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The need for help for those who register as needing help to feed their families has been increasing, especially during the holidays when needy children don't get school lunches.

In the year to June, Girton people kindly gave, via the Co-op, the two churches, the Rotary Club, and Abbeyfield, 1,976 kg of tins and packets of food (in a total of 66,000 kg given to food banks in the wider Cambridge area).

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## Girton Parish Council

**Girton Recreation Ground Car Park Safety** Please note that at a meeting on 2nd August with Girton Parish Council, Girton Town Charity, and a Girton resident, it was agreed that work on Car Park Safety, which has been under discussion for a number of years, would be actioned. The first stage is that a water filled temporary barrier is being put in place short-term. This will be replaced as soon as possible, likely with steel bollards. We will keep you posted on times and dates for the work. Thanks to all of you who have commented on Girton Village Community Facebook page, your comments have been logged and are being considered.

**Wellbrook Way Maintenance** Girton Parish Council has been in contact with residents of Wellbrook Way together with Birketts and Taylor Wimpey to understand the work that needs to be carried out, and to make sure that the work required on public open spaces, streetlights, sewers, and roads is being carried out. All work on public open spaces should be reported to: [clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk). If you have any issues you would like to report, Taylor Wimpey has requested that you email: [CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com](mailto:CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com). If you can, please copy your emails to: [clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk) as it would allow us to identify the amount of work that needs to be carried out.

**Blue Bins** Thank you to South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), who have included Girton Parish in their trial for recycling bins. Two new bins have been installed at Girton Recreation Ground and will be collected free of charge for the next 12 months as we identify whether these bins will be used well in our village. The Recreation Ground as a location has been chosen as this is the area that has the most food and drink waste. The bins were fitted last Friday and are already being used quite extensively over the last weekend. We will be working with SCDC during this period to understand if there is a demand for recycling bins and whether the rubbish is provided clean of contamination. Please use these recycling bins wisely and do send us any comments or questions you may have.



**Girton Parish Council Logo Competition** Congratulations to the winners of our Girton Parish Council Logo competition launched at the Coronation. Girton Parish Council thanks all residents who took time to join in this competition judged by Chris

Gooch of Open Design and approved by Girton Parish Council at their July meeting.

First Prize: Alicia Travieso (as pictured here)  
Second Prize: Stella Blank  
Third Prize: Laura Mitchell

Look out for our new logo designed by Alicia, which will be used on all Girton Parish Council communication going forward.

**Coronation Treasure Hunt Competition** Congratulations to the winners of our Coronation Treasure Hunt competition. Many of you took part in this competition, exploring the village to find clues placed from the Old Crown Girton right up to Girton College then presenting wonderful drawings of a crown fit for a King. Thank you to all entrants and to our three winners.

First Prize: Florence Read  
Second Prize: Eleanor Wyborn  
Third Prize: Thea Matthews

**Summer initiative for Girton** Cllr Stuart Marshall, a member of Girton Parish Council, was delighted to find a painting on a piece of broken pot on his way home from meeting one of the members of the residential association in Eddington. We understand that these pictures have been placed in Girton by one of our very young residents. Thank you for brightening up Girton!



**Thank you to Jack's Gelato for sponsoring our summer competitions** Jack's Gelato have provided 26 special silver coins to all our shortlisted entries. Each of these coins allow our winners to purchase an ice cream from one of Jack's stores in Cambridge.



**Girton Corner Telephone Box** Congratulations to the team of three who have been working with Girton College to refurbish the telephone box at Girton Corner and turn it into a lending library. The team have now successfully raised £950 to carry out the work using crowdfunding and work is now under way.

**Washpit Lane Bench** After an unfortunate accident to the bench recently placed at Washpit Lane by Neighbourhood Watch, a huge thank you goes to Philip Benton (son of Elizabeth Benton), from Girton Neighbourhood Watch, for fixing the new bench at Washpit Lane. It looks great and what a strong fix on such a nasty break. Thanks also to Margaret Wheatley who is staining both benches at Washpit Lane and Smithy Green opposite the Church.

*Girton Parish Clerk*  
01223 237173, [clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk)

*See full list of Councillors on page 30.*



## From Our Councillors

### County Councillor's Report

#### Update on Environment Agency work on Girton Flood Risk

For the last few months the Environment Agency has been working to develop a flood alleviation scheme for Girton. The good news is that any scheme will unlock some Flood Defence Grant money but there will still be cost considerations.

They report that they have made progress, modifying the hydraulic model to include a small diversion channel connected to the Beck Brook to take water in higher flows, relief culverts at Oakington Road bridge to increase capacity through the bridge, and a widening of the Beck Brook channel up and downstream of Oakington Road. Their comment on work to date is as follows:

*"Initial results show that these measures did not have a significant impact on reducing flood risk in a large-scale flood event though we are still awaiting the results for smaller scale flood events. These results will be reviewed in greater detail to understand the benefits of each option and their implementation costs to determine whether any of these options can be taken forward.*

*At the end of July, we also undertook a site visit around the catchment to consider Natural Flood Management (NFM) measures. This option relies on the goodwill and agreement of landowners to allow these measures to be installed on their land."*

Having spoken with EA's new project manager for Girton and their Flood Risk Adviser, along with the County's Flood Risk Manager, their plan is to complete their modelling work then fully engage in consultation with all residents as well as local County, District and Parish councillors. The EA will set out what their recommendations are and why, answer any questions and discuss the way forward. I am pleased, however, that they are open to 'real' consultation. They believe they will complete their modelling work by the end of the year, and until then they will endeavour to provide monthly updates.

#### Special educational needs support

A new information hub has been developed which should provide some help for parents and carers of the approximately 15,000 children with special educational needs and disability (SEND) in Cambridgeshire. The website was developed with local experts including parents, health professionals, and community organisations such as Speak Out Council and PinPoint. The tool was produced to help families and young people to navigate the special needs journey and access information and advice. There are obviously enormous needs in this area and an information hub will only represent a small

step – there's a very long way to go yet. Please visit: [send.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://send.cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

#### Funds available from the County Council for small capital projects – deadline fast approaching!

The Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund is now open for applications! It provides a grant of up to £40,000 which can be used on capital expenditure (eg, building improvements or equipment). Expressions of interest must be made **by 24th September**, and applicants who are successful at this stage will be invited to submit a Stage 2 application. Applicants can be any community organisation including businesses although the case for public benefit must be clear.

These projects could be for Men's Sheds, fitout work for a foodbank, funding equipment – it's deliberately quite broad. And there can be more than one application per village. Guidance and the EOI template are on the website: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/cambridgeshire-priorities-capital-fund](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/cambridgeshire-priorities-capital-fund).

If you are seriously interested in putting an application forward please talk to me about it as I will need to sign the application as well.

I hope you have had a wonderful summer! Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

*Cllr Edna Murphy*  
[edna.murphy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:edna.murphy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### District Councillors' Report

#### Webchat on the SCDC website

Webchat has now been launched on the SCDC website. This enables residents and businesses to chat via their web browser whilst they complete other tasks online. Residents can now ask questions and get information from advisors via webchat about all our services, apart from planning where the detailed nature of enquiries doesn't lend itself well to webchat.

At this stage, the webchat service will be available every weekday between 10am and 3pm. Just click on the "chat online" icon.

#### Eddington Visit

Parish and District Councillors made a short visit to Eddington on 20th July for a briefing on the current status of the development. Matthew Johnson, who is the Development Director for NW Cambridge (in the University Estates Department), showed us around and told us of the future plans. The outline planning permission for the site has lapsed (there is a 10-year limit). While some of the original parcels will go ahead according to recent approvals, the phase of development in the parish will be covered by a new outline that is currently under discussion between the University and GCSPS. Eddington spans Girton Parish and the City's Castle Ward.

### The U-Bus

The U-Bus service is being equipped with electric buses. It is being extended to Girton College. The bus stop at Girton Corner already has the U-Bus timetable.



It will not be so frequent as the service from Eddington but will be going to Addenbrooke's and the railway station. Here's one of the new buses on a training run in Eddington.

### The Phone Box at Girton Corner

Congratulations to the group of residents for raising funds for the conversion to a children's book exchange. It is looking better already.

### Business news

If you're a business with ambitions to expand, the NatWest Accelerator programme could help (check QR code).



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**Net Zero Now**  
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applications will open on Monday 11th September for another Net Zero Now course for residents of South Cambridgeshire. This is a free, six-week community climate action course designed to provide you with the knowledge and confidence to support your community on its journey to net zero.

Net Zero Now is run by Cambridge Carbon Footprint

with the support of South Cambridgeshire District Council and the National Lottery Community Fund. Find out more - including a self-led course (check QR code).



### Fly tipping

South Cambridgeshire District Council has recently underlined its determination to crack down on illegal dumping of waste and has prioritised it as a key objective in its Business Plan by:

- Ensuring prompt clearance of rubbish to reduce further occurrences at the same site.
- Deterring criminal activity using "fly tip under investigation" stickers to highlight ongoing investigations.
- Implementing joint roadside check initiatives with the Police, HMRC and other partners.

The Council receives around 1,600 reports a year on-line which amounts to more than four reports a day, every day, throughout the year - including Bank Holidays. It seems that rubbish dumpers don't take the day off, not even for Christmas.

What should you do if you see fly tipped waste?

- Report using our online reporting page (check QR code). Make a note of the exact location.



- Date and time you discovered the fly-tipping.
- Details and photos of the items.
- Vehicle's registration number and other identifying features such as colour and model.

South Cambridgeshire District Council can support local communities to run community clear up days (check QR code). Get in touch and we can provide you



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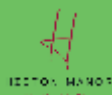
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## News for Older Residents



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All Tuesday Connections events will be held in the William Collyn Community Centre from 2 to 4 pm and include plenty of time to meet, chat and make new friends while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee. There is no need to book, but it would be helpful to have some idea of numbers so please get in touch if you are definitely planning to come.

### NB: Girton Town Charity's CarePlus Scheme is being updated

From 1st September 2023, the CarePlus Grant Scheme will become a Short-Term Care Grant. The new grant will be for £1200 but will only last for a maximum of three consecutive months in any calendar year. This will apply to all new applicants and when current CarePlus Grants have been completed. Let me know if you want more details as to how this will affect you.

### Hope Again

The current course runs from 14th September to 19th October. To register phone: 07707 263353 or email: [HABG1@icloud](mailto:HABG1@icloud).

### Cam Sight

The peer support group which met in St Vincent's Close Community Room is now meeting in Histon and Impington. To join this group phone: 01223 420033 or email: [info@camsight.org.uk](mailto:info@camsight.org.uk).

### Community Warden Scheme

My colleague, Sarah Stuart, has availability for telephoning and/or visiting people on weekdays. Contact her directly on: 07979 333963 to get more information or ask me for information about the service.

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Older Residents' Coordinator

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## Girton Poppy Appeal 2023

The dates for the  
Annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023  
are between 28th October and 12th November.

Sitting in the warm sunshine studying a replica P51-Mustang with birds singing around me, it was hard to imagine the scenes that took place in that very spot 80 years ago, when those same fighter planes were deployed by the U.S.A.F. to intercept and shoot down enemy aircraft which were threatening our country. The calm was suddenly shattered by a re-enactment group making a film of the allied forces attacking a heavily fortified Estonian bunker and trench system (under German control) during 1943.



I had been invited to attend a Thank You Presentation Day at Bottisham Airfield Museum, for local Poppy Appeal Organisers. Not only did I receive a certificate from Alan Scott, Cambs County Chairman of the RBL, but also my husband, Ian, for the unwavering support he has given me over the last six years. It was lovely to meet other PAOs and swap experience.

I am planning to have a stand at Sainsbury's, Eddington again this year. However, there are no plans to conduct house to house collections. Traditional paper Poppies will be available during this time from a number of locations throughout Girton.

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

Badges will also be available from your local  
Poppy Appeal Organiser, Wendy Ripley  
Mobile: 07885 190597 or  
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Allotment Society members are well-nigh unanimous in their opinion: this horticultural season has been a welcome improvement on last year. Seeds germinated, plants grew and the harvest is being reaped and enjoyed. A successive second year of weeks of blistering heat, never ending need to water, parched seared grass areas, would have been heart-breaking. I heard some members say they would have given up after a second impossible season.

This year hasn't been all plain sailing and there have been times to grumble - a spell of heatwave and near-unbearable heat in June; then it seemed hardly to stop raining in July (at the time of writing August has still to make its mind up). But the spells of extreme heat and of extreme rainfall ended before we became discouraged. Watering cans could spend longer on their can-parks. Temperatures eased. The ground got good soakings but dried to a workable state. And so it looks as if this season will be pleasant and fruitful enough for the waverers to sign up for another year.

By the time of publication in September, first thoughts about future months will be starting. A few members will be giving serious thoughts as to whether to continue next season. Perhaps the time demands of working a plot are too great. Perhaps age and health make a few consider the possibility of another year (I am one in this category, but don't think I could bear not to have my modest plot). There is regret in losing long-standing members. I'm thinking of one couple I chat to who are 'retiring'.

Choices must also be made as to what to do with our plots over the winter. Some choose to rest from allotment labours - to clear their plots and leave them fallow (and tidy!); some plots will continue to accommodate overwintering crops ... leeks, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower (protected from winter-hungry pigeons). Or a sort of middle way: to clear the plot and sow it with green manure which grows lush and is then dug in to provide nutrients and texture to the soil. I have always used field mustard, but this year have purchased a seed mix of mustard, clover and rye grass.

A leisurely walk round the site demonstrates the fertility of our work; the variety and beauty of vegetables, fruit and flowers grown; the hard work and care which we amateurs devote to our hobby. As I wandered around the site and as I harvested from my plot, I was taken back in thought to years ago when churches held the annual Harvest Festival ... a proper Harvest Festival! In Birmingham where I was born, I loved the Harvest Festival at our local Baptist church. I don't know if it was on the Friday or the Saturday when people brought along cartloads of vegetables, fruits and flowers, and laid them all around the church. Every surface, every window recess, the chancel steps, the pulpit surround, even the

communion table (if I remember rightly) were made glorious by the voluptuous shapes, the colour and the fragrance of the harvest. I must look up the relevant chapter in *Cider with Rosie*. On the Monday, there was a Harvest Supper at which we youth club members auctioned off parcels of the harvest for charities. Sorry, you progressive churches, your symbolic tin of canned peas doesn't come within a thousand miles of the traditional Harvest Festival.



### *The Harvest*

The TV and radio schedules are heavily laced with programmes on wildlife, re-wilding schemes, loss of habitat, endangered species of birds, insects, mammals. Documentary makers have responded to the people's enormous quickening concern for the world and its biosphere. It's not too fanciful to see all the effort that goes into maintaining the Girton allotments as being in tune with the symphony of concern for the environment. Soil is kept healthy. The tons of greenery carry out this mysterious thing, carbon capture. All the blossoms of vegetables, fruit trees and garden flowers attract and feed insects, life-essential bees and life-enhancing butterflies. Toads, frogs, hedgehogs, foxes live here. (Not so welcome is the muntjac who helps himself to our crops.) Bird spotters have plenty to watch for. A wildflower meadow was attempted. Areas of dense weed are allowed on the perimeters for insects and caterpillars. It was a moment of joy recently to see a peacock butterfly, a painted lady and a comma feeding within inches of each other. All the food produced doesn't have to be transported. Are we doing alright, David Attenborough and Chris Packham?

*Graham Jones, Girton Allotment Society*



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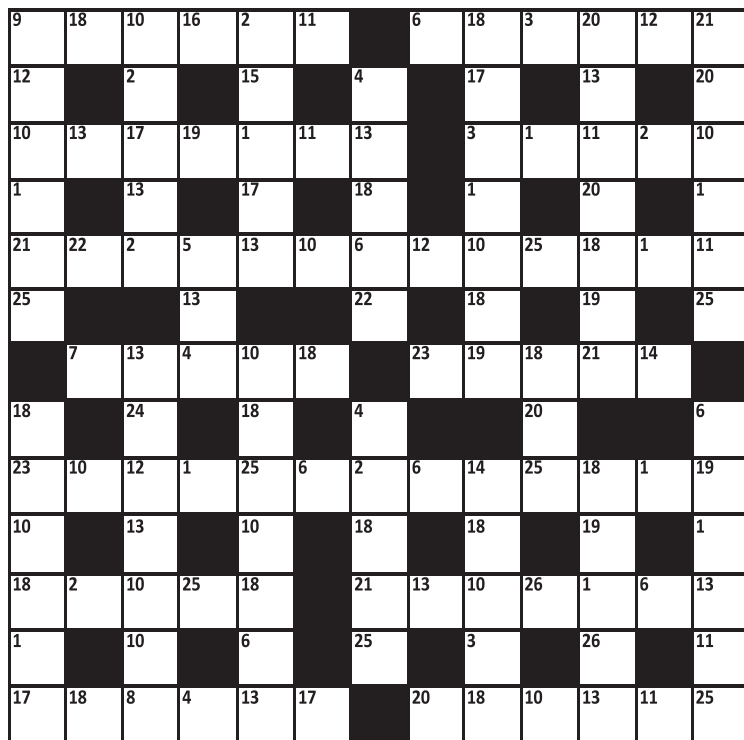
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## CODEWORDS

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

The solution is on page 30.

## WORDSEARCH – SO MANY NAMES FOR A GLASS!

Can you find all these words in the grid? They can read left to right, right to left, up or down or diagonally. Tick them off as you go.

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GIN	POKAL	TULIP
GLASS	PORT	TUMBLER
HURRICANE	RED	WINE
IPA	ROCKS	WHISKEY
IRISH	ROSE	WHITE
JUICE	RUM	YARD



Every Friday morning from 10am to lunchtime, Lexi's pop-up café provides a great service for Girton people as a community meeting place in the Cotton Hall. As well as the delicious coffee and cake, there is often a real “buzz” as friends and neighbours meet to chat and discuss the weather and issues of the day. Girton Parish Councillors attend regularly to discuss matters informally amongst themselves and with individual residents as the case may be.

There is a good deal of current interest in the “congestion charge” – seen as a threat and annoyance in the motoring community, but also as an opportunity for many others – including some motorists! The intention is that money raised by the congestion charge will be used to improve local public transport and attract local motorists out of their cars for local journeys. What about Girton?

At a recent Lexi's pop-up café Friday gathering a vision was put forward for an extra bus service in addition to the existing No 6 bus: Cambridge – Girton Corner – Girton village – Oakington and return. This new service (No 6L – Girton Loop) would take the same route out of Cambridge as the No 6 as far as the parish church, but then proceed to the High Street corner, turning left to go down the High Street with stops at the new Girton Town Charity development (Dovehouse Court) and Gretton Court. Then bear left at the bottom of the hill with stops serving Duck End and Town End Close and then up Church Lane to turn right onto Hicks Lane to join up with the route back to Girton Corner and linking with the University U-bus at Eddington.

*John Rankin*  
*Sustainable Girton*

Would you like to fill a shoebox with new gifts for a needy person in Eastern Europe? This is a lovely activity to do, especially with children, and the boxes are very much appreciated.

I am a local collection point for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal run by Blythwood Care. Your completed boxes may be dropped off at my home (address below) between 1st and 15th October.

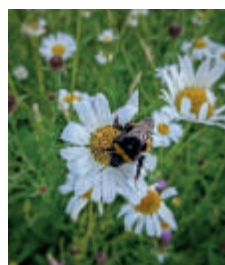
Details about the Appeal (who receives the boxes, what countries they are sent to, and what you could put in your boxes) are available here:

[www.blythwood.org/donate-to-shoe-box-appeal/](http://www.blythwood.org/donate-to-shoe-box-appeal/).

Or if you are unable to print, you may collect a leaflet from my home (please contact me first).

*Annabel Haylett*  
*62 High Street*  
*Annabel@Hayletts.net*

## Local Nature Recovery Plan



Thank you to everyone who spoke to us at the Feast, and congratulations to our photo competition winner for a beautiful photo of a bee on a flower! It was great to see so many different photos of wildlife and plant life around Girton.

### Events

We're still deciding on a date for the next public meeting in October, when we'll be thinking about adding more to the Local Nature Recovery Plan. Look out for more info in the next GPN.

### Town End Close open evening

**Monday 11th September 6-7.30pm**

Following our successful open evening in July we're planning another one on the 11th September as part of Open Cambridge. Come along to find out more about Girton's only nature reserve! For more see:

[www.opencambridge.cam.ac.uk/events/town-end-close-open-day](http://www.opencambridge.cam.ac.uk/events/town-end-close-open-day).

### Could you join the Green Team?

Lots of people have suggested ideas for looking after community sites in Girton, but we can only improve things for wildlife if we have a group of willing volunteers to do the physical work! We're looking for new members of the Green Team to help maintain our sites at Town End Close, the Hibbert War Memorial Garden and the Pump Garden. Recent jobs have included raking, clearing paths and pulling up nettles. No experience is required, and we can provide tools, gloves etc. for those taking part in working parties. It's a great way to meet people, get some fresh air and exercise and help wildlife!

There is usually one organised working party per month; there are also ongoing jobs so you could “adopt” an area near you if you can't make the official dates. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact us on: [lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk).

### What you can do this month

As plants in the garden finish flowering for the year it can be tempting to tidy everything up, but leaving seed heads can be a real help to garden birds and other wildlife.

### We need your sightings

Please keep sending any interesting sightings of plants or animals around the village to: [lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk), it's great to see them! We've had some very encouraging reports of swifts and newts recently, along with a magnificent dragonfly.

### Further Reading

Interested in doing more for wildlife in your garden? The Wildlife Trust has lots of ideas at: [www.wildlifetrusts.org/gardening](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/gardening) and you can also take part in their garden survey.



## Girton



## Musical Theatre

### Rehearsals starting for 'The Mikado'

There is still time to sign up to sing with Girton Musical Theatre this year. Rehearsals for 'The Mikado' by Gilbert and Sullivan start on

Thursday 4th 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). If you'd like to know more, please check our website: [www.girtonmusicaltheatre.org.uk](http://www.girtonmusicaltheatre.org.uk), find us on Facebook, or contact: [info@girtonmusicaltheatre.org.uk](mailto:info@girtonmusicaltheatre.org.uk). (Or phone Helen on 01223 276940.)



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

## Girton Walking Group



Five very brave souls met on Saturday 5th August in atrocious weather to walk through the nature reserve and farmland from Cambourne, via the outskirts of Caxton and Bourn, and back to Cambourne. We must try this pleasant walk in good weather! Our next walks are:

### Saturday 2nd 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: [elisabethkron@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elisabethkron@yahoo.co.uk) and Rachel Thomas: [thomas.rachel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thomas.rachel@hotmail.co.uk).

### Saturday 7th October: Sawston and Whittlesford Circular

Meet in the car park at Sawston, CB22 3BG, for a 10am start (make sure you park in the public part of the car park, not the parking for Co-op customers). The walk is about five miles long on mostly hard surfaces and tracks. Once out of Sawston, the route continues to Whittlesford, then loops back to Sawston. We will have a stop at the church in Whittlesford, towards the end of the walk, so bring a drink if you wish. If the church is open, it is worth going in for a look. The walk involves crossing the Sawston by-pass twice and the Cambridge to Liverpool Street railway line also twice.

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

Anyone needing a lift for either of these walks please contact Angela Blackburn: [angela.blackburn@cantab.net](mailto:angela.blackburn@cantab.net).

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## September Wine Selection

If you are looking for something a little different this month, I hope these recent discoveries will tempt your palate. Cheers!

A refreshing and easy-drinking Pinot Noir from Romania



### **Zana Pinot Noir 2021 (Romania)**

This refreshing and easy-drinking Romanian Pinot Noir, which won Gold in the 2022 Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge Awards, is very good value for money. Produced by Cramele Recas, Romania's largest wine exporter, the wine has cherry, strawberry and plum notes on the nose which lead through to the palate, with a touch of spiciness on the finish. A smooth wine with medium tannin and medium acidity, it is an ideal match for cold meats or duck and can also be enjoyed by itself.

Available from Sainsbury's (£8.50)

A delightful GSM blend from the Rhône Valley



### **Domaine Gramiller Rasteau 2020 (Southern Rhône)**

This wine from Domaine Gramiller in the Southern Rhône is a blend of Grenache (50%), Syrah (30%) and Mourvèdre (20%) grape varieties. It is a smooth and elegant full-bodied wine with medium tannins, medium acidity, and a lengthy finish. With aromas of plum, blackberry and the herbs of its native garrigue on the nose leading to flavours of plum, cassis and liquorice on the palate, this is a well-balanced wine which can be paired with a grilled or roasted meat dish, or with roasted vegetables.

Available from Cambridge Wine Merchants (£15.99)

A refreshing, aromatic Bacchus from Kent



### **Chapel Down Bacchus 2022 (Kent)**

First established as a vineyard in 1977, Chapel Down in Kent has since undergone a number of iterations to become one of England's leading wine producers.

An aromatic wine with notes of melon and citrus on the nose, and flavours of apple, melon, and grapefruit on the palate, this is a crisp, refreshing, and well-balanced wine with a long finish. Enjoy by itself or with seafood, salad, or Thai food. It also pairs well with Wensleydale cheese. If you like New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, why not give Bacchus a try!

Available from Grape Britannia (now on Chesterton Road) (£16.99)

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## Wine for the people



Me and my family moved to Girton in April and felt very welcomed by our lovely neighbours and community. Now I want to give something back. As there is no local wine club I thought why not set one up?

Girton Wine Club is for those who

enjoy wine and spirits and want to learn a bit more about them in an informal way at an affordable cost. The idea is to meet roughly monthly to help the community get together and have some fun.

My aim for the society is not to make lots of money but to bring the community together, make more local friends and share my passion that was truly ignited when I visited Berry Brothers and Rudd (the oldest wine merchants in the world) many years ago.

As I assessed what was available on the tasting machines a ridiculously priced wine caught my eye that I had heard of before. Chateaux Margaux? It was £40 a sip and a mere £680 a bottle to buy! I took the plunge and bought a sip.

A small amount of bubbly rich blackcurrant coloured liquid was spat out by the machine into a glass. I stuck my nose in. The smell was out of this world. At that point I lacked the language to describe what I smelt other than heaven. I took a sip, it tasted even better than it smelt. That was the moment when my love affair with wine truly began.

Over the coming years I took advanced wine and spirit courses and passed with distinction (greedy for knowledge and the enhanced enjoyment of booze it brought) and even gained a wine teaching qualification with the Wine and Spirit Education Trust. I was then given a job teaching the qualifications from the above provider and leading tastings. I look forward to passing some of this knowledge and passion on at my first event on Friday 13th October at Storeys Field Centre, "A taste of Europe".

Cheers!

Matt Gamble

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# GIRTON scoreboard



## Girton Bowls Club

We have made excellent progress this season in the regional competitions. Girton players have so far reached 19 quarter finals, 13 semi-finals and 2 finals. Running side by side with the regional

competitions are our internal competitions, the finals of which will be played on Sunday 10th September.

In August Girton played host, as a neutral ground, to the semi-finals of the Lacon Cup. Abbey BC had a very tight game against Haddenham, which was only won on the last end by Abbey. In the other semi, Cambs and County also had a close game against Sawston, but came out the winners and go on to play Abbey in the final.

In the Cambridge and District ladies' pairs competition, Girton came up against a pair from Sawston who went off from the start like a rocket and were up 7-0 after four ends. However, once our team got into their stride, they had a really good game and finished with a 22-10 win. They then played the semi-finals in another close game at Longstanton against a team from Needingworth, which they won 14-12. This took them through to the final, which is being played in Cottenham on 9th September. Another two members have reached the Secretary and Treasurer's cup final at Cottenham. Unfortunately we lost recently in the Ely and District knockout cup when we were beaten by Chesterton by just two points in a very close game.

Three of our lady players were involved at County level in a fours' knockout competition and progressed to the final against Chesterton, in a match played at Littleport. Again the game was incredibly close and they were beaten by only two shots. The winning team went on to play in the Nationals at Leamington Spa.

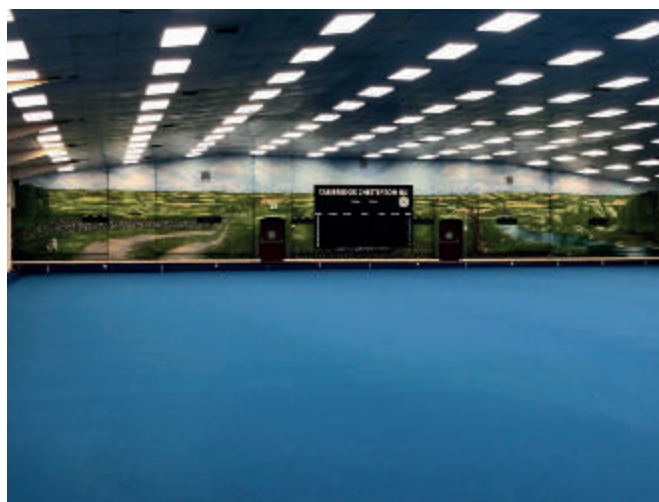
In the Ely and District Afternoon League Division 1, a tussle has been going on all season between Girton A and Girton B, with positions changing weekly. At the moment Girton B are sitting in second place and Girton A are lying in fourth position, both with one game left to play. In the Cambridge & District League Division 2, Girton are in second place, half a point behind Milton; if we can maintain or improve this position we stand a good chance of promotion to League 1. We are still holding our own in both the Meldreth League and the Business Houses League. Congratulations to all our players for contributing to

another wonderful season for the Club.

We were recently invited to attend the Open Garden event at Arlington Manor where myself and our Chairman met up with Martin Dickson, the Customer Relationship Manager to explore ways we could work together in order to mutually benefit the Bowls Club and the residents of Arlington.

Last month one of the founding members of Girton Bowls Club, Derek Anderson, sadly passed away. We extend our condolences to his widow Shirley and all his family at this sad time.

As the outdoor season comes to a conclusion the indoor teams are being organised for the winter season in the newly refurbished Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club. Once again a huge vote of thanks to our fantastic maintenance team for all their hard work in making our green one of the best in the County.



*Newly painted mural at Chesterton Bowls Club*

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 Golf Club

Well, here we are in mid-August and the weather has no idea what it is doing, so we don't either. However, life at the Golf Club is hectic and last weekend saw one of the biggest events in our golfing calendar, the Mens' Club Championship (Peak Trophies). For the 10th time this was won by the wonderful Craig Russell, who played the 36 holes required in one day in just one over gross par in total winning the Gross competition, with Andrew Goldsborough winning the





*Seniors Spring Meeting Winner David Page-Croft*

meeting and Don Keeble (Girton) and Trish Whitmore from Elton Furze Golf Club winning our Invitation Day. Other winners were Tina Barker and Pat Atkin in the Ladies Greensomes and Lucy Julian in the



*Invitation Day winners Don Keeble and Trish Whitmore*



*Simmons Trophy winner Lucy Julian*

sausage roll or whatever you fancy for a nominal charge. Just come along prepared to meet others and have a chat about whatever you choose in a

relaxed, friendly, pressure-free environment. It's a great opportunity to make new friends and catch up with old ones, every Wednesday morning in the club's lounge. There's a large free car park and flat entry to the clubhouse - come along next Wednesday and see for yourself.

*Alan Henderson-Smith*

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net competition (scores less handicap) with a total of 136, 2 under net par.

Lots of competitions have been played and two of these resulted in David Page-Croft winning the delayed Seniors Spring

Simmons Trophy. Our Ladies Club Champion for the coming year is Ruth Lawton who won both Gross and Net competitions.

On a Wednesday morning at about 10.15am we hold a breakfast club for the over 55s - a chance to meet friends, and friends you don't know yet, for a coffee/tea and a bacon/



*Ladies Club Champion Ruth Lawton*



## Girton Tennis Club

Our Rocket Cup competition (mainly played in July) produced some fine matches and the winners were:

Singles: Mark Misquitta

Juniors: Robin Lloyd

Doubles: Mark and Robin

The photo below shows Mark receiving his cup. More photos and results are available on our website.



*Rocket Cup winner Mark Misquitta*

The highlight this year was the quality of tennis and sportsmanship displayed by all the junior players throughout the tournament, as evidenced by the final results. The future of the club is bright indeed.

Thank you to all the players who took part in the tournament and to all the supporters who turned up to cheer the action - they created a great atmosphere and transformed the finals into a true celebration of our small tennis community. Special thanks to our ball kids Vanya, Giang, Alicia and Megan for their highly professional work during the finals.

The Cambridge Mixed League season has now finished. Team Captain Mark reports, "we had an excellent season finishing with two wins and a draw and many thanks to everyone who played. We are looking to enter a Mixed and a Men's team in the Cambridge LTA Winter League".

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*

## Looking after our Almshouses for future generations

With a growing number of almshouses now occupied by residents, Girton Town Charity has appointed Fred Stevens as Maintenance Supervisor to ensure they are all looked after to a high standard. We caught up with him to find out what's involved.

Fred says: "Although I have been in my role for almost 12 months, I have only recently taken over responsibility for all the Charity's properties.

"My key task is to keep the almshouses maintained to the agreed high standard, organising repairs, obtaining costings and scheduling both pre-planned and ad-hoc reactive maintenance with contractors and residents.

### Reporting tool

"To ensure this is an efficient process we use a visual and text-based reporting system called *SnapFix* which enables me to track outstanding repair jobs, as well as update the busy schedule. Throughout, I need to keep health and safety top of the agenda, adhering to good practice at all times.

"Every day is different but most start in the office with a review of maintenance and repair requests which are then prioritised, residents contacted and appointments made to assess the problems in residents' homes.

"Our aim is to respond with a positive action within two working days. Requests can cover everything from minor repairs such as door handles to failures of the Mechanical Ventilation with Heat Recovery systems. All the newer GTC homes are fitted with this internationally-accredited low energy technology and particularly at Dovehouse Court, new residents may need help to understand what is involved in living in a Passivhaus.

### Garden tasks

"Afternoons are usually assigned to review planned maintenance for all 28 almshouses. I spent a lot of time with Barnes Construction when Dovehouse Court was at final stages of build and the contractors were preparing for handover. Learning how the heating and hot water systems work most efficiently in the Passivhaus



properties and dealing with a long list of snagging items ensured I was familiar with the properties by the time the first residents moved in.

My most unusual and challenging task so far has been hand weeding the wildflowers – I'm no gardener so needed help to identify weeds from flowers – and of course there's lots of watering at the moment too!

"Before coming to GTC I worked for a Sheltered Housing Trust in Barnet, Hertfordshire looking after the maintenance of 70 one-bedroom flats over four sites. I'm really enjoying the responsibilities of my new role at GTC, the variety of tasks and being part of a good team."

### On-site support

Rachel Allchorne, GTC Office Manager added "With Dovehouse Court now finished and residents moving in, it's great to have Fred onboard to help settle everyone in and ensure they understand the technology involved in the heating systems, as well as respond to any small maintenance issues that emerge.

"As an almshouse charity we have responsibility to keep our properties in excellent order so they can be enjoyed not only by current residents but many others in the years to come."



## Short-Term Care Grant

GTC's CarePlus Scheme has been in place for a number of years and highly valued by residents who have benefitted from it.

The name of the Scheme is now changing to GTC Short-Term Care Grant, with some key changes, but it will continue to assist people living in Girton to live independently.

- It will provide short-term additional care to suit the applicant's need over and above any statutory care for which the applicant is entitled
- Help residents to return home from hospital as soon as possible
- Most referrals will be made to GTC via a GP, the Age UK Older Residents Co-ordinator and Community Warden or other Community Leader
- Care is delivered by professional care companies nominated by GTC
- The Short-Term Care Grant is for a maximum of three consecutive months in any one year up to the value of £1,200 and paid directly to the care company

Further details from the GTC Office on 01223 276008.

Girton Town Charity exists for purposes which include the relief of need in Girton, either individually or collectively, or the support of any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Girton.

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Please see website for up to date details of Clubs and Classes [www.williamcollyn.co.uk](http://www.williamcollyn.co.uk)  
Information correct at time of going to press.

### 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)

Monthly Health Checks are available for people aged 40-74 in partnership with Healthy You. Check website for more information.

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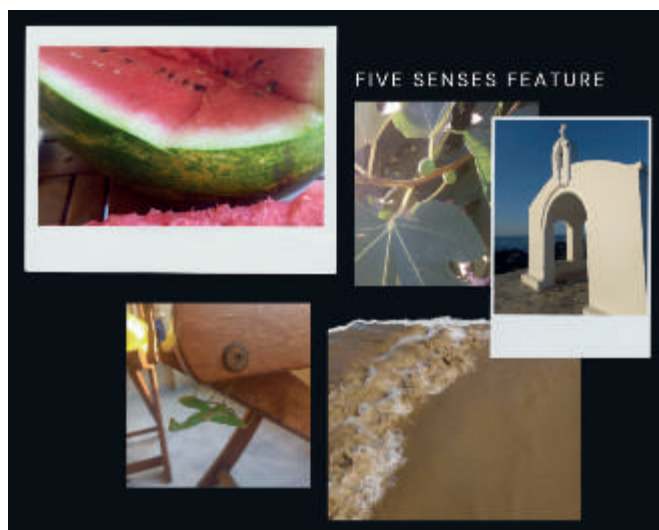
The William Collyn Centre is provided and run for the benefit of Girton residents by Girton Town Charity.



## How wonderful are our senses ...

Acknowledging the senses is a useful grounding technique which can help many people to feel calmer. In this month's article, I reflect on a much needed

and appreciated holiday to Crete last month; as I focus in on all five senses, I encourage you to do the same, and be grateful for all or any senses which we can experience.



**To smell** On the daily walk to the beach, the sweet musky scent of the glorious fig tree was savoured ceremoniously.

**To taste** Tomatoes that actually taste like tomatoes, sweet and fragrant. Fresh fish from the daily catch, tender and salty. Watermelon, its size not negating the flavoursome taste, crisp and juice.

**To touch** Soft sand beneath the feet with gentle waves lapping over. Nestling toes into the tiny grains amidst shells. The warmth of salty seawater.

**To hear** Nature's musical accompaniment: the cicada. Sometimes a long-repeated phrase, sometimes short rhythmic motifs. Mesmerising.

**To see** Ah, to see the sea. Calm and rippling with a window into the world of sea life, the plants and animals below. Or with glorious waves which crescendo, curl and break. So many colours as the light plays on the surface and highlighted further when captured beside a whitewashed church.

### Signposting

Gingerbread provides support and fights stigma around single parent households. Find out more: [www.gingerbread.org.uk](http://www.gingerbread.org.uk).

### Course diary

I placed a bulk order for resources recently to plan for

the eight MHFA or SFA courses which I have scheduled before Christmas. This includes an open MHFA course in Cambridge on 27th/28th November which can be booked via contacting [mhfa.julietadloune@gmail.com](mailto:mhfa.julietadloune@gmail.com). So, there will be a grand pile of boxes soon dominating the downstairs storage cupboard – maybe a little inconvenient but at least I'll be prepared!

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## Sustainable YOU at Eddington

**Saturday 9th September 2023**

**10am-3pm**

**Eddington Square and Storey's Field Centre**

Eddington is hosting a free community event exploring the theme of sustainability, which is part of the University of Cambridge's Open Cambridge festival. Local charities, entrepreneurs and organisations will be promoting different ways that you can think about leading a greener and more sustainable life. Some highlights include:

- A talk by Professor Shailaja Fennell from the Department of Land Economy: "Be the change you want to see," which will cover everything from COP to recipe swaps and community living.
- For families, we have a creative arts workshop led by Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination where you can explore your own favourite trees, as well as Toy Swap by A Toy's Life and Beyond in Storey's Field Centre.
- Green Blue You refill shop, and Harvest organic foods stall.
- Active transport advice from Whippet, Enterprise Car Club and CamCycle.
- A pedal-powered music station where you provide the entertainment using two wheels! To give you a break, local buskers will perform sets over the course of the afternoon providing light entertainment.
- Food and drink to purchase from Pizza Mondo and Gentleman Jim's mobile bar.
- And much more!

For more information visit: [www.eddington-cambridge.co.uk](http://www.eddington-cambridge.co.uk).





## July's Lunch

I would have liked to report that July's electric scooter ride for the over 70's had to be cancelled due to an excess of support but it was, of course, the bad weather that caused its cancellation. If only that were true it would have been a

sensational story but the truth is we all went for a less energetic lunch at Abbeyfield, a much safer and more



*Lunch at Abbeyfield*

enjoyable option. It was great to get out, make friends and chat whilst enjoying a very tasty and reasonably priced meal.

We need more members, Covid having taken its toll on our numbers, so if you live alone, are a couple or are disabled by age or otherwise and don't get out much come and join us. Make an effort to come and see us at 10am on a Monday morning at Abbeyfield or come to one of our lunches – I'm sure you will have fun. Let us know if you would like to come but would find it difficult to get there, we'll see what we can do.

**Sons, daughters, other relatives and friends** – you might like to encourage a lonely parent, friend or even couple to come out and join us. Just think of the benefits: a little bit of exercise, make new friends, enjoy good food but above all you will hear enough gossip to keep you going for weeks and you'll just clamour to get back for more. We save all the spicy stuff for our newcomers so don't sit at home alone it's not good for you.

**Our September Lunch is going to be at Girton Golf Club** on Wednesday 27th September at 12pm for 12.30pm eats. Here's the Menu: Starters: (1) Roast Red Pepper and Tomato soup (2) Paté with Melba toast (3) Beetroot and Feta salad. Main Course: (1) Blade of beef with horseradish mash (2) Chicken with mushroom and white wine sauce (3) Salmon with parsley butter. All mains served with a medley of vegetables. Dessert: (1) Chocolate Brownie with ice-cream (2) Dutch apple crumble with custard (3) Lemon tart with cream. All followed by coffee and mints. Two courses £19.50, three courses £24.50 but please note 50p has been added for Club 55's admin fees. In my opinion very good value by today's standards so why not join us.

**The return of the magnificent fox Reynard** – I really don't know what the problem is with my neighbour's feet. For some reason he leaves his shoes out at night, maybe for the Cherry Blossom fairy to come along and clean them or it could be that his wife is not a fan of their odour, sorry neighbour, but we have got to be brave and face facts here. Having left his size nines out a few nights ago he was amazed to find that they were yet again missing when he got up in the morning. Black, shiny, size nine shoes, was this an open invitation that Reynard could not resist or was there another felon on the loose in the village?

It was a day or so later that the neighbour decided to take a stroll around his garden and in doing so he came upon a strange mound of earth that had inexplicably appeared in his border. Keen to find out what this strange mound of earth could be he fetched his spade – was it moles? he wondered. Digging into the mound he was amazed to find his size nine black shoes that had been missing for the last few days. Reynard had taken the pair of shoes he had left out and had buried them in the border of the garden – but why?

Real detective work was needed here so I set up a camera in the hope of catching Reynard in the act of stealing shoes only to be thwarted by his friend Incy Wincy the spider. On checking my camera early in the morning I was excited to see that it had been triggered on a number of occasions – had I caught Reynard in the act of larceny? The answer was 'no' I had not caught Reynard but I had a large number of photographs of a rather fat spider who decided to wander all over the lens of my camera leaving me with numerous photos of his belly.

So you see I am left with numerous questions. Is Reynard in cahoots with Incy Wincy? Why is he stealing size nine black shoes? Why does he bury them? Does odour play a part in this saga? Has Reynard got a foot fetish and loves the smell of my neighbour's feet? Or maybe he can't stand the smell – that would explain why he buries them? Clearly we have a delinquent fox on the loose in the village so on no account leave your shoes out at night particularly those size nines. A photograph of Reynard carrying a shoe would certainly go a long way to proving that this story is true – can you help?

**Girton Parish Council representatives** called in to see us at our computer morning at Abbeyfield Girton Green on Monday 7th August. Why pick on us we thought, were they after free coffee and biscuits, had the council computers blown up or was it that they had just entered our age group? It turned out that they were on a fact finding mission and it was a pleasure to meet them. However, they couldn't help with regard to Reynard.

*Sam Clift*

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## The Encounter

Last month the Revd. Michael Bigg invited us all to take time to view the TV series “The Chosen” about the life of Jesus and those whom he called to follow him. I happily endorse this commendation. The production avoids overly pious portraits and brings to life real people with whom we might identify, facing the normality of dealing with ordinary domestic decisions and dilemmas whilst encountering the breath-taking and extraordinary miracles and ministry of Jesus.

Several of the actors and the producer have given interviews describing the dawning of their personal faith. The result is an insightful series, treated with dignity, respect and honour. It helps the viewer to empathize with the fine actor taking on the weight of the role of Jesus. The undistinguished lifestyles of the chosen disciples of Jesus reassures us that we do not need a mighty academic record or celebrated talent to respond to the call of Jesus in our own lives. The Gospel narratives open the door of our understanding and offer us the way of faith and hope and redeeming love. Faith and hope are like twin towers on a building constructed by love.

Out in the bushlands on the edge of a sprawling township, two teenage girls were sharing their dreams of the future. Faith was the daughter of English parents who had set up a clinic and a small school. Hope, five years younger, had been adopted into the family after her grandmother, her only carer, was diagnosed with AIDS. Now, as the years had passed, they shared a spiritual bond as well as a sisterly affection. It was time for Faith to take the journey back to England for a while, to begin medical studies, whilst Hope had set her sights on gaining a place at Teacher Training College.

A parcel had arrived from an aunt, so the girls were eager to discover its contents. Faith explained, “Whilst I am away, I want you to have my sun hat, so that you will think of me when you wear it. This parcel contains the new decorations, in flower symbols of the life of Jesus, so that you can use it as a visual aid to the amazing story.” Inside in tissue paper, were neat little bunches of silk wildflowers. “Look, here is the pink Mallow to tell of his birth in Bethlehem, and beside it a beautiful purple Pansy for the royal line of King David. For his work and ministry, we have sweet Jasmine, a white Rose for purity and Periwinkle for his compassion and love.” “Then come the Poppies,” said Hope, “to remind us of the Cross.” “Yes, and finally,”

Faith added, “the golden Zinnias, for his glorious resurrection.”

In his first letter, chapter 1, the Apostle Peter sums up the story of Jesus with clarity and grace. “You have been redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him and so your FAITH and HOPE are in God.”

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*Iris Niven*



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## Thank You Girton

A big thank you to those who responded to the Neighbourhood Plan's SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Survey during July. We had over 135 responses which, for this type of general rather than topic specific survey, is a decent return. Any further responses will be added into the overall results. While individual conversations with the Neighbourhood Plan team or personal lobbying of Parish Councillors remains very valuable, your input has provided a broad body of evidence rather than simple anecdotes. This is valuable to the overall plan, so again thank you.

There was a good geographical spread across the village area of the parish: 16% of responses were on paper with 84% online. This demonstrates that hard copy versions remain an important method to use. Thank you to the GPN for carrying it in their July issue.

While there were a few contradictory views (as would be expected), there were many common themes, for example, desire for more commercial, recreational, and

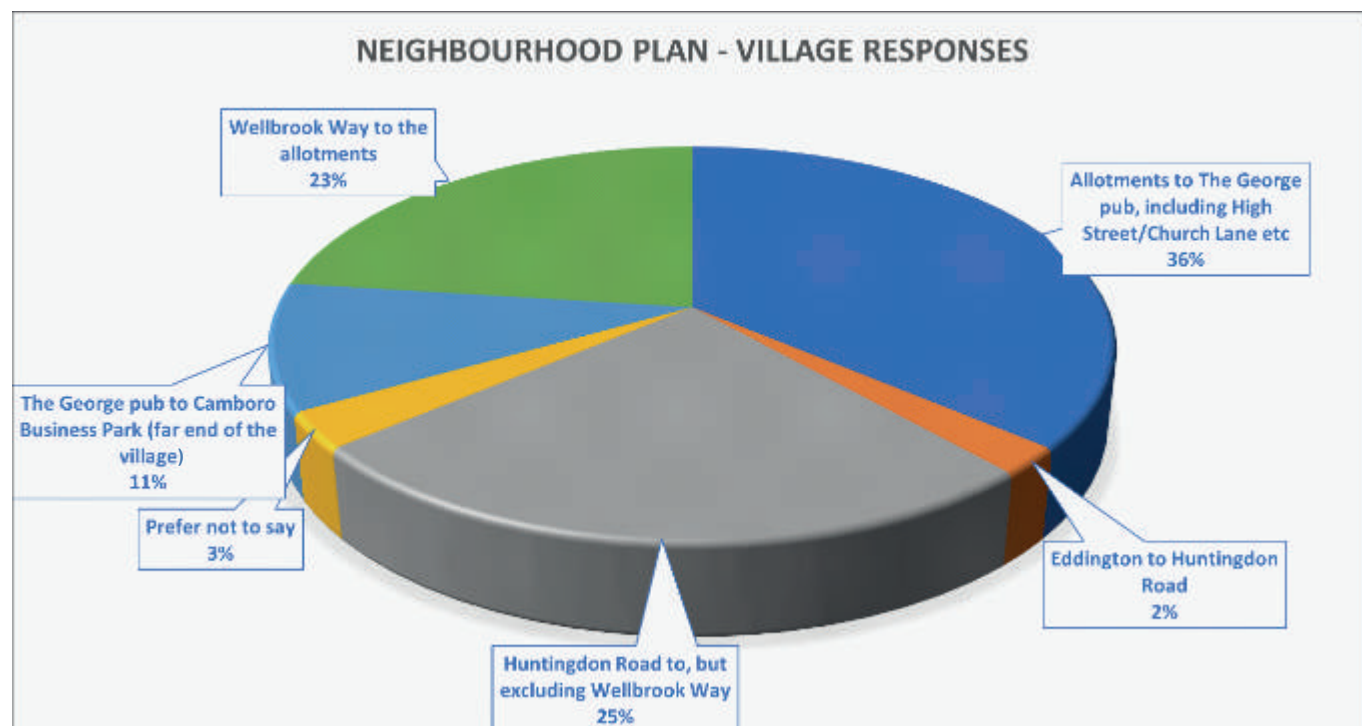
environmental facilities, improving cycle routes and pavement surfaces, and a range of transport issues to name a few. The full results will be publicised via the parish website ([www.girton-cambs.org.uk](http://www.girton-cambs.org.uk)) and passed to the Parish Council. There are many short-term issues raised which will help them respond to your priorities both now and within the long-term overall strategic view that we all want for Girton. The Neighbourhood Plan is looking to set out the strategy based firmly on your views for the parish.

The SWOT survey, coupled with other evidence we are gathering about the parish, helps us to formulate the main Neighbourhood Plan's Parish Survey ('The Big Survey') that we will be looking to prepare over the coming months before coming back to you with more focused questions across a range of topics. Your views matter to the plan!

*Andrew Muston*

*Girton Neighbourhood Plan Team Lead*

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**Mr Bruce and Mrs Wendy Hunter** **Tel:** 503958

### Sunday Services: September

**3rd 10:00am** Holy Communion (+StA4K)

**10th 8:00am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10:00am** All-age Communion

**6:00pm** Evening Prayer (BCP)

**17th 10:00am** Holy Communion (+StA4K)

**6:00pm** Evening Prayer (BCP)

**24th 8:00am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10:00am** Morning Prayer (+StA4K)

**1st Oct 10:00am** Holy Communion (+StA4K)

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

### Regular weekday Services: September

**Tues 9.00am** Morning Prayer (said)  
(*nb. resumes on 12th September*)

**Weds 9.00am** Morning Prayer (said) (Online)

**Thurs 9.00am** Morning Prayer (said) (Online)

**9.00pm** Compline (said) (Online)

### Other Services

**13th 2:00pm** Abbeyfield Holy Communion

**14th 3:45pm** Messy Church

**19th 2:15pm** Arlington Manor Holy Communion

**28th 11:00am** Gretton Court Holy Communion (BCP)

For 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: [www.bit.ly/GirtonParishLive](http://www.bit.ly/GirtonParishLive). Please check the church website for up-to-date information.  
([www.girton.church](http://www.girton.church))

O God, we would thank you for all the bright things of life. Help us to see them and to count them and to remember them, that our lives may be given to you in praise, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.  
(*J. H. Jowett - adapted*)

## Girton Baptist Church



**Minister:** Revd Nick Lowe (*on Sabbatical*)

**Church Tel:** 07845 568127

**Secretary:** Mr Ken Smith

**Tel:** 07860 736536

**Website:** [www.girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk)

### Sunday Services: September

(all at Girton Baptist Church and on Zoom)

**3rd 10.30am** Morning Worship,  
led by Norbert Baumker

**10th 10.30am** Morning Worship,  
led by G and J Mann

**17th 10.30am** Morning Worship, led by Ziggy

**24th 10.30am** Morning Worship with  
Communion,  
led by Christine Kimmitt

**1st Oct 10.30am** Morning Worship,  
led by G and J Mann

Messy Church is on Thursday 14th September 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 "Joshua and the Walls of Jericho." 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 07860 736536 or email: [secretary@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:secretary@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk).

Ephesians 2:10 NIV – For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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### Postal address

Girton Parish Council, The Pavilion  
 Girton Recreation Ground, Cambridge Road  
 Girton, Cambridge CB3 0FH

**You can also use these QR codes to contact us:**



## Contact numbers for bookings

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

## Mobile Post Office



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

## Mobile Library

### Thursday 14th and 28th September

Thornton Court	9.40 – 10.00am
Abbeyfield	10.10 – 10.50am
Cotton Hall/Church	11.00 – 11.30am
Orchard Close	11.35 – 11.55am
St Vincent's Close	12.00 – 12.40pm
Gretton Court	12.50 – 1.15pm
Churchfield Court	1.20 – 1.45pm

## Bin Collections – September

Friday 1st September	Black bin
Thursday 7th September	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 14th September	Black bin
Thursday 21st September	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 28th September	Black bin
Thursday 5th October	Blue and Green bins



Solution to this month's Codeword on page 15:

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**Email: [Girtonsocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:Girtonsocialclub@gmail.com)**

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

We hold various events throughout each month including:

Play Your Cards Right, Discos, Karaoke and Live Music

Fortnightly Bingo on **Fridays** - non-members welcome but must be signed by a member on the eve

We have two modern pool tables - £1 per game or £6 per hour (free Wednesday evening),

3 dartboards, skittles and a juke box updated twice weekly.

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

**Come along and support your local Social Club**

Pints £3.70; Amstel beer £3.90; Wine £2.50 per bottle (187ml)

### Opening Times

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

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

### Annual Membership

Adults £7.50, Senior Citizens £3.25, Armed Forces £1,

Adults new/lapsed £10, Senior Citizens new/lapsed £3.50





14th  
SEPTEMBER  
10am-1pm

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