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## Editor's view

### Please stop

As a keen dog walker I've noticed an increasing amount of dog poo left on the many footpaths we walk as a family around the village.

When walking the other day, I noticed this sign along the path joining the back of Weavers Field to Woody Green - a path which is particularly hazardous when it comes to avoiding abandoned poo!



Without knowing the ins and outs of what happened previously, this seems a sad state of affairs and reflects poorly on the village.

Please can we all be responsible and take care of our footpaths. That means cleaning up

after your dog and using the bins provided.

### The Great Big Art Project

I would echo Sir Antony Gormley is urging Girton residents to get creative in lockdown with The Great Big Art Exhibition.

The exhibition runs to the end of April 2021. Visit [www.firstsite.uk](http://www.firstsite.uk) for details on how to take part, and creative resources to help get making and showing art.

*Rob Neal*

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## YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

Would you like to help keep Girton safe and tidy?

We are looking for volunteers and a coordinator for a proposed street-wide litter picking scheme and a team of helpers to manage the set up and periodic placement of the recently acquired traffic speed monitoring equipment; the schemes to be initiated when the current pandemic is over. More information is available on the village web site.

Please contact 01223 526013, [clerk@girton-cambs.org.uk](mailto:clerk@girton-cambs.org.uk) if you would like to be involved.

## Girton Parish Council

At January's Parish Council Meeting, matters for discussion included: a budget for the Rewilding Girton project; to agree a cost increase for the Local Highways initiative 20mph speed limit project; and consultation on pre-application plans for a new Care Home on the site of the former Felix Hotel. Regarding the latter, the council is inviting the developers to speak at our next meeting. The Parish Precept request to South Cambs District Council was also agreed, being a 'with-inflation' increase of 3%. The council deferred any decision regarding possible positioning of a 'Men's Shed' on the recreation ground as it was felt that widespread consultation within the community would be needed to demonstrate support for the idea.

Once Covid restrictions are lifted, we are hoping to set up a village-wide litter-picking group. In the meantime, anyone who would like litter-picking 'grabbers' to take out whilst undertaking their daily exercise is encouraged to contact Cllr Douglas de Lacey (please see Councillors' Contacts page 30). Details of volunteer opportunities for both litter-picking and speed monitoring are featured elsewhere in this edition — thank you in advance for your help!

Conscious of the value of our play areas to the mental health of our children and their parents/guardians, we are keeping these open through the lockdown with the addition of extra signage emphasising the need for social distancing and hand-sanitisation. Co-operation of all in ensuring adherence to the guidance is appreciated.

Thanks also to all those who donated shoeboxes or gift bags of Christmas presents for Girton residents, through the Helping Girton scheme, and to the volunteers who distributed these and Christmas dinners to residents as part of the South Cambs District Council scheme.

### Next meetings

Girton Parish Council meetings are currently being held via video conference until further notice. Residents are encouraged to contact councillors directly if there are concerns they wish to raise (please see the listing of councillors on page 30). Any member of the public who wishes to attend any meeting may do so by prior arrangement with the clerk. The next meetings will be on Tuesday 16th February and Tuesday 16th March.

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# From Our Councillors

## County Councillor Lynda Harford

### County Council Covid Hub

The council's hub is now gearing back up to full capacity and contacting 32,500 shielding residents by letter. It offers help with food and fuel poverty, and provides support to those who are self-isolating, carers and minority groups. It also co-ordinates volunteers for care homes with staff shortages, and stands ready to assist with vaccination roll out and mass testing where needed. Free school meals vouchers will be available direct from schools.

### Vaccinations

The news that there are three vaccines now approved for use in the UK is the ray of light that we have all been waiting and hoping for. The number of local vaccination centres is being increased and includes Addenbrookes and Peterborough City, Royal Papworth and Hinchingbrooke Hospitals. I know that everyone is getting impatient for their turn to roll up their sleeve, and whilst it is tempting to do so, the NHS is asking that people wait to be contacted about an appointment, and not to ring already busy GPs. The programme has been a little slow to get going in the east of England, but I understand that two large centres will shortly be set up, and these, together with the ever expanding list of GPs and pharmacies participating in the effort, will doubtless allow us to catch up pretty quickly. The council can also help residents who may have difficulty getting to vaccination appointments. Anyone who needs help can access the county council scheme by either calling the hub on 0345 045 5219 or by completing the "I need help" form on the council's website:

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/covid-19-coordination-hub-your-community-needs-you#i-need-help--covid](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/covid-19-coordination-hub-your-community-needs-you#i-need-help--covid)

### Education

Education officers have responded to significant and frequent changes in guidance to support schools with their resultant challenges. The current situation broadly mimics the guidance for Lockdown #1 and allows for school attendance by vulnerable children and those of critical workers. The number of children this time round is far higher than it was in the spring. It seems that many more parents now wish to send their children to school, and schools are having to make difficult decisions about whether or not the criteria are being met by all those wishing to do so. Staffing challenges still remain and many teachers are tired, having kept schools open during holidays, and balancing face-to-face teaching with providing online lessons.

### Local road works/diversions x 2

The first, regrettably long, diversion will be in place from 15th–17th February 2021 to facilitate installation of a new water connection, and affects Cambridge Road/High Street. My request for traffic management so that closure

isn't necessary has been thoroughly investigated by highways inspectors and refused. All possible options were considered, but the width of the road and the really awkward location where the connection needs to be made, means the only safe option is a full closure.

The second is to facilitate site clearance: new signage and bollard installation; resurfacing and associated works including the provision of a 3m equestrian verge on Washpit Lane. It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 1st February and 12th March 2021.

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch recently. Please do continue to contact me with your comments and questions.

Take care. Stay safe.

Lynda

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## District Councillor Tom Bygott

### District Council's commitment on £10 per hour minimum wage

South Cambridgeshire District Council is making a commitment to pay all directly employed staff, as well as agency workers, at least £10 an hour. The pledge means the Council will pay all its workers (except apprentices subject to their own training agreement and wage structure) more than the Government's minimum wage. The figure is also higher than the Living Wage Foundation's Real Living Wage of £9.50 per hour. The arrangements will benefit 24 staff at the Council and cost £13,300 for this financial year.

I would like to add my support for this policy. Many essential services that we take for granted could not be delivered without the hard work and dedication of the staff that provide them. People are better able to carry out their work if they do not have the problems associated with not being able to meet the basic costs of living. The notion that plentiful cheap labour is good for the economy has been a long-lasting yet false economic belief. Rising wages are an essential ingredient to economic progress, stimulating technological innovation. Employers have an incentive to develop new ways of doing things and to employ their staff in more productive, more fulfilling and higher value activities.

### 'Shop Local' Directory

The district council has launched a 'Shop Local' directory at [www.scambs.gov.uk/local-business-directory](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/local-business-directory). The idea is to help local residents to support local jobs and businesses as more goods are bought online. It also helps people to find which services are still available, and which have been altered to respond to the challenges of the pandemic.

The directory lists many types of business, including local shops, restaurants, cafés and pubs, and for each

business sets out what safety measures are being taken during the pandemic. Although, with changes in regulations, this information has been difficult to keep up to date, so should be interpreted alongside knowledge of current lockdown restrictions.

More and more businesses are signing up (which can be done via the same link). Support and advice can be obtained from [reopening@scambbs.gov.uk](mailto:reopening@scambbs.gov.uk). At the time of writing, 90 businesses across the district have signed up, but none yet from Girton.

### **Beware of coronavirus scams and misinformation**

As expected, scammers have been active throughout the pandemic. One recent scam has seen residents being sent a text message from scammers posing as the NHS, which includes a blue link, taking them to a fake webpage with NHS branding. The resident is then asked to 'confirm ownership of address' by providing their bank details. Scammers claiming to be from the NHS are also telephoning residents, instructing them to press a key to confirm they would like to receive the vaccine, or asking for bank details as affirmation to receive the vaccine. Other scammers are asking for payment to provide vaccinations.

Everyone is entitled to a Covid vaccine **free of charge**, and as the vaccination programme is rolled out, local GP surgeries will play a key role. There is no need to pay or provide bank details and other private information. More information can be found at: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/against-scams](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/against-scams) and on the official government websites at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk).

Another problem is misinformation about the safety of vaccines. Some of this is easy to spot, with outlandish stories about microchips and mind control. However, there is a more subtle form of anti-vaccination messaging circulating on social media that is based on pseudoscience. Many of these stories start out with the claim that someone is a scientist, or knows a scientist, and begin with real scientific information that could be found in a biology textbook, before branching out into speculation and unsupported claims, while still maintaining an air of scientific plausibility.

The more people who choose to be vaccinated, the more quickly life can get back to normal. If many people choose not to be vaccinated, this creates a reservoir within which the virus can continue to circulate. This gives the virus the chance of returning in future waves, and enables the emergence of mutations that lead to new strains of the virus. Not being vaccinated also increases the risk to those who, because of allergies or other medical issues, are genuinely not able to take one of the vaccines, putting further lives in danger.

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## **A View From the District**

Christmas is always a fairly quiet period and, even though this year we had to cope with rapidly-changing Government decrees, I have very little to report. On 11th December, I planted a tree to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War — a Magnolia species called 'Heaven Scent'. My executive assistant Suzanne Roy organised our annual collection for Christmas presents for Fulbourn. Normally we encourage councillors to offer gifts, but this year the hospital said it could not accept these, so we had to ask for money. Suzanne, in collaboration with the hospital, then bought and wrapped presents over the weekend before Christmas. We have had very appreciative responses.

As part of our service to the community we are asking all officers who speak a foreign language to consider joining a register to enable us to support residents in their own languages. Our officers have had to take on many new roles over the past year and I am immensely proud of the way they have responded. I shall be involved in the Staff Excellence Awards on 27th January, an opportunity to say a small "Thank you," to outstanding officers.

I have been informed of two Temporary Traffic Orders. The first is to close Girton High Street from the Woodlands Park junction to Cockerton Road during the February half-term (15th–17th February). The official diversion is via Histon, Milton and Chesterton. Our county councillor has tried, unsuccessfully, to get the contractors to agree to limited access; they say this is simply impossible. The second closes the far end of Washpit Lane from 1st February to 12th March. Although described as a road closure, no motor vehicles can currently use that part of the road (which is still officially a highway). Again, the diversion is pretty long, though the application says 'works may be able to grant access on an ad-hoc basis during the works' for cyclists and equestrians.

Like many others, I am concerned at the effect closing Cambridge Market has had both on traders and on customers who now have to use stores for their food shopping. My (very limited!) experience of the market square before Christmas was of people being sensible about social distancing, and Covid Marshals with nothing to do. I have written to the relevant council officers expressing my views, asking for the data on which the closure decision was based, and asking for the decision to be reversed. I understand that the market is to open again from 18th January.

If you would like a fuller monthly report emailed to you, please contact me at [scdc@de-lacey.org](mailto:scdc@de-lacey.org) and I shall add you to the list of recipients. If you have any District Council issues you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to ask me.

*Douglas de Lacey*



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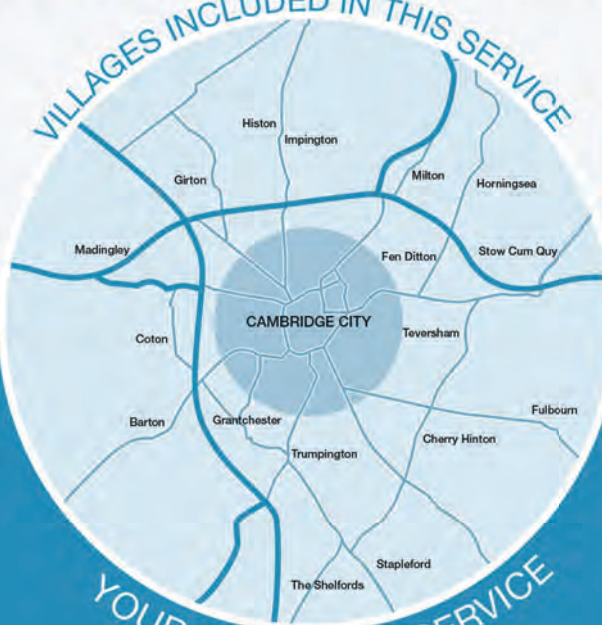
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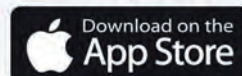
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## Obituary: Hugh Field 1929-2021

We are sad to report that Hugh Field passed away on 3rd January 2021 after a short illness. Hugh grew up in Llandudno and moved to London in 1945 at the age of 16 to study aeronautical engineering, eventually learning to fly with the University of London Air Squadron. He joined the RAF in 1950, and after gaining his Pilot's wings he was sent to train as an instructor at the time when the RAF was changing over to jet planes. One extra duty at this period was flying in the Queen's Coronation Review fly-past on 15 July 1953. Hugh qualified as a test pilot in 1956, and moved to Girton in 1964 when he was posted to what was then RAF Oakington, where he was Squadron Leader from 1964 to 1967.

While in the RAF Hugh had also started writing articles for flying journals, and in 1969 he joined the distinguished journal *Flight International* as assistant, then later associate editor. This job involved not only writing but also flying a variety of planes; his son Chris says that he flew over 200 different types of aircraft during his life.



*Hugh in the Viggen, a Swedish jet fighter*

After ten years at *Flight*, he joined British Aerospace as public relations manager, from which position he retired in 1991. But you could say he never really retired. He was very active in the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, editing their journal for ten years (for which he was awarded the company's Award of Merit in 1998), and serving as Master of the Guild in 1981–2. He was a Liveryman of the Honourable Company of Air Pilots, a Freeman of the City of London, and a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. Even at 90 and up until lockdowns started he regularly went to London to attend committee meetings. Hugh's last published article appeared in the February 2021 edition of *Aeroplane Monthly*.



*Hugh at 90*

He and his wife Joan (who died in 2016) were very active in Girton, and the Girton Parish News benefited greatly from his wide publishing experience as chair of the committee. In addition to a very distinguished career, he was a wonderful person, kind, courteous, interested and interesting. He and his son Chris would spend many a Sunday watching grand prix racing on television, another passion, and discussing the detail during the week. Chris says: 'He was a wonderful father and became a marvellous friend as well.' He will be greatly missed.

*Angela Blackburn*



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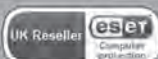
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# News from Girton Glebe Primary School

The beginning of the spring term saw us returning to a remote learning scenario for most pupils, as schools were required to close to all but children of key workers during the most recent national lockdown. During this phase of schooling, staff have worked incredibly hard to deliver quality provision on two fronts, to those pupils at home and to those requiring places in school.

## Remote learning provision

The majority of our pupils have been engaged in remote learning since the beginning of term, and school staff have provided a wealth of instruction and resourcing to ensure that children are still able to access the curriculum whilst off-site.

Weekly provision menus are circulated to parents, which are based on the curriculum topics that the children would be engaging with if they were in school under normal circumstances. These provision menus are broken down into daily plans outlining core and foundation subjects, and are supplemented by a range of teaching materials, online resources and videos. Class teachers produce daily videos for their pupils which explain the content of the work that they are expected to complete, and children are encouraged to share their work with teachers via an online platform which enables staff to provide feedback for the learning that has been submitted. Parents are also encouraged to communicate directly with teachers via email so that any concerns can be addressed promptly.

Class teachers also host live story sessions each week via Zoom and provide individual feedback to parents in one-to-one consultations on a fortnightly basis.

Many thanks to all school staff for the amazing job they continue to do under such exceptional circumstances. Huge thanks to all of our parents and carers for their continued support of the school, and well done to all of our pupils for their amazing efforts responding to the remote learning provision!

## Key worker provision and Covid safety

In addition to remote learning, teachers and support staff are also delivering daily provision to pupils of key workers in school. We currently have three bubbles in operation, and pupils are engaged in the same curriculum work that their peers are involved with remotely. Staff and pupils continue to observe strict health and safety measures to prevent the spread of

Covid-19, and staggered breaks/lunches remain in place to ensure the integrity of our bubbles.

Delivering provision on two fronts is a huge challenge for all teachers and school leaders across the country, and I cannot thank my colleagues at Girton Glebe enough for the exceptional work they are doing to support our pupils during this lockdown.

## Forest School developments

Our Forest School has been in use during this phase of lockdown, with children in our EYFS/Y1 bubble involved in weekly sessions, and we have also been able to use this time to make some developments to the outdoor environment at Girton Glebe.



Mr Smart has been incredibly busy building a new mud kitchen in the forest, updating the fire circle and creating a tool area complete with sawhorse. We look forward to seeing this complete and in use with all of our pupils on their return to school.

*Mr Andrew Spencer*  
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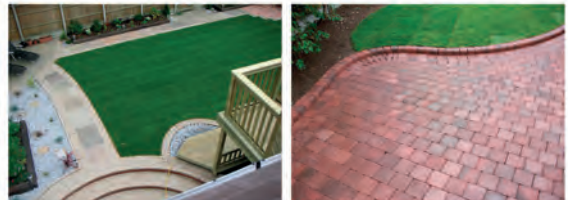
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## Girton Cottontails Preschool

We are very grateful that we have been able to stay open and provide

childcare and a continued routine for our children and families during the latest lockdown. It has been a worrying time for us along with everyone else, but we are all keeping safe and well and enjoying our activities and play.

Forest School has definitely been all about the mud recently, and the children have been embracing this, which is wonderful. They are free to play and explore and use their imaginations — we've often spotted the bear from 'we're going on a bear hunt' at Forest School and of course we had to squelch through the mud to run back home. We are extremely grateful to our parents for being so understanding when their children go home so muddy!

At preschool, we've been using different resources to create artwork including making puffy paint with shaving foam and painting with rollers to see what effects and patterns are made. We made volcanos using clay and then made them erupt, much to the delight of the children.



As part of this wonderful community, we would like to wish everyone well, keep safe and take care.

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*Laura Norman and Emma Pell*

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## THANK YOU!!

FOGG would like to thank everyone who has supported us through 2020 despite us not being able to hold our usual events. We

are grateful for everything you do in all of the many ways you do it.

Despite the restrictions we have managed to hold some small events around Girton, including Halloween and Christmas holiday trails, and craft packs were created to help entertain the children over the Christmas break. We received lovely feedback and hope those who took part in these activities enjoyed them.

### Tree Shred

We would like to apologise for the short notice cancellation of FOGG's annual Tree Shred on Sunday 10th January due to the increased restrictions imposed so close to the event. We would like to thank Acacia Tree Surgery for their support over the years with the tree shredding event and for their help this year removing some trees which were left at the school. We hope to hold the event next year on 9th January 2022 and hope you will support us then.

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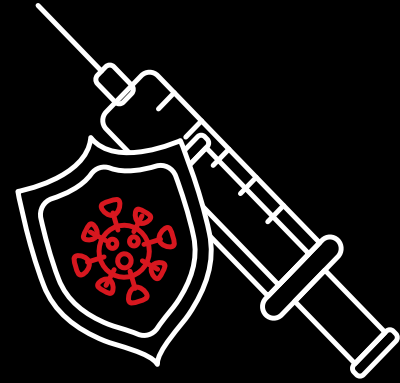
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# COVID-19: VACCINE FRAUD

Criminals are using the COVID-19 vaccine as a way to target the public by tricking them to hand over cash or financial details. They are sending convincing-looking text messages letting people know they are eligible for the vaccine or phoning people directly pretending to be from the NHS, or local pharmacy.

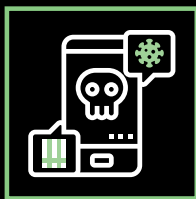


## PEOPLE ARE WARNED TO BE ALERT TO THESE SCAMS:

The **NHS** will:

- ⊗ **NEVER** ask for payment - the vaccine is free
- ⊗ **NEVER** ask for your bank details
- ⊗ **NEVER** arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- ⊗ **NEVER** ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport

## TOP 4 VACCINE SCAMS



### TEXT MESSAGES

People are asked to press a number on their keypad or to send a text message to confirm they wish to receive the vaccine, doing so is likely to result in a charge being applied to their phone bill and fraudsters collecting personal information to use again.



### PHONE CALLS

Victims receive a phone call from a fake caller offering the vaccine for a fee or asking for bank details



### WEBSITES

Fake URL links to convincing-looking NHS vaccine booking forms, these look like official NHS forms and may contain some personal information already, at the end of the form it asks for their bank details.



### IN PERSON

Fraudsters are calling unannounced at the homes of victims by pretending to be from the NHS to administer the vaccine there and then, in exchange for a cash payment.





## Covid Vaccine Scam

Sadly, scammers continue to take advantage of the coronavirus pandemic to commit fraud on unsuspecting victims.

We've had reports of fraudsters sending fake text messages, which claim you are entitled to a dose of the newly-approved vaccine.

The bogus message states that you are entitled to a vaccine and to receive more information you should click on the link.

Unfortunately, these texts are fake. Once you click on the link, you are taken to a webpage, which is branded to look like a genuine NHS page, which requests to see 'proof of ownership of address' in the form of your bank account, sort code and a full bank card number.

Do not give your bank or card details to make payment for a vaccine or to prove your residential address.

Coronavirus vaccines are free, and the NHS will never ask for any money or your bank details.

*Girton Neighbourhood Watch*

## GIRTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



### WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? JOIN US

Girton Neighbourhood Watch (GNHW) has members throughout the village who form a network of people helping to keep our community informed about matters that impact all of us. These include internet scams, anti-social behaviour and doorstep crimes. During this time of Coronavirus lockdown, it is ever more vital that we all keep a look out for each other.

If you are enthusiastic about keeping our village safe and you have some time to spare, do please get in touch and have a chat about how you might be able to contribute.

The village group is currently organised by Geoff Varley and Sandy Couch and our contact details are below. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Geoff Varley:** [geoff.varley3522@btinternet.com](mailto:geoff.varley3522@btinternet.com)  
(01223 276772)  
**Sandy Couch:** [sandy\\_couch@hotmail.com](mailto:sandy_couch@hotmail.com)

### LIKE OTHER SCAMS, THE SAME ADVICE APPLIES:

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**Challenge** - Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests that don't feel right. Check **GOV.UK** to ensure it's genuine.

2

Do **not respond** to text messages that try to get you to send money, or important personal information such as bank details or passwords.

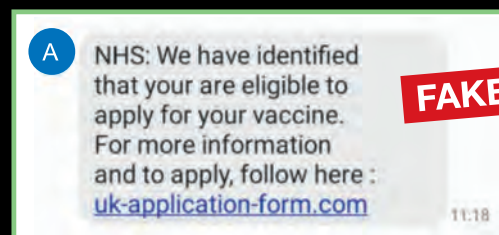
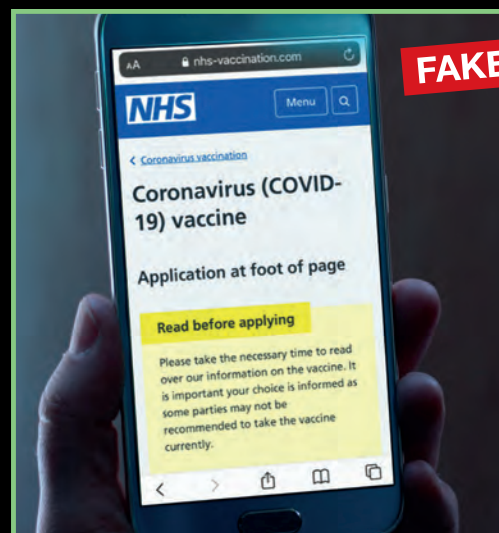
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Use **official** government websites and refer to 'Contact Us' sections of websites to access information and service.

4

**Challenge** unannounced callers to your home, NHS visits if necessary will be agreed with you directly or via carers, they will never turn up unannounced.

### EXAMPLES OF SCAMS





# GIRTON scoreboard



## Girton Bowls Club

The latest lockdown restrictions have sadly put a complete stop to any indoor bowls, which has had a huge impact on those players who usually spend many hours enjoying bowls throughout the

winter months.

There has been an opportunity, however, to watch the World Indoor Bowls Championships, which have been taking place at Potters Resort in Norfolk, as coverage has been available firstly on YouTube and latterly on BBC2. All players and rink officials have been observing social distancing and sanitising the jacks after each end, but unfortunately there are no spectators due to the restrictions. The standard of bowls has been outstanding and sets the bar very high for our club players to aspire to.

Some of the commentary featured Nicki Brett, World No. 1 in 2016 and 2017, who hails from Peterborough. Unfortunately, having broken his arm this year, he was unable to play. Local girl, Olympic and Commonwealth gold medalist, Ellen Faulkner MBE, who first became interested in bowls whilst watching her parents play at Littleport, took his place and reached the final of the Open Pairs competition, the first female player ever to achieve this. After a very tight match going all the way to a tie breaker, Ellen and her partner were beaten 2-1.

Our schedule of home games including our Open Triples competition for 2021 has now been submitted to the WCCC in order to book their facilities both for competition day and for after-match catering. All the match fixture dates in the C&D and E&D leagues have been carried forward from last year with the one-day date variation to cater for the 2021 calendar, plus any adjustments necessary for bank holidays.

Let's remain optimistic and positive that we will be able to enjoy a season of uninterrupted bowls.

If you are interested in finding out more about joining Girton Bowls Club, we are always pleased to welcome new members. Please contact our secretary, Lynne McGill at [lynnemcgill63@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnemcgill63@hotmail.com). You can visit our website at [www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com](http://www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com) to catch up with all our activities and photos to date.

*Lynne McGill*



## Girton Colts Football Club

This time last year we were battling against waterlogged pitches and postponed matches, but hopefully with the ground getting all this rest we should be able to get straight

back into matches once we get going again.

We have no update from the FA as to when we can resume training and playing matches at the time of writing, but hopefully when the schools go back then we might get notification we can start training again, with matches to follow once the risk is lower.

It must be frustrating for our players going from training and playing football 2 to 3 times a week to nothing, but hopefully they all have access to a ball and some space and can practice their ball control.

### U9s walk, run and cycle more than 8000 km

The U9s have certainly kept fit while unable to play any matches. Players and their families logged how far they walked, jogged or cycled each week to see how far they could travel across the world and at the same time visit friends and family of the team along the way. In total they clocked up a staggering 8360 km and 'visited' Bilbao, Lisbon, Barcelona, Nice, Milan, Rome, Zagreb, Geneva, Cyprus, Johannesburg, Iran, Perth and Hong Kong.

Manager Stephen Dobbyne said: "We wanted something that would keep us together as a team and help everyone's wellbeing. It was nice to virtually visit families and friends that we are unable to visit in reality at the moment. Everyone joined in and it really highlighted the strong bond and team spirit that the players and our families have."



*Stephen, his son Max and dog Bertie ready to set off on a walk*

### Co-op continue support

The club is very grateful to the Co-op for their continued contribution to the club via their membership card community fund. If you don't have a Co-op card, please do get one and use it. You can go online and choose where the community pot of money goes.

When we can restart, we will be looking forward to continuing to grow our Under 6 and Under 5 teams as well as scouting out anyone who would like to referee matches on Saturday mornings. If you are interested, please contact [info@girtoncolts.co.uk](mailto:info@girtoncolts.co.uk).

Keep safe everyone and we'll be back to football soon.

Andrew Hawkes  
[www.girtoncolts.co.uk](http://www.girtoncolts.co.uk)



### Girton Golf Club

We may well be closed as a place to play golf in the short term, but that doesn't stop things going on and the quiet clubhouse has given us the opportunity to do some

needed electrical updates and replace both IT and telephone systems. Our new professional will be arriving early in February and the lack of players will be a great opportunity for Sam Becket and Fin Swan to sort out the shop, indoor swing studio and practice field and give time for us all to plan the new junior and adult golf academies.

The golf course is now looking great again, although at Christmas the course was flooded with the huge amount of water that fell out of the sky in no time flat. The photo of the first fairway under water did make me smile despite my determination to be miserable. Funny how good the course looks without all those pesky golfers wandering all over the place.



*Girton Golf and Sailing Club!*

We have set up a full year of matches and competitions for our playing members and now look forward to having the opportunity to playing in them all. So, get vaccinated as soon as possible and let's get back to the life in Girton that we have so enjoyed in the past.

Alan Henderson-Smith  
Tel: 01223 276169 [www.girtongolf.co.uk](http://www.girtongolf.co.uk)



### Girton Netball Club

Netball training is still paused until further notice. Some team members have been filling the gap with Red January, where each day in the month we try to do something active to keep body and mind

healthy. We've done a lot of walking, some running, yoga, online boot-camps and workouts; we've even tried to make the cleaning count. It's better than nothing, but it's still not netball. On a lighter note, we've been enjoying seeing photos of Claire's new baby and can't wait to meet him in person sometime soon. For more on Girton netball, email [girton.village.netball@gmail.com](mailto:girton.village.netball@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook: Girton Netball Club.

Emma-Louise Longden



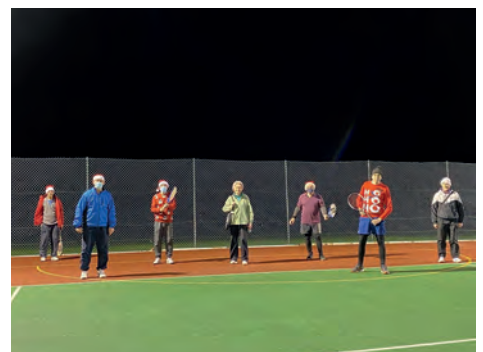
### Girton Tennis Club

The tennis courts are unfortunately closed again until Government Covid restrictions allow outdoor sports to resume.

Now that vaccinations are occurring more quickly around the UK, we hope that it won't be too many weeks before we are able to start playing in limited numbers outdoors again.

In more normal times we have a club night every Friday evening and we hope that we can get back to enjoying those again in the not too distant future.

The picture this month shows our socially distanced group meeting for their last session of 2020.



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Plans for the Australian Open tennis competition have been drawn up and matches are due to take place up until 22nd February. I am sure that some of you will have cable or satellite TV and will be able to enjoy watching some of this competition over the next few weeks. At the time of writing, Andy Murray (with his wildcard entry) has tested positive for Covid so is in isolation and may not be able to play.

As always, please check our website for the latest details about playing tennis in Girton as arrangements are likely to change at short notice.

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

*Alan Franklin*



## February News

So, how do you keep a performance group going in a lockdown? Answer: be creative!

As you can imagine, running a performance group in the current climate is challenging, to say the least. However, Ten Sing has a brilliant young people's committee who meet every month to plan our weekly sessions, and they are coming up with great ideas to keep everyone entertained. We are meeting on Zoom, but we are still managing to fit in lots of games, crafts, and conversation, helping to give our young people a focus outside of education and provide a distraction from online learning, although they are all really keen to get back to face to face meetings as soon as possible. Playing *Just Dance* on Zoom is quite interesting and pretty tiring!

We are going to work out alternatives to our annual concert so we can perform something this year, so watch this space later in the year. Hopefully, we will be back performing at some point, and we welcome anyone who would like to join our group. Just message us for information, at [cambridgetensing@gmail.com](mailto:cambridgetensing@gmail.com), or find us on Instagram to see the kinds of things we do!

*Terry King*  
*Ten Sing Administrator*



## Volunteers wanted for Girton Brownies

Local volunteers in Guiding have been working all through 2020 to inspire girls, both online and in person.

*To find out more about joining a volunteer team in Girton contact Jen at [2girtonbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:2girtonbrownies@gmail.com) or go to [girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved](http://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved).*

## George's Garden Tip

For the majority of deciduous plants, winter is the usual time to prune and train them. This is not just because they are dormant – in fact while they are dormant, they are slow at sealing the cuts with an impervious layer of cells, and may catch an infection – no, the big advantage of pruning in winter is that with the leaves out of the way you can see what to do much more easily. Because I have spent the last ten years specialising in pruning, I probably go on about it too often in these tips for the GPN, so let's just say I suggest that you locate your top-quality tools and make a point of checking all your deciduous trees and shrubs, and on a nice enough day have a go!

Caring for the soil is a year-round occupation, and late winter/early spring is a good time to mulch open ground. For a start the plants, particularly the herbaceous perennials are at their smallest, and the soil is (probably) at its wettest. A layer of mulch 2–3 inches deep can improve the moisture holding capacity of the soil significantly, and is worth renewing every couple of years. Whether you are on stony, gravelly soil that drains very freely and is consequently forever running dry, or a slab-like clay that only presents a cultivable texture a few days a year as it see-saws from hard as a brick to a sticky pudding, adding humus should help. Whether from your valued store of old leaf-mould, your trusty compost bins, or some bought in manure, compost or hybrid mulch, I really think that in these days of unpredictable weather, making your soil as humus rich as you can will benefit your plants and gardens as much as any other ploy.

*George Thorpe*



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## Help!

I'm asking for your help to make our stories project about your youthful days a rip roaring success. So far we have had a good response and several people have already submitted their stories but we need more. If you

have not already done so please either write your own story or contact us and we will get it from you by one means or another.

I am writing this article to keep myself busy during the latest lockdown period not knowing when that will change, but with a glimmer of hope on the horizon. Like many of you I have already had my vaccination against the horrible coronavirus and I hope by the time you read this article many more people will have received it. There is light at the end of the tunnel but if we continue to be locked down for the next few weeks writing your story and reminiscing could be an escape from boredom and loneliness for you. If you have a story for us but can't get it down in writing we can talk to you over the phone or record it and get it written up for you. Patricia Johnston our Older Residents' Coordinator is on board with us so please talk to her about your story if she contacts you. You may also contact us on the number below.

Don't let the Coronavirus break our spirits. There will be many of you in this village who spent their young lives through World War II and now in your senior years are having to deal with this virus. Thankfully, the younger generations have not known wars over Europe and threatening our shores. It might be good to let them hear what their older generations have had to deal with.

### Over 55 years? Let's hear your stories.

What was your school like? What games did you play? What food did you eat? What was your house like? Let us hear what it was like at home for you during your young life?

Did you have a TV in your house? Did you listen to Dick Barton Special Agent or Mrs Dale's Diary on the radio?

Was there a supermarket in your town? Did you shop at Woolworth's? How did you communicate, did you have a telephone? How did you order and get food?

Reminisce and write your story or talk to a younger relative or friend and get them to write it for you. We will make sure they are all suitably edited and all your stories will be published.

## The Walk

Our Armistice Day walk in Girton Wood put back to Valentines Day is put back yet again. The wood is a great place to take a walk but owing to the wet weather of late the paths have become very muddy. After a brief dry spell I managed to take a walk there and have made a short video of it which is published on the Club 55 Facebook page. My walk took about 15 minutes, however, it could be extended. Good shoes are required and it's essential to take care in wet and slippery conditions if you want to try it.

Take care, reminisce and write your stories - you have no excuses!

Contact us with your stories at:

*Sam Clift*

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If you might be interested in finding out about these roles, please contact our bookkeeper ASAP for more details. Thank you so much!

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# GIRTON GREEN FINGERS

February is often wet, sometimes very cold, and the garden can still look drab and dormant. However, subtle signs of spring are there. Walking round the village since New Year, I have already seen early snowdrops, aconites and primroses, and any time now a carpet of the delicate early crocus (*tommasinianus*) will suddenly appear in the grass at the front of the churchyard.

During lockdown months, gardens have provided activity and pleasure for gardeners, their families, and passers-by – and our front gardens have gained a new importance. Those who have a regular ‘exercise route’ will notice gradual changes in flowers, blossom, and scents, and the plantings of bergenias, irises, lavender and geraniums tucked in front of many hedges and fences give pleasure with their colour and the bees and insects they attract.

Birds and birdsong have also been a source of pleasure in these months. I personally have learnt a lot about the characteristics and routines of the regular visitors to our sunflower and fat-ball feeders, and have been delighted by sightings of flocks of long tailed tits, a blackcap, and even a great spotted woodpecker. Our blue tits are already pairing up and prospecting for nest sites, and I am reminded that the RSPB used to designate Valentine’s Day (14th February) as the start of National Nest Box Week. Thanks, in part, to a ‘sparrow terrace’ nesting box put up several years ago, we now seem to have a regular ‘posse’ of squabbling sparrows in our front hedge – something much rarer now than in my childhood.

As the garden starts ‘waking up’ in February, it is useful to do some basic housekeeping, and to plan priorities and projects for the year, before the rush of growth and activity in March and April. There are tools to be cleaned and sharpened; old pots, cold frames and greenhouses to be washed and sterilised; and the final planting of bare root shrubs and trees, renewal pruning of overgrown deciduous hedges and shrubs, and any remaining winter digging, to be completed. Tasks such as putting in a pond, cutting ‘hedgehog doors’ in

fences, or building a ‘bug hotel’ are also wildlife friendly projects for lockdown February.

My own aims for this year focus on trying to garden more sustainably and working to encourage more biodiversity in our small plot. I plan to make a lot more (and better) compost in my new Dalek bin, using the lasagne method – alternating layers of grass cuttings, garden prunings, vegetable peelings, and torn up cardboard – and tipping out and turning the mixture frequently. I will leave more nettle patches as hosts for caterpillars, or to use in a nettle stew plant feed, and I will regularly water the bags of leaves I gathered in November so that they rot into leaf mould. I am also determined to drastically cut my use of chemicals in the garden with the aim of supporting beneficial wildlife like bees, hoverflies, ladybirds and hedgehogs, and protecting our thriving population of pest-eating frogs and toads. I learned recently that 85% of frogs surveyed had large amounts of slugs in their stomachs, and toads eat masses of ants as well as midges, flies and ground beetles. Chemicals adversely affect these amphibians because they are absorbed through the animals’ semi-permeable skins with dire effects.

I shall need non-chemical solutions to the problems of aphids on my roses, and the ever-spreading growth of ground elder and nettles behind the garage. I am adopting Bob Flowerdew’s suggestion to place fat feeders above and among roses to attract the blue tits for whom aphids are a prime food source. With the additional help of ladybirds, I hope to see fewer infestations this year. For the ground elder and nettles, I shall try the blanket method – layers of heavy cardboard and old compost bags pinned to the soil to exclude light and water from the plants. This allegedly weakens growth and eventually kills the roots ... We shall see!

*Janet Sheard, Girton Garden Society*



## Almshouse opportunity helped us save for our own home

Girton Town Charity currently has 13 almshouses in the Village, including three new ones at Suffolk Terrace on the High Street. Four are occupied by residents on permanent appointments and the remaining nine include families on three-year appointments which can give them time to save towards their own homes.

Since 2012, 11 families have benefitted from the opportunity to do this including most recently Richard and Natalie Childerley. After their family mentioned seeing a call for applications to live in Centenary Court in Wellbrook Way – and following a successful interview – the couple were appointed in February 2018.

### Opportunity

Richard says: “I lived in Girton for 25 years before moving into a rented home outside the Village for three years. Our family told us about the amazing opportunity to apply for an almshouse which would give us the chance to save the deposit for our own place.

“Over the last three years, we have really enjoyed being back in the Village and near our family and in the meantime have been able to secure a brand new home on a shared ownership scheme.

“We would definitely recommend young families to apply for the scheme. It has enabled us finally to get our own place which we never thought would be possible. We would like to say a huge thank you for the opportunity and for all the support we have received from Girton Town Charity.”

### Almshouses

GTC’s two and three bedroom unfurnished homes are made available to those with a Girton connection and are let as almshouses which means they are subject to different legal arrangements from private, council or housing association tenancies.



*The Childerley family.*

*GTC Almshouses at Centenary Court, Wellbrook Way.*

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

Vacancies are advertised locally and residents can apply and are interviewed, with decisions made on the basis of a range of criteria. Almshouse residency for under 55’s is limited to three years.

GTC Chair Ann Bonnett added: “It is very heartening to hear how our almshouse provision for young families can really help them to take the next step on the housing ladder.

I hope that Richard and Natalie’s story will be an inspiration to others to consider applying in the future when homes become available.

“We are also delighted to have recently added to our housing portfolio with Suffolk Terrace,

giving three further families the opportunity to do the same. Further down the line, our High Street re-development will increase our provision for over 55’s, enabling us to meet the growing need for homes within our Village.”

## Educational Grants 2021

Applications for an Educational Grant are invited from young people over 18 leaving secondary education and moving on to higher education and some training schemes or NVQ qualifications Level 4 and above.

The Grant covers books, equipment, tools or other direct costs relevant to the course and is a maximum of £300\* per year for up to four years.

Next payment date for grant applications received will be July 2021.

Applicants must have lived in Girton for a minimum of two years immediately before leaving secondary education.

Contact the GTC office for an application form.

\* Terms and conditions apply

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## Appeal for Sleeping Bags and Blankets for Jimmy's Night Shelter

Jimmy's Night Shelter would like to offer you their appreciation for all the donations you have given them since October 2020. Girton has been able to pass on an amazing 44 blankets and 45 sleeping bags, as well as masses of toiletries and warm clothing.

Jimmy's are asking for sleeping bags, blankets, rugs, new underwear, warm winter clothing and toiletries to hand out to their guests, and to rough sleepers over the remaining winter months. If you can help by donating any of those, that would be marvellous.

N.B. Unfortunately, they can't take in pillows or duvets.

However, our Parish Clerk and W.I. President, Susie Cumming, has informed me that The Besom Project in Cambridge do take them! If you have any duvets and pillows, in clean and good condition, then please contact them on [thebesomincambridge@gmail.com](mailto:thebesomincambridge@gmail.com) (Tel: 246438).

If you have any donations for Jimmy's, please contact me and I will be happy to come and collect items from you, or you can leave them under my porch.

If you are interested in doing any volunteering at Jimmy's, contact me and I can tell you about who to speak to there.

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## News for older residents

Daylight is gradually increasing, new growth is already sprouting and, as I write this, the rollout of the vaccination programme is speeding up, so things are slowly improving. I hope that many of you will now have had your first jab. These vaccinations are free of charge for everyone, and the NHS will never ask for your bank details.

While we wait for the easing of current restrictions here are just a few suggestions of things to do.

### Writing

We would welcome more contributions to the Childhood Memories Project, the deadline for which is 28th February. It is up to you to decide whether to describe a particular time or event, or write more generally about an interesting aspect of your early life. I am very happy to type up any handwritten copies.

### Jigsaws

I have a range of 1,000-piece jigsaws (and 3 Wasgijs, see last month's column!) to lend/give away, and a few 500-piece jigsaws. Unsurprisingly, the smaller ones are more popular, so when you have finished them, please pass them on to friends or return them to me, so I can respond to further requests.

If you like films, contact Sam Clift about borrowing from his extensive collection.

### Exercise

Numerous exercise classes are available online, including our local Forever Active classes. More details can be found at [www.forever-active.org.uk](http://www.forever-active.org.uk), by phoning 07432 480105, or ask me for a copy of their up-to-date leaflet. And I still have more Stay Stronger for Longer booklet and exercise sheets to give away.

### Knitting

The Big Knit is back. Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will receive 25p for every Innocent Smoothie that is sold with a hat! The plan is for 15,000 hats to be knitted. Go the website [www.ageukcap.org.uk](http://www.ageukcap.org.uk) and click on Activities and Events for more details and patterns, both easy and more complicated. I can print out this information for anyone who is interested.

### Discussion groups

COPE's Talking Together groups resume on Monday 22nd February with a wide range of topics. On Mondays, they are: *Boosting Our Wellbeing*; *Timebanking*; *the National Trust Properties in East*

*Anglia*; and *Nutrition*. On Thursdays, the topics are: *A Journey through Art with the Fitzwilliam Museum*; *The Botanical Gardens in Cambridge*; and *Exploring Kettle's Yard through Touch*, which is specifically for those with visual impairment. The discussions are held weekly in early afternoon, some for 3 weeks and others for 5 and all you need to participate is a landline or a mobile. Registration is needed by Monday 15th February. I can email you the registration form or you can phone Cope directly on 364 303.

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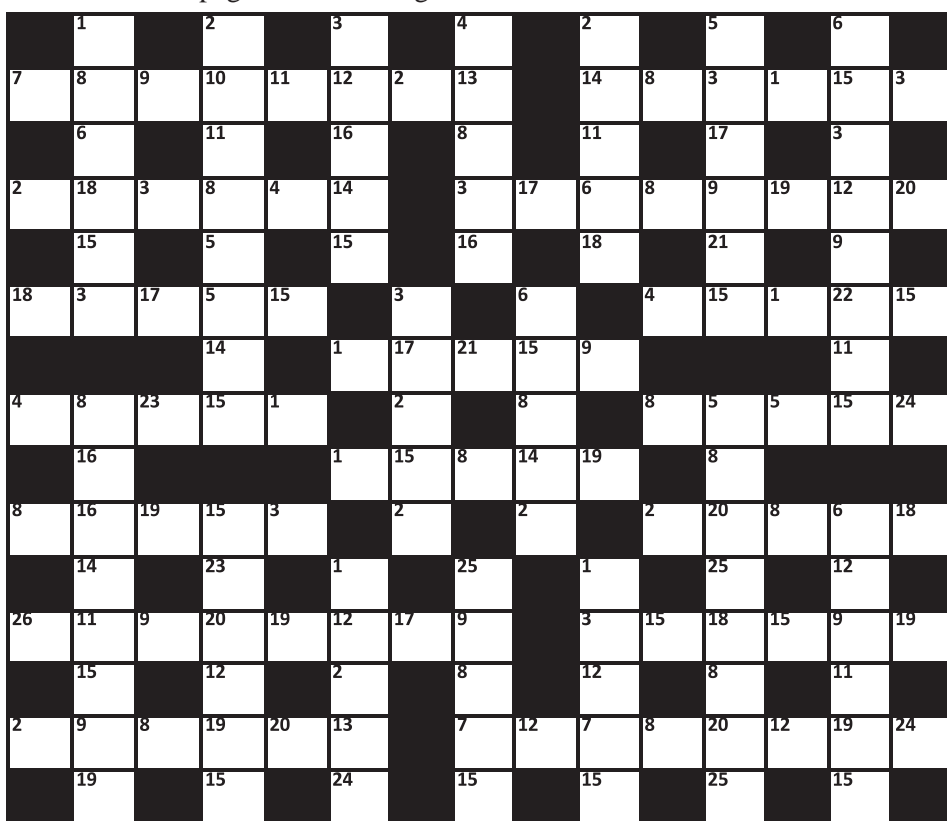
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## CODEWORDS

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 in this magazine.



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### Codeword correction

Thanks to our eagle-eyed readers who spotted that the wrong answers had been printed for the codeword in January's edition of the GPN. Please find the correct answers to January's codeword, as well as a brand new codeword and answers for this month!

## WORDSEARCH – Romantic options!

Can you find all these words in the grid? They can read Left to Right, Right to Left, Up or Down or Diagonally. They may overlap. Tick them off as you go.

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BIRD	FIRESIDE	ROSES
BLUE	FLOWERS	SLOW
BOUQUET	HEARTS	SONG
CANDLELIGHT	HUG	STVALENTINES
CARD	KISS	TREAT
COMMITMENT	LAST	TRUST
COOK	LOVE	TWO
CROON	MEAL	WINE
DANCE	PAIRED	VIOLETS
DARLING	PARTY	
DINE	RED	



### Life is on its way

I don't know anyone who isn't feeling a little bit glum at the moment. Whether you're isolated at home for weeks on end, trying (and failing) to juggle work and "home learning", struggling to sustain a business, or keen to get back to the golf course, almost all of us have some reason to feel down in the dumps. (Incidentally, if you're one of the few people enjoying this lockdown then please let us all know your secret!)

But life is on its way. A few weeks ago, I looked at a little patch of earth at the front of my house. Underneath the earth were snowdrops that had been ripped from their home in Grafham churchyard and crudely shoved into my garden (having sat on my patio in a pot through a long hot summer). As I looked there



were, just creeping through the topsoil, the green shoots of new life. My snowdrops are distant descendants of snowdrops that a friend had brought to Grafham from Devon many decades ago. And now they are getting ready to brighten up my garden. Those green shoots were a reminder for me that life goes on: despite difficult circumstances, life finds a way.

St Paul often had a grim time. He was imprisoned and beaten on many occasions. He was shipwrecked. He was disliked by the Jewish authorities; held in suspicion by many fellow Christians; considered a nuisance by the Roman authorities. And yet, while imprisoned, he wrote to the church in Philippi and said:

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

I think it's pretty clear that Paul wasn't always happy with his situation. He suffered greatly and paid a huge personal price for his calling. However, he encourages us to rejoice always and not to be anxious. His point is that in every situation God is faithful, even if present circumstances are grim; therefore, we can live in hope.

None of us can be happy all of the time. If you're constantly happy and never experience sorrow, anger, grief or pain then either you are fantastically lucky or aren't really paying attention. We can't always be happy, but we can look for the signs that life is on the way. We can look for the hints of goodness coming. We can rejoice in the things that we do have now.

Most of us are waiting for something at the moment. It might be waiting for the letter inviting you to get your immunisation; it might be waiting for the schools to open again; it might be waiting to see friends and family again; it might be waiting to get a business up and running again. Whatever you're waiting for: life is on the way. Let's be patient for a time, rejoicing in the good things we have, and resolved to build a stronger, kinder community when we finally emerge.

*Michael Bigg*



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## Services on YouTube and Zoom

At the moment Sunday services are live on YouTube at 10am, and morning prayer is said on Zoom at 9am on Wednesday and Thursday. Please check the church website for up to date information about the services and any links. ([www.girton.church](http://www.girton.church))

The Taizé service is being held remotely using Zoom usually on the first Sunday of each month. Anyone is welcome. Please email Kay Barrett at [singing.kay@gmail.com](mailto:singing.kay@gmail.com) and she will send the link to join. Any problems, please do contact us via the website.

## St Andrew's makeover update

We are making good progress now and by the end of 2021 we hope to have installed a new heating system, and made steps in redeveloping the back of the church to create space for refreshments (and perhaps a pop-up coffee shop - let me know if you'd be interested). The climate-friendly aspect is still very much on the agenda too. Many thanks to all who have supported this programme.

## Churchyard update

Artificial flowers and other adornments are not permitted in the churchyard. We usually allow a grace period when these are left on graves but we do reserve the right to remove them. Many thanks to all who tend graves and to the many volunteers who look after the churchyard throughout the year.

**Girton Baptist Church**



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## Sunday Morning Services 10:30am

All services will be on Zoom for the time being.

All are welcome. For the link for Zoom please ring 07751 748757 or email [pastor@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:pastor@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk).

## A Bible verse to encourage us to persevere

*I press on to reach the end of the race and  
receive the heavenly prize for which God,  
through Christ Jesus, is calling us.  
(Philippians 3:14)*

## Some words from verses 3&4 of John Newton's Hymn, Amazing Grace:

*Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come,  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.*

## A prayer for those in pain:

*Dear Lord,  
This is me being honest.  
I'm in so much pain right now  
I feel totally alone and abandoned  
Drained and discouraged  
I feel like I don't want to go on  
This pain is blinding  
I can't see beyond it  
Help me not to lash out in anger  
Hold me in your everlasting arms  
And carry me through.*



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## Rubbish Collection

People in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire are being asked to make sure disposable face coverings and masks are put in their black wheelie bins at home, to help control the spread of Coronavirus.

The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service has already seen disposable PPE such as face coverings, masks and gloves in the blue recycling bins, despite none of these items being recyclable. Waste bosses are urging people to keep caring by disposing of the items correctly, which will help ensure recycling is not contaminated, and control the spread of the virus.

## Bin collections February

Thursday 4 February	Black bin
Thursday 11 February	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 18 February	Black bin
Thursday 25 February	Blue bin only

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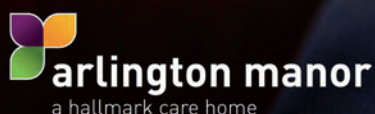
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