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Time to get your chimney swept

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Girton Parish Council

Council tax precept

Girton Parish Council (GPC) is beginning to consider the village precept for 2024/2025. Over the last five years the precept, which is the amount of your council tax

that goes to GPC to provide local services and maintain GPC assets, has been raised by only £7.03 for a Band D house (2023 raise 92p). Girton's precept is also lower than most of the surrounding villages.

Girton Glebe assembly

Cllr Muston and the GPC clerk were lucky enough to attend an assembly at Girton Glebe school on 9th October 2023. We were there to present awards to all entrants of our GPC logo competition and our Coronation Crown competition and while we were there, we asked the students to tell us:

1. What they think would be the best name for Girton Parish Council by filling in a short online survey. We would like your help too. What do you think is the best name for your local council? Circle the name you like best on the poster on page 11 of this Parish News and drop through the Girton Recreation Ground letter box.
2. What would make Girton's Play Parks great – for more details see the separate poster on page 28 of this Parish News.

We are thrilled that we are already receiving responses. Thank you! We hope to give you the results in December's Girton Parish News.

Girton's LHI bid with Oakington and Westwick

Following on from GPC's successful LHI bid to reduce speed on Oakington Road to 30mph it is extremely pleasing that the application to extend the existing 20mph zone all the way to Huntingdon Road was successful, being ranked 4th in the county for all applications.

A great deal of time and effort was put into this application, resulting in it being of a high standard and, most importantly, effective. Thanks to everyone who was involved in this process, in particular the hundreds of residents who responded to the public consultation, allowing us to show that the proposal was one clearly supported by a majority of the village, and identified as an important safety measure.

Responsibility for trees & development of tree policy for GPC

GPC has been working with a number of residents to confirm responsibility for trees that may be on GPC, Cambridgeshire County Council or South Cambridgeshire District Council Land. We have funded a tree survey of one of these trees which took place on Monday 16th October to further understand

GPC's responsibilities for our trees and green spaces and to inform a future GPC tree policy.

GPC has also been looking at improving some of our green spaces at Wellbrook Way and Mayfield Road. We also have an ask that all of you will be looking at your green areas and cutting back. See our poster below which will be going up on all noticeboards and local social media.

Council programme to replace dog poo bins with new combined litter bins

The bins approved in June full council are now being delivered and installed. Thanks to South Cambs District Council who have provided the budget for the replacement litter bin outside Girton allotments.

Recreation Ground car park safety improvements

Bollards have now been fitted at the recreation ground car park. Many thanks to S J Pollard for fitting the bollards with minimal disruption. Thanks also to everyone who gave feedback and suggested that GPC need to consider the car park markings as well. GPC has now approved full markings of all bays and the work should have been completed by the time you read this.

Wellbrook Way Play Area/Girton Recreation Ground

Repair work to the surfaces at Wellbrook Way play area were completed on 17th October. Meanwhile, GPC have been pursuing the fitting of the two table tennis tables at Girton Recreation Ground and are considering extending the base of these tables to improve the playing area.

Girton Parish Clerk

01223 237173, clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk

See full list of Councillors on page 34.

Be a hedgerow helper!

Now that the nesting season is over it's time for all of us to take a good look at our hedges and shrubs!

If you have plants that are right next to roads, pavements or footpaths, now is the perfect time to check them and ask the question, is this blocking the way of my fellow residents? A number of residents have pointed out places where hedges, shrubs, and trees make it difficult to get past, especially on our pavements.

Please check any of your vegetation that adjoins public paths and see if it strays onto the path. Think about whether someone in a wheelchair or pushing a buggy would struggle to get past without having to go onto the road or into a (potentially muddy) verge. Think about whether someone might get a nasty surprise from a stray overhanging branch.

It is the responsibility of all landowners (including the Parish Council) to make sure that plants from their property don't obstruct public highways, pavements and rights of way. In the coming months we will look at any obstructions that remain and start to take action where necessary.

If your plants are causing a nuisance, but you are struggling to cut them back, please get in contact with the Parish Council and we will try to help you out.

The terrible state of Girton's pavements hasn't helped, but we have been pushing the County Council to attend to these and we have been told that there will be a number of repairs in the next few months.

So, please be a hedgerow helper and make it as easy as possible for everyone to get around Girton!

Thanks for helping, Daniel Carney



From Our Councillors

County Councillor's Report

More 20mph schemes get the green light

Girton Parish Council has been successful again! This time it's been confirmed that their application to extend 20mph throughout the village has been approved. It was a competitive field but even so Girton's application scored highly.

The County Council is keen to find additional funding to increase the number of applications it can support. With 88 applications received, it is clear that this type of road safety measures are very popular with residents and local communities.

Huntingdon Road/Eddington lights – cycle safety concerns continue

During the summer the phasing of the lights turning right to Eddington were changed to see if this reduced the backing up of congestion, and thus pressure on cars to drift into the cycle lane.

Officers have now been back to check what the situation is now that the new year's patterns have settled and it is clear that while the phasing has made some difference it has not substantially affected the way in which traffic moves into the cycle lane. Officers are now looking to secure funding for installing wands along the most affected part of the cycle lane as a way to actively discourage cars, vans and buses from physically encroaching into the cycle lane.

Weeds and street sweeping

At the County Council's Highways & Transport Committee meeting on 3rd October the issue was raised on the relationship between weeds and street sweeping. Some residents have complained about debris from unswept streets (District Council) being caught up in weeds from uncleared gutters and gullies (County Council). County officers are now working with District Council officers about how better to align and co-ordinate the management of our streets, kerbs, gullies and gutters.

Free vehicle checks

A series of free vehicle checking events is being organised around the county throughout October, in support of the national campaign for safer vehicles. Members of the public are invited to attend a free vehicle check session, where they will be taught how to conduct a simple check on their own vehicle and spot potentially dangerous problems. The check consists of examining tyre condition and tread depth, ensuring correctly working external lights and correct washer fluid levels. A free top-up of screen wash will be offered and help with future checks.

The events are being delivered by the Vision Zero Road Safety Partnership, of which Cambridgeshire County

Council is an active member. The partnership aims to reduce the number of road traffic collisions across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and for zero deaths on the county's roads by 2040. More information on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CambsRoadSafety.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns at edna.murphy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Cllr Edna Murphy

edna.murphy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

District Councillors' Report

Northwest Cambridge Community Forum autumn 2023 date

Thursday 2nd November is proposed for the Northwest and West Cambridge Forum which will be held at Storey's Field Centre in Eddington. The Forum will focus on the development of Eddington and Darwin Green. Please check www.cambridge.gov.uk/north-west-and-west-cambridge-community-forum.

Electrical safety campaign – a message from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS)

CFRS is urging residents to keep in mind some simple steps when using electrical devices, especially those with Lithium-Ion batteries. The idea is that by following a few simple safety measures, like adding fire safety as a bedtime routine and being awake when using and charging some devices or appliances, people can keep themselves and their families safe in their homes.

Over the coming weeks more information, including key advice for residents **to Take Charge and Be Safe** will be released on the Service's social media channels. CFRS says "**Make sure CFRS is in your feed by liking and following us.**"

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning – now on social media

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP) Communications has now established dedicated social media accounts for the planning service. The latest addition is a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/greatercambridgeplanning.

The accounts will serve a wide variety of purposes. You can use these links to the GCSP accounts –

- Facebook (www.facebook.com/greatercambridgeplanning)
- Instagram (www.instagram.com/greatercambridgeplanning/)
- Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service LinkedIn (www.uk.linkedin.com/company/greater-cambridge-shared-planning-service)
- Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (@GCSP_Planning)/X ([twitter.com](https://twitter.com/GCSP_Planning)) (https://twitter.com/GCSP_Planning)

Free Electric blankets will help residents most in need this winter

South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) is offering 532 residents the opportunity to claim a free electric blanket (also known as a heated throw) as a cost-effective alternative to central heating. Residents selected to qualify will be those who are (as of 1st July 2023) claiming Council Tax Support and Attendance Allowance, PIP or disability living allowance at the higher rate.

Qualifying residents will receive a letter in the coming weeks from the council telling them they are eligible and how to claim their free blanket. Only people who receive a letter will be able to claim a free blanket.

Analysis has shown that running an electric blanket costs just 5p per hour, compared to an average central heating cost of £2.03 per hour.

Mutual Exchange of Social Housing

SCDC is making it simpler and easier for social housing tenants to arrange exchanges with other tenants both in the district and further afield. Full details are on the website at: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/council-tenants/about-your-tenancy/mutual-exchange>, but if you are experiencing difficulties please do come and talk to us.

Date for the diary: Christmas Market on Sunday 10th December at Cambourne Village College

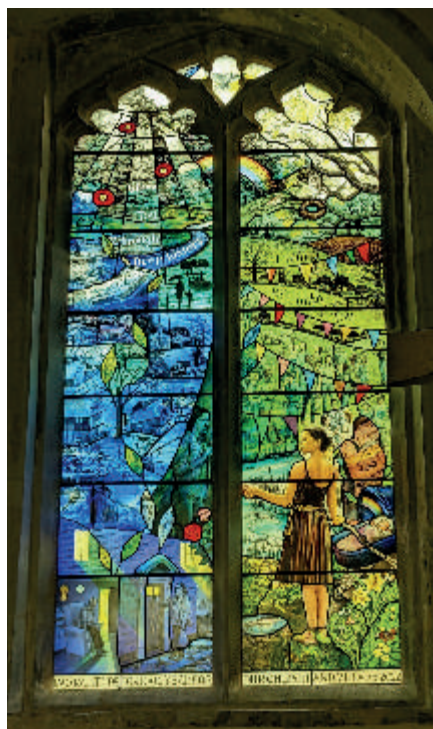
The SCDC Economic Development & Investment Team is thrilled to announce there will be a Christmas Market taking place on Sunday 10th December 2023 at Cambourne Village College. This event is a follow-on from the highly successful Christmas Market event staged in 2022, and the team is delighted to once again have an opportunity to champion skilled, local, and independent businesses from across the district. More details to follow.

Your councillors are here to help you. Please do feel free to contact us with comments, questions, problems, or complaints. We hope we can help, but if we can't we are likely to know someone who can!

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cllr.garvie@scambs.gov.uk*

*Cllr Richard Stobart, 07950 934793
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Girton Walking Group



Whittlesford Church window

On Saturday 7th October a small group met in Sawston for a beautiful circular walk to Whittlesford and back. The church in Whittlesford was open and has a stunning new stained-glass window celebrating the church's millennium. As this coincided with the Covid pandemic, the window also commemorates that.

Our next walks are:

Saturday 4th November: St Ives and Fen Drayton Lakes

This walk begins in the St Ives Park and Ride at 10am. It is a very large car park so please park in the area marked D4 and D5. Alternatively arrive at the P&R by guided bus and meet in the same area. The walk is approximately five and a half miles long and may be muddy when walking through wooded sections. The lakes can be seen at various viewpoints and hopefully we shall see some overwintering birds. Do bring a drink and a snack for a short break.

This walk is led by Ann and Ian Jerram,
ann.jerram@gmail.com

Saturday 2nd December: Wandlebury Country Park

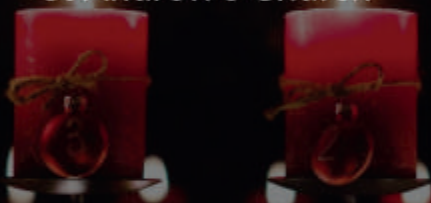
Followed by a Bring and Share Christmas lunch at the Blackburn's, 141 Thornton Road, CB3 0NE.

Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307 Haverhill Road, two miles south of Addenbrooke's. We did this short (two and a half miles) but lovely walk last year but thought it worth repeating. The walk is mostly on good paths and affords views over the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and (on a good day) as far away as Ely. There is a charge of £3.50 for the car park (card payment only; free for members of Cambridge Past, Present and Future). Meet in the car park at 10am. The walk is led by Angela (see below).

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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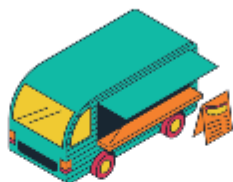
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Music at Girton College

Freshers' Concert

Sunday 5 November, at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)

Stanley Library, Girton College

A wide-ranging selection of music organised by and featuring the newest students at Girton College. Admission free; retiring collection.

A Concert for Remembrance Day

Sunday 12 November, at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)

Chapel, Girton College

A programme of elegiac Baroque music performed by Tomma Wessel (internationally renowned recorder player from Belgium), Margaret Faultless (Head of Historical Performance at the Royal Academy of Music and Bye-Fellow at Girton College), Geirprúður Anna Guðmundsdóttir (Icelandic-American cellist) and Martin Ennis (Director of Music at Girton College). Admission free; retiring collection.

To be followed by afternoon tea in the Fellows' Drawing Room for regular supporters of Girton's Sunday afternoon concert series; those wishing to attend the tea are asked to register in early November.

Celebrating Oscar Peterson and the Saxophonists

Wednesday 15 November, at 7.30 pm (until 9.30 pm)
Old Hall, Girton College.

The James Pearson Trio with Tim Boniface. Musical Director of Ronnie Scott's and Musician-in-Residence at Girton, internationally renowned pianist James Pearson joins forces with Cambridge-based saxophonist and chaplain of Girton, Tim Boniface, for an evening celebrating Oscar Peterson's collaborations with the great jazz saxophonists; with Jeremy Brown (bass; the Royal Academy of Music) and Sophie Alloway (drums; 'The goddess of groove', Jazz FM).

Admission: tickets from www.cambridgejazzfestival.info

Opera at Girton College

**Thursday 16 November at 7.30 pm (until 8.45 pm),
Friday 17 November at 7.30 pm (until 8.45 pm), and
Saturday 18 November at 3.30 pm (until 4.45 pm)**

Chapel, Girton College

Gian Carlo Menotti's *The Medium*. Enter the world of the occult in Menotti's dramatic two-act chamber opera, performed by Girton students and friends; directed by Alex Wrathall and conducted by Emily Clare-Hunt

Admission: £10/£4 (students); tickets from www.trybooking.co.uk/COLV and at the door

Bridgemas Concert

Saturday 25 November at 7.30 pm (until 8.30 pm)
Great Hall, Girton College

An end-of-term spectacular featuring various ensembles, including Girton College Orchestra (conducted by Emily Clare-Hunt and Daniel Sandell), GirTen, and A Cappella, performing festive music from Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* to Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride*. Admission free; retiring collection



Girton Poppy Appeal 2023

The Annual Poppy Appeal in Girton is underway and will run until Saturday 11th November.



Traditional paper poppies are available from a number of locations throughout Girton, including: BP Garage, Girton Co-op, Peter Graves, GP Surgery, The George, The Old Crown, Girton Golf Club, Girton Social Club.

Additional items are available from a stand in Sainsbury's, Eddington including 2023 poppy lapel pins, wooden crosses, poppy reflectors, snap rulers, bracelets and much more.

There are still a few unfilled spaces on the rota for volunteers at Sainsbury's and any offers to fill a 2hr slot would be gratefully received.

Please contact Wendy as below.

Please could any organisation wishing to donate and lay their wreath this year contact me if you haven't already done so, as there are still a number of unclaimed wreaths awaiting collection.

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

*All items are also available from your local
Poppy Appeal Organiser: Wendy Ripley
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Thank you for your support.



Lest we forget

Museum of Zoology talk – a Wild Girton event

**Wednesday 22nd November
from 6.30-8.00pm
at the Girton Pavilion**

Come along to hear Roz Wade from the Cambridge Museum of Zoology tell us all about spotting species locally and recording sightings. All welcome including children. It's not to be missed!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Girton Garden Society

**Girton
Garden
Society**



**Pippa Temple: The Mill Garden
– a labour of love**

Wednesday 8th November

at 7.30pm

at William Collyn Community Centre

What we wanted was a larger garden to play with –
what we ended up with was an acre and a half
of overgrown jungle with a dilapidated windmill
in the middle of it. What fun we've had
restoring it all.

Visitors and new members are
always very welcome (£2 per session).

www.girtongardensociety.co.uk
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Eddington Festive Market

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th November

It's time to pop on your bobble hat and explore
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your seasonal celebrations in style.

For the keen crafters who want to get involved,
there will also be workshops running throughout
the weekend where you will have the opportunity
to create your own gifts.

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If I had written yesterday, Tuesday 10th October, I would have been enjoying the sun, the warmth, the stillness of the autumn weather. Early October has seen an Indian summer. Long ago the Met Office defined Indian summer as “a warm, calm spell of weather occurring in autumn, especially in October and November”. Origin uncertain, but ‘India’ is thought to be North American, not Indian subcontinent. Today has seen a transition to a gloomy English autumn.

As the satisfactory and productive allotment season (what a relief after last year!) ends, it has been a bonus to work out on our plots in warmth under blue skies. What leisurely thoughts have we been musing on?

Perhaps about how quickly the months go by when one works through the horticultural calendar. As we clear away the faded plants, it seems no time since we were sowing the seeds, planting out, watching growth get underway. And now, so soon, we are harvesting final produce, cutting back, dismantling support structures. I’ve noticed how the landscape changes as these structures come down. And was it really a year ago that we were compiling and sending off our seed orders for next year? I sent my 2024 order off this morning: as usual, too many types and packets. I bet I’m not alone in getting a frisson of anticipation as we select our choices of vegetables (and flowers).

Other reflections will be about the successes (and a few failures). We may accept that we (or our soil) cannot grow certain crops. Or conversely decide to attempt a crop we haven’t done before. Of course, there is loads of satisfaction as we remember all the fresh produce that has been taken into the kitchen and onto our plates or is now stashed away in the freezer for the coming months. I refuse to decry all shop-bought food, but we can take pride in knowing our produce is fresh and free of chemicals. It may be partly in the mind, but our stuff tastes better. I bang on a lot about tomatoes, because I believe here is the biggest difference in taste between home grown and shop bought. I heard a radio programme recently about some tomato production in the Netherlands. It sounded more like the output from the oil and petrochemical industries. Who can bear that when you have sown seeds, carefully potted on, planted out, watered, fed with organic liquids; watched the fruits form, turn from green to red and yellow. Then we enjoy them in salads, cooked, or turned into sauce.

Another feature of plant life is the amount of foliage growth that is produced. We sow seeds, some as fine as dust, the largest no bigger than a bean. But through soil nutrients, water, sunlight and warmth, those tiny little stores of potential life produce over a few short months huge volumes of foliage (as well as the fruits). So much that it can be a problem to get rid of it. Putting it into compost heaps/bins to break down into compost to enrich soil in future years is ideal but some is too woody, shows sign of disease, or is too much for our composting capacity. We each find our disposal method.

Something I have been reflecting on while working out there in the warmth is the beauty and delight in nature manifesting itself. For example, there is a tree stump covered in ivy at my entrance onto the site. I’ve long known ivy berries are the favourite of butterflies, wasps, and bees. But I’ve never known my ivy stump to play host as intensively as over the last few days. Flights of red admirals, that gorgeous red and black butterfly hover over it and settle on the berries, many at any one time, fluttering like bats at a distance. If I brush against the ivy, wasps/bees and red admirals ascend in a cloud and re-settle.



Flocks of goldfinches fly across the site. The green woodpecker is always around. Then I think of that report published last week, the one that breaks one’s heart: the way climate and habitat is changing so that 14% of the world’s wildlife and flora will disappear within our lifetime. I think of birds I used to see locally commonly, but now seldom or never. Yellow hammers, greenfinches, house sparrows, chaffinches, bullfinches, and many more. Spending time on the allotments, seeing flora and fauna around us, kneeling on the earth, hands dirtied by the soil, must surely affect us, benefitting our health and wellbeing. But for the future ecology there is a feeling of helplessness, but we must all act and speak in any way we can to roll back these grievous predictions.

*Graham Jones
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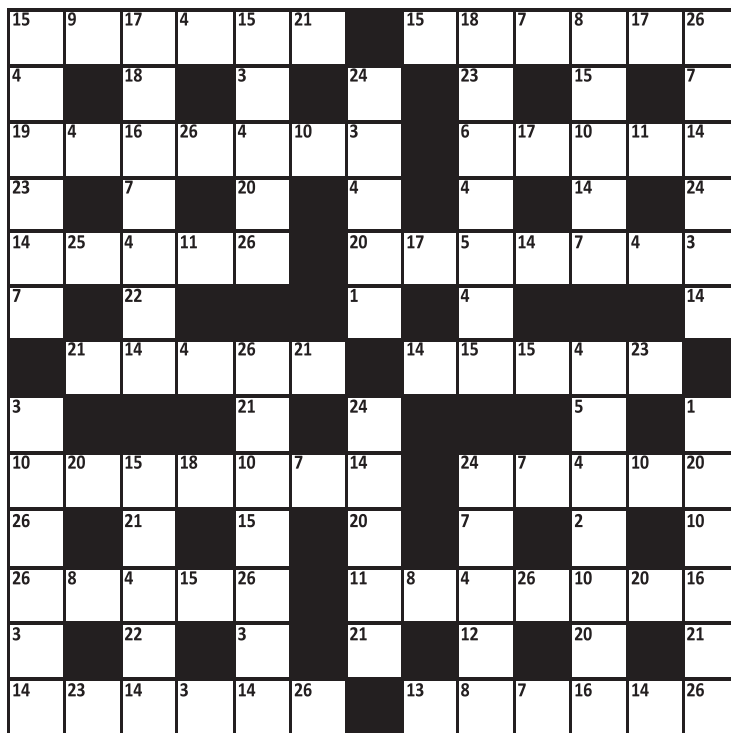
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CODEWORDS

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 34.

WORDSEARCH – THE TALES OF KING ARTHUR PENDRAGON

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Launch of the Local Nature Recovery Plan

We were delighted to welcome members of the community to the third public meeting held by the Local Nature Recovery Plan Group, on 4th October at the Pavilion.

The meeting provided an opportunity to reflect on community events held in the last six months and the progress already made with the plan. This included two open evenings at Town End Close, a trip to Dry Drayton to see the swift colony there, a wildlife friendly gardening day, a stall at the Girton Feast, and a photo competition. A network of WhatsApp street champions has now been set up to help spread the word – get in touch if you would like to do this for your local WhatsApp group.

The main, and most exciting, order of business was the presentation of Girton's first Local Nature Recovery Plan. Developed over the past 18 months, with input from the community and various experts, this comprehensive plan provides an overview of the biodiversity already in Girton and proposals for ways to

conserve and enhance it. It's also available on the Girton Parish Council website – do have a look!

The plan includes a range of great projects, from surveying wildlife to installing bat boxes to a community lending



Pond dipping – photo by Sarah Ferriss

scheme for equipment such as a trail camera and a moth trap. The first project that the group plans to take forward is a re-design of the Hibbert-Ware Memorial Garden, an ambitious and nature friendly proposal for this wonderful community space. At the meeting, we heard details of these exciting plans from local wildlife gardening expert Liesbeth ten Ham (Purple Flowers Gardens and Mosaics).

Of course successful delivery of the plan will depend on volunteer support from the community as well as funding. We will be seeking help for both of these, and

please get in touch with any ideas or if you would like to be on our mailing list. We can work together for nature in Girton.

Hibbert-Ware Garden needs your help!

The story of former Girton resident, Alice Hibbert-Ware, is both inspiring and fascinating. Born in New Zealand in 1869, Alice was a self-taught naturalist, and one of the first women elected to the Linnean Society. She was a passionate and inspiring educator, as well as a keen researcher. In 1935 she was asked by the British Trust for Ornithology to lead an inquiry into the feeding habits of the little owl that led to the species being protected. She moved to Girton in 1931 and was manager of the village school (then in Cotton Hall) and manager at Impington Village College, as well as a member of the Girton Parish Council. She lived here until her passing in 1944.

The Hibbert-Ware Memorial Garden, at the top of Church Lane, was established through local fundraising to commemorate the many contributions of this pioneering scientist. We are now raising funds to re-design this garden, enhancing the biodiversity of this community garden while remaining true to its original dedication.

Why not contribute to our Just Giving page, email us with your fundraising ideas, or get in touch to volunteer.

Local Nature Recovery Plan Group
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Friends of Girton Glebe Jumble Sale

Girton Glebe's jumble sale on 30th September was a fantastic success, with an amazing **£1233.76 and counting** raised for our school!

A heartfelt thank you from Friends of Girton Glebe to all those who donated or who came along to support the sale.

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We are also pleased to announce that on the Village Fete day, the local clubs, societies and charities raised a grand total of £4,600.

The dates for next year will be Friday 12th July and Saturday 13th July – please put these dates in your diaries. More information to follow in next year's GPNs. If you would like to be part of our team, please contact Rowena at: rowena@girtonfeast.org.

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Girton Cottontails Preschool

We've had a brilliant and busy first half term of the new preschool year and it's flown by!

We've been making the most of the windy weather with kite making and flying at Forest School. And having so much fun with hide and seek games and also hunts by following directions on walkie talkies around the woods. We have some amazing tree climbers this year who are challenging themselves to climb and even when it's tough to reach a higher branch, they are determined and keep trying which is brilliant.

We've been learning all about autumn and Harvest. We were very happy to have a visit from Eona from St Andrew's church who shared a story about Harvest with us and we picked blackberries and apples and made crumble, yum! We went on a conker hunt and found so many that it was hard to carry the heavy bags back to preschool! We've been using the conkers for many activities including counting, trying to pick up with tongs and scoopers, rolling down chutes and painting.

We are a community interest company, so non-profit making and we greatly appreciate any support you can give. Please take a look at our gofundme page and our Amazon wish list:

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News from Girton Glebe Primary School

Chromebooks for Year 6!

At the start of October, Year 6 had a VERY exciting delivery of 31 brand new Chromebooks to use in class.

Funded by the Eastern Learning Alliance, these new laptops will give our Year 6 pupils the opportunity to develop their cross-curricular learning and improve

their interactivity in all lessons.

We were fortunate enough to receive both staff and pupil training on how to get the most out of these exciting additions to the classroom; a huge thank you to Mr Gee and his team from IVC for setting this up!



We are excited about the way in which these machines will not only improve teaching and learning while at Girton Glebe but will support our students with their transition to secondary school and the regular use of these computers at IVC.

Happy Harvest (and a BIG thank you!)

Earlier this term, we welcomed all new parents to a Harvest Celebration in which children in each class performed harvest-themed songs and poetry. It was



great to hear the whole school singing together once again, showing gratitude for all that we have at this time of year and performing one of our favourites: The Harvest Rock 'n' Roll!

Following the assembly, Year 6 packed up the school's foodbank donations and delivered them to St Andrew's Church. These will now be



distributed to local foodbanks to help those in need. Thank you to everyone that joined us and for all your generous donations!

A Wheely Good Time!

A few weeks ago, we were super lucky to be visited by inline skating World Champion Danny Aldridge, who



led skating workshops for Years 5 and 6 as well as performing lots of tricks and wowing the whole school by jumping over Miss Tweddle and Mrs Howlett in an end of the day assembly! Danny told the school about his fears as a child and how having the courage to try something new, and believing in himself, has made him a World Champion today.

In workshops all about resilience and having the courage to try new things, Upper Key Stage 2 donned their safety equipment, learnt the basics of skating, and built their confidence in moving around the hall and playground before trying some tricks for themselves. The Year 6 children commented that this was "a great lesson in perseverance and getting back up when you fall down!" The children particularly enjoyed tag-on-skates, learning a range of stopping techniques, weaving through obstacles, and attempting to jump whilst in motion.

Here's what some of our children had to say after their workshop:

"I liked that everybody was having a really good time and laughing when they fell over!" – Alex

"I really enjoyed the morning; it was a lot of fun to be out of the classroom and doing something enjoyable!" – Jasmine

Chris Butler
Headteacher

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

The indoor bowls season is now well underway and Girton has made a great start. Girton 1 has played three matches against Sawston, Romsey and Chesterton and won all three; the team is currently top of

Division 1. Girton 2 has played two matches, against Alexander Beehive and Histon, they won both matches placing them mid-way in League Division 2.

Our annual end of season presentation dinner took place on 17th October at The Old Crown and was attended by 42 members and partners. This event always proves to be a popular social occasion when we can all get together and have a great time. This year was no exception, and our thanks go to all the staff at The Old Crown for a lovely meal enjoyed in a great atmosphere. The presentation of the trophies was made by our Chairman, Dave Fryer.

The bowls green has now been shut down for the winter and all the jobs associated with this carried out by our maintenance team and volunteers.

The date of our AGM will be announced shortly to which everyone is welcome.

If you are interested in finding out about joining Girton Bowls Club, please see our website: www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com

or please contact our Secretary, Carey Horton, at: carey@horton.uk.net We are always pleased to welcome new members.

Lynne McGill



Girton Golf Club

The competitive golfing year is drawing to a close as the last few events take place in what has become very variable weather.

Allan Gow Putter

The final of the Allan Gow Putter took place on 10th September with Craig Russell taking on Neil Cowie. It took 38 holes of nip and tuck and there were five or six birdies on the last nine holes with Craig emerging the victor.

Well done to Neil for getting to the final and to the winner, Craig, who adds this to his recent club championship win.

Allan Gow was the founder of Girton Golf Club back in 1936 and this competition is held in his memory

every year, playing for the Allan Gow Putter.

Men v Scratch match

On 16th September, the Scratch team squad took on the Men's team in the much-anticipated annual game. The eight pairs per side did battle in what turned out to be a very closely fought match. The Men's team emerged the winners with the final pair of Tony Omo and Chris Cooke taking down Craig Russell and Pally (Chris) Atkin on the 18th hole. Thanks to all who took part and to Alan Henderson-Smith who sponsored the shield and came down to do the presentation at the end (see photograph below).



Interclub league

The Men's team have completed their season long stint in the Interclub League. The men played home and away matches against Heydon Grange, the Gogs and Elton Furze golf clubs and finished joint second in the league, one point behind the eventual winners Elton Furze. We lost out on the playoffs for second place teams on count back of games won/lost.

Membership is still available at Girton, so please call the office for more information on the styles available and special offers that may be running - that includes Social Membership. Quiz Nights are back on a Friday night so please call the office for dates; food is available before the start.

We are sad to report that our Golf Professional Sam Beckett and his assistant Jess have left the club at the end of October to pursue their careers elsewhere. Sam has been an excellent Pro at Girton, and we are all sorry to see him and Jess move on. Good luck to them both in the future.

Alan Henderson-Smith

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Girton Tennis Club

The club has run junior supervised sessions on Friday evenings for most of this year, but these have now stopped until better weather and lighter

evenings return in 2024 – expected to be towards the end of April. The sessions have been very popular and it has been lovely to see our younger players improve their racket skills whilst having plenty of exercise and fun. We are very grateful to Victor Traviseo and Alan Richardson for leading this activity and to many other parents and committee members who have assisted on busier evenings.

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.girtontenniscub.uk or by contacting our Membership Secretary by email: info@girtontenniscub.uk.

Alan Franklin



Girton Colts

The Under 7s team are now into the league and players (and parents!) have adapted well to mid-week training and Saturday morning matches.

We've had a great start to the season, winning five out of six games, and all the players have been working together as a team, building confidence and improving on skills.

Thank you for all the support within the club.

Annie Daniels
Manager under-7s

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With peach and elderflower on the nose, and apple, peach, and nectarine on the palate, this is a refreshing wine to enjoy by itself or with grilled salmon. It will also go well with a creamy chicken dish or a slightly spicy dish.

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A smooth, well-balanced Shiraz from New South Wales.

PepperBox Shiraz, 2020 (Southeastern Australia)

Deep ruby in colour, this rich, well-balanced PepperBox Shiraz from the Casella winery in New South Wales, is very good value for money. With blackberry, cherry and plum on the nose, and black fruits, chocolate, and tobacco, with a hint of spice on the palate, this is a smooth wine with plenty of character, medium tannin and acidity, and a lengthy finish.

Perfect for a Sunday roast, with grilled meats, or roasted vegetables.

Available from **Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrisons** (£10-£11)



A fine example of an English Bacchus.

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This is a well-balanced wine with a lively acidity and a long finish, and while it can be enjoyed by itself, its freshness makes it a perfect accompaniment for a seafood or poultry dish.

Available from **Grape Britannia** (Chesterton Road) (£14.99)

Martin Nuttall
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Girton leads the way with Almshouses for the future

Girton Town Charity was recently singled out to showcase its new development of 15 futureproof homes for the over 55s, as part of a regional meeting for almshouse professionals.

It welcomed more than 30 representatives of almshouse charities throughout East Anglia to the William Collyn Community Centre, followed by a visit to Dovehouse Court in the village.

Guests were welcomed by Ann Bonnett, GTC Chair and Tom Lee, Manager of the Centre before hearing a short history of the Charity from Trustee Robin Hiley.

Nick Phillips, CEO of The Almshouse Association, praised GTC for “leading the way” in the movement by funding and building new almshouses which are built to the stringent standards required for their Passivhaus accreditation and have first-class sustainability credentials.

He highlighted the ‘cutting edge design’ of the Dovehouse Court homes where residents are already enjoying living in a secure and warm environment, which has been well-designed, with a communal garden as well as individual raised beds to grow flowers and vegetables.

Latest research shows that people living in almshouses live on average two and a half years longer because they have a sense of connection with others as part of a sociable community.

Ann Bonnett, Chair of GTC said: “It was a great honour to be asked to host this regional meeting and to be able to share our journey in creating these almshouses for the future. Not only did we enjoy excellent attendance but many came to visit Dovehouse Court after the formal sessions to see at first hand what has been achieved.

“This visit was a great reward for all the hard work and inspired vision of our Trustees over many years to bring the new almshouses to fruition. My thanks go to them and to the excellent team who worked on the project.”



Almshouse Association attendees visit Dovehouse Court in Girton. In the foreground, left to right: Nick Phillips, CEO, The Almshouse Association; Ann Bonnett, Chair, GTC; Jennifer Millard, Regional Representative; The Almshouse Association; and Ian Bramwell, Director, Mole Architects.



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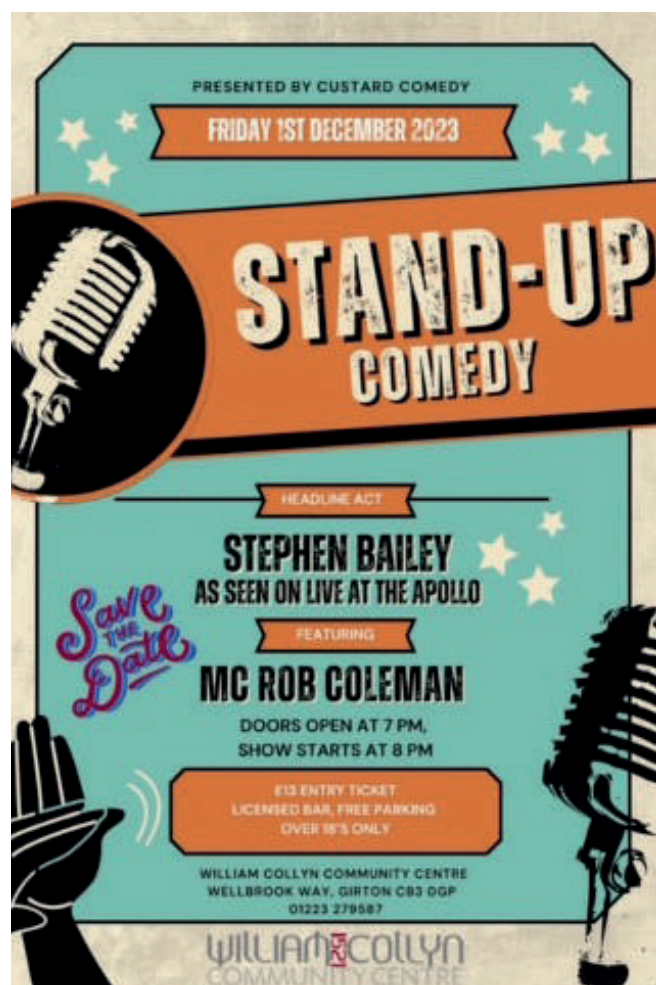
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10.30am - 2.00pm	Hartbeeps (term time)
6.00 - 7.00pm	Pilates with Wendy Jane
7.30 - 10.30pm	Easton Swing

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
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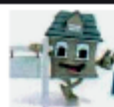
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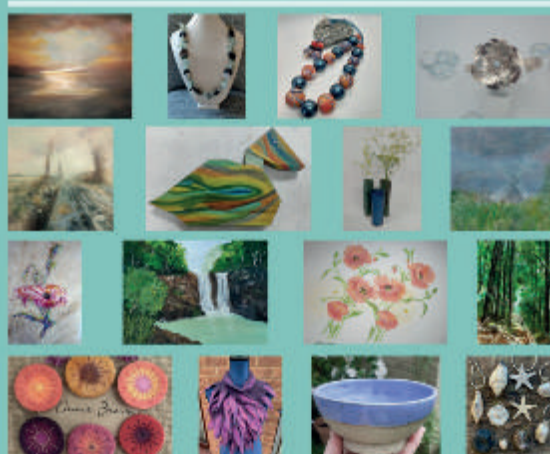
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We had a 'bit a dockey'

It was on Wednesday 27th September that we all popped down to Girton Golf Club for a 'bit a dockey' as they say in my home language. In other words we went out for lunch at Girton Golf Club and were treated to excellent

food, very pleasant surroundings and great treatment from the staff, so much so, that we are going to go back there soon. I chose the blade of beef from the menu and wow that was good!



The lunchtime ambience was great at the Golf Club

The months have rolled by very quickly this year, or maybe it's just me getting older, but we are already staring Christmas in the face and I haven't decided what the wife should buy me or is it that she hasn't decided for me? I really never know.

What's happening next? Our computer group is still running every Monday morning from 10am to 12pm at Abbeyfield and of late we have solved quite a few problems, computer or phone problems that is, not the world's problems – although we've tried. You don't have to be in trouble to come along and chat or to make new friends so why not drop in and see us.

For our Christmas party lunch I have booked Jacen, a musician from Ely, for a sing-along at our Christmas themed carvery lunch at Abbeyfield on the 6th December starting at 12pm – put it in your diary and if you wish contact me for more details.

Another date for your diary is Tuesday 9th January when Patricia Johnston, our Older Residents' Coordinator, will be hosting another 'Tuesday Connections' at the William Collyn Centre which I hope you will all support. She is running monthly Tuesday sessions and hopefully you will be able to see more details about them in her article in this Parish News.

We are also looking forward to showing films again at the William Collyn Centre and once we know that we have all the correct documents to do so we will let you know. I hope that this might go ahead in the New Year.

Sam Clift

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Harvest Diary 2023

Like many an oenophile I have often dreamed of packing in my day job and becoming a winemaker. I fantasised of living in a beautiful location, sun on my face as I savoured a glass of something wonderful I had created. Vineyards were in short supply up north so I had never experienced the reality of what can appear to be a romantic profession until this week.

Excited, I rose early and headed to Norfolk to spend the day picking grapes with Ben and his team at Flint Vineyard, whose wines I have loved since I first visited in 2018. As my car bumped along the country roads, I wondered what to expect. Despite the idyllic



autumnal weather amongst the Bacchus vines, I discovered the practical nitty gritty was quite different to my fantasy. Nature is truly in charge in the vineyard. Stiff backed from bending over for hours in the cold wind I got stung by nettles on my bottom as I bent down to pick. I was constantly trying to avoid getting stung by wasps and insects as they nestled in the juicy sugary grapes that I picked with my sticky fingers. Despite this I felt stupidly happy as I communed with nature amongst bird song, rich unpolluted air, and friendly conversation with other pickers. I've never slept so well, valued wine more, and enjoyed a beer more at the end of a day.

Come and join Girton Wine Club for our next tasting: "Wines for Christmas" on 1st December. To book message Matt: mattgamblewintastings@gmail.com.

Matt Gamble

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Girton WI

Our President welcomed Petra Tucker who lives in Cambridge and is a children's nurse at Addenbrookes Hospital.

She also spends time at H.M. Prison Littlehey, helping the prisoners to make various items for our homes such as cushions, tablecloths, and decorations. They are called "stitchers," and the idea behind it is to encourage prisoners to learn how to stitch and take an interest in a rewarding craft, this helps to relieve their boredom and gets them out of their cells for a time to mix with other people. This charity was founded by Lady Ann Tree, a British aristocrat and social reformer, prison visitor, and prison rights activist. She listened to the prisoners and had a vision of fine cell work. Prisoners would get paid a small amount for their work, help others learn to stitch, and enjoy chatting while working on their chosen product.

Petra read out a letter from a prisoner who said how grateful he was to have had the opportunity to learn how to stitch, and to also receive a letter back from a grateful person who was now enjoying a beautiful and individual, handstitched item, in their home. This meant a lot to the stitchers.

Finally, Petra passed around some of the cushions and tablecloths for our members to look at and we all admired their wonderful work which looked so professionally done. A selection of the prisoners' work was on sale should we wish to purchase an item.

We thanked Petra for coming along to give us this extremely interesting talk.

Sue Jiggins
Press and Publicity Officer



Earlybirds WI

Dr Neil Dickinson returned to the Earlybirds in October to give a fascinating talk on butterflies. This was interspersed with wonderful

details – and photos – from his own life, from childhood to student to father, revealing his interest in butterflies from an early age when he first read *British Butterflies* by George E Hyde. We were shown slides of numerous butterflies, many of them blue, Dr Dickinson's favourite colour. As a child, he would catch and pin the insects; but times have changed and rather than collect the butterflies he searches for them and photographs them. And they are beautiful, from the Adonis Blue to the rare Large Blue (extinct in Britain), and the paler Churchill Blue.

Then there is the White Admiral, a master of flying, while others glide, or fly through the tops of oak trees; and if you see a Green Veined White butterfly on your cabbages, fear not – it is not the one who destroys your crop. Butterflies like warmth and so tend to be found mostly in the south of the country but climate change may of course influence their behaviour. The lovely, large, Swallowtail is rare but has been seen around the Norfolk Broads, while the bright and familiar Comma is often seen in our gardens including my own. Keep an eye out for these colourful creatures.

Our next meeting on Friday 10th November will be at 10.30am when we will be having a Christmas craft morning. We regularly meet on the second Friday of each month at the CFWI office on Oakington Road. If you'd like more information, please contact earlybirdsec@gmail.com.

Trish Peroni



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News for Older Residents



Thank you, Girton Parish News!

What a wonderful photograph on the front cover of the October Parish News. Not everyone's face was clear, for some people hid behind others, but it was a good reminder of the army of people who produce and distribute this excellent magazine month by month. Sincere thanks to you all.

Tuesday Connections

This winter the meetings will start at 2pm. I am very aware that daylight hours are short, and I really hope that this will not put anyone off. Feel free to leave early, if you so wish or, alternatively, tell me if you would like to be escorted home and I will do my best to arrange someone who can walk with you or perhaps provide a lift.

I am currently in the process of organising the November meeting. All being well someone from St Andrew's Church will come and tell us about the church, the graveyard and significant people in the history of the church.

We may also talk more about the changes in Girton over the years, so please come with questions and/or personal memories of Girton and of the Fens, on Tuesday 14th November from 2 – 4pm, in the William Collyn Community Centre.

On Tuesday 12th December the choir of Girton Glebe School will be singing for us. This is something to look forward to and should add to our festive cheer.

Thank you to those who have already made suggestions for future meetings, keep them coming please!

COPE Zoom events

The Muddy Hoard – on Friday 10th November at 1.30pm, Rodney Scarle of the Norris Museum in Huntingdon, will talk about the largest hoard of coins ever found in Cambridgeshire which was declared treasure in 2021. Register by Monday 6th November.

How to avoid scams and fraudsters – a talk on Monday 11th December by Nigel Sutton, Fraud and Cyber Security Advisor for Cambs Police. Register by Wednesday 6th December.

To register either phone COPE on 01223 364303 or email: copetalkingtogether@hotmail.com.

Annual Leave

I will be unavailable on Wednesday 15th November and from 20th December to 3rd January 2024.

Girton Community Warden

By the time you read this Sarah Stuart will hopefully have returned from sick leave. She can be contacted on 07979 333963.

Patricia Johnston

Older Residents' Coordinator

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Ten Sing

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year,

with seven new young people coming to try us out in the first weeks! It's great to see the new generation of Ten Singers coming along, and they nailed the first new song we taught them with ease, so proud of them all.

Our Young People's Committee has been planning lots of dates and activities, but it's a bit strange talking about April next year, when we hope to go once again to entertain the runners at the London Marathon. Some dates to put in your diaries for the run up to Christmas are a possible fundraising dinner event on Saturday 25th November (watch out for more details soon) and a performance at the Choir 2000 concert on Friday 8th December when we will be doing a short slot of Christmas carols and songs.

The big date to put on your calendar is Saturday 16th March 2024 which will be our annual concert. We are already planning it and even have a working title/theme which is amazing. See you all in the coming year!

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Shrapnel

In keeping with national tradition, we will gather again this month at our memorial sites to remember and honour our war heroes. We give thanks for the freedom that was won by their courage and sacrifice.

Many of those who survived the horrors of conflict returned to civilian life still suffering the wounds and scars of the battlefield, both physically and mentally.

Recalling one of the many experiences of such times, a nurse serving in an outpost hospital recorded an important lesson she had learned. A soldier with a puncture wound in his shoulder arrived for assistance. Having cleaned the damaged area, the nurse prepared to shield the wound with a sterile dressing. The medical officer on duty however, asked instead for a small silver probe. Inserting it into the wound, he gently moved the probe until he found a spot where the soldier winced with pain and cried out.

“Now fetch me the forceps please,” the doctor requested. With care he then extracted a small piece of black metal, the shrapnel left embedded in the flesh, and finally allowed the wound dressing to be applied. He then explained that with the shrapnel still remaining, the wound would continue to cause infection and pain and never truly heal. The doctor used the probe as an instrument of discernment and the forceps for deliverance.

Brother Roger of Taizé once noted that “in every man and in every woman there is a wound inflicted by failures, humiliations, bad conscience.” He suggested that such wounds can be inflicted at times when the soul longed for the comfort and direction of infinite understanding, but the need was not met. Thus, we may continue to carry deep within our memory, the hurts that still bring suffering and even a bitterly distorted outlook on life and relationships. Is there a cure? For those who sincerely seek it, the alleviation of this suffering may be found in the healing power of Christ.

Firstly, there has to be an honest recognition of the source of the pain, and secondly, a true desire to be free of it. When Jesus encountered a sick man at the Pool of Siloam, he realized that long-term invalidity had deeply defined the man's self-identity and prospects. Jesus therefore checked that the man was ready to embrace the fundamental changes that healing would bring to his daily life from that time onwards. (John ch.9)

So it is with us too as we confront the source of inner pain and address the issue of forgiveness, not only

towards the one who inflicted it, but perhaps to own our own part in the damaging process.

Forgiveness and mercy often walk hand in hand.

Mercy has been described as being like “the gentle rain from heaven”, twice blessed as it “blesses him that gives and him that receives”. (The Merchant of Venice)

Nothing is lost in God's hands. To Brother Roger there is always hope. “Transfigured by Christ (the wound) is changed into a focus of energy, into a source of creativity where communion, friendship and understanding burst forth.” (1981 letter)

As with the benediction of mercy, where it applies, so the gift of forgiveness cleanses, refreshes, and generates healing. Only by surrendering the painful shrapnel of experience into the vast eternity of God's love will we know the relief, comfort and reassurance that supplies new vitality, vision, and aspirations for the way ahead.

If LOVE can be the silver probe and CONFESSION the forceps, then FORGIVENESS can work as healing balm.

Iris Niven



St Andrew's Church Notices

On 5th November we will hold our In Memory service, at which we will remember our loved ones who have died during the past year or before.

On 12th November we will hold our Remembrance Day service, beginning at 10.45am outside at the village war memorial, and continuing in the church. All are invited to attend. Also there will be activities for children with their parents from 11-11.45am in the Cotton Hall. All are welcome!

And on 26th November at 5.30pm there is the annual Girton College end of term Carol Service in the college chapel. This is preceded by tea in the Stanley Library. All are welcome.

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. Please check the church website for up-to-date information (www.girton.church).

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Sunday Services: November

5th Nov	10.00am	Holy Communion (+StA4K)
	6.00pm	In Memory Service
12th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.45am	Remembrance Service
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
19th Nov	10.00am	Holy Communion (+StA4K)
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
26th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Morning Prayer (+StA4K in Cotton Hall)
	5.30pm	Carol Service at Girton College
3rd Dec	10.00am	Holy Communion (+StA4K)

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

Regular weekday Services: November

Tues	9am	Morning Prayer (said)
Weds	9am	Morning Prayer (said) (Online)
Thurs	9am	Morning Prayer (said) (Online)
	9pm	Compline (said) (Online)

Other Services

8th	2.00pm	Abbeyfield Holy Communion
9th	3.45pm	Messy Church
21st	2.15pm	Arlington Manor Holy Communion
30th	11.00am	Gretton Court Holy Communion (BCP)

Almighty God, May the memory of two world wars strengthen our efforts for peace. May the memory of those who died inspire our service to the living. May the memory of past destruction move us to build for the future. O God of peace, O father of souls, O Builder of the Kingdom of Love.

George Appleton

Girton Baptist Church



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Sunday Services: November

(all at Girton Baptist Church and on Zoom)

5th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion led by Nick Lowe.
12th	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe.
19th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion led by Nick Lowe.
26th	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe

Messy Church is on Thursday 9th November 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 "Who is Jesus?" 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: secretary@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk.

Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Girton Baptist Church

Tuesday Afternoon Friendship Group

7th November at 2.15pm

A speaker from Age UK and a Bring & Buy stall to raise funds for this charity.

All are welcome!

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You can also use these QR codes to contact us:



Macmillan coffee morning at Abbeyfield

The coffee morning at Abbeyfield was well attended by Abbeyfield residents and friends from the village - and enjoyed by all. The total raised, including a generous donation, was £841.

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 9th and 23rd November

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 – November

Thursday 9th November	Black bin
Thursday 16th November	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 23rd November	Black bin
Thursday 30th November	Blue and Green bins

Contact numbers for bookings

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



Solution to this month's Codeword on page 15:

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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

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



THE COGWHEEL CANTER RUNNING FESTIVAL

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Sunday 31st December 2023
10.30am, Girton Recreation Ground

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www.cogwheel5kcanter.co.uk

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Visit us at one of our Open Events
Thursday 19th October: 1.30 - 3.00pm
Tuesday 14th November: 1.30 - 3.00pm

Girton Glebe Primary School