not, here are some of the tricks I have found useful over the years.

**Outdoor containers:** move them somewhere shady and give them a good soaking – in fact overwater them. Move them first, as they will be a lot heavier when they're wet. For crops grown in containers and grow bags, I recently tried empty cartons, with holes punctured in the lid. Fill them with water and place them upside down, somewhere secure against wind rock (e.g., against canes), on your containers. It worked quite well, although I realised afterwards that you need to puncture two holes: one causes clogs, more allows too much to drain away too fast. Tetra packs and rigid bottles worked better than milk cartons.

**House plants:** the recommended method is to use capillary matting with one end in a large tub of water and stand the plants on the other end of the matting. They need to be at a lower level than the container with water. I now do the overwatering trick just before I go away. Leave them with water in their saucers. Plants can still wilt with this method, but mine have always survived.

If you want to be ambitious, there are self-watering systems with varying levels of sophistication, and a timer attached to the garden tap. I have only used them when we had just had the garden re-landscaped, and a new lawn laid. It was a faff, but it worked. I found that having leaky hoses all along the beds and the lawn was fine until winter came, and then taking them up, re-reeling them and finding somewhere to store them, was a nuisance, so after that we abandoned the system. We now leave the permanent planting, and crops in the ground, to look after themselves.

Another summer task is pruning anything in the plum/cherry/peach (*Prunus*) family. At any other time of year, there is a risk of silver leaf, a fungal infection. We have a very big red cherry tree quite close to the house, with splendid red leaves. We loved that tree when we first came, but familiarity breeds contempt, and I am increasingly aware that it is a very untidy tree. So, much to our (adult) children's alarm, we have bought one of those Henchman tripod ladders and are taking the offending shoots off, a few every summer.

I couldn't finish without an update on our war of attrition. Sadly, the squirrel is winning. It has dug up every crocosmia bulb in the garden, snapped off all my tulip and peony heads, raided the figs and strawberries while they were still green, and dug holes in the lawn, yet still has the temerity to scamper happily about. I am now off to Google "squirrel proof planting". Have a good summer!

*Gina Lane*



## Girton Glebe ...new logo

We are very pleased to be able to announce the arrival of a new school logo this September! The new logo has been designed to be more representative of

our village identity and has been inspired by the village sign and the goose motif, which is common around the village, including the stunning mural adjacent to St Andrew's Church.



As many of you know, the image of the geese is significant as geese were historically kept at the wash pit and provided quills for the Cambridge colleges. The image of the flower now used for our Houses is based on the corn marigolds which were once prevalent in Girton.

Although our signage and website will be adopting the new logo from September, we are mindful how a change of logo can have a financial impact on the community. There will be no expectation for all child owned property, namely uniform and reading bags, to have the new logo on immediately. All new purchased items will have the new logo on and both logos will co-exist on uniforms for the foreseeable future, as we change to the new logo.

The new logo, alongside our transition towards adopting the International Baccalaureate, is further indicative of the exciting juncture we are at as a school community.



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## GIRTON FEAST 2023



### THANK YOU GIRTON FOR ANOTHER AMAZING FEAST WEEKEND

The Girton Feast Team are delighted that so many Girton people and those from surrounding areas and neighbourhoods had a fantastic time.

Thank you to all the local clubs and societies, our volunteers, sponsors and supporters, for taking part and making the Village Fete such a successful day. Rather than try and mention everyone we will leave you to enjoy the photos that reflect this wonderful weekend.

We are looking forward to planning it all again for next year. If you enjoyed the event and would be willing to give us an hour of two of your time next summer, please contact:  
[rowena@girtonfeast.org.uk](mailto:rowena@girtonfeast.org.uk)

See you next year!  
Girton Feast Team



### Fun Run Winners



*First*



*Second*



*Third*











# GIRTON scoreboard



## Girton Bowls Club

Once again we were blessed with beautiful weather for our Open Triples Competition held on 25th June. Twenty teams from around the Cambridge area and two from Northamptonshire played throughout the day, the final being played between Haddenham and Cambs and County. In a very close final end, Cambs and County were holding three shots which if successfully defended would have won them the match. Haddenham had a very difficult task but they played a fantastic bowl which dislodged Cambs and County's three bowls and left them holding one shot to win the game. The third and fourth positions were played for between the Foxton and City Bowls Clubs. A thrilling end to a marvellous day of bowls.



### *2023 Open Triples Tournament*

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful volunteer maintenance team for producing such a magnificent green, to all our members who helped on the day and last but not least a big thank you to our sponsors, Peasgood and Skeates, for their generous sponsorship and continued support.

There was hardly time to draw breath before we were preparing for the Girton Feast. We had two stalls again this year, our ever popular target bowls, a bottle tombola stall and a chance to win £25 by selecting the flag of the winning country.

Our thanks go to the businesses around Girton who donated wonderful prizes for our target bowls winners: The Old Crown, BP Garage, the Co-op, Oakington Garden Centre, The Beefeater, Girton Golf Club and Sainsburys.



*Bowls Club Stall at Girton Feast*

We are now about half-way through this year's bowls season and in the Ely & District afternoon League Division 1, Girton A are lying third, slightly above Girton B. In the Cambridge & District League Division 2 we are in first position having played 12 matches and won 10. In the new Ladies Ely & District Knockout Competition we were drawn against Fordham for our first match and on a very cold and damp evening we managed to win both our home and away games. We now face Littleport, again with one triples team playing at home, the other away. In the regional competitions there has been an excellent start with twenty-four Girton teams still involved, including ten quarter finals and a semifinal round reached.

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

*Lynne McGill*

## Girton Tennis Club



The excitement of watching tennis from Wimbledon has now passed for another year but, thanks to Victor, we ran a mini-Wimbledon style competition during the Junior Session on Friday 7th July. We

also ran our local 'Rocket Cup' competition during July so I should have the results to publish by next month. There have been some very close matches played.

Our Cambridge Mixed League season is now in operation and we are playing in Division 10. We will be playing teams from Ely, Cambridge, Great Shelford and the Love Tennis Academy. Best wishes to our team.



We opened the courts for all to enjoy on Saturday 8th July in support of the Girton Feast. Thanks to several club members who helped run this Open Court session and also for their help with other Feast activities. It was really nice to see so many people enjoying the fine weather and opportunity to try out some tennis. If you enjoyed this open session, and would like to play some more tennis, do get in touch with our Membership Secretary (details below).

The tennis club has use of the recreation ground courts and members who purchase a key and have a confirmed booking have court access during most daylight hours. Club members meet and play from around 7.30pm to 9pm on Friday evenings. Potential new members are very welcome to come along to our Friday club nights for one or two free sessions to check it all out.

Details about our activities can be found on our website [www.girtontennisclub.uk](http://www.girtontennisclub.uk) or by contacting our Membership Secretary by email at [info@girtontennisclub.uk](mailto:info@girtontennisclub.uk).

*Alan Franklin*



## Girton Golf Club

Thinking of joining a golf club, or in the area for just a short time? Here is great offer for you.

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10.30am, including in the medals and stablefords, for just £400 if over 33 and only £270 if between 21 and 32 – great rates for up to 90 rounds of golf on a beautiful 18 hole course. Speak to the office or Pro shop for more details. This is a great way to try before you buy and for short term work contracts in the area. There's an easy upgrade to full membership if you decide to stay.

The well supported Captain's Day was won by Paul Robinson, just pipping Ronak Alwala and Elliot Bamforth on countback. The ladies' competition was also won on countback by Margaret McCall from Pam Gregory and Jean Curtis.

Presidents Day saw a tie for the men's competition but the ladies' competition was won by Gillian L'Angellier, while Lyndsey Green, not only won the 2s competition but also scored a hole in one. Pictures show winners with Club President Hugh Carlisle.



*Gillian L'Angellier*



*Lyndsey Green*

Remember Girton Golf Club Clubhouse is open daily for drinks and lunches and is available for booking for private events.



## Girton Netball Club

Netball skills and team-based fun for all levels of player. Meets every Monday evening at 6.50pm at Girton recreation ground.

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*Girton Netball Club.*

## CODEWORDS

Each number 1-26 represents a different letter of the alphabet. Can you work out which is which? Use your word skills and the clues included. Note that Codewords can include names or well-known phrases. Answers are on page 9.

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## WORDSEARCH – SEASIDE TOWNS 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 - AND - Can you match up all the names that have been split?

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## Wild Girton

### Girton's traditional orchards

In May 1914, just before the outbreak of the First World War, Bidwells held an auction of properties in Girton at the Red Lion Hotel in Petty Cury.

Among the successful bidders that day was Charles Coe, who bought lot 12, shown on the map that accompanied the sale. There he planted an orchard that still exists today, although the Coe family sold the property in 1992. At the end of the nineteenth century and into the first half of the twentieth, there were many such orchards in Girton and some of them are shown on the sale map. (You can find others on historic Ordnance Survey maps of the area.)

Like other orchard keepers in the villages around Histon, the Coes would have found a ready market for their produce through the Chivers enterprise that delivered fruit to London by rail as well as making jam in their factory. Over the course of the twentieth century, however, the market for locally produced fruit declined and just two of the old orchards survive intact in Girton now – Lot 12 at the top of Manor Farm Road and the orchard at Girton College. Nonetheless there are undoubtedly fragments of other old orchards – single trees or groups – surviving in the gardens of Girton to this day.



### Bidwells sale in 1914

In an old orchard, the trees, the land they stand on and the hedges that surround them, are habitats of immense value, a bulwark against declining biodiversity where a variety of species can survive and prosper. The old fruit trees were grafted to standard rootstocks that produce the magnificent, tall, widely spaced and long-lived fruit trees that are typical of a traditional orchard. The dwarfing rootstocks that make

short (and shorter lived) fruit trees that grow in dense plantings in intensively managed modern orchards only began to be widely adopted by commercial growers in the mid-twentieth century.

Traditional orchards combine aspects of many different habitats into a mosaic of features that allows a wide variety of animals and plants to interact and thrive. The tall open canopied trees and the grasses on the orchard floor are akin to open woodland with underlying meadow, while the surrounding hedges provide thicker cover for nesting and hibernating, and ponds and ditches are a source of water and damp marshy environments.

We can see the web of interactions between the species of animals, plants and fungi within this mosaic unfold as the orchard year moves through its seasons. In April and May, the glorious months of reappearing leaves and abundant

blossom, the flowering trees provide a rich source of food for pollinators such as bumblebees, while the tussocky meadow grasses are an ideal place for their nests. Birds such as tits, jays, woodpeckers and owls will be building their nests and rearing their young within the nooks, crannies and hollowed out trunks of mature and ageing trees.

As the grass grows, together with flowering plants such as vetches and orchids, it provides food for caterpillars that in turn will feed hungry young birds, while the survivors will emerge as butterflies that swarm through the orchard in high summer, searching for nectar among the wildflowers and the hedge brambles. The fruit harvest from late July onwards is enjoyed by humans and animals alike – foxes and badgers, birds, butterflies, wasps and many more all feast on the fruit, either on the trees or as windfalls. This is the season too for cutting the grass and raking it off, either for compost heaps or to be used as mulch around the trees. The warmth of the rotting hay is an ideal refuge and egg laying site for grass snakes.

With the onset of winter, the fallen fruit is a vital food source as it rots and in December and January, resident birds are joined by flocks of migrating fieldfares and redwings to squabble over the pickings that remain. This yearly sequence occurs against the longer cycle of growth and decay in the orchard trees. As they mature and age, the trees accumulate a patchwork of mosses and lichens and fungi. Dead and decaying branches and trees, standing or fallen, are ideal habitats for insects and other invertebrates that feed on rotting wood.



*The orchard in Spring – ageing trees, blossom and a flourishing meadow*

The resilience and richness of the orchard depends on the interconnected mosaic of habitats and species that

it provides and supports. The gardens of Girton are another such mosaic and several, perhaps many of them, contain fragments of old orchards in the form of mature and ageing fruit trees. These trees are significant for more than their fruit, so it doesn't matter if your old plum or apple tree is rather feeble and unproductive, it is doing so much for the environment! The more we know about this mosaic, the more we can promote and preserve the interconnectedness on which it depends.

### Send us your sightings

This month, if you have an old fruit tree(s) in your garden please tell us. We'd love to hear from you. Send a photo too. Also continue to send us your other wildlife sightings from around the village.

### Events

We are planning another open evening in the Town End Close reserve for the autumn. Date to be confirmed. And later in the autumn we will hold another Public Meeting to get your views on the next iteration of the village Local Nature Recovery Plan.

Local Nature Recovery Plan Group: [lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk)



## New Study shows additional benefit of Almshouse living

Girton Town Charity's almshouse residents often highlight how much they enjoy the opportunity to live independently in a supportive community – but there are other benefits too as a recent report by the Bayes Business School\* has shown.

Currently 36,000 people live in 2,600 almshouses in the UK which vary in terms of location, size and eligibility criteria.

### **Girton connection**

GTC currently provides 28 properties within the Village,

intended for those living in, or with a strong connection to Girton, including 15 recently completed apartments at Dovehouse Court.

Some are designed for families to enable them to save and move into their own housing in due course and others are for active retirees who can live independently.

The findings of the Bayes Business School study focused on almshouses for active retirees and found that in general, residents enjoyed longer lives than those living elsewhere – around two years on average.

### **Supportive community**

Some of the reasons for this included the benefit of living independently in a supportive community where there was a sense of belonging, with like-minded neighbours who could provide companionship.

Often, as in the case of Dovehouse Court, almshouses are constructed on three sides of a quadrangle around a central communal garden, with attractive planting and seating to encourage social interaction.

Ann Bonnett, Chair of GTC said: "It is good to see that there are positive benefits of almshouse living, highlighted in this latest study. We know from our own residents that they appreciate being able to live in well-



built, energy-efficient homes alongside others with whom they can socialise if they wish. There are opportunities for communal gardening in the raised vegetable beds and the support of GTC's office near by.

"This avoids the problems caused by loneliness and isolation which can arise if older residents live alone and without regular interaction with others."

### **How it works**

GTC's almshouses are let as unfurnished homes and subject to different legal arrangements from private, council or housing association tenancies.

Residents are 'appointees', not 'tenants', live in the house under licence and pay a maintenance contribution, not rent. As they are almshouses, there is no 'right-to-buy' or opportunity for shared equity.

Residency for under 55's is limited to a maximum of three years. Over 55's or in the case of disability, appointments are made for as long as the resident is able to live independently.

All residents sign a Letter of Appointment which clearly states the terms and conditions of residency.

\* Bayes Business School (formerly Cass), City, University of London



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## Monday

9.30 - 1.00pm	Tumble Tots (term time)
2.00 - 3.00pm	Kurling for over 55's
6.00 - 7.00pm	Pilates with Wendy Jane
8.00 - 9.30pm	Whole Notes Gospel Choir

## Tuesday

9.00 - 11.00am	Yoga with Julia Dale
11.15am - 12.15pm	Yoga with Jess (Hatha)
6.00 - 7.00pm	Pilates with Wendy Jane
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 Jane
5.45 - 6.45pm	Pilates with Jax Eades
7.15pm & 8.15pm	Ballroom Dance Classes

## Friday

9.30 - 10.20am	Barre (Womens) Fitness Class
9.30am - 12.30pm	Little City Toddler Play (second in month)
1.30 - 3.30pm	Falls Prevention Clinic
7.30 - 8.30pm	Easton Swing (third in month)

## Saturday

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

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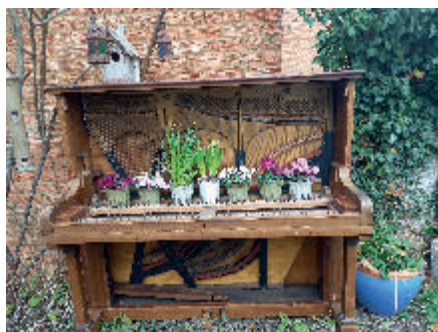


## A Piano for All Seasons

This has been, and remains, a piano for all seasons. It has travelled across the world and across the UK. It has been played by different generations in my family. It has borne witness to all

the seasons of life and now it is in its final resting place.

Beyond repair, (for any musicians amongst you, pressing the middle C key sometimes resulted in the sound of C...or D...or B...or a combination of any of the aforementioned!) we had to relinquish the sentimental attachment to this beautiful piece of furniture, an instrument of previously played musical stories and emotions. Everything has its season but not even I could abandon it to be disposed of when a new piano was purchased.



So, instead, it has a place in my garden – changing amidst the seasons, with the addition of plants purchased, or gifted, and surrounded by nature. The climbing rose reaches over it,

the robins visit the feeder, the squirrels scuttle across the top, and sometimes when a leaf falls one can almost hear the brushing of the strings.

The sentiment expressed in many religions (and in many ways of living), is represented



here: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

### Youth Mental Health First Aid

To complement my work, skills and understanding in Adult MHFA, I am pleased to announce that I have now also undertaken the Youth MHFA course with the hope to qualify as an instructor. Having worked in education for all my working life, the opportunity to build on how I have always supported children and young people seems like a natural progression.

*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 email: [mhfa.julietadlouné@gmail.com](mailto:mhfa.julietadlouné@gmail.com)*



## News For Older Residents

### Tuesday Connections

This will be the name given to different events which I will hold, every so often, on Tuesday afternoons in the William Collyn Centre.

Some of you have lived in Girton for a long time, even all your lives, while others are newer or very new to this area. I wonder how much you know of the social history of the place where you have chosen to live? The first Connections, which will be on Tuesday 12 September from 2pm to 4pm, will be an opportunity to extend our knowledge of the social history of the village. I am very grateful to Graham Clare, who has lived all his life in Girton, for agreeing to speak and lead our conversations that afternoon. There will be plenty of time for listening, talking, and enjoying a cuppa together. Although there is no need to book, it would be helpful to have some idea of numbers, so let me know if you are planning to come. Thank you.

### Hope Again

The Hope Again courses are helpful to those coping with bereavement and adjusting to a very different way of life. The latest series starts on Thursday 14 September and runs until Thursday 19 October from 2pm to 4pm in the Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Histon. It is group-based support with different topics and discussions each week. For more information and to register your interest in attending, phone: 07707 263353 or email: [HABG1@icloud](mailto:HABG1@icloud).

### New Age Kurling

It puzzles me as to why attendance at New Age Kurling is so low. It is an enjoyable target game which can be played either seated or standing and the regular participants are keen to introduce it to others. August tends to be a quieter month, with less happening, so perhaps now is a good time to give Kurling a try. The sessions are on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 3pm in the William Collyn Centre and the £3 charge includes tea, coffee, and biscuits.

I have two items to give away, a radio cd player specifically for someone with sight difficulties and one magnifying glass.

*Patricia Johnston*

Older Residents' Coordinator

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## Feast Week: The Mini Show

Another year, another weird growing season. It was so cold early in the year, there was hardly any rain in June, and finally thunderstorms in July. Girton gardeners and allotment holders are a hardy and enterprising lot and this year we had 60 entries in eight categories, giving a truly magnificent display for the village to admire.



Malcolm Frew arrived to judge the entries at 11.45am and award the rosettes. The animals modelled from vegetables, fruit and flowers were all amazing. Clara Hawksworth's "Rabbit with a carrot scarf" won this category and took the cup for the Best Junior entry which was presented by Malcolm.

There were plenty of entries in the vegetable and fruit categories with some mouth-watering plates of raspberries, gooseberries and currants, and some interesting vegetables too. The full table of winners can be seen on the GGS website: [girtongardensociety.co.uk](http://girtongardensociety.co.uk).

Best in Show was won by Rod Mathie for his entry of "A bunch of garden flowers". There were ten entries in this category and all of them were beautiful and carefully constructed, as were the roses and single stems of one variety.



It is a continuing testament to the enthusiasm for gardening in Girton that we can put on such a good display despite the best efforts of the weather to make it difficult.

Many, many thanks to all those who helped on such a hot and humid day, with setting up, organising, and clearing away; as well as selling and talking about the produce on our combined GGS and GAS stall to the many villagers who visited us.

*Kay Green GGS and Ann Jerram GAS*

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## August Wine Selection

Three very appealing wines to tempt your palate this month ... Cheers!



### Joan ventures out

Having been involved in a road traffic accident in January of this year, Joan Taylor had spent several weeks in hospital and had continued her recovery at home for a further few weeks without being able to go out. It was with the aid of Patricia Johnston, Girton's Older Residents' Coordinator, that on the 28th June Joan was able to join a group of her friends for lunch in a garden within the village - her first outing since her accident. The group of twelve had over 900 years of life's experiences between them so conversational subjects were not hard to find. 'Yes' there was plenty to talk and 'yes' the chatter was unceasing - they even discussed shopping would you believe?



Joan on the left in serious discussion

know that Patricia Johnston is welcomed into the homes of many of our older residents offering advice and helping where she can and sometimes she mentions this group I'm sure. We are at Abbeyfield every Monday morning from 10am to 12pm offering what advice and help we can with computers, tablets and mobile phones. We are also there to drink coffee, chat, and make friends - we'll talk to anyone so why not drop in and see what it's all about. It's not going to blow your socks off but if you are living alone or are new to the village it is someone to talk to and you will hear all about our exploits. There's no charge unless you buy a coffee and we'll be happy to greet you.



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An expressive red wine from Bergerac.



### *Château Bel-Air, Bergerac 2020 (France)*

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A refreshing dry white blend, perfect for these summer days



### *Freedom of the Press Compendium 1 - Dry White Blend 2021 (Oxford)*

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Enjoy by itself or with chicken, seafood, or salad. It will also pair well with Asian dishes.

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Martin Nuttall

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### Being Chosen

At the moment I'm watching the brilliant, independently funded TV series "The Chosen." It tells the life of Jesus through the eyes of those chosen by Jesus to follow him in his earthly ministry. As well as telling the story, the series also creatively and respectfully tries to fill in some of the gaps left by the gospel writers. (What does Jesus mean when he says to Nathanael: "I saw you under the fig tree" in John 1:48? Why is Nathanael so amazed by this? Watch series two episode two to find out!)

Part of the brilliance of the series is the way each of Jesus' chosen followers must make sense of their own calling and that of others. Matthew is portrayed as a socially awkward genius-with-numbers, and he and his fellow-chosen grapple with why Jesus would call someone who has spent his whole working life in league with the occupying Roman powers. Peter, James, and John can all be bossy and self-important, and difficult for the others. Mary Magdalene struggles with her own past, as well as wondering about why she, a woman, has been chosen in a way so contrary to cultural expectations at the time. Thomas often feels like a bit of an outsider.

All of them struggle to understand who Jesus is and why he does things that, to their eyes, are so unexpected (or

even plain wrong). They feel exhilarated and unworthy at the same time, but gradually come to see how Jesus uses each of the gifts and experiences that they bring to the group.

The wonderful news is that Jesus still calls people. He still chooses people to work with him and for him for the sake of the Kingdom of God. He uses our skills, our experiences (good and bad) and our abilities and makes them more than we thought they could be.

Perhaps you've sometimes wondered about who Jesus is. Perhaps you've been following him for decades. Perhaps you want something new to watch! I certainly recommend The Chosen. You might even find that Jesus has chosen you for something!

The whole series is available to watch for free at: [www.thechosen.tv](http://www.thechosen.tv) and I commend it to you.

If anyone is interested in a discussion group about the show, please get in touch!

*Michael Bigg, Rector*

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### Early Birds WI

The week after running our successful cake and crafts stall at the Girton Feast (the challenge being to try to stop the chocolate on the cakes melting), the Earlybirds WI met for a particularly unexpected fun meeting in

July. We were informed at the last minute that our anticipated speaker, from Emmaus, was unable to come to talk to us. We will be rebooking this talk soon. So in the meantime, how to fill the slot in our programme?

Luckily, our lovely president Rachel, forever thinking ahead, had a quiz to hand. So we broke up into small teams to test our brain power. It was great fun seeing our question mistress as confused as the team members - and she had the answers! There were lots of laughs as we tried to figure out the clues and anagrams, and the results were very equal. It seems we all had a similar way of thinking. This was followed by coffee and cake, a raffle and of course lots of chat.

We are a small but beautifully friendly group, so do come and join us. Our next meeting, on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August is our summer social gathering on Girton rec from 10.30am. Bring a chair and a coffee (or these can usually be bought from Lexi's in the nearby Cotton Hall). Then on 8<sup>th</sup> September there will be a 'Let's dance' meeting, and for 13<sup>th</sup> October, Dr Dickinson will be coming to talk about 'Butterflies'. We regularly meet on the second Friday of each month at the CFWI office in Oakington Road, at 10.30am. If you'd like to join us, please contact [earlybirdsec@gmail.com](mailto:earlybirdsec@gmail.com).

*Trish Peroni*



### Girton WI

Our President welcomed Kate Osborne, our speaker for the evening, who gave us an extremely interesting and fascinating talk on "Suffolk

Shingle", tales of treasure and trash. Kate also runs Beach Bonkers, where every beach find tells a story. Kate has done this job for seven years and told us that there is no soil on beaches because of the shingle, and that many plants do grow through the shingle such as sea kale and the yellow haul poppy. Kate told us of a sea turtle from Costa Rica which was injured from a plastic straw which got stuck in its mouth, to emphasise what can happen if we discard our rubbish on our beaches.

Towards the end of her talk, she passed around various shells of all sizes, and we were asked to get into small groups to identify them as part of a quiz. We all learnt some very interesting facts and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The last thing Kate showed us was a jar filled with 623 mixed items she had collected from beaches she had visited.

I'm sure all our members would agree that we learnt such a lot about beach combing, and just how many different items can be found below the surface as well as above it. We thanked Kate for coming along to our meeting.





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	10:00am	All-age Communion
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
20th	10:00am	Holy Communion (+StA4K)
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
27th	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:00am	Morning Prayer (+StA4K)
3rd Sep	10:00am	Holy Communion (+StA4K)

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

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Thurs	9am	Morning Prayer (said) (Online)
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We pray for our schools and universities, especially our village schools and the college. Help us to value the experience of studying for its own sake. Bless our life together as learning and teaching communities, and make us wise but not cunning, perceptive but not cynical, and generous in a world where greed and ruthlessness often prevail, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Angela Ashwin*

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27th	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Christine Kimmitt.

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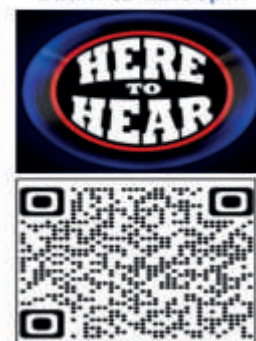


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