



# GIRTON

## Parish News



June 2021

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Dear Girton Parish News,

On behalf of the village may I express our

gratitude to Lynda Harford, who as a District Councillor was the Portfolio Holder for Housing, and both then and as a County Councillor did much for Girton. Few can know as well as I how hard she worked to keep abreast of relevant concerns, and to ensure that we were well represented in county issues.

Thank you, Lynda!

*Douglas de Lacey*



## Girton Walking Group July 2021

The Girton Walking Group is starting again on Saturday 3rd of July 2021. This walk is about 6½ miles and takes in the villages of Childerley, Lolworth and Boxworth. Meet at All Saints Church, High Street, Knapwell CB23 4NW at 10am. This walk will be led by Corinne Garvie and John Cooke.

In the past, we have encouraged car sharing. This may be possible by July, but it will depend on how far everything has opened up. For more information and to be added to the email list for the group, please contact Gina Lane: [ginaklane@aol.com](mailto:ginaklane@aol.com)

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## GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting was held remotely at the end of April to beat the May 7th deadline for such meetings. Attendance was, not surprisingly, disappointing, so it was not possible to gauge opinion on proposals for this year's LHI application. The deadline for this has been delayed this year, so there is still time to put forward your suggestions.

At the Annual General Meeting, held on 4th May, Cllr Haydn Williams and Cllr Gill Cockley were re-appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chair. The Council approved the membership of committees/task & finish groups, and the appointment of officers for the coming year. The Local Elections in May brought several changes. We thank former County Councillor Lynda Harford for her sterling service on behalf of Girton over the last 6 years. Her assistance with many grant funding applications, and road, footpath and bridleway improvement projects was invaluable. We also acknowledge with thanks Cllr Douglas de Lacey's retirement from the District Council. Space does not allow us to list the many aspects of Douglas's service to the village, but as he remains as a Parish Councillor we shall expect to call on his continuing help and advice for the foreseeable future.

We also look forward to a successful working relationship with our new County Councillor, Cllr Edna Murphy; and South Cambs. District Councillor, Cllr Corinne Garvie, and welcoming them to future meetings.

The Council is also looking at the East-West Rail Consultation, strongly supporting that the line should be electrified. While the Southern route has been selected, there is a growing movement for the choice to be reconsidered. We shall reiterate our opposition to any such re-evaluation, as the factors supporting the original decision seem to be very soundly based. The Council's discussion of the A428 consultation stressed that measures should be taken to ensure that the works should not exacerbate congestion, noise and air pollution at the Girton Interchange. Consideration needs to be given to upgrading this to a 4-way interchange to allow smooth traffic flow without increased noise.

The new log lift trim trail equipment has been installed. Repairs to other items are in hand. The long-awaited repairs to the play area equipment and surface are expected to be realised in the next month as we emerge from lockdown.

There have been a number of street traders trading without a licence in Girton over recent months. The responsibility of South Cambs. District Council, licencing gives the parish council a say on where and when trade can take place and is a way to control what happens in our village. Potential traders are encouraged to apply for a licence and to consult the PC to establish feasibility of their plans.

Recently there has been lots of litter, including broken bottles, on the sports fields and evidence of fires close to woodland and trim trail equipment. Setting of fires is dangerous and must stop. We would ask residents to please clear up after themselves if meeting in these outdoor areas, so as not to endanger others.

Recreation Ground users are requested not to kick balls against the windows and doors of the Pavilion. If the glass gets broken, there are the attendant risks of personal injury and the expense of replacement.

We are grateful to all those individuals and organisations who sponsor the village planters, and to the residents who water and maintain the planters, particularly through the summer months.

### Next meetings

Residents are encouraged to contact Parish Councillors directly if there are concerns they wish to raise (please see the listing of Parish Councillors elsewhere in this edition). The next in-person meetings will be on Tuesday 15th June and Tuesday 20th July, provided Covid restrictions allow. The venue for these meetings is yet to be confirmed, but space may limit public attendance.

*Parish Clerk*

## FROM OUR COUNCILLORS

### County councillor Edna Murphy



*Cllr Edna Murphy*

I was delighted to be elected as the County Councillor for the Bar Hill Division (including Girton, Bar Hill, Dry Drayton and Lolworth) on 6th May 2021. I am looking forward to taking up your issues and concerns at County Hall.

First of all, I want to say a huge thank you to the people who voted for me – but be assured that I will work for all local residents, no matter how you voted.

Also I would like to thank my predecessor, Lynda Harford, for her years of service as a County Councillor, her commitment to public service and her hard work.

The result of the election in Bar Hill Division was:

- Edna Murphy (Liberal democrat) 1,550
- Lynda Harford (Conservative) 1,345
- Stan Rankin (Green) 494

Overall in the County, the Conservatives lost several seats, so they lost their controlling majority in the County Council. The number of Councillors elected was: 28 Conservative; 20 Lib Dem; 9 Labour; 4 Independents. On 14th May 2021, the non-Conservative groups signed an agreement to form a Joint Administration in the County Council, which was subsequently approved at the annual meeting of the Full Council on 18th May 2021. This means that there will be a change of control and direction for the County Council. We want to bring more transparency, and more of an emphasis on greener, fairer policies, as well as support for young people. There is a lot to do!

I look forward to working with all local residents and have put my contact details below. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there are matters I can help with at the County Council.

*Cllr Edna Murphy*

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*Phone: 01223 577005*

## **District councillor Corinne Garvie**



*Corinne Garvie*

I became District Councillor on the South Cambridge District Council on the 6th May, replacing Douglas de Lacey who retired early. He is a hard act to follow. My patch covers Girton, Dry Drayton and Madingley.

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me and I will endeavour to live up to the role and the trust you put in me.

I have not been to a council meeting yet; the first one is on the 20th May. The Government has said all councils must meet in person, so it is being held in a hangar in Duxford in order to maintain social distance.

### **What do the District and County councils do?**

District Councils provide core local services including economic development, planning, housing, leisure and environmental services for local communities.

County Councils have the roles of providing schools, with social services, public transport, highways, waste disposal and trading standards.

### **Green to the Core**

One of the main priorities for the present administration at SCDC was a commitment to being 'Green to the Core'. This is important to me so I will recount some of the initiatives the District Council is doing.

All SCDC street lighting is being replaced with low-energy LED lights. This is nearing completion and should give a reduction of 60% of energy usage, and a commensurate saving in street lighting energy bills.

SCDC has completed an audit of the energy efficiency of council housing stock and will soon begin a campaign of improvement beginning with insulation of the poorest performing properties.

The 'greening' of South Cambs Hall has been delayed by Covid, but should be finished in the coming year. This will retrofit renewable energy generation and saving measures with the objective of reducing by up to 50% the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> associated with its heating and lighting (with cost savings too).

The zero-carbon Communities Grant scheme has been very successful and so it will be extended. This is to help local communities with carbon reduction and energy efficiency measures.

I am very pleased to see in the Parish Council's minutes that the Girton Green Team are re-wilding areas, aided by the Parish Council.

### **The results of talking to people on their doorstep during the election campaign**

I enjoyed visiting people on their doorstep before the election to find out what their concerns were. There were potholes and broken pavements reported in Woody Green, the High Street, Bandon Road and

Cambridge Road. There were concerns about the need for a crossing on Girton Road so that families, mostly on bikes, can safely get to the pedestrian crossing on Huntingdon Road and then to Eddington. I have spoken to the County Council and Edna Murphy, our County Councillor, about this and will send them the data I have collected.

There was concern about the fate of Hotel Felix and about the old bridge in Oakington Road. We discussed a Post Office for Girton and where to site it. I have found out that some villages use a mobile Post Office so I will investigate this; it may be our best option.

I was alarmed about a tall wooden fence leaning over on Bunkers Hill, which looked about to break and presented a hazard to people cycling past. Andy Griffiths from the Parish Council kindly got on the case, and now the fence posts have been replaced and the fence is upright again.

It has been a steep learning curve!

You can contact me on 01223 276184 or 07780 932267 or at [cllr.garvie@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.garvie@scambs.gov.uk).

*Corinne Garvie*

## **District councillor Tom Bygott**

### **Election results**

I would like to welcome our new District Councillor, Cllr Corinne Garvie, and our new County Councillor, Cllr Edna Murphy, following the recent elections on May 6th. It is important for the village's representatives to cooperate for the good of the community and not to bring too much party politics into local matters, so on that basis I am looking forward to our working together.

I would also like to thank my colleague, Lynda Harford, for all the hard work she has put in as our County Councillor since 2015. Few communities have been so ably served by representatives as dedicated and knowledgeable as Lynda, and her support and guidance will be greatly missed.

### **Demolition of the Hotel Felix on Huntingdon Road**

So far 36 objections and 12 supporting comments have been made on the application to demolish the Hotel Felix ([www.hotelfelix.co.uk](http://www.hotelfelix.co.uk)). The plans can be found at: [www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/planning-applications/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications](http://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/planning-applications/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications) with reference number 21/00953/FUL.

I have written to the planning officers to call in the application to be decided by the SCDC Planning

Committee if officers recommend to approve the application. Another alternative might be that they decide to hold a Design Review Panel, which could explore how a new building could be built next to the preserved Victorian villa.

### **East–West Rail consultation**

The consultation for the proposed railway line connecting Bedford and Cambridge will be open until 9th June and the documents can be found at: [eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation](http://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation). The consultation is quite lengthy and asks a variety of questions about level crossings in Bedfordshire that might not be of interest to us; however, most questions are voluntary and it is possible to submit a response just on those questions that affect our villages. For those who would prefer to be sent a paper copy of the consultation and to respond by mail, this can be ordered by telephoning 0330 134 0067.

It is important for the East–West Rail organisation to understand the views of residents in all of our villages. We have particularly beautiful areas of countryside surrounding Girton, Dry Drayton and Maddingley, and it is part of my role as a District Councillor to protect these areas.

### **Rapid Covid testing**

On Monday 17th May, we took another step towards reopening following a sustained drop in the number of new infections during the third lockdown. Guidance on rule changes and precautions can be found at: [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus). At that time, 36.7 million people in the UK had had the first dose of a vaccine and 20.3 million the second dose.

As part of efforts to ensure that the virus does not get out of hand again now that pandemic restrictions have been eased, rapid lateral flow tests are being made available free of charge. These tests are in the form of a kit that can be taken home and self-administered. These are not quite as accurate as tests being conducted at official testing stations – you should still book a test at a testing centre if you have symptoms – but can be used before or after meeting people or going to public places, in order to reduce the risk of spreading the virus unknowingly, as one third of infections are asymptomatic.

Places to collect testing kits can be found at [maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk](http://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk). Some local places where tests are currently available include the pharmacies at 115 Station Road, Histon and at Tesco in Bar Hill. Kits can also be ordered by telephoning 119.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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**GIRTON FEAST is back!**

### Girton Feast

We are delighted that with the easing of restrictions on May 17th, we can now go ahead and plan two Feast events for this year:

- Outdoor cinema on Friday evening 9th July 7.30pm to late showing 'The School of Rock'
- Girton Village Fete on Saturday 10th July, 12noon to 9pm

We are aiming to provide bouncy castles, children's rides, food, beer tent serving real ales, stalls, sport and several local bands to entertain you. Our usual suppliers are very keen to support us and we will provide as much as we are able to in the present environment. We have a very large recreation ground and there will be plenty of room for everyone.

You will be able to purchase tickets for the cinema event online. Entry to the Village Fete is free. At these events, there will be a mix of cash-less and cash payments, recognising that many of us no longer use cash.

**Outdoor Cinema**  
**Friday 9th July**  
**Girton Village Fete**  
**Saturday 10th July**

Please also see our website: [www.girtonfeast.org.uk](http://www.girtonfeast.org.uk)  
(now mobile phone friendly)

Please use our website to purchase tickets for the outdoor cinema and download the booking form for stalls at the Village Fete. Please keep up to date on the plans being put in place by visiting our website: [www.girtonfeast.org.uk](http://www.girtonfeast.org.uk) and watch out for posters around the village.

We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us and help us celebrate being able to socialise once again. We will provide the final details in the July edition of this newsletter.

With best wishes from the Girton Feast Committee.





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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 on page 12 of this magazine.*

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Please could neighbours check that people nearby have done this? Of particular concern are the elderly, who maybe do not know how to apply or why.

### Advanced warning: Open Gardens is back!

We hope to hold a small Open Gardens event in Girton on Sunday 18th July, 2-5pm  
Around 8 gardens will be open.

A donation box will be available for visitors, instead of tickets, to raise money to keep the floral telephone kiosk going for another year.

Sadly we will not be able to offer teas this year, but many gardens will welcome visitors to sit with their own flasks.

More details in the July edition of the GPN.





I have tried in recent years to buy peat free compost and would encourage all other gardeners to

do the same. Peat is an accumulation of vegetation and organic matter which has built up over millions of years. Peat bogs provide a wonderful habitat for plants and wildlife – often rare species not found elsewhere. Peat bogs also create natural flood defences as they soak up excess rainfall and release it slowly. Peat has long been dug for use in heating homes, especially in Ireland, but it was dug by hand-held tools. Now peat is extracted on an industrial scale with tons being removed – it is reckoned that about a century's worth of peat is removed annually and has been over many years. And in this process, huge amounts of carbon dioxide are released, adding to the climate change crisis. Peat is very fertile but it is such a valuable and irreplaceable part of the environment that it should be left undisturbed and not plundered for gardens.

Peat-free compost, on the other hand, is usually made from wood fibre, composted bark and sometimes coir. Westland New Horizon is widely available in local garden centres. However, last year while buying some plug plants in a nursery in Teversham I came across a new, to me, peat-free compost which was very successful for growing on my newly bought plants. This is called SylvaGrow, produced by a firm called Melcourt. SylvaGrow is endorsed by the RHS and by the Soil Association. I looked also at some of the ratings in the consumer magazine Which and see that Westland and Sylvagrow both have very good scores and the Sylvagrow multi-purpose compost was considered to be more successful in nurturing young plants than peat-based compost. I have found this product in garden centres in Shelford and Coton but it may well be sold elsewhere. And there are other useful peat-free composts including a Homebase peat-free product which is great for seeds. My research has been limited. Madingley Mulch sells peat-free soil improvers and manure. I have not recently used the green waste which is free and available from Council recycling centres. It is very fertile but can contain large pieces of wood and bits of plastic so may not be suitable as a medium for growing young plants but can be left to break down further and used as a soil improver.

April turned out to be such a dry month but writing this article towards the middle of May, it is delightful to see that the recent rain has brought a huge growth spurt to gardens. I have this year managed to place supports around perennials before they grow too tall. June is always a busy time for planting out plants which have been hardened off such as cannas and dahlias, tender annuals such as cosmos, zinnias and tithonias, as well as vegetables, now that the possibility of frost has

hopefully disappeared. Monty Don suggests that there is a danger that some plants are sown too early and run out of nourishment in their plugs or pots – always worth checking, mainly when buying, for roots appearing on these delicate young plants. Roses should be flourishing this month and it is good practice to dead head to promote further flowering. I have read recently that it is better to snap off the spent flower rather than to cut above new growth as we have always done. June is a time for pruning spring flowering shrubs such as philadelphus or ribes, and climbers such as clematis montana. Hedges may have a light trimming, but not a cut, as this would disturb nesting birds.

I am enjoying the return this year of yellow hammers to the garden – joining the seed fight with pigeons, squirrels and jackdaws. I have several bird feeders on the ground and on poles and do get a variety of birds, but like everyone else note the decline in numbers. There are many reasons for this but among them is the outbreak of trichomonas – a fatal disease, as it means that birds can no longer swallow food. It is spread by birds sharing dirty feeders and drinking water. It is really important to have a strict cleaning routine for all feeders and areas around feeders, moving feeders, if possible.



*[RHS garden, Hyde Hall, June 2019]*

A recent telephone call from a friend in Sweden reminded me that my garden is there for my enjoyment as well as hard work – and that is what I hope to do, appreciating how lucky we have been to have gardens and space during these months of lockdown.

*Ruth Reynolds, Girton Garden Society*

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## To mark Mental Health Awareness Week 2021

The publicity around this year's Mental Health Awareness Week in May was really wide-reaching. Those of you who engage with my FB page,

[www.facebook.com/listeninglantern.com](http://www.facebook.com/listeninglantern.com), will have seen the glorious nature photographs I posted each day, including this one below of a Clematis.



Did you know that the Clematis represents aspirations and hope? How apt for the week's theme of "Connecting with Nature". This beautiful blossom has weathered the gusty winds and

frosty nights—a true message of hope.

### Signposting

Are you – or do you know someone who is – a carer? Most carers are unpaid, with little respite, and looking after a family member or friend. It is crucial that we look after the people who look after others.

Carers' Trust is a charity for, with and about carers—including young carers.

Phone: 08448004361 Email: [support@carers.org](mailto:support@carers.org)

Website: [www.carers.org](http://www.carers.org)

Carers UK provides advice on financial and practical matters as well as offering a peer support community

Phone: 080088087777 Website: [www.carersuk.org](http://www.carersuk.org)

### Suicide First Aid

To add to the suite of mental health training I offer, I am training to become an accredited Suicide First Aid Associate Tutor. Suicide First Aid [SFA] does not just focus on supporting someone in a crisis, it teaches you:

- how to recognise signs that someone may be at risk
- how to listen
- how to have the confidence to have open conversations with others

Suicidal thoughts are common. It is likely that your life will have been touched or impacted by suicide or suicidal thoughts – friends, family, colleagues or yourself. This is known as the Ripple Effect. But it is positive that we can all play our part in suicide prevention if we so wish.

*Juliet Adlouné, a longstanding Girton resident, is a fully qualified and accredited Adult Mental Health First Aid Instructor experienced in delivering the full suite of*

*MHFA courses and committed to supporting mental health within her local community. Contact her via: [www.facebook.com/listeninglantern.julietadlouné](http://www.facebook.com/listeninglantern.julietadlouné) or [mhfa.julietadlouné@gmail.com](mailto:mhfa.julietadlouné@gmail.com)*



## News for Older Residents

### Memories Project

I hope you have been enjoying reading the magazine of childhood memories of some Girton residents. Thank you to all who helped with this project and especially to Sam for putting it all together.

### What about a Walk?

Please see the Club 55 page about a possible gentle walk/stroll in Girton Woods at the end of June.

Any exercise is good for us; so too is seeing people and having a chat. Tell Sam Clift of your interest and he will keep you informed.

Speaking of exercise, Simon Hanna—who is part of the NHS Falls Prevention Team—has written a helpful article on how best to return to exercising after this lockdown. It can be found on this webpage: [www.forever-active.org.uk/get-ready-to-return-to-exercise](http://www.forever-active.org.uk/get-ready-to-return-to-exercise).

### Talking Together

Another series of the popular facilitated telephone discussion groups organised by COPE (Cambridgeshire Older Peoples Enterprise) starts this month. The topics are Exploring Kettle's Yard; Classical Music through the Ages; Poet's Corner; Cambridgeshire Stories; The Power of Books; and finally Stories of some of the Americans commemorated at Madingley War Cemetery. Contact me for further details and/or the leaflet or phone COPE on 01223 364303

### And finally

I have a Digital Day Clock to give away. The numbers and letters are large, so it is suitable for those with difficulty in telling the time from smaller devices.

Are you missing a piece from your jigsaw? I have 2 pieces (from different puzzles) needing to be reconnected with their mates!

*Patricia Johnston Older Residents' Coordinator*  
Tel: 07469 660 866

Email: [patricia.johnston@ageukcap.org.uk](mailto:patricia.johnston@ageukcap.org.uk)

# GIRTON scoreboard



## Girton Bowls Club

After having played our three friendly matches at the beginning of the season in lovely sunshine it came as a big shock to the system when we played our first Cambridge & District League match at home, losing 5½–1½ to Comberton, in freezing cold weather. By the end of the match we were all frozen and it was so gloomy it was difficult to see the bowls – perhaps floodlit bowls is the way to go. Our next C & D match was a win against Cottenham 7–0, the next against Duxford, also a good result, a win of 5–2 and finally to date a loss against Milton.

Our first Business Houses League match should have been played against Longstanton, but unfortunately they were unable to field a full team and therefore had to concede the game, giving Girton 6 points and 10 shots. Our second BH match played against Milton was won by Milton 4–2.

For the first Meldreth & District League game, Girton played away to Royston, who made our team feel very welcome. The result was a good win for Royston of 6½–½.

Our first Ely and District match resulted in a 5–1 defeat against Stretham.

Sadly, several clubs have had to withdraw from this season's league matches as they are unable to field full teams due to the current situation.

One of our mixed pairs, Janet Graaff and Roger Webster, playing in the BH external competitions, won their first round match, against a pair from Milton 22–12, and now go through to the next round. Congratulations to them both.



*Sunny start to our friendly against Newnham*

We recently met again with the Town Charity to discuss the need for a toilet facility when the Bowls Club is being used. We will continue to strive to find a solution, but in the meantime we continue hiring the William Collyn Community Centre toilets. The club is continuing to explore the possibility of our own clubhouse to be erected within the boundaries of the club grounds and to this end outline drawings have been sent out for budgetary costings.

The bowls green has continued to receive intensive treatment and maintenance and is now showing signs of a good recovery. The green is looking splendid and is playing very well – thanks again to our volunteer maintenance team.

The Bowls Club will be supporting the Girton Feast celebrations this year and we will be having our usual bowling competitions.

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 also visit our website at [www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com](http://www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com).

*Lynne McGill*



## Girton Netball Club

Netball club is back and while we are still being Covid cautious, we're enjoying seeing each other every Monday and playing netball again. We have been delighted to welcome some new players and look forward to getting to know them in the coming weeks. Coach Helen has been working with us on our core skills including 'getting free', driving onto the ball and player positioning. We've been finishing each session with some match play and are hoping to fix up some friendly games against other village teams before the summer is out.



*Warm down at sundown*

On a social note, we're delighted to welcome baby Peter and baby Winter to the world and can't wait to meet them and to have their Mums back on court in the not-too-distant future. And the summer party is pencilled in for July 26th! It all feels so normal!



Come along and join the fun – all levels welcome.  
Email [girton.village.netball@gmail.com](mailto:girton.village.netball@gmail.com) or facebook:  
Girton Netball Club.

*Emma-Louise Longden*



## Girton Tennis Club

It is lovely to have some warmer weather and the tennis courts fully open for use by our members. The easing of Covid restrictions in May has meant that we can now allow both courts to be booked separately or together. This should mean that increased demand can be met but that anyone who wants exclusive use can still book both courts for their time slot.

Our web-based booking system has proved an effective way to coordinate court usage for members with other users such as those running coaching, netball or school sessions.

Several members have booked and are enjoying coaching sessions with our professional coach David Nation. We have now decided to encourage more female players by running two 'free-of-charge' coaching programmes this summer and these are exclusively for ladies. Both members and non-members are welcome to try and book a place – details are provided in the flyer published elsewhere in this GPN. Book soon if you wish to secure a place as numbers are limited!

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 7.30 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 web site [www.girtontennisclub.uk](http://www.girtontennisclub.uk) or by contacting our Membership Secretary Kevin Keeves by email at [info@girtontennisclub.uk](mailto:info@girtontennisclub.uk).

*Alan Franklin*



## Girton Golf Club

Great, we are open for business, with the clubhouse open and members and guests sitting in the sunshine on the patio drinking tea, coffee, beer or wine and eating lunches and snacks, interspersed with hiding inside the clubhouse doing all the same things whilst the rain pours down outside. What a mix of weather we

are experiencing in May – hope June turns out to be much better.



*Ben Shanks, Junior Captain*

Our Junior Captain Ben Shanks is spreading the golfing message to his school, The Netherhall School, by working with the PE team to create a short golf course on the main field which will be used to develop the skills and understanding of pupils for our game. Ben will also assist in coaching – a great

contribution to the sport and to his fellow pupils. Well done, Ben.

Girton Golf Club has had around 150 new members join in the past 12 months, ranging from pre-teens to those in their 70s and from complete beginners to low handicap players and we look to welcome all and integrate them into our club. To do this we use a number of different tactics. We hold new members evenings where our brilliant Head Professional Sam Beckett meets and plays with them alongside existing members of the club, explaining about the club and our idiosyncrasies as they go, ably supported by his assistant Fin Swan. We also have 'Open Golf' sessions where members can put their names down in appropriate slots to play in organised groups with people they have never met before. This establishes new friendships and encourages regular play. Our teams play against other clubs at all levels and all members are asked to put their names down to play, so they feel part of the club. Sam is also running Golfing Academies for players of all ages, particularly helpful for those new to the game – just ask in the shop for details.

Remember Girton is a Members Club; all surplus income is kept within the club and re-invested into the course and facilities. If you would like to see and hear more, wander down Dodford Lane and come and talk to the office, Pro shop or bar staff. If you don't fancy playing, then ask about our very low-cost Social Membership with discounts off food and drinks and invitations to all the events we hold throughout the year.

We hope to see you all at the Golf Club in the near future.

*Alan Henderson-Smith*

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## Girton Colts Football Club

Phew, what a lot of work we've all done over the last month and some of us are still playing through to end of June, thanks to the FA extension. But it's all worth it to see the Girton kids enjoying themselves ... as well as parents helping and supporting!

### Committee roles

It's that time in the calendar for the AGM (30th June) and for us to look for more volunteers to help our growing club. We have many roles available, all with varying levels of work required, but we welcome anyone in or outside the club to get on board and help steer the club through the years to come. We pride ourselves on being a village football club and we are here to benefit as many children in the village as possible, with fun, fitness and friendships through football. If you're interested contact [chair@girtoncolts.co.uk](mailto:chair@girtoncolts.co.uk).

### Kick about sessions

Would your child be interested in attending a weekly kick about session? We are seeing high levels of interest in certain age groups, which we can't facilitate in teams. The thought at the moment is to organise kick about sessions. These are likely to be 60–90 minutes long with a little warm up, a little technique session and then just play football. It won't be an official team, more a youth/afterschool club, especially aimed at those who are not in a team and want to play for fun. If you

are interested, please email [teamsec@girtoncolts.co.uk](mailto:teamsec@girtoncolts.co.uk), along with the age of child and we'll add you to the list. Happy to run multiple sessions for different age groups, so anyone aged 7–18 years can apply.

### Member news

**Under 8s.** The U8s are thrilled to be back at training and have been scoring lots of great goals in their matches recently. We have 7v7 friendlies planned over the summer to prepare for the change from 5-a-side to 7-a-side teams next season – more match time for more players!

**Under 11s.** The U11s have really enjoyed being back training and playing together. Despite being given a tough mini league they have shown great resilience and spirit, losing two games by the odd goal, but winning four games by the same margin. The team demonstrated how far they have come by winning comfortably against a Bottisham side they have never beaten before. All the boys are contributing to the team, with some great defending and six different scorers in the games played so far.

**Under 12s.** The team is improving in leaps and bounds with every match. The dedication by all the players to listening and improving makes them a pleasure to work with. We're still waiting for our first goal, but we have made some great strides forward in goal, defence and moving forward, so it won't be long!

*Andrew Hawkes, Chairman*

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## Recovering Time Team addict, local history enthusiast or general lover of mud?

Then let me introduce you to Histon & Impington Archaeology Group (HIAG). I'm a Girton resident, but recently joined the organising committee, never having forgotten the joys of excavating in Roman Colchester many years ago.

Founded in 2016, HIAG is a community archaeology group that carries out many exciting archaeological activities, including:

- More than 80 test pit excavations—mostly in fellow enthusiasts' gardens—but also on the core of the manorial estates at Abbey Farm and Histon Manor;
- Larger excavations, including next to IVC's staff car park, where we may have found an Anglo Saxon manorial industrial complex\*;
- Multiple seasons of field walking, where we have found extensive evidence of pre-historic and Roman activity; and
- Geo-physical surveys which, for example, have confirmed the presence of the foundations of a church, dedicated to St Etheldreda in the 13th century, and a Jacobean farmhouse on Abbey Farm.

We are now looking to swell our ranks with Girton residents and, capacity permitting, extend our activities into the village, so we can understand its development and links to other local sites.

Did you know that Girton straddles the *via devana* (Huntingdon Road), one of the major roads of Roman Britain? It connected the capital, *Camulodunum* (Colchester), with *Deva* (Chester). In the 19th century, a significant late Roman and early Anglo-Saxon cemetery was excavated in the grounds of Girton College. The contemporary settlement associated with this cemetery has yet to be discovered, so there is great potential for community archaeologists to locate this. No experience, only enthusiasm, necessary!

All activities are organised and run by our members (100 and counting) and we are constantly looking for enthusiastic hands to help out, learn the 'dark arts of the trowel' and the other practical aspects of archaeology.

We also run an extensive programme of talks (gaining notoriety for timely placement of flyers advertising a session about the Plague in March 2020).

Recent highlights include:

- *The Black Death: and later outbreaks of the plague in Cambridgeshire* — DNA analysis reveals the impact on local population.
- *Colonising Inlands: Later Prehistoric and Roman North West Cambridge* — two decades of investigation which preceded the development of Eddington.
- *Royal Anglo-Saxon Rendlesham* — following the release of *The Dig*; there's much more than *just* Sutton Hoo.

Like everything else, the talks moved online, were recorded, and can be watched by anyone, any time via our website, which also has a wealth of other information about the group.

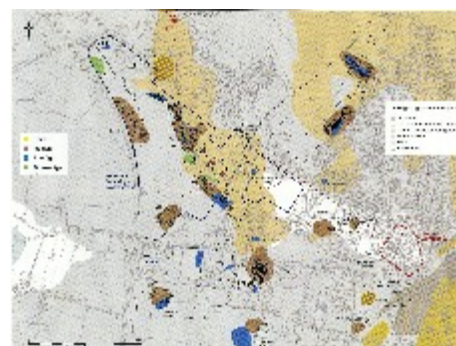
If you would like to know more, please visit our website [hiarchaeology.wordpress.com](http://hiarchaeology.wordpress.com), where you can also join our mailing and field activity lists, or support the group by becoming a member.

*Ben Spicer*



*Anglo-Saxon bread oven? Open excavation next to IVC staff car park*

*Map of settlement sites along Huntingdon Road [Permission pending]*



*Test pit excavation at Histon Manor*

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## News from Girton Glebe Primary School

### September 2021 Intake

We are delighted to be welcoming our September 2021 intake to Girton Glebe over the coming weeks. Our Early Years will be running the transition process throughout the remainder of the summer term, which will be a balance of virtual meetings and face-to-face sessions (fingers crossed!) when restrictions lift at the end of June. Our 30 new starters will take part in story sessions, visits to the Early Years learning environment, games and activities on-site with some of our Year 5 pupils and a teddy bear picnic at the end of July. We can't wait to see our new pupils in school and look forward to welcoming new families to the Girton Glebe community.

### Girton Book Day

Our pupils recently took part in a special Girton Book day, celebrating the event by arriving in school in fancy dress, following a week-long sponsored read and challenges to decorate potatoes!

The Friday saw our pupils donning costumes and bringing in elaborately decorated potatoes for judging. We gave prizes for the best-dressed potato in each class, the most sponsorship money collected and the most time spent reading during the week. Prizes were awarded in a virtual whole-school assembly at the end of the day.

In totalling all of the sponsorship money we were staggered to see that our pupils had raised over £1,000 which would be returned to school funds to spend on restocking the library. Well done to all who took part in this event and many thanks to parents, friends and family for your kind donations!

### Outdoor Learning & Orienteering

Our staff recently received training on map skills and orienteering following the installation of checkpoints around the school site by a company called Cross-Curricular Orienteering. CCO visited the Girton Glebe, set up markers around the school grounds and produced maps of our site before teaching our team how to deliver high-quality learning on map reading and explaining how this can be used to support cross-curricular learning. Over recent weeks, our pupils have been taking part in orienteering activities around the school grounds and it has been wonderful to see our

children developing their curriculum knowledge outdoors.

Alongside this, pupils continue to hone their Forest School skills in weekly sessions in our forest area whilst other children have made use of the space doing Muddy Maths activities to develop their number skills. Outdoor learning is such a vital tool for supporting not just the curriculum aspects of education but in developing positive mental health and wellbeing.

### Race across the World

Following our success in March, our pupils and staff have now won the champion's edition of Race across the World, successfully competing against schools from the east of England. Girton Glebe totalled more miles and activities than the other schools taking part. Many thanks to Cambridge United for organising this event!

*Mr Andrew Spencer*

*Headteacher*

*@GirtonGlebePS*

## GIRTON GLEBE SWIMMING POOL 60th ANNIVERSARY OF OPENING

In October 1958, the then Headmaster of Girton Glebe School, Brian Foot, explained to a meeting of parents that he felt it was important to enable children to be taught to swim but the County Council would not meet the cost of building a swimming pool. A group of these parents decided that they would build one themselves and fund raising began. By June 1960, the pool was in use but it was not until June 1961 that necessary fine-tuning was completed and the pool was officially opened. It remains in use to this day. It is believed that around 2,000 children from Girton Glebe School alone have learned to swim in the pool over the 60 years it has been in operation, without counting the children from other schools who, in the early days were allowed to use it.

It will soon be 60 years since that official opening. The children of those Volunteers have come together to erect a plaque to list all who were involved in what remains, to this day, "... a triumph of teamwork and cooperation", to quote Brian Foot. It is planned, Covid permitting, to have a small ceremony at the School on 3rd July. Needless to say, after all this time, contact has been lost with a number of families and we would love to invite any children of the following to get in touch if they are interested in taking part. Please contact Stephen Allen at: [srlallen@virginmedia.com](mailto:srlallen@virginmedia.com).

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## Girton Cottontails Preschool

The children have been busy taking care of the tomato plants that they planted, which have been growing really well. Some were a little later to get started than others, but the children are all very proud of them and have been monitoring how big they are getting. The children have now taken their plants home, and we look forward to hearing updates on their progress. We kept a few tomato plants at preschool too, and we also have gooseberries and raspberries growing. Hopefully we'll get some lovely fruit that we can have for our snack.

We had a very exciting day at preschool a few weeks ago, when some work was being done at the church next door, which required some groundwork right at the front of Cotton Hall! The children watched the work



*Watching Workmen*

being done and were delighted to see the diggers and machinery. The children wore builders' hats as they watched, and had conversations about being builders when they grow up. This included a question about whether girls could be builders—which, of course, they absolutely can!

We have been practising our fine motor skills with some new resources, including tongs, pegs and peg boards, and wooden posts with nuts and bolts. The

children have been really engaged with these activities, and they will help develop strong arm and hand muscles ready for writing.

At Forest School this week, we had some special visitors. Some of our lovely parents brought their chickens for the children to see. The children found out what they like to eat and eagerly went to find worms for



*Chickens*

them which apparently they love! They asked some excellent questions, like are the feathers soft and what the red bit on their heads is called. They got to find out about the feathers by stroking the chicken and yes, they were soft, and the red bit is called a comb. We looked at the chickens' eggs and had a delicious snack of egg muffins.

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:

[www.gofundme.com/f/emma-amp-laura-are-reopening-cottontails-preschool](http://www.gofundme.com/f/emma-amp-laura-are-reopening-cottontails-preschool)

[www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/JJP8OJALIV2I](http://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/JJP8OJALIV2I)

We welcome children from the age of 2 upwards. We accept 2-year funded and 3- & 4-year 15- and 30-hour funded children. Please contact us if you would like to apply for a place.

For further information about the preschool and what we have to offer, you can visit our website, follow us on social media and get in touch using the contact details below.

*Laura Norman and Emma Pell*

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## News from the Co-op

Hi all,

This is Sadaf Safian, your Girton Co-op Member Pioneer with news from your local Co-op store. The month of March brought some exciting news from

our village. Phil from Peter Graves Florist regularly trades from the Cambridge city market square. Due to unexpected circumstances, he was unable to continue trading from the stall and was left with surplus stock worth £5,000. This issue was raised on Girton Facebook page, which led to a discussion between Ruth Wilson and myself about how we could help him as a community. He was unable to sell the pots individually to the public due to licensing issues. Ruth and I discussed the idea of a voluntary donation, to which Phil was very much on board. We asked Phil to make the flower pots available outside his shop on the morning of Saturday 27th March, and with the support of Girton Co-op Store Manager Kev Wilson, we were able to place some flower pots outside your local Co-op store. We used social media and our networks to spread the word. We had an amazing response from our wonderful Girton community who showed up in droves at the flower shop and Co-op (with social distancing maintained of course!) and gave generously to help a local business. Phil was overwhelmed by the response, and we are truly grateful to each and every one of you who came and supported this. Phil is now back at the Market Place; all's well that ends well.

In the month of April we had two competitions. One was Good Easter Egg, where we asked the community to vote for someone who has gone above and beyond to help the community, especially in this pandemic. The other was Spring drawing competition. The winners for the Good Easter Egg are Alan and Sian Franklin, Gio Gomez, Judith Addison, and Andrea at the Girton Surgery. All the winners received their Easter eggs/goody bags. The winners for drawing competition are: Liam in 1st place; Jessica in 2nd place; Evie in 3rd place; and Emily and Harriet as runners-up. All the winners have received their goody hampers.

I want to thank you all for your support in the community. Thank you to all Co-op members for supporting our local causes. FOGG has raised £277.61, Girton Colts FC has raised £215.85 and Cambridge Emergency Meals Project (BEFA) has raised £568.32. If you wish to become a Co-op member please visit [www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership). You can also download the Co-op app, a fast and convenient solution in helping you get the most out of your shopping and in helping you to support your local community. It provides you with weekly discount offers, your reward balance, and the cause you support.

Co-op would love to hear about your in-store experience. Please tell us by going to [www.coop.co.uk/yoursay](http://www.coop.co.uk/yoursay) and the store number is 4975.

I regularly post on the Girton Coronavirus Support page and Girton Village Community Facebook page. Find me on twitter @Sadafsafian. If there is a community project that you wish Co-op to support, please get in touch with me. My mobile is 07816 098778. From April 2021 I am also covering Histon Co-op on Station Road as their Member Pioneer.

Till next time,

Keep Co-operating.

*Sadaf Safian*

## George's Garden Tip

After the drama of May, June should be an opportunity to enjoy the surge of spring and all the flowers and maturing plants. As the plants grow, they may need a bit of guidance and some help. Take climbers for example; a clematis left entirely to its own devices may start off in an unsuitable direction, but a judicious bit of untangling, or a loop of string could set it on the right track. It's often quicker to snip through some of the clinging tendrils to free up a good stem than trying to untangle it and inadvertently pulling the top off! Herbaceous perennials when grown with light all round will usually grow up straight, but often the light is very much from one side and may draw the growth well off the vertical, which will make them prone to bowing down in heavy rain. How best to support them is largely an aesthetic choice but if you don't have plenty of suitable birch twigs to make a chic bespoke support, a couple of sticks and a loop of string may suffice, and when the plants enlarge will be largely hidden anyway.

June is a good month to clip box shapes, although if the sunshine is very strong the young growths, now exposed, can be scorched, so play it with the weather. If your bushes are suffering from the dreaded box tree caterpillars, some control is essential or they will lose most of their leaves. Hand picking the wee beasties is laborious, and most pesticides are not strong enough to kill caterpillars. Alternatives are to use bio-pesticides, which are available as a spray, or as a pheromone trap, both available online.

*George Thorpe*

## New contractor and new name for High Street redevelopment

The High Street redevelopment is taking a major step forward this month, with the appointment of a building contractor and the announcement of Dovehouse Court as the official new name for the £5 million scheme.

Prior to the appointment, Girton Town Charity carried out a rigorous tendering process, overseen by Project Managers Northmores and in conjunction with Faithful+Gould Cost Consultants.

### Criteria

Four contractors were shortlisted and scored against a stringent set of criteria – financial, technical, experience, resources and health and safety – with the result that Barnes Construction was selected as the preferred supplier for Dovehouse Court.

The development, to be built to Passivhaus

standards, ensuring ultra-low energy usage, will provide 15 almshouses as permanent homes for over 55's, resident or with close connections to Girton, as well as a new office for the Charity. The apartments and bungalows will be set around a landscaped courtyard and communal gardens, with an orchard and allotment plots.

### Appointment

Ann Bonnett, GTC Chair said: "Following our thorough and systematic tendering process which explored all aspects of the project, we are pleased to announce that Barnes Construction has been appointed. The company has a first-class track record of delivering high-profile projects,



including the new Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge."

Matthew Ramplin, Senior Contracts Manager at Barnes Construction added: "We are really pleased to have been awarded the project and look forward to working with GTC and its team throughout the

61-week build programme. We are currently finalising the Passivhaus design before bringing the plans to life and providing the village of Girton with energy efficient almshouses for the future."

### Historical

Dovehouse Court was chosen as the name for the

new development, following ex-GTC Trustee Ray Gordon sharing two historical documents. The first, from 1926, referred to the area of land including the footpath between High Street and Church Lane and the High Street site as Dove House Close. The second document from the 1950's showed the footpath as Dovecot Close.

Ann Bonnett concludes: "We felt it was important to incorporate this part of our local history with the new development and so Dovehouse Court was chosen. A Dovehouse Court identity has been created which will be used on communications, signage and eventually incorporated into the development."



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### Thursday

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### Friday

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9.30am - 12.00pm	second Friday of the month Little City Toddler Play
7.00 - 9.30pm	New Life Church Youth Club

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## An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

When looking out over Ferry Lake in the spring and summer, particularly from the picnic tables near the car park or from the northern view shelter overlooking Ferry Mere, you might notice some rafts floating out on the water. You can see these same constructions from the hide on Moore Lake. These are our tern rafts: specially made artificial nesting platforms for common tern.

Common tern are fantastic birds that spend the autumn and winter in Western Africa before coming up to breed in Europe. With their long, slender wings and long outer tail feathers they fly agilely over the lakes, earning them the nickname 'sea swallow'. They energetically turn and swoop up and down as they catch small fish from just below the surface.

Unlike their coastal nesting cousins, common tern can often be found on inland lakes in the breeding season.

As ground nesters, terns do not build nests in trees.

Instead, they lay their eggs directly on the ground or on a small pile of vegetation, usually favouring sandy or

gravelly areas where their eggs and chicks are adapted to be well camouflaged.

While we have several islands on Moore Lake and a single island on Ferry Lake that our terns nest on, these tend to be crowded with nesting black-headed gull that push the common tern to the edges. We therefore take out rafts and anchor them in the lake near the islands to provide some much-needed extra space for the terns, timing their deployment for after the gulls have begun nesting to limit the number that will attempt to use the rafts.

It doesn't take long for the terns to find the rafts once they are out and begin claiming nesting spots. When visiting the reserve, keep an eye out for birds flying overhead carrying fish to bring in to incubating partners or chicks on the rafts.

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## Church can change your perspective



### A return to ordinary time?

In the Christian calendar, we celebrate Easter each year and then, 50 days later, is the celebration of Pentecost. This is the moment when the earthly presence of Jesus was replaced by the ethereal presence of the Holy Spirit. It's sometimes called the Church's Birthday, because it's the day on which the first followers of Jesus started to go out and share what they had experienced.

This year, Pentecost has just happened (23rd May) and now a long period of "ordinary time" begins, which stretches until the beginning of November. "Ordinary" in this sense means both "normal"/"not special", but it also means "set apart" (from the word "ordained"). I think of it as a good chunk of time in the year that is set apart for just getting on with life. Nothing much happens, so we have a chance to grow and develop.

This time last year, I heard the phrase "new normal" far more than I wanted to. As we emerged from the first lockdown everyone was asking how life would change as a result of the pandemic. (Spoiler alert: The answer was further lockdowns, an extensive vaccination programme and lots of disagreement about the best way to ease restrictions).

A year on, I get the sense that many of us are looking forward to the return of something closer to the "old

normal", but with a few tweaks. But here I find myself pulled in two directions: on the one hand I'm keen to see all the people I've missed for the last year; on the other hand, I've been rather enjoying the slower pace of life without a diary full of appointments. In some ways I want to get out and to start *doing* lots of things; in other ways I don't want to be so busy any more. One thing I'm sure about is the desire for a stronger connection to my local community.

Jesus said that he came to bring those who follow him life: *life in all its fullness*. I used to think that meant excitement and drama, but now I think of it more in terms of quality of relationships. One thing almost all of us have had in the last year is a bit of time to think and take stock. I wonder what the prospect of "life in all its fullness" looks like to you at the moment? As we start to get into the new/old normal, let's learn the lessons from a hard time to bring fullness of life to ourselves, our families and those around us (not necessarily in that order!)

My experience recently is that taking an hour on Sunday to reflect on life as we gather in church is a very valuable habit. It gives focus and space; a chance to put ourselves in a bigger context; an opportunity for children to be part of a genuinely inter-generational community. If you think you might need some of that then you're always welcome to join us and find out more.





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              **10:30 am**      Holy Communion  
              **6:00 pm**      Evening Prayer (BCP)

**20th**      **10:00 am**      Holy Communion  
              **6:00 pm**      Evening Prayer (BCP)

**27th**      **8:00 am**      Holy Communion (BCP)  
              **10:00 am**      Morning Prayer

### July

**4th**      **10:00 am**      Holy Communion  
              **7:30 pm**      Taizé Service (Online)

### Weekday services: June

**Wed**      **9:00 am**      Morning Prayer (said) (Online)  
**Thurs**      **9:00 am**      Morning Prayer (said) (Online)  
**Thurs**      **9:00 pm**      Compline (said) (Online)  
**Wed 9th**      **2:00 pm**      Abbeyfield Holy Communion  
**Thurs 24th**      **11:00 am**      Gretton Crt Holy Communion

### Note:

The church will be closed from 9th to 11th June for high-level cleaning, and then for 2 weeks from 21st June (weekdays) for installation of new heating. Outside these times, the church will be open daily for personal prayer. All care must be taken regarding cleanliness and touching surfaces. Sanitiser is available & please respect social distancing. Find peace & comfort in this sacred space. You are welcome to join us in person for our worship services. We are doing everything we can to make it a safe environment. Face masks should be worn, and social distancing maintained, even outside when we might be tempted to discuss the sermon! For those who wish to continue to worship remotely, Sunday morning services will continue to be streamed on YouTube for the foreseeable future. You may tune in at [bit.ly/GirtonParishLive](http://bit.ly/GirtonParishLive).

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 you in order to join in. Any problems, please do contact us via the website. Please check the church website for up to date information. ([www.girton.church](http://www.girton.church))

## Girton Baptist Church



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### June Services, all starting at 10.30am:

**Sunday 6th June** @ Girton Baptist Church, and on Zoom, with communion, led by Nick Lowe

**Sunday 13th June** @ Girton Baptist Church, and on Zoom, led by Nick Lowe

**Sunday 20th June** @ Girton Baptist Church, and on Zoom, with communion, led by Nick Lowe

**Sunday 27th June** @ Girton Baptist Church, and on Zoom, led by John Searle

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

Please use the church website for booking for in-person services. Masks and social distancing because of COVID will be needed.

### A Bible verse:

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19)

### Some words from a hymn:

Lord of all hopefulness,  
 Lord of all joy,  
 Whose trust, ever child-like,  
 No cares could destroy,  
 Be there at our waking,  
 And give us, we pray,  
 Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
 At the break of the day.

### A prayer:

If you are in the midst of a personal crisis, try asking God for help:

"God, you see this crisis. You understand everything about it. I come to you seeking your help. Give me new ways of looking at this situation, solutions I haven't thought of, and for insights for the changes that need to take place. Give me wisdom and discernment and help me make right choices. And help me, I pray, to draw close to you and to trust you. Amen."

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

**Contact numbers for bookings**

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William Collyn	
Community Centre	279587

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St Vincents Close	12.05 -12.30
Gretton Court	12.35 -13.00
Churchfield Court	13.05 -13.30

**Bin collections June**

**Friday 4 June      Blue and Green bins**

Thursday 10 June   Black bin

Thursday 17 June   Blue and Green bins

Thursday 24 June   Black bin



**A Gentle Toddle around Girton Wood**

For our first outing since we were locked down by the Coronavirus pandemic we thought that it would be nice to meet on Girton Rec outside Girton Pavilion at 10am Wednesday 23rd June for a get together, chat and gentle toddle through Girton Wood.

Bring a flask and a snack so that you can stand or sit on the Rec and chat with friends over a warm drink or you can take a very gentle guided walk in the woods if you would like to do that. There must be much to talk about after our long confinement.

It's still too early to meet up indoors but I feel sure that in a few weeks time we will be able to go out for a lunch at one of our usual pubs. It will be nice to get out and I am sure the landlords will be as pleased to see us as we will be to see them.

Our Zoom meetings are still taking place every Monday from 10am to 10.40am so if you would like to drop in and join us you will be welcomed to do so. The meeting id is 218 933 7550 and the password is 0HmM3E which is case sensitive.

*Sam Clift*

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