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Celebration time for Girton Parish News team!

It was great to see more than 60 of the GPN team come together at the William Collyn Centre on Saturday 16th September.

The event was organised to celebrate the work of all the volunteers who help produce the magazine each month.

It was great to see proofreaders, deliverers, contributors, typesetters, editors and even our puzzle queen Sian in attendance.



The buffet

Special thanks must go to secretary Sheila and distribution co-ordinator Karen who helped organise the afternoon and make it such a success. Also to typesetter Sam for his delicious sandwiches.

Please do get in touch with Sheila or Karen if you are interested in getting involved in the GPN as we are always looking for more volunteers, whether that's delivery people or typesetters.

Rob Neal

Editor

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Girton Parish Council

Welcome to our new councillors

Girton Parish Council welcomes Richard Reeves and Leslie Lampe, two new councillors for Girton Parish Council. Find out more about our councillors and

staff here: www.girton-cambs.org.uk/girton-parish-council-2/

Bowls Club

Girton Parish Council was pleased to see five members of Girton Bowls Club attending our Full Council meeting on 13th September 2023. Thank you to Roger Webster for speaking in the public participation session at the beginning of the meeting. There has been a working group including GBC, GTC and GPC looking at facilities for Wellbrook Way at the bowling green since January 2023. Provision of toilets, including disabled access, and provision of a club house – both on the bowling green - were approved by councillors. The next step is to get these facilities in place and agree the terms and conditions for use. Grants are being sought to assist with the funding.

Maintenance person/Parish Ranger

At September Full Council, there was also approval for the engagement of a maintenance person/Parish Ranger to allow the council to become more proactive in required maintenance and asset management throughout the village. This position has been approved for 6 months to allow GPC to undertake a backlog of work and to consider what this position should look like going forward. The position also will support our Groundsman Chris Wilson. The job specification can be viewed here: <https://www.girton-cambs.org.uk/2023/09/16/gpc-maintenance>

Pavement/road issues in Girton (CCC Highways)

As you will have seen from Cllr Edna Murphy's report there is a new local Highways Officer. He has already walked a number of areas in Girton that have been raised by residents and by GPC for review. We have worked with him to ensure all these issues are logged on the CCC fault reporting website and have feedback that work will be undertaken. A new link has been set up on Girton Village Community Website to keep you updated on progress, see: www.girton-cambs.org.uk/2023/09/highways-issues-report-on-ccc-website

Trees and hedges

GPC is looking into a number of issues with trees reported by residents working with our tree survey firm Hayden's. Also, the hedges have been cut back on Weavers Field. Now that the Bird Nesting season is

over, please do review that status of your hedges especially where they are close to pavements and roads and cut back as needed.

Girton Recreation Ground car park safety

This project continues and we hope the red/white barriers will have been replaced with stainless steel bollards by the time you read this. What this project has highlighted is the full available width of the path leading to the Recreation Ground as cars are parking further back. Thank you to our contractor Michael Church of MC Garden Maintenance for treating the weeds on the path to improve the path to further improve the entrance to Girton Recreation Ground.

Litter Bin Replacement program

Girton Parish Council continues its replacement of dog poo bins with the new SCDC combi bins which have a greater capacity, and which take both types of waste. Three bins are now in place at

- St Vincent's Close near Town End Nature Reserve
- Woodlands Park
- Woody Green

Recreation Gate Fix

After some time, the gate to St John's Field is now fixed.



Girton Corner Telephone Box

Following our article in last month's Girton Parish News, many of you will have seen the transformation to the Telephone Box at Girton Corner. Thank you to the three ladies and to Wayne Ardley for all his hard work transforming this village asset which now makes a splendid entrance for everyone

entering Girton from Girton Corner.

Visit to Gretton School

Cllr Marshall and GPC Clerk were invited to Gretton School on 15th September. Topics discussed were car parking and greater connection with students in the village. Thank you to Victoria Howe (Deputy Headteacher), Beth Elkins (Headteacher) and everyone else we met at Gretton School including all the students. We could not have been made to feel more welcome.

Electric bus

The new Universal Electric Bus Service will run from Girton Corner from 2nd October 2023.

<https://www.girton-cambs.org.uk/2023/09/15/girton-corner-new-universal-bus-service>

Next Full Council will be held on Wednesday 11th October with a focus on GPC Action List and budgets. Agendas can be found here: <https://www.girton-cambs.org.uk/council-agendas/>

Neighbourhood Plan survey takeaways

Working in more detail through the responses identifies sufficient work to keep the Parish Council busy for the next

decade! Hopefully there are many “quick wins” amongst them so we can see and appreciate their input to the parish.

The table left is a balanced cross section of the (some edited) summaries provided in the survey. Much is positive but there are clearly aspects to be addressed.

The most common thread (392 comments) revolved round “facilities.” The GPN and The Glebe received the most plaudits among many parish institutions praised and valued. However, lack of other facilities for general living and working dominated (around 70% or responses). Life in Girton is clearly not wanted to all be about houses. That said, 30 out of 39 responses about housing were about the lack of affordability and types for young to middle aged residents.

It is probably no surprise to you that the next most common aspect was “transport and traffic” (310 responses of which only 5% gave it as a strength). The bus service is clearly a widespread bone of contention, as is looking for improved cycle inter-

connectivity. The Neighbourhood Plan can build on the latter, but it is for local councils to push the former.

While 89% of 36 responses considered the linear nature of the built-up area to be a negative feature, over two thirds of 148 responses commented positively on the overall sense of community. We seem to be long and thin, but well joined up in spirit.

Of 110 responses concerning “development,” 83 saw threats in being swamped by Eddington and Darwin Green, or in having new housing but without necessary associated facilities. There is obviously work to be done regarding making the new areas of housing being a perceived benefit to Girton.

Remember that the full results can be found on the Neighbourhood Plan page of the Parish website (www.girton-cambs.org.uk).

Andrew Muston

Girton Neighbourhood Plan Team Lead

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From Our Councillors

County Councillor's Report

Public transport improvements are needed

Although the congestion charge is not going ahead, efforts by the County Council and the combined authority to improve public transport, are continuing. The consultation on the Sustainable Travel Zone scheme had produced an overwhelming response from the public in support of improvements to public transport, albeit for funding not to come from the Greater Cambridge Partnership's congestion charge. A key issue now is to ensure that the combined authority commissions bus services are of a better quality than they are now. This means bus reform – either 'enhanced partnership' or 'franchising'. The latter gives the authority much more control over what service is provided, and how it is delivered. It is important to ensure that we get a different kind of service than what is provided now. It will be important to consider how to pay for improvements, there are a number of options to consider, including government funding.

Path resurfacing request successful

Thank you to all the work that has gone into calls for resurfacing work on Woody Green. The footpath, connecting Duck End and St Vincent's Close, has been in an appalling state for some time. Despite great pressures on funding the project to resurface this footpath has finally been given the go ahead! The work should be done some time before spring next year.

Parish application for 20mph speed limit through the village – results out soon

The decision on Girton Parish's application for 20mph is awaited eagerly and I hope very much it will be successful. There has been a very large number of applications throughout the county, and demand far outstrips the resource to allow all applications through. It is encouraging that so many believe that reducing traffic speed, and thus improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists, is a positive step for a community to take. Keeping fingers firmly crossed for this initiative!

Flood risk mitigation investigation – update from Environment Agency

Following on from my update in last month's Girton Parish News, here is an update from the

Environment Agency team on their progress and plans:

We are reassessing the fluvial flood risk to the village of Girton from the Washpit and Beck Brooks, and investigating whether a scheme is viable to help manage the risk and consequence of flooding. Potential options for a fluvial flood risk mitigation scheme have been investigated previously though a scheme was determined to be unaffordable under the HM Treasury funding rules prior to 2012.

With updates to the funding policy, we have been reviewing what has been considered to date and looking at other options that should also be considered. Using updated hydraulic modelling we will test these options to assess their feasibility and affordability. It is possible however that we still may not be able to deliver a scheme if affordability and funding challenges cannot be overcome.

Over the next few months, we will be going through the process of assessing the potential options to alleviate fluvial risk from the Washpit and Beck Brooks to make the community more resilient to flooding. We will be asking those that have an interest in the scheme to get involved in this process to help us identify options that we could consider. More details regarding how we intend to gather this information will come out in the coming months.

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

Edna Murphy (Cllr)

Edna.murphy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

District Councillors' Report

No change to bin collection

From the week beginning 18 September, some South Cambridgeshire residents were going to have the date of their bin collections changed.

This will not affect Girton, and our collection day remains the same: Thursday. The advice is to leave the bin by 6am on the day of collection.

Residents of South Cambridgeshire can check their bin collection dates online. There will also be reminders on the councils' social media channels and websites.

Flood Action Conference – Thursday 21 September 2023 – St Ives

Residents are invited to a Flood Action Conference on Thursday 21 September 2023, at Burgess Hall, St Ives, from 10.15am to 4.30pm. The conference has been organised by the Community Flood Action Programme team (part of the Flood Risk team) and is open to any residents and community groups with an interest in learning more about flood resilience or establishing their own flood group. This conference includes talks and workshops by Cambridgeshire County Council, the Environment Agency, Anglian Water, Internal Drainage Boards, and industry leading experts. Tickets can be booked at: *Flood Action Conference 2023 Tickets, Thu 21 Sep 2023 at 10:15 | Eventbrite*

For additional information contact the Flood Risk team at: CFAP@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Stagecoach is making changes to fares on Sunday 17 September 2023

Stagecoach report that “The first objective of fares is to cover the costs of service provision and while most of this fare increase is down to rising costs, we have also been making important investments to give you an even better experience when travelling on our network. The new ticket prices will add on average, 43p to the cost of daily adult bus travel in the Town zone. From Sunday 17 September 2023, we will continue to offer the same ticket types, but at slightly different prices.”

Zero carbon communities newsletter

This is available by going to the South Cambs website home page, Climate Emergency tab.

The Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme allows communities in South Cambridgeshire to act on climate change at a very local level.

This year, applications are invited for projects under the two themes:

1. Reducing carbon emissions or locking up carbon.
2. Community engagement on climate change.

Awards range from £1000 to £15,000.

Business News

On the SCDC website, there is an “Open for Business” page (<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/>) where you can sign up for a newsletter. Items include: The Energy Efficiency Campaign and Female Entrepreneurs Campaign.

Apprenticeship Events

Apprenticeships are a great way to support your business, from up-skilling your existing employees on to an apprenticeship as well as recruiting new talent to

your workforce. How to start the process can seem overwhelming; these two events, one in-person, the other online, will help make it clearer.

On September 22 there is a seminar at the Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon: Love2learn and Apprenticeships: everything you want to know. On October 5 there is a Webinar: Demystifying Apprenticeships for businesses. Both are run by Growth Works.

More information is available in the Open for Business Newsletter.

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Letter to the editor

It has come to our notice that, whilst the majority of dog walkers behave responsibly, a small number do not. We have witnessed dogs being blatantly taken across the children’s play area, the football fields and cricket pitch, despite notices on the gates telling them not to do so.

We are all aware of tragic cases that occasionally hit the headlines, of young children and babies being attacked by dogs. “Not my dog, he wouldn’t harm a fly” we hear you say – but dogs and children are both unpredictable, and either could stimulate an attack.

Dog poo is also a very real problem in our village. Again, the majority of dog owners act responsibly, pick up the poo, dispose of it in an approved place, or take it home. Nonetheless, dog poo litters the dog walking areas, often being cleaned up by other dog owners (to whom we are very grateful), or, almost worse, put in plastic bags and hung up in hedgerows.

So, please, dog walkers of Girton, use the approved dog walking route and pick up any poo they leave behind. Maybe visitors to our village may not know the guidelines so please inform them.

We don’t want to spoil anyone’s pleasure in walking their dog. But these small adjustments to your dog walking habits will go a long way to making Girton a safer and pleasanter place to be for everyone.

Thank you!

Mary Rodger, Gill Cockley (long term Girton residents and former parish councillors)

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Mitten Tree Project 2023

An invitation from St Andrew's Church, Girton

Who? To those who wish to help others

What? Donate newly-knitted or purchased socks, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for adults or children

When? 6th November – 16th December 2022

Where? St Andrew's Church, Girton

How? Come in and hang new items on the Mitten Tree whenever the Church is open

Why? Donations will be given to those in need of warm clothes via suitable charitable bodies.

Thank you!



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ST ANDREW'S GIRTON

If you can hold a tune we'd love you to join our choir for this year's carol service. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from late October and the service itself is on Monday 18th December (early evening).

For more information see: www.girton.church/christmas
Contact Michael for info@rectory@girton-church /01223202145



Bobtails is a friendly playgroup for parents/carers with babies and children (0-4). Come and join us for free play, crafts, snacks, songs and a Bible story!

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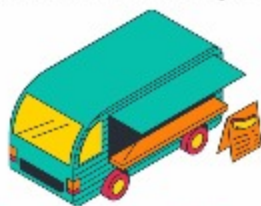
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Girton Garden Society

**Wednesday 11 October
2023**

Peter Jackson: Propagation
in its many forms.

I think we would all like to
save money and propagate
some of our much-loved
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seems like a good first step and Peter will be able
to explain some of the different methods and which
plants are likely to be most successful.

William Collyn Community Centre, at 7.30pm.
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Sharing the best in Gardening

October Wine Selection

As the autumn evenings start to draw in, here are three interesting wines to help keep your spirits up ... Cheers!

A refreshing Grüner Veltliner from Hungary

Little Cricket Grüner Veltliner 2021 (Hungary)



Though Grüner Veltliner is perhaps best known as Austria's signature grape, this very good wine from neighbouring Hungary is a fine example of this grape variety.

This is a refreshing, crisp wine with aromas of green apple and pear on the nose, and flavours of apple, melon, citrus fruits, and a hint of pepper on the palate. A dry wine with a lengthy finish, this is a very agreeable wine to drink by itself, or as an ideal match for a salad or seafood dish. It will also go well with a slightly spicy Asian dish.

Available from Cambridge Wine Merchants (£8.99)

A rich, flavourful Chardonnay from SE Australia

PepperBox Chardonnay 2022 (South Eastern Australia)



Although an oaked Chardonnay may not be to everyone's taste, this PepperBox Chardonnay from the Casella winery in New South Wales, is a very good wine.

With pineapple, mango and vanilla aromas on the nose, and tropical fruits on the palate, this is a wine with plenty of character, a creamy mouthfeel, and a smooth buttery finish.

It can be enjoyed by itself, or with a seafood or poultry dish.

Available from Sainsbury's (£9)

A smooth, enticing blend from the Kent Downs

Meopham Valley Vineyard Union Red 2022 (Kent)



This smooth red wine from Meopham Valley Vineyard in the North Kent Downs is a blend of Pinot Noir, Regent, Triomphe and Léon Millot grape varieties.

Aromas of bramble, cherry, and blackberry on the nose lead to flavours of black fruits, chocolate and coffee on the palate, and the nine months' oak barrel ageing gives a hint of spice and smokiness.

A well-balanced wine with medium acidity and medium tannins, this is a very appealing wine that can be enjoyed by itself or with a warming autumn casserole.

Available from Grape Britannia (Chesterton Road) (£15.99)

Martin Nuttall

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Girton Walking Group

Eleven of us met in Lode on the 2 September for a very pleasant walk by Quy Water and through open Fen countryside, returning by the back of Lode Mill. There were early blackberries in the hedgerows, appreciated by some of the group as a supplement to their snack!



The walkers rest

Saturday 7 October 2023: 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 - Liverpool Street railway line also twice.

This walk is led by Gina and Paul Lane. Contact: ginaklane@aol.com

Saturday 4 November: St Ives and Fen Drayton Lakes

We will start our walk from St Ives Park and Ride car park at 10am and it will be approximately five miles in length. We will enter Fen Drayton Lakes and would expect to break for a drink and snack in the usual way. This walk can be reached from the guided bus. More details to follow. The walk will be led by Ann and Ian Jerram: ann.jerram@gmail.com

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

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Girton Poppy Appeal 2023

The dates for the Annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023

are between 28th October and 11th November.

There are no plans to conduct House to House collections this year, however traditional paper Poppies will be available during this time from a number of locations throughout Girton, including: BP Garage, Girton Co-op, Peter Graves Nursery, GP Surgery, The George, The Old Crown, Girton Golf Club and Girton Social Club.



It is proposed to have a stand in Sainsbury's, Eddington where additional items are available including 2023 Poppy lapel pins, Wooden Crosses, Poppy reflectors, Snap rulers, Bracelets and more.

There are still slots for any volunteers interested in assisting on the stall.

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

Items are also available from your local Poppy Appeal Organiser: Wendy Ripley – Mobile 07885190597 or email girtonpa@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support.

Lest we Forget



Girton Glebe

Another school year has begun! It's been wonderful to welcome back so many smiling faces – old and new. And to see lots of new uniforms proudly worn around

school with our new school logo. As well as welcoming children back, it has also been great to open our doors to so many parents and families at events such as our new year Meet the Teacher event – the first of many opportunities to join us in school this term.

Around school, classrooms and shared learning spaces are looking brilliant after lots of hard work from our site team and teaching staff to decorate and prepare these areas over the summer. We are also proud to show off our new library mural, celebrating our favourite authors, which was finally completed in the summer holidays, too! This vibrant artwork was funded by the Eastern Learning Alliance and completed by local artist, Kate Kelly; it's a real treat to be able to read in such a colourful and inspiring space.

We are all excited at Girton Glebe for another wonderful year ahead as we begin our journey towards delivering the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme. We have lots of exciting events planned both in school, and with the local community, and can't wait to collaborate with the Girton community once again and celebrate all the wonderful things happening in our village throughout the school year.

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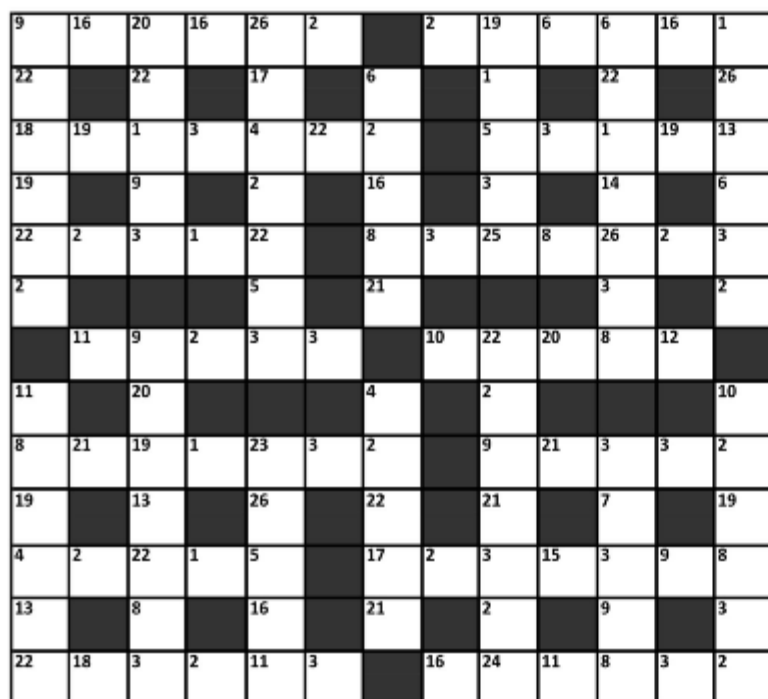
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CODEWORDS

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.

Answers are on page 30

WORDSEARCH – Ideas to Help our Planet – reducing a Carbon Footprint.

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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GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

Coming to the end of a very successful season of bowls for Girton, the final places at the top of Division 2 of the Cambridge and District League were still being hotly contested. Girton, having reached second position after their 6½–½ win over Milton, needed to gain 4 points from their final game of the season against Waterbeach to finish top of the League and go through to the Champions of Champions competition. It was an extremely close fought match with tussles on all four rinks but in the end Girton were beaten by 1 point, but by remaining at second position won automatic promotion to League Division 1 next season.

In the Ely and District afternoon League Division 1, Girton B finished in second place and Girton A finished in fifth place after a season of fierce but friendly rivalry, while in the Meldreth League, Girton had their best season to date, finishing in second position, sixteen points behind Royston. Congratulations to all our bowlers who contributed to these splendid results.

To round off the season the external and internal finals events take place. The Cambridge and District finals were held on 9th September at Cottenham and our internal finals were held on 10th September, a very busy weekend of bowls.

Out of a total of eleven Cambridge and District finals, Girton managed to reach six of these and in fact the men's singles was an all Girton play off won by Trevor Dean 21–15 against Alan Benton. In the men's pairs Trevor Dean and Digby Long won against a team from Cambs and County, with the Treasurer's and Secretaries cup postponed for a week due to the excessive heat and a serious risk of heat exhaustion for the players.

At our Club finals we had 30 members bowling in the various competitions. The Dave Rodgers trophy was won by Alan Birch, Peter Laughlin and David Horton, the pairs were won by Peter Smith and Alan Benton, who beat Jill Laughlin and Digby Long. The triples were won by Debbie Foster, Tim Pearce Higgins and Matt Smith. The Ladies singles was won by Debbie Foster, who beat Jackie Russell, and the men's singles was won by Dave Fryer, who beat Digby Long. Congratulations to all those who took part and contributed to a fantastic finals day.

We will be holding our Presentation dinner on 17th October at The Old Crown where the official



Finals day

presentation of trophies will take place. We were happy to welcome Arlington Manor as our latest sponsor for the new season and extend our thanks for their generous support.



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A huge vote of thanks goes to all our voluntary maintenance team who have continued to work tirelessly throughout the year to keep the green in a wonderful condition right up to and including our finals day. The green will now undergo a rigorous programme of maintenance including scarifying, verticutting, dressing and cutting throughout the autumn months.

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

Lynne McGill



Girton Golf Club

Mid-September as I write and despite having so many people walking on our green fairways every day of the week our golf course is looking in great shape thanks to our greenkeeping team

under Ian Hankin and Matt Pratt.

Earlier in September we held our Gala Day, which was a huge success, with about 180 players involved. We managed to raise nearly £4300 from the Voucher Raffle, Bottle Raffle, Cake Stall, Indoor Putting, Outdoor Putting and Entry fees. Well done and thank you to all our sponsors, members and volunteers for supporting the event, and boosting our 2023 Fund. The weather was extremely kind to us, and with over 70 people attending the BBQ afterwards, the Clubhouse really was buzzing. Greens and Catering did a fabulous job (as always).

The winners of the Texas Scramble competition results were: for the men, P Tiplady, T Fernandez, J Northfield and M Spinks, with a net score of 47.85; and for the ladies, T Hollingworth, L Morris, L Julian and L Lamarq, with a net score of 56.6.



Gala Day ladies winners

Every hole on the course had prizes attached and there were many other ways of contributing to the fund and winning a range of prizes, a great day for the club and all the participants.

It is great when someone tells you that you are doing a good job – here is an excerpt from a letter received this month from an organisation who visited our course.

The care and service we received from all the staff involved was exceptional and a great credit to the Golf Club. Special thanks must go to your catering staff who attended to our lunchtime needs and for the enjoyable evening meal to see us on our way. In addition, I must commend the pleasant and exemplary attentiveness of all the bar and serving staff

throughout the day, which was faultless. Please pass on my sincere thanks to the staff in the Pro Shop for their assistance and a special thank you must go to the Head Greenkeeper and all the greenkeeping staff who presented such a well-maintained course. It was a great credit to all. Finally, but not least, thanks must go to the members of Girton Golf Club for their friendliness around the course and for giving up their tee times, on such a fine day.

Thank you for that, it means a lot to all concerned.

Remember that Girton Golf Club is open during the day for snacks, lunches or a coffee, tea or alcoholic drink. Plus on a Wednesday morning the over 55s get together at about 10.15 for a late breakfast and a chat with friends new and old – call in and join in the conversation.

Quiz Nights are due to start again on 13th October so we look forward to seeing many of you again then, and golf membership is still open, including the new 3 months trial membership. Call the office for more information on either of these.

Alan Henderson-Smith

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Girton Tennis Club

The Cambridgeshire LTA Winter League started in September and runs until December 2023 with the usual mix of home and away matches. If you are a member of our club and want to consider joining the

Men's or Mixed teams, please contact Mark Lawton via the website.

Our club membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March so, as of the 1st October, we will be half way through the membership year. If you are still considering joining our friendly club, we can offer a 50% reduction in fees for the remainder of this year. Just make contact using the 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.

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Last winter brought some devastation to gardens. Shrubs such as *Hebe*, *Pittosporum*, *Choisya*, *Ceanothus*, winter flowering clematis and star jasmine died or were damaged.

The Royal Horticultural Society advice now is to plan for all extremes of weather and this after advice for many years has been to plant drought tolerant species. Last summer was so hot and dry but winter was particularly harsh. Then February 2023 was the driest for 30 years while March was the wettest for 40 years. It seems that plants find it harder to deal with fluctuations in temperature and to cope with waterlogged soil and then dry soil. So do check on the hardiness of plants before buying and plant diverse plants which can deal with extreme heat and others that can deal with extreme rain or cold.

To reduce winter weather damage, organic material such as well-rotted manure or composted bark or mixtures including spent compost from pots can be used to mulch plants around the base and up to 4 or 5 inches deep. Plants in pots should have their saucers removed, placed on supports and be moved near to the shelter of the house or a warmish greenhouse. Horticultural fleece can be wrapped around pots and it is possible to put bubble wrap under the fleece, and to also cover the earth around the base of the stem/s while leaving some room to breathe. However, do check as some plants may need some water in a dry autumn/winter. Horticultural fleece can also be placed over vulnerable plants and shrubs in the garden. Plants could be moved to less cold parts of the garden. I lost one star jasmine but another in a more sheltered spot survived. Advice is to keep an eye on the weather.

On a positive note, loads of plants survived and we can enjoy the autumnal jewel colours of asters and dahlias, chrysanthemums, the vivid blue of *Ceratostigma* and *Caryopteris*, and the lovely Fuchsia magellanica with their fountains of paler flowers. Shrubs and trees with reddish leaves at this time of the year include the stunning acers, *Euonymus alatus* and various *Sorbus* species such as mountain ash, and many have stunning berries such as *Viburnum opulus* and holly.

October garden jobs include planting spring bulbs and evergreen shrubs. I now regret not taking photos of the garden throughout the year. I forget where spring bulbs are planted and that some plant and colour schemes need improvement and now is the time to transplant.

Time now to empty and clean water butts. A last mowing of the lawn is worth doing, with perhaps spiking to avoid water logging. Although it is time to rake up leaves for leaf mould, it is important to collect and destroy (not compost) leaves from shrubs and roses with black spot, fungus damage, mildew, etc. Put grease bands around trunks of fruit trees. Prune climbing roses and other dormant shrubs, cutting about 0.5 cm at an angle to let water roll away from the stem and cutting above a healthy and outward facing bud. Seek out bare rooted plants and shrubs, which are cheaper than pot grown but plant speedily. Autumn is also the time to take cuttings and collect seeds and the topic of propagation will be discussed in the Girton Garden Society meeting in October.

Ruth Reynolds, Girton Garden Society



Hope through Action

September 10 last month saw the start of World Suicide Prevention Week. Close followers of www.facebook.com/listeninglantern.julietadloune will have seen a week-

long feature based on the theme of Hope through Action.

Hope is a positive, open thought. It is valuable and supportive. And when this is complemented by action then there is potential for change. This is what suicide prevention and intervention is all about. So, what action could you take?

- Learn how to spot the signs and symptoms of someone who may be feeling vulnerable and unsafe.
- Offer your time for someone to share how they're feeling – without you interrupting, offering opinion, or holding judgement.
- Be open about and express your own thoughts and feelings in a way which means you are comfortable; this diminishes stigma and encourages honesty.
- Make connections with others – through a greeting, a shared coffee break, a smile, or an offer of help.

And of course, you could join my next Suicide First Aid lite course on 29 January 2024, 9 am – 12.30 pm, online. You would be most welcome to spend half a day with me, to learn how you could help to support someone towards safety. See contact details overleaf.

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Request for help

The Listening Lantern Food Hut [located at CB30PB #23] needs some TLC! I am looking to commission someone who can build a new weatherproof hut, preferably using recycled or reclaimed materials. The future vision is for me to commission more huts so there can be a number of them situated around the village. Can you help? See contact details below to offer your services.

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:
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Girton W.I.

Our President welcomed us all back to the W.I. after our summer break and introduced Geoffrey Heathcock who is the

Branch Chairman and Presenter of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. He started his talk by informing us that the Institution is the largest charity that saves lives at sea around the coasts of the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man. He was most interesting to listen to and filled us in with many situations that occur whereby the lifeboats are called out to help, and I hasten to add not all calls are necessary. He began his lifeboat career 32 years ago as a volunteer, and at present, they have 400 volunteers who do not receive payment for their training. The running costs are huge, and last year it cost £188m to run their lifesaving service all funded by their generous supporters: as keeping a modern fleet of lifeboats ever ready to go to the rescue from 238 lifeboat stations is an expensive business. They also do not get any help from the

government. Lifeboats can do 250 mile round trip. Sometimes the coastguards get hoax calls from young people calling them for help when they are not needed and therefore a waste of time.

Incidentally the Duke of Kent is their President, and he named a new lifeboat in Norfolk called "The Duke of Edinburgh," to commemorate the Duke of Edinburgh's long-standing commitment to maritime services.

We thanked Geoffrey Heathcock for coming along to give us such an interesting talk.

Earlybirds WI

In August several of our friendly Earlybirds met for coffee (from Lexi's Cafe at the Cotton Hall) and a chat on the rec. We even had one husband join us. We managed to choose a day of warm sunshine so needed to sit in the shade of the pavilion. After "putting the world to rights" we had a lot of laughs and shared memories of happy holidays, most of us remembering the days when air travel was relaxed and leisurely.

In September we met back as usual at the CFWI office. What a fun morning! We had a wonderful introduction to line dancing from the very bubbly and vivacious Naomi from DanceMatters. She has loved dance from a young age, but never believing she could earn a living from it, became a librarian. Working in a school she became involved in A level dance classes, until eventually, after teacher training, she began running the course. Now she runs her own community dance school, the "community" being an important aspect. Her students age from two years to eighty years old; she loves working with people with learning difficulties and firmly believes that dance is for everyone. It should be fun and joyful.

So – how did we fit in? Inevitably, Naomi had us on our feet and introduced us to line dancing. Quite impressive! I think we managed to step sideways, backwards, turn in every direction anticlockwise, and lift our feet without bumping into each other - and in unison. And some of us joined in by singing along to "It's Raining Men". A fun exercise, something we could do again, no couples needed. Keep dancing...

So, if you want to join in the fun with Earlybirds, come along. Our next meeting is on Friday 13 October, at 10.30am, when Dr Dickinson will be giving a talk on 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 more information, please contact:
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A busy morning

Monday morning 4th September turned out to be busy and exciting for us. Exciting because it was the day the mechanical road sweeper visited Girton and busy because we had a lot of visitors at our computer group in Abbeyfield. Thankfully they all

went away with their problems solved, we had dealt with a Dropbox problem, had shown how to attach photographs to Whatsapp messages, re-instated lost emails, deleted unwanted emails and messages and had added icons to phone screens for easy visits to various web addresses. Nothing too technical but our senior customers just needed a little help. We are at Abbeyfield every Monday except bank holidays from 10am to 12pm and would be happy to help you if you have a similar problem and if you just want to drop in for a chat we are happy to do that. On Monday 23rd October Patricia Johnston our Older Residents' Coordinator will be at our meeting to answer questions - come along and meet her.

It's a Doggy-Dog World !

Alright, I know the phrase should be 'a dog eat dog world' but this like a lot of other phrases and interpretations are some of the ones club 55 members recalled from their youth. I wonder how many others of you can recall and are happy to share in order to give us a smile. Here are a few more to get you started: You look like a *death warm duck* v *death warmed up*, You have another *think* coming v another *thing* coming, Would you like a *slither* of cake? v a *sliver* of cake

How many of us thought that the description of *It's a dog's life* meant it was a life of lying about and having loads of treats? Or having *A day off in lieu* meant you had a days holiday in Looe, Cornwall?

Please feel free to send me any other contributions of misinterpretations of sayings or song lines and when space allows we can include them to make us smile. No, no, no I wasn't under the 'affluence of incohol' when I wrote this. If you have any sayings to share please let us know.

Tuesday Connections

Several of our members together with many others attended the 'Tuesday Connections' talk on the 12th September at the William Collyn Community Centre organised by Patricia Johnston our Older Residents' Coordinator. They heard a very interesting talk by Graham Clare about various buildings in Girton that he has known since he was a child. Coffee or tea was on offer both before and after the talk and there was time to chat. The next function is on 10th October when it will be my turn to give a talk, however, Graham has set a very high bar so I hope that I can achieve his high standard. For more details and times see News for Older Residents in the next column.

Sam Clift

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News for Older Residents

Tuesday Connections

Graham Clare's talk and photographs were much appreciated when we met on 12 September. Thank you to those who helped and to all who came for your patience as Tom and Andrew got everyone seated.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10 October when Sam Clift, who has done so much for the older people of this village, will be giving his personal account of Growing Up in the Fens. No doubt he will have a supply of props and jokes scattered throughout his talk. I am hoping we will also get an update on Reynard and his exploits!

Please do not come before 2.15pm as Tom will need a few minutes to remove the dividing wall once the other group has finished its session at 2pm. After that there will be plenty of space for everyone.

Guidebooks and Factsheets

I have been asked about these recently.

National Age UK has a large selection of guidebooks which were updated in 22/23. They come under the general titles of Health and Wellbeing, Money and Legal, Home and Care, and Travel and Lifestyle. Many factsheets are also available. The factsheets are organised in sections under Consumer, Health, Housing, Income and Benefits, and lastly Legal and Social care. As Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough no longer have storage facilities, I am not able to get copies. However, they can all be viewed on-line and printed copies can be ordered by phoning 0800 678 1602 or by emailing: orders@ageuk.co.uk.

To see the full list of guidebooks and factsheets look under "services" on: www.ageuk.org.uk or ask me for a list of what is available.

For the foreseeable future my working days will continue to be Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I will always respond to your emails and phone messages, though it might be some days before I do so.

Sarah Stuart, my colleague the Age UKCAP Community Warden, can be contacted by phoning 07979 333963. Or I can give you a leaflet with some information about the service she provides.

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News & Events

Thanks to everyone who attended the Open Evening at Town End Close nature reserve on September 11th. We had some interesting sightings around the pond and reserve.

The Local Nature Recovery Plan Group is holding another village Open Meeting at the Pavilion on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm. This is our chance to update the village on the progress of the plan and get your views on what should happen next. We also have some exciting news of plans for the Hibbert-Ware Memorial Garden (opposite St Andrew's Church). All welcome! Please do come along.

What you can do in October

October may be the month where we really feel the transition towards winter, but it can still throw up some warm, balmy days. It is a great month for photography as the shadows lengthen and the trees turn from green to gold.

Wildlife sightings can be spectacular. The autumn bird migrations reach their peak as the last of our summer visitors; swallows and warblers, leave our shores to be replaced by birds coming to spend their winters here.



Photo by
@garthpeacock.co.uk

A lot of this movement happens without us being aware, yet as we sleep millions (yes, millions) of birds are moving overhead. But step outside on a moonlit evening and you may be able to catch a glimpse, or more likely hear some of the birds that are migrating over our sleeping towns and villages. The most commonly heard call is the thin 'tseep' of migrating Redwings, a thrush that visits us from Scandinavia.

Sometimes this migration is visible during daylight hours too – Cambridge ornithologist Simon Gillings once clocked up over 1000 Redwings over his house in a two-hour morning session.

We know more about this invisible migration taking place at night due to the advent of 'noc migging' - the use of audio recording equipment left on all night where birders use computer software to analyse the resulting 'sonograph' (a visual representation of the sounds heard) to see which birds were passing overhead. The aforementioned Simon Gillings is one of the leading exponents of this technique and he has recorded sea ducks Sandwich Terns, and waders alongside the expected winter thrushes and finches.

The results of this migration can become apparent in Girton too. Take a walk around our farmland this month and you may find Redwings and Fieldfares feeding on

autumn berries in the hedgerows. And closer to home, you may well find the Blackbirds or Robins on your bird table are not the same birds that were present during the spring and summer. Instead they may be birds that have

flown here from the Continent to enjoy warmer winters here.



Photo by Keith Honner

eyes peeled. October flowers can include White Campion, Devil's Bit Scabious, Sneezewort, Catsear, and Chicory amongst others. Teasel seed heads will host flocks of Goldfinches.

But one of the most important flowers at this time does not look like a flower at all. It is the flower of Ivy, a much derided and underestimated plant which hosts a large variety of breeding birds and insects in the spring and summer and is equally important for our late-flying pollinators - bees, butterflies and moths. So if you have any ivy in your garden, please do not hack it down but

leave it to flower to benefit our invertebrates.

Those butterflies and moths also have their last hurrah this month. Butterflies to look out for include Red Admirals, Commas, and Peacocks. There are also some spectacular



Photo by @ Kate Richie

moths to be found including the Brimstone, the Frosted Orange, and the Light Emerald. If you have the chance to attend a moth trapping session, do so. You won't be disappointed.

Finally, October is one of the best months to go looking for fungi. Care should be taken as some mushrooms can be poisonous, but this should not put you off from hunting down some of the most fantastic structures and shapes nature has to offer. Look out for bracket fungi that grow out of tree trunks, fly agarics (look like the traditional red capped toadstools from children's books), puffballs, and inkcaps.

Your sightings

Hopefully we've inspired you to get out and about to look for wildlife this month. Log your sightings with us. Please send them to us at lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk stating observer, location, time, and date. And please also share your photos – and let us know if we can share them on Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) if you are happy to.

New Autumn Activities at the William Collyn Centre

Whether you are a parent with a young baby or an older Village resident, there's something to suit everyone at the William Collyn Centre. Manager Tom Lee gives us an early overview of what's on offer this Autumn.

There's now a wide range of activities taking place at the Centre for those with young children – parent and baby groups are held every Monday/Tuesday morning – with a new class for later in the week being launched mid-Autumn.

Wellness activities

My team – Max, Katherine and Daniel – have developed Girton Town Charity's partnership with AgeUK which is hosting monthly *Connections* meetings for the over 55s. The last one attracted more than 60 people who enjoyed a talk by Graham Clare on the history of Girton.

There are growing numbers for our popular indoor Kurling sessions, as well as many people enjoying the other fitness/wellness classes, ranging from Yoga and Pilates to *Bounce* (trampoline aerobics).

Recently we were delighted to welcome the Cambridge 10th (Girton) Scouts, a Scouts, Cubs and Beavers Club to attend a Village meeting and they earned badges by serving teas, coffees and cakes.

We can't wait to welcome them back again soon!

Comedy Club

Save the date for *Custard Comedy* which is coming to the Centre, with headline act Stephen Bailey and three other superb comics. Whether you're a comedy enthusiast or simply looking for a fun night out, this event is perfect for everyone. *Custard Comedy Girton* gives you the chance to see top quality comedy from some of the biggest names in Britain and around the world, right on your doorstep. This will become a regular event throughout 2024. See the poster for ring me for booking details.

Last but not least I'm looking forward to sharing details of a monthly market at the Centre and am working on an exciting programme of Christmas events too. Look out for details in next month's issue.

Hold your event here

As well as putting on activities and events, the Centre is also available to hire for a wide range of purposes including conferences, training sessions, meetings, dances, celebrations and the performance arts.

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Community hub

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If you would like to speak to any of us please phone 01223 279587 or email info@williamcollyn.co.uk

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WILLIAM COLLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Please see website for up to date details of Clubs and Classes 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)
10.30am - 2.00pm	Hartbeeps (term time)
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 - 9.15pm	Ballroom Dance Classes

Friday

9.30 - 10.20am	Optimum Women's Fitness
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)

Check website for more information.

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

A new chapter at St Andrew's

Over the next month the final bits of work will be completed on the St Andrew's Makeover Project. This work has been in progress for well over 10 years and is now coming to fruition. To celebrate we'll be having a grand re-opening day on Sunday 29 October and all of you are invited!

At 10am there's a re-opening service. Our guest preacher is Bishop Graham Kings. He was formerly Bishop of Sherbourne and is now an Assistant Bishop locally. While he was training to be a priest some 45 years ago, he was attached to St Andrew's and preached one of his first sermons here. Now he's back to celebrate our building work. We'll also be joined by our friends at Madingley church for a lively celebration!

From 2-4pm that day the church will be serving tea, coffee, and cake to whoever wants to look around and see what we've done. All are welcome to pop in! Then, at 6pm, we'll have a Songs of Praise service, singing some well-loved hymns to give thanks for all that has happened.

Part of the vision of the makeover is to create some more space at the back of the church for hospitality and other social events. Our first concert in the newly reordered building will be an evening of Christmas Jazz, with the Tim Boniface Quartet on Saturday 9 December. Please come along to enjoy the music and get into the Christmas spirit.

Finally, we're looking forward to our Carols by Candlelight service on Monday 18 December. We could always use some more singers for the choir. Rehearsals start at the end of October on Tuesday nights with Jeremy Wong leading the choir.

Information about everything happening at Christmas can be found at:

www.girton.church/christmas

In all of the change we give thanks to God for all that has happened in the past, and we look forward with anticipation for all that is to come in this new chapter at St Andrew's.

We look forward to seeing you sometime soon!

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Sunday Services: October

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

8th Oct 8:00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am - All-age Communion

6:00pm - Evening Prayer (BCP)

15th Oct 10:00am - Holy Communion (+StA4K)

6:00pm - Evening Prayer (BCP)

22nd Oct 8:00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am - Morning Prayer (+StA4K)

29th Oct 10:00am - Holy Communion (+StA4K)

6:00pm - Songs of Praise

5th Nov 10:00am - Holy Communion (+StA4K)

6:00pm - In Memory Service

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

Regular weekday Services: October

Tues 9am Morning Prayer (said)

Weds 9am Morning Prayer (said) (Online)

Thurs 9am Morning Prayer (said) (Online)

9pm Compline (said) (Online)

Other Services

11th 2pm - Abbeyfield Holy Communion

12th 3:45pm - Messy Church

17th 2:15pm - Arlington Manor Holy Communion

26th 11am - Gretton Court Holy Communion (BCP)

On the 15 October we will hold our Harvest Festival where we give thanks for all the good fruits that we have received through the efforts of farmers and growers.

For up to date, time, and place information about all these events please see the church website. You are welcome to join us for Sunday morning worship in person or remotely at: www.bit.ly/GirtonParishLive. Please check the church website for up-to-date information. (www.girton.church)

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October Services, all at Girton Baptist Church, and on Zoom.

1st 10.30am Morning Worship with Communion, led by G&J Mann.

8th 10.30am Morning Worship, led by Pete & Sue Smith.

15th 10.30am Morning Worship with Communion, led by Laura and Philip Staves.

22nd 10.30am Morning Worship, led by Norbert Baumker.

29th 10.30am Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe

Messy Church is on Thursday 12 October 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 "Harvest." 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 07845 568127 or 07860 736536 or email:

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Romans 12:2 (NIV)

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Tuesday Afternoon



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**Girton Baptist Church,
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Thursday	12 October	Black bin
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Orchard Close	11.35 - 11.55am
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Tel: 01223 276169 office@girtongolf.co.uk

Launching in September 2024!

The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

Girton Glebe will become the first state primary school in the East of England to deliver the IB Primary Years Programme. In partnership with Impington Village College, one of the UK's leading IB providers for more than 30 years, Girton pupils will benefit from a unique educational experience and a state IB education through to 18.

Visit us at one of our Open Events

Thursday 19th October: 1.30 - 3.00pm
Tuesday 14th November: 1.30 - 3.00pm




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