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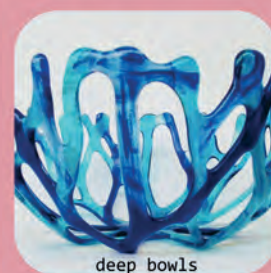


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Girton Parish Council published initial information in the March edition of the GPN. Further information and useful resources will be published up to March

28th. Nomination forms need to be in before April 5th. Please contact clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk for delivery of your completed form to Cambourne. Please view our village noticeboards, Facebook, and Twitter pages to get further information. If you have any questions, please do also contact the clerk or any of our councillors.

Activity in Girton recreation spaces

Surface repairs are now in place to all our village recreation grounds. Repairs for Girton Rec climbing frame and Wellbrook Way seesaw are planned for mid-



April. Replacement of the MUGA goals was approved at March's full council meeting. Since the start of this year, the recreation ground has hosted over 70 football matches with 22 sessions on the MUGA every week as well as tennis, netball, and ballet sessions. Party bookings are also being taken for the pavilion. Please be aware the recreation ground has a defibrillator positioned on the pavilion. The council is aiming to obtain another of these live-saving devices for the village over the next few months.

Pavilion refurbishment and Annual Parish Meeting

Meetings continue with project managers for the pavilion refurbishment project. Final costings are expected for review by the end of March. A display of the project will be set up at the Annual Parish Meeting towards the end of April. Please keep an eye on our website and notice boards for details.

Girton Green Team

The council is pleased to report the Girton Green Team volunteers are completing hedge-laying at Town End Close. If you are interested in the Town End Close warden position or joining the team, please contact Haydn Williams, Chair of Girton Parish Council.

Girton Parish tree work

A tree damaged in last month's high winds has been removed. A tree survey for all 89 trees on council land was completed in February. Local tree surgeons will

shortly be providing quotes for recommended work.

Oakington Road lighting

Installation of the lighting along Oakington Road should now be complete. Cambridgeshire County Council delivered information by post and via social media to inform people living in the area.

Improvements to bridleways and footpaths

Ways of improving bridleway and footpath links to Histon and Impington are being explored with Histon and Impington Parish Council and our respective county councillors.

Communication

The council is increasing communication for our village to reach as many residents as possible. Thank you to GPN for publishing our monthly reports and occasional articles. Please keep a close eye on our village noticeboards and website, as well as our profiles on Facebook and Twitter.

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From Our Councillors



County Councillor Edna Murphy

Following on from the unwelcome news about the Stagecoach route 'merger' for routes 5 and 6 there are reports from residents about

overcrowding, and even some people not able to get on a service as it was full. So not just having to wait longer for a bus, but then unable to get on! Although Stagecoach cited that there was a fundamental problem with reduced passenger numbers due to the pandemic, now that there is overcrowding they should be putting on more buses! I have written to Stagecoach to ask for more detail about their approach and to see what can be done to improve the services for residents in Girton.

I am pleased to report that a couple of very positive steps were taken by the County council at its latest full council meeting.

My colleague Ros Hathorn (Lib Dem county councillor for Histon and Impington) secured cross party agreement to ensure the council supported Repair Cafes – these will be places where community-led support groups can meet and share know-how to enable people to repair rather than throw away devices. This is a practical way to tackle climate change and should be welcomed.

Also, I am pleased that the council supported my motion

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to take further action to protect the trees planted several years ago as part of the A14 project. They were intended to reduce noise from the extra traffic, increase biodiversity and help with decarbonisation plans. Tens of thousands of saplings were planted, but currently they look dead. After a great deal of digging, I have found out that as early as 2020 the Council was aware that 94% of the 40,000 saplings planted had died. Reasons for failure were given as a combination of poor performance by National Highways as well as – more worryingly – ground conditions. Almost nothing has been done in the last two years to try to understand and fix the problems.

In truth this is a horrible mess we have inherited, and there may be limited things we can do. But we are going to make sure it is not for want of trying! The motion requires the council to challenge National Highways to do much better in honouring the contract. However, it's not simply good enough to finger point at National Highways when their obligations time out, the goal is for the trees to thrive.

I was first alerted to this issue by residents in Girton, for which I am very grateful! I believe this motion takes a big step forward in dealing with a difficult problem for our area and I will report back in future on progress.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any concerns or questions.

Edna Murphy

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District Councillor Corinne Garvie

Support for Ukraine

South Cambs has pledged to support people fleeing the

Ukraine. Leading councillors have

also said they will continue to work with Government and other agencies who are monitoring the crisis. They also say the council will step-up and support national schemes that provide support to refugees leaving Ukraine as the detail is confirmed by Government.

The council has a housing team and stock of council homes and councillors have said that the council will play their part and work to identify local homes for refugees leaving the warzone if needed. Councillors have said that the impact on those in greatest housing need within the district will be minimised.

The government has just announced about the Homes for Ukraine website for people willing to host Ukrainian individuals or families.

Green Bins update

Green bin collections have restarted on a fortnightly basis across South Cambs.

Residents should check their online bin calendars to find their usual collection days as we will be emptying green bins as per the published schedule.

There are contingency plans in place to deal with any unexpected and short notice crew absences. If necessary, this will include crews finishing their normal rounds and then covering parts of any missed areas on the same day.

Focus on nature

South Cambs has just published a biodiversity supplementary planning document which you can see at www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/media/2476/gcsp-biodiversity-spd-feb-2022.pdf.

This supports the Doubling Nature Strategy published last year. It details how all new development must protect, preserve and enhance nature and encourages parish councils to develop their own nature recovery plans.

South Cambs finances

South Cambs is one of only five councils to have a balanced budget. The council continues to save £200,000 per annum from its ongoing transformation project which is bringing the council firmly into the 21st century with a focus on improving efficiency and customer service. We have made £5 million this year from investments which allows us to continue to invest in our communities - to give £300,000 in grants to parishes to help them on their race to Zero Carbon, grants to plant trees, grants to help increase biodiversity and grants to organisations that help support our residents when times are hard.

In addition, not putting up council tax this year by 10p a week will cost us about £1.5 million over the coming four years because we are not able to make it up in future years because of the Government's cap on rising council tax. The increase in council rents will pay for more council houses and make existing properties cheaper to live in as we make them more energy efficient. We have to pay for this from council rents; the Government does not allow us to subsidise council housing from council tax.

Finally, thank you all who emailed me about potholes. A resident and I went out to measure and photograph them. I will be reporting them on the website.

Corinne Garvie

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District Councillor Tom Bygott

Platinum Jubilee events

To mark Her Majesty's historic 70-year reign, 2022 will see Platinum Jubilee celebrations

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Friday 3 June

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Saturday 4 June

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Evening – Boogie Night – a celebration of 70/80s music

Sunday 5 June

Afternoon – Jubilee Fun Day
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extended bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022.

The Government has put together some advice and guidance for people wishing to hold events. There is a Platinum Pageant Pack that can be downloaded from: www.platinumpageant.com/#get-involved

There is a guide to organising street parties at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party. For large events, South Cambs has a Safety Advisory Group, whose advice can be found at: www.scambs.gov.uk/event-safety-advisory-group.

Applications for street parties can be made at: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/highway-events/organising-a-street-party-event.

South Cambs 2022-23 budget

There are many things to welcome in the South Cambs budget such as money towards environmental improvements and building more council houses. However, there were some elements that I couldn't support:

- An increase in Council Tax by the maximum legally allowed - £5 for a Band D property (a £50 difference to the council tax paid four years ago). This is not appropriate when there is a squeeze in the cost of living.
- £200,000 on recarpeting the council building and £70,000 on redecoration. This makes up the majority of this year's council tax increase, £327,000. It was also revealed through the course of the meeting that over £500,000 has been used to pay staff to leave the council over the past four years via early retirement settlements, gardening leave and redundancies.
- Putting up council tenants' rents by the legal maximum of 4.1%. Ordinary people are being asked for restraint in asking for pay rises to control inflation, yet institutional landlords seem happy to fuel inflation through rent rises.
- Increased external borrowing for the purpose of commercial investment. I don't believe we should be borrowing nearly £150m in uncertain times especially when this risk could burden residents with further tax if the investment strategy that the budget relies on goes wrong.

The council is facing other potential problems, as over £300,000 is at risk of being returned to developers for failing to deal with their applications on time.

Support for the people of Ukraine

A number of villagers have expressed to me their deep sadness and distress caused by the invasion of the Ukraine, and the feeling that we are watching the Ukrainian people suffer without being able to help. I too have been both moved by their plight and inspired by their courage.

There are some practical things that we can do to help:

- Providing accommodation for a Ukrainian family - www.gov.uk/government/news/ukraine-what-you-can-do-to-help.
- Giving to charity but be careful of scams - a charity's registration details can be checked at www.gov.uk/checkcharity.
- Boycotting companies with links to Russia.

The main thing that we can do however is to save energy. Reducing oil and gas use is key to ending the war, as this is the source of 40% of the Russian government's income. Achieving energy independence has now become even more urgent.

Cllr Tom Bygott

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The Hugh Field Memorial Award for aviation journalism

The Honourable Company of Air Pilots, incorporating Air Navigators have announced the latest winner of The Hugh Field Memorial Award for Aviation Journalism, which is named after Hugh Field, a well-loved member of Girton who greatly contributed to all aspects of GPN as the former chair.

The prize went to Arthur Williams, a former Royal Marine who in 2007 following a car accident became a paraplegic losing the use of his legs, took up wheelchair racing and from his love of flying and through aerobility, gained a private pilot's licence.

Arthur applied to be a presenter of the 2012 Paralympic Games for Channel 4 and was successful. He was offered a specialist factual commission, resulting in "De Havilland Mosquito - The Plane that Saved Britain" a one-hour documentary. It was nominated for a Grierson Award for best documentary presenter. Then followed a three-part series "Flying to the Ends of The Earth" commissioned in 2016, linking communities in incredibly isolated locations. A four-part series "Flying Across Britain" celebrating the sport of flying followed.

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The Cambridge String Quartet, based at the Girton home of violinist Paula Muldoon, is a world-class ensemble with a focus on community and sustainability.

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Girton Walking Group

Saturday 2nd April.

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This walk will be led by Elisabeth Kron.
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Saturday 7th May.

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Girton Glebe School

What a busy month we have had! Not only have the

children been busy with work, but staff have also been busy moderating English writing and considering extra-curriculum provisions we can offer. On top of this, Year 6 have been a hive of excitement preparing themselves for their trip to Wales. We were also overwhelmed by the incredible generosity of the people of Girton, who came out to support our Ukraine Appeal: a great way to demonstrate our core value of compassion.

World Book Day

For World Book Day we celebrated everything to do with books for the week. The children took part in 'Drop and Read' daily sessions, Powerful Word Fancy Dress, a Book in a Jar competition and our school-wide Book Swap! At the ring of a bell, the whole school stopped whatever learning they were doing to pick up one of their favourite books and engage in reading for 15 minutes. The children (and adults) took pleasure in curling up in their reading corners, finding a spot under a tree, or relaxing in the Millennium Garden to read. On Thursday, the school was awash with colour and magnificent outfits as children and staff dressed up as a powerful word: flamboyant, impenetrable, cluttered, sparkly and optimistic were some of the words which were seen throughout the school. Our Book in a Jar competition received many imaginative and creative entries, which were very difficult to judge! As well as all of these fun activities, teachers also promoted the joy of reading for pleasure both in the classroom and school library throughout the week.

Girton Meals for Mums: It takes a village

We were blessed with baby Ada over Christmas, but with family unable to visit, we were initially worried how we would cope those first few weeks.

Fortunately, we heard about Girton's Meals for Mums who ensured we were plied with home-made meals, which gave us some much needed respite.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who prepared delicious meals for us during a stressful time, and especially to Freya for organising it all.

We really appreciate the whole village's support and we look forward to cooking for Girton's next new parents!

Maggie and Andrew



Break the Rules Day

On the last day of term, our classrooms were filled with giant teddies, children wearing hats and colourful nail varnish as we took part in a Break the Rules fundraising day. Enjoyment was had by staff and children, who were allowed sweets as snacks, to wear an item of non-uniform and to call their teacher by their first name! In total, we raised a fantastic £336.59 for the school. We would like to thank FOGG for organising a brilliant event and to everyone who participated in raising money for FOGG.

Ukraine Appeal

Last but certainly not least, thank you so much to everyone who has donated items to our Ukraine Appeal.



We have been incredibly surprised and amazed by the generosity of people over this week who have donated pillows, blankets, toiletries, food, clothes and more. The word of mouth has spread across the village and the ELA Trust: we were inundated with items, which have now been packed into numerous vans and will be making their way across Europe to support those in need.

Thank you.



Girton Musical Theatre rehearsing again!

We are pleased to announce that we will now be performing our postponed production of the Yeomen of the Guard from October 27th to 29th in Girton Glebe School. The main rehearsals will be every Thursday and Friday from 1st September, but we have also planned a few "catch-up" rehearsals for anyone wishing to join us. These will be on Thursdays at 8pm: 28th April in St Andrew's Church and all others in the school: 19th May, 16th June, 7th July. If you are interested in finding out more, please visit our website, or phone Helen on 01223 276940.





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Girton WI

Girton WI's March meeting was our AGM, the most formal of the meetings on our calendar and the chance for members to stand for the

roles of president, secretary, treasurer, and other positions on our committee.

Alongside the vote, this year we enjoyed a recipe bring and share. It was, as usual, wonderful to see so many members, and we were able to share and sample a wide variety of treats, including excellent apple cakes, yummy muffins, delicate snowball biscuits, aromatic poppy seed cake, moreish vegan sausage rolls, and tasty quiches and savoury biscuits. Many of the recipes were family favourites, and it was lovely to hear some of the stories behind them.

We have an exciting programme for next year, including a session on antiques in April, the postponed talk on "Life behind Bars" in May and in future months talks on photography, edible plants, textiles, and pearls. There will also be many more opportunities for tea and cake, and we also look forward to the many ways in which we will be involved in the celebrations for the Jubilee.

As always, if you are free on the first Wednesday of the month (at 7.30pm) and would like to come and join us (even if it is only for the company and the cake!) then please do pop in.

Girton WI also runs two daytime groups- a Knit and Natter (ability to knit not required, but please do come and have a natter) and a Jigsaw club. Non-WI members

are more than welcome. For more information on these, or about the WI Nationally or about Girton WI and our meetings then please contact girtonwi@gmail.com or girtonwisecretary@gmail.com. We meet at the William Collyn Community Centre. There is no obligation to join, and attendance at up to three WI meetings as a visitor is free. We look forward to seeing you!

Hannah Wyborn, Girton WI President

Earlybirds WI

Why Earlybirds? - because this Women's Institute group meets in the mornings!

Launched in 2019, with the aim of being open to any woman in Cambridgeshire, this WI is a small and friendly group of women from in and around Cambridge. We meet at the CFWI office on Oakington Road, Girton, usually on the second Friday of every month, at 10.30am. Some people simply want to meet and chat during the daytime, some women with young children find the mornings a more convenient time for socialising, and several of our members also belong to their own village WIs. Whatever the reason, if you fancy coming along to meet us and to listen to interesting speakers please take a note of the dates at the end of this article.

April 8th will be a chance to chat and have fun – and maybe learn a new skill - with a craft morning and in June we shall be hearing from Dr Neil Dickinson on Lord Rutherford, 'the father of Nuclear Physics'.

You can contact us on earlybirds.wi.cambridge@gmail.com or via our secretary k.m.richardson.1157@gmail.com to find out more.

Easter Wines

With Easter just around the corner and thoughts turning to what will be gracing the table on Easter Sunday, whether ham, chicken, fish, lamb or vegetables, here are a few suggestions to enjoy with your meal.

Cheers and Happy Easter!

Martin Nuttall www.itmustbewineoclock.com



White Castle Vineyard Regent 2019 (Wales)

And the Regent 2019 is a little gem, a delightful wine that shows just what the grape is capable of. With aromas of cherry, blackberry and a touch of smokiness on the nose, and ripe fruit flavours of raspberry and plum on the palate, this is a well-balanced wine with medium tannins and a long finish. It's a perfect match for Welsh lamb or other meat dish and if you are partial to a Beaujolais, this excellent Regent 2019 is certainly worth trying.

Available from Grape Britannia (£24.99)

Adega de Pegões Colheita Seleccionada 2020 (Portugal)

This Adega de Pegões Colheita Seleccionada 2020, a

selected harvest wine, is an elegant wine, a little quirky, but full of character and very good value to boot. It has pronounced aromas of peach and lime, with a touch of oak-derived vanilla, and refreshing flavours of citrus and stone fruits, with the Chardonnay shining through with buttery notes. This is a smooth, deliciously crisp, original white wine which is a perfect match for a seafood dish.



Available from Majestic Wine (£9.99; Mix Six £7.99)

Tbilvino Qvevris Rkatsiteli 2020 (Georgia)

And for something a little different, why not try a Georgian wine?

This wine from Tbilvino Winery is produced from Rkatsiteli grapes, the most widely planted white grape variety in Georgia. With peach, pear, apricot and blossom on the nose, and honey, peach and orange peel on the palate, this is a robust wine with a creamy mouthfeel. A dry wine, it is well-balanced with a lively acidity, and has a slight nuttiness in the finish. This is a very good match for a lamb dish, chicken, roasted vegetables, or salmon in a creamy sauce.



Available from Majestic Wine (£13.99; Mix Six £11.99)

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

This is the time of year when the treatment of the bowls green is really stepped up in order to bring it to the best it can be for the start of the season. This includes treating the green with lawn sand,

scarifying and top dressing. This is followed by the start of the cutting programme which begins with a cut of approximately 10 mm gradually reducing down to 8 mm. I don't think the majority of us quite realise the amount of work that goes into the maintenance and preparation of the Green, all done on a purely voluntary basis under the supervision of our valued Professional. Our thanks go to our great team of volunteers.



The Bowls Green

In the Mini League, our combined team, made up of players from Girton 1 and Girton 2, have played eight games and won eight games. There is one game outstanding, which is against Romsey Club, who have also played eight games and won eight games, so the end of the season will go right down to the wire.

Disappointingly we are experiencing a very slow response from the Parish Council in connection with our efforts to find a way forward regarding the lack of available toilet facilities for bowlers. Our committee will continue to press the Council for a resolution, as this vital amenity is a major requirement for the club's future development.

The new season will start towards the end of April and we hope to welcome new members, so if you would like to try your hand, do come and join us at one of our roll ups. In the new season we expect to have a combination of afternoon and evening sessions to give as many people as possible the chance to participate. You can also contact our Secretary, Carey Horton, at carey@horton.uk.net for more information or visit our website at www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com.

Lynne McGill



Girton Colts Football Club

Easter is here and gives our teams a few weeks break before the final push of the season. They've all worked hard this season and I'm sure will look forward to finishing

off the season fixtures and getting involved in some friendlies and tournaments.

Girls only sessions

The taster sessions for the U7–U11 girls only have been a great success and we will be looking to build on this in September. More details to follow later in the year, but the session is designed to get girls involved with football and to encourage parents to step forward and create a team, because at the end of the day playing in matches is a lot of fun! If you have any feelings towards being more than just a supporter then do get in contact and we can start the ball rolling on forming a team, with the view to entry into the leagues next or following season. Watching the sessions, the girls are very keen and enthusiastic, and I really hope we can build on this to create some teams. For more information contact: girlsfootball@girtoncolts.co.uk

Next month we have the end of season awards to celebrate as well as building the committee size with more volunteers.

Team news

Under 11s. The U11s have had a great few months, we've worked hard in training on defending as a team and positioning off the ball. Highlights include a fantastic away win at Saffron Walden where we came from behind to win, and an incredible battling display away at Cambourne where, despite having no substitutes, we lost a close encounter in the closing minutes. All the players have made critical contributions in matches, including from Jasper, Tia, Lucas, Dylan, and Sophie! We're very much looking forward to the remaining matches this season. KS

Under 13s. The U13 Girls have demonstrated superb perseverance and determination this season. Their steady improvement resulted in a well-deserved first win in a 1–0 victory against Cottenham United Colts. In a hotly contested match, the girls ran their socks off! They defended superbly with the help of new signing, Grace, in her debut game, and created the opportunity to score a fantastic goal that was seized upon by top scorer, Cate, with an assist from Coco. I am sure the cheers from our loyal supporters could be heard throughout Girton!

The smiles on the girls faces when the whistle blew was such a delight to see. They have shown us that with practice, determination and a positive attitude, great things are possible. We look forward to reporting more wins in the future. JA

Andrew Hawkes



Girton Netball Club

With the end of the winter season approaching, teammate Paula has been looking at how we can carry on playing matches over the summer months. The official Cambridge Netball Summer League

is already full (it's great that so many people want to play netball), so we're looking at organising some friendly games in Girton and surrounds to keep our hand in until the CAFL starts up again.

We enjoyed playing two league matches this month. Against Stetchworth we went down 23–33 despite consistent scoring in all four quarters. But against Linton we won 44–20 with Goal Attack Amy T excelling with many exciting interceptions in the centre third.

Coach Helen has been off with Covid and we wish her a speedy recovery and back to netball asap.

Training is on Mondays 6.30–7.45pm, Girton Rec. Email girton.village.netball@gmail.com or facebook: Girton Netball Club.

Emma-Louise Longden



Girton Golf Club

Here we are in mid-March and it is starting to feel like spring has sprung. The sun is shining, the birds singing, the course is open and playing 18 main greens, and despite

all the dreadful things happening in the world, all is relatively well at Girton Golf Club. Competitions and Matches are starting to loom on the horizon with the Ladies due to play at Newmarket on 24th March and the Seniors having their first match on 30th March at home to Cambridge Country Club (Bourn).

Our season of quiz nights ends on 1st April but look out for notices of when they start again in the autumn. However, there are often social events in the clubhouse throughout the year and social membership is available at very little cost, giving really good discounts on food and beverages. You don't have to be any sort of member to make use of the clubhouse facilities, so drop in for coffee or lunch any day.

Girton Golf Club is open for new members and also to visitors who would like to play a round of golf but not join the club. We have very competitive green fees available – just book online or call our Pro shop to enquire and book.

If you are not currently a golfer but are interested in learning, talk to Sam or Fin in the Pro shop about how to get started and quickly up and running in this great and healthy sport.

Alan Henderson-Smith

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Girton Tennis Club

Our tennis club AGM was held on Thursday 3rd March at The George, Girton. We are grateful to Michelle for hosting us again.

Minutes of the meeting are now available on the club website and the item that is likely to be of most interest is that we have decided to freeze our standard membership fees for another year. Fees for our next tennis year become due from the 1st April and we are offering a significant discount to those who pay their membership fee before the 30th April. Please see a separate notice in this GPN, or our website, for the 2022/2023 fees and how to pay them.

The weather in March seemed to favour rain on Friday evenings and, as a result, several of our club nights had to be cancelled. We are hoping that April showers keep clear of future Friday evenings and we plan to restart our popular supervised sessions for Junior Members on the 22nd April.

We have entered teams in the Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles Cambridgeshire Summer League. The Men's League matches are played first, starting at the end of April and finishing in June, six matches split equally home/away. The Mixed Team matches are played in July and August.

We are looking for existing or new members to play in these matches, so if you're interested in playing a competitive match please come along to a Friday club night at 7.30pm or a Wednesday team practice at 7pm. The matches are good fun, played in a great spirit, and refreshments are provided by the home team afterwards – sandwiches and chips at The George Pub when at home in Girton. If you would like to know more about these matches please contact the Team Captain: mark@girtontennisclub.uk.

The tennis club has use of the recreation ground courts and members who purchase a key and have a confirmed booking have court access during most daylight hours. Club members meet and play from around 7.30pm to 9pm on Friday evenings. Potential new members are very welcome to come along to our Friday club nights for one or two free sessions to check it all out. Details about our activities can be found on our website www.girtontennisclub.uk or by contacting our Membership Secretary by email info@girtontennisclub.uk.

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GIRTON GPN True or False

Here at the GPN we regularly get asked questions about how we operate, how we are funded and how to get your content included. Hopefully, the following true or false style questions will help answer some of the most common ones.

1. **The GPN began as a church publication**

True. Back in 1990 GPN was a parish church publication, evolving into an independent village magazine about 10 years ago.

2. **The GPN has always been free**

True. However, for the first 10-15 years, voluntary contributions were essential to cover printing costs, as there were insufficient adverts.

3. **GPN is linked to Girton Town Charity**

False. GPN is completely independent of GTC which is a separate, charitable body run by trustees.

4. **The GPN receives external funding**

False. GPN has to be self-sustaining. Advertising is

critical to the magazine's survival. The past two years have been financially challenging with the pandemic hitting advertising.

5. **The size of the GPN is crucial**

True. Printing costs are rising and if the GPN goes over 32 pages there is a significant cost implication. That means a tricky balancing act for the editor deciding what there is space for and what needs to be 'trimmed' as we will always try and be accommodating to new contributors.

6. **Everyone who helps produce and distribute the GPN is a volunteer**

True. The editor, committee members, typesetters, proof-readers, distributors and everyone else involved, all give of their time freely, alongside their regular employment and personal commitments.

7. **The GPN looks the same as it always has**

False. It has changed considerably since 1990. The previous editor, Angela Blackburn, was keen to broaden the content and steered GPN's transformation to today's lively, colour version, winning several magazine awards in recent years.



GIRTON FEAST 2022 UPDATE



We are delighted to have almost completed the line-up for our entertainers this year. Woody Marcus, a solo singer and guitarist, Rock Choir and Policeman Badger (jazz trio) will be performing on the Friday evening 8th July, at Music on a Summer's Evening.

On Saturday 9th July, at the Village Fete, the bands line-up so far is: Will Robert (solo singer and guitarist) Fruity Clave (Samba drumming band), Chords against Humanity (covers band), Out beyond Alice (covers band) and Sheepskin Nose Band (covers band). Jane Mansley (Strong Nation fitness class) will provide a fitness session.

The children's entertainer this year will be Louise 'Pompom, The Magic Fox'.

Cambridge Beer Festival may be cancelled, but we will have a good selection of local Real Ales in the Beer Tent, Friday and Saturday.

A new event for this year's Village Fete (Saturday 9th July) will be a **Family Fun Run** of 1 mile, with medals and prizes. Registration will be via our website or on the day.

Girton Garden Society are holding the 'Mini show' for flowers and vegetables, please see the separate information.

There are many ways in which you can take part. Please contact us via our website: www.girtonfeast.org.uk all queries will be answered – or contact Rowena: rowena@girtonfeast.org.uk, Carol: carol@girtonfeast.org.uk or Helen: helen@girtonfeast.org.uk

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Thursday, 2 June

11.00 a.m.

Tree planting on Mayfield Green. It is hoped that an English Oak will be planted to represent the strength, longevity and grandeur of Her Majesty, and to mark the occasion of her 70 years on the throne (to be confirmed). This will form part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

2.00 p.m.

Afternoon tea, with an opportunity to sit and talk to those residents of Girton who were in the village at the time of the Accession in 1952. North Room of the Church (to be confirmed)

Friday, 3 June

Tea and Dancing at the William Collyn Centre, organised by Girton Town Charity. Details to be confirmed.

Saturday, 4 June

Platinum Pudding Day, Girton Glebe School

11.00 – 11.45 a.m.

Invent and make a pudding at home to represent the Platinum Jubilee. Bring it to Girton Glebe School between 11.00 – 11.45 a.m. **Children's painting/writing competition** to run alongside.

12.00 – 12.45 p.m.

Pudding judging.

2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

Come and taste the puddings! Bring your own bowl/plate, mug, fork, spoon, and for a donation, you can enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and taste one of the puddings.

Sunday, 5 June

1.00 p.m. Onwards

Big Village Picnic on the Recreation Ground. Bring your lunch, rug, chair, and enjoy meeting up with your neighbours and friends from the village.

3.00 p.m.

Special Church Service to celebrate the Jubilee, St Andrews Church

At the time of publication, some of these events are still to be confirmed. Final schedule to appear in the May edition of Girton Parish News.

For more details, contact mary.rodger32@gmail.com



Girton Rotary Memory Café celebrates 11th birthday!

The Girton monthly Memory Café celebrated its 11th birthday in early March, with a lively party. It was lovely to get together again after all the problems Covid has thrown at us. Being in the same room together is such a different

experience from the Zoom sessions we have had recently.

We are now planning to be open again each first Friday morning of every month. The enthusiastic team of volunteers gathered by the Cambridge South Rotary Club set up our open-house drop-in pop-up café in the comfy



Club President Sian and long term café goer John cut the cake

community centre in St Vincent's Close. Between 10am and 12pm coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits are served, free to all comers. Come and enjoy a cosy chinwag and a singalong with our resident group of singers, players and raconteurs, who are supplemented by special guests every now and then. This year Jerry Harrison sang us some lovely songs including "Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud" which had us all singing along and giggling.

We all shared the lovely handmade birthday cake beautifully decorated by Eileen Webster and ample teas and coffees did the rounds, all served with a smile by our cheerful team.

It's a consistently safe and enjoyable place to be with a jolly atmosphere and many willing hands to help and is now part of the fabric of village life. The aim of the events is to bring together those with memory loss and their carers, and to stir up nostalgic memories with songs and stories and poetry from more youthful times – each session with a different theme.

Richard de Horsey has been a driving force from the start and has been our host since the beginning and keeps us all in order. If you would like to know more then please do get in touch with Richard via the club website and for next dates and themes at www.cambridge-southrotary.org.uk.



Over 55? Then you must read this

It does you good to chat and laugh, it's good to get out for a bit of exercise and in this day and age it's even better to get something free. Yes, you heard it here first – we are putting on a coffee morning – how very daring of you I hear

you cry as though it's never been done before. Just take a moment to think about what you will miss by not coming along to such a function – you will miss all our gossip – believe me there is plenty of that all stored up and ready for release. You will miss free coffee and a cake or savoury snack and of course your vocal chords need some gentle exercise after the long lockdowns we have been experiencing over the last couple of years.



The restaurant at Abbeyfield

On Monday 11th April put on your coats, get out the walkers, wheelchairs, sticks and if necessary your GPS systems and make your way to the restaurant at Abbeyfield in Wellbrook Way to get there between 10am and 12noon for a free coffee and a snack. You never know who you might meet there and you will get some exercise on the way. You might even stop for lunch. Make up your minds and make the effort, leave the washing up and hoovering it will still be there when you go home, unless you believe in fairies of course, and come to mingle – you may enjoy it and its free but....

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Prices are rising. I am sure that there is no need for me to tell you that prices are rising across the board and that certainly goes for most restaurant and pub meals. Food prices together with transport costs seem to be accelerating upward at a rocket-fuelled pace. At Club 55 we are trying to keep prices down as much as possible but we do have to cover our own costs and this can be tricky for a non-profit making organisation. In plain speaking; if we want to go out and have some fun we have to pay the prices – I am sorry but that's the fact.

Our next function is at Abbeyfield at 12 for 12.30pm on Wednesday 27th April 2022. It is a lunch with musical entertainment by Jacen and with choices from the menu below.

Starters: 1. Roast Pepper & Tomato Soup 2. Red Velvet Prawns with Crispy Noodles and Vegetables or 3. Melon, Tangerine & Kiwi Cocktail.

Main Course: 1. Chicken Chasseur, Served with seasonal Vegetables & Potatoes. 2. Salmon with Lobster & Brandy Cream Sauce 3. Vegetable & Oyster Mushroom loaf, With Tomato & Basil Sauce – All served with panache of Fresh Vegetables & Potatoes of the day.

Desserts: 1. Fresh Fruit Salad 2. Pineapple upside down Pudding with Custard/Cream 3. New York Cheesecake with Berry compote.

Two course meals £24 and three courses £28 includes wine or soft drinks, musical entertainment, filter coffee & tea in the price. Good value I think.

On 25th May 2022 our fish and chip day is at the William Collyn Hall when we will be eating fish and chips out of paper with a dessert afterwards at an estimated cost of around £15 or hopefully less.

For more details or order forms contact us using the details below:

Sam Clift

Tel:07850740721 or email samclift@ntlworld.com

Sustainable Girton

In March, countries including the UK agreed to develop a global treaty to tackle the plastic crisis. To be agreed by 2024, it will hopefully set the rules on the production, use and disposal of plastic. From 1 April, in the UK, a plastic tax will apply to large manufacturers and importers of plastic packaging which contain less than 30% recycled plastic.

It's great to see these steps being taken, but more locally, there is also a lot we can all do. Reducing our use of plastic, especially single use. Examples include:

- Using a refillable water bottle or coffee cup
- Choosing veg box schemes or farm shops which usually have plastic free, or unwrapped options in the supermarket
- Buy fewer clothes, shop second hand, and look for natural fibres, such as organic or recycled cotton that avoid micro plastics

- Looking for plastic free swaps such as shampoo bars, dental products, or incontinence pads

Where we do use plastic, re-using it as much as possible can make a big difference, keeping it in the economy for as long as it's usable, and often saving money. This might include:

- Refilling bottles for cleaning products and hair care products
- Choosing long life options e.g. safety razors rather than disposable ones, or reusable period pants or nappies
- Repurposing plastic items e.g. using old toothbrushes to help with cleaning

And for the plastic we do dispose of, it's important to recycle! The South Cambs Council website has a handy list of what can and can't be recycled in our area:

www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/what-goes-in-which-bin

Sarah Ferriss and Sarah Smith

Green Blue You www.greenblueyou.co.uk



April is always the month when most gardeners are plotting and planning how their gardens and/or vegetable patches are

going to look throughout the summer. Seeds have been sown, trays of plants cover every sunny windowsill and, in my case, the kitchen table owing to a convenient skylight above. Weather forecasts are consulted daily to ensure there is no sudden drop in temperature that necessitates covering tender plants with fleece and there is a general air of anticipation for good things to come.

After watching David Attenborough's Green Planet I think we all have greater respect for the ingenious ways plants, insects, animals and the environment interact with each other. Plants are not just the backdrop against which animals and humans play out their 'more important' roles but are part of a vast interconnected web. Biodiversity is the buzz expression at the moment and we all really need to pay attention before it is too late. The UK has lost half its biodiversity and is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world. Already the Oxford Junior Dictionary has dropped words like acorn, buttercup, conker and many more, replacing them with attachment, blog and chat room. To quote from Wilding by Isabella Tree: "Studies show that children who spent time in green spaces between the ages of seven and twelve tend to think of nature as magical. As adults they are the people most likely to be indignant about lack of nature protection, while those who have no such experience tend to regard nature as hostile or irrelevant and are indifferent to its loss."

Apparently half of British children are unable to identify stinging nettles, brambles or bluebells but many do understand the concept of endangered species like polar bears because of the public campaigns to save them. Yet many plants and insects are equally important to the continuation of life on our planet and also need to be publicly promoted.

Our gardens (an area of half a million hectares in the UK) provide green spaces in which we can begin to understand the interconnectedness of everything within them and try to provide the right conditions for them to thrive naturally. We have to ask the questions. 'Are we enticing bees or destroying them?' 'Are we encouraging diversity or reducing it?' 'Are we reducing our carbon footprint by growing our own vegetables, fruit and flowers locally?' Home grown vegetables and fruit might look slightly wonky but they don't come wrapped in plastic, haven't travelled miles or been blasted with chemicals to clean and preserve them before they reach your plate. Picking a strawberry or a bunch of flowers from your garden brings so much more joy than buying them from a supermarket.

So let's celebrate the joy of gardening, of being outside, getting your hands dirty, experiencing the magic of putting a tiny seed in a pot or the earth and watching it grow into something you can eat or just enjoy for its beauty. Gardening is great physical exercise, good for your mental

health and such a good way of connecting with nature. Encourage children and grandchildren to really get involved in the process so that they understand where their food comes from.

April is the month when we really see plants rushing into growth, the early spring flowers and shrubs such as hellebores, crocus, daffodils, pulmonaria, mahonias and winter flowering honeysuckles and clematis have done the job of providing nectar for early foraging bumble bees and insects. Now is the time to start sowing seeds outside. You can warm up the soil by putting a cloche over it for a few days first. Beetroot, carrots, lettuce, peas, hardy flowers such as sweet peas, calendulas, rudbeckias and even a patch of annual wildflower meadow to attract a variety of insects can all be safely sown after the last frosts. Always have some fleece handy though, just in case, especially for the blossom on young fruit trees.



Windowsill of hope

Sowing seeds and nurturing plants is a way of investing in the future, which is one of the reasons I, personally, find it so rewarding. On a lovely sunny day get out in the garden, do some weeding, give shrubs and roses an organic feed, prune winter flowering shrubs, put in support for tall growing herbaceous perennials, mow the grass and maybe decide to leave an area of long grass to invite in more beneficial insects, so necessary for pollination of food crops. If you don't have a garden it is amazing what you can grow on a balcony or in a few planters on windowsills. Many salad crops, tomatoes and peppers will happily grow in a sunny spot. When you have finished sit back and admire what you have done and look forward to the rewards later. Happy gardening!



Coming to fruition

Kay Green, Girton Garden Society

Girton Garden Society Spring Plant Sale

Saturday 7th May 2022

2pm onwards

at 46 Cambridge Rd, Girton

Put the date in your diary now!



After two years of improvised sales to comply with covid rules we are back (we hope) with our much loved sale.

So do come along promptly at 2pm and pick up some of the many bargains available including large perennials, delicate annuals, bedding plants, herbs, vegetable seedlings (tomatoes, peppers, courgettes etc.), wild flowers and packets of seeds.

We also hope to have cakes, biscuits, jams and chutneys for sale.

Payment by cash or cheque please.

Dovehouse Court construction benefits the community

In the February issue of GPN, we explained how the construction of Dovehouse Court is meeting stringent energy-efficient Passivhaus standards. But that's not all in terms of sustainability Barnes Construction has recently partnered with a community charity to donate offcuts of timber which are being made into bird-boxes and other wildlife habitats.

Over the last few weeks, the team working on the new GTC almshouses on High Street has been collecting offcuts of timber and pallets and delivering to the Wood Monkey Workshop in Bury St Edmunds, a charity which supports young people out of education and teaches them woodworking skills



timber for props and bearers. We have also given pallets away to local residents to use on their allotments, together with ply offcuts as requested.

Wood Monkey is a relatively new charity, set up by Keith Colley during the pandemic. Keith says: Donated materials are a real life-saver for us. The Barnes deliveries have been fantastic and we

really appreciate the support. We have actually used the materials donated for a new product that will be launched on to the website soon.

Ann Bonnett, GTC Chair added: With sustainability top of the agenda in terms of constructing Dovehouse Court, it

is also very rewarding to hear that timber offcuts are being used in this way so nothing is being wasted. Not only are young people benefitting from learning new woodworking skills, but the items they create are being used to enhance our natural habitats too.

Wildlife habitats

The timber is being used to create birdboxes, signs, hedgehog homes and other items which are sold on the charity's website to fund the purchase of tools, additional timber and maintenance of the workshop.



Any untreated timber if not suitable for crafting is chopped up for the woodburning stove which heats the premises.

Paul Darrington, Barnes Construction Site Manager for Dovehouse Court says: We are delighted that we can help in this way and see our offcuts being put to good use by Wood



Monkey. So far we have sent two loads from site and a third is booked to go shortly.



Barnes Construction deliver timber offcuts to the Wood Monkey site. Birdboxes and outdoor bottle openers - a new product made from Barnes offcuts and available from the Wood Monkey online shop.

Donations

Most of the wood we have been able to send has come from our timber frame supplier who sends out lengths of

www.woodmonkeyworkshop.co.uk

Dovehouse Court passes energy efficiency test

To meet stringent Passivhaus standards, the energy efficiency of Dovehouse Court is tested several times during construction to ensure it is meeting requirements – and recently Block B passed this ‘air test’.

Ben Cross, Barnes Construction’s first ever Passivhaus Champion explains what took place: “The first step is to make sure that all gaps between membranes are closed up, all pipe penetrations sealed and any protection on the windows and doors removed to give a true assessment of their airtightness.

“CPS Leakage Ltd, the company we use to carry out the air test, set up their equipment in one room, creating seals around the doorways so that the air going in and out could be controlled. All windows and doors are locked.

“After the checks had been completed, we were able to start the ten-minute test which involved air being blown into the building and then taken out, to give both a positive and negative reading.

“Once completed, CPS calculated the positive and negative pressures to create an average. If test results exceed 0.6, it is necessary to go round with a smoke pen to see where the air may be escaping, addressing any gaps with the appropriate tape and repeating the test until the relevant target is achieved”.

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

Enquiries on behalf of individuals or village organisations may be made in confidence and addressed to any of the Trustees below:

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Girton Town Charity Registered Charity No: 1130272

Please see website for up to date details of Clubs and Classes www.williamcollyn.co.uk

Information correct at time of going to press.

The Centre continues to ask all visitors to wear a face covering whilst in any communal areas

Monday

9.30 - 1.00pm	Tumble Tots
2.00 - 3.00pm	Kurling for over 55's
6.30 - 7.30pm	Clubbercise
8.00 - 9.30pm	Whole Notes Gospel Choir

Tuesday

8.30 - 9.30pm	Yoga with Julia Dale
10.00 - 11.00pm	Yoga with Julia Dale
6.00 - 7.00pm	Bounce
7.30 - 10.30pm	Eastern Swing

Wednesday

9.30am - 12.00pm	Tiny Toes Ballet
6.00 - 6.45pm	Bounce
7.00 - 10.00pm	The W.I. (monthly - first Weds)
7.00 - 10.00pm	Girton Garden Society (monthly - second Weds)

Thursday

9.30 - 11.30am	Pilates
5.45 - 6.45pm	Pilates
7.15pm & 8.15pm	Ballroom Dance Classes

Friday

10.00 - 10.45am	Shake Rattle & Roll for pre-schoolers
9.30am - 12.30pm	Little City Toddler Play (monthly - second Friday)
7.30 - 8.30pm	Eastib Swing (monthly - third Friday)

Saturday

9.00 - 10.00am	Bounce
10.30 - 11.45am	Vedanta Wellness Yoga
10.30 - 11.30am	Pilates
1.00 - 3.00pm	Cambridge Jazz Co-op

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www.williamcollyn.co.uk

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

News for older residents

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The details of our local celebrations will be published in the May GPN. In the meantime, Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are looking for people who are willing to share their memories of the Queen's accession, coronation and jubilees. If you would like to be part of this countywide project, I can either come and "interview" you or email you a form to fill in. The material gathered will be used for an online exhibition on the Age UKCAP website and will also be shared on social media and with the press.

Cambridge University Research Project

The Department of Psychology wants people from all age ranges, who have had Covid-19, to participate in an online study on Covid and Cognition. Approximately

one hour is needed to complete the questionnaire and you will be helping the researchers assess the impact of the virus following recovery. I can email more information and the direct study link to anyone who is interested.

Scams

Unfortunately, fraud of all types has greatly increased in the past two years and become the most common crime. A resident, who thankfully did not lose any money, has asked me to warn everyone to be constantly alert to this danger. I have various sheets and booklets with information and advice to prevent fraudsters taking our money.

And now for the ads!

Does anyone have a wheelchair which I could borrow for a few weeks? I have a toilet guard and a shower chair to give away. One plastic and some disposable urine bottles are also available.

Last but not least, Happy Easter everyone!

Patricia Johnston Older Residents' Co-ordinator

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Listening Lantern

I wanted to give a flavour of the ways I contribute to my local village community, both to serve as an explanation and to hopefully offer ideas for others. As an actual

practising adult mental health first aider and a suicide first aider [as well as being an instructor in both] over the past few months in Girton I have:

- Chatted with others on a bench, providing support and signposting
- Answered direct requests for resources related to Mental Health
- Been for a 'well-being walk and talk' with someone who follows my Facebook Business Page
- Had a phone call with someone also interested in MHFA who connected with me via LinkedIn
- Posted regularly at www.facebook.com/listeninglantern.julietadloun and the Girton Village Community Group Facebook page.
- Connected with others by sharing and exchanging plants, fresh eggs and books
- Written monthly articles for the GPN

And as part of all of the above, I am trained to be able to safely listen non-judgementally, to know how to support and not to advise and how to ask clearly and directly about thoughts and feelings of suicide.

Signposting

www.richmondfellowship.org.uk is one of the largest voluntary sector organisations providing support for people with mental health problems in their recovery. Since 1959 they have offered services around supported or crisis housing and employment support. Their mission is simple: Making Recovery Reality.

Mental Health First Aid

In February I led face-to-face Adult MHFA training on an open, public course for 13 delegates. The content of MHFA courses is standard and, as such, quality assured, so this evaluation is particularly meaningful because it reflects what can be different: my style, approach and personal contribution as an instructor.

"Juliet was simply excellent, and gave so much of herself to the course, which paid dividends. She is an exemplary ambassador for the cause of mental health first aid. Thank you, Juliet, for making a course about such a serious and important matter so enjoyable. Use of discussion and taking the time to listen and communicate with all participants non-judgementally, brought so much added value to the course."

Juliet Adloun, a longstanding Girton resident, is a fully qualified and accredited Adult Mental Health First Aid Instructor and Suicide First Aid Associate Tutor experienced in delivering the full suite of MHFA and SFA courses and committed to supporting mental health within her local community. Contact her via:

www.facebook.com/listeninglantern.julietadloun or mhfa.julietadloun@gmail.com.

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 elsewhere in this magazine.



12	1	11	11	1	13		12	17	26	15	11	6
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	17	26	23	1	17		22	4	19	4	20	
26		6		19		4		11				14
5	26	11	25		4	16	12	26	10	26	11	4
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WORDSEARCH – Types of Cloth!

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

M	G	E	O	R	G	E	T	T	E	R	U	F
S	U	E	D	E	E	W	T	M	I	N	E	D
A	F	S	H	W	I	T	A	F	F	E	T	A
V	Y	E	L	L	O	L	S	L	A	D	O	M
N	C	A	L	I	C	O	A	E	A	G	I	A
A	G	R	L	T	N	X	L	W	Y	C	L	S
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BAIZE	GEORGETTE	ORGANZA
CALICO	JERSEY	POLYESTER
CANVAS	LACE	RAYON
CHENILLE	LAME	SATIN
COIR	LAWN	SILK
COTTON	LEATHER	SUEDE
CREPE	LINEN	TAFFETA
DAMASK	LYCRA	TOILE
DENIM	MODAL	TWEED
FELT	MUSLIN	TWILL
FLAX	NET	VELVET
FUR	NYLON	VISCOSE
GINGHAM	OIL	WOOL

What do we do now?

As I write we continue to face the horrors of war in eastern Europe. Our prayers and thoughts are with the people of Ukraine, and those in Russia being dragged into a war they didn't choose. This is probably the first war which we are able to witness in real time through social media and 24-hour news. The violence, destruction, grief and suffering are everywhere and overwhelming. The scale of human need is staggering.

I spend much of my time feeling like a rabbit in the headlights. What do we do? How can we respond? The shock of remembering that peace is not the norm in historical terms jolts us out of complacency. It's not always the case that nations will respect the standards of international law, or the Geneva Convention, or basic respect for human life. What can we do? How do we respond?

It's been cheering to hear of so many initiatives locally to get aid to Ukraine. I know of people in Girton who will be opening their homes to refugees and hope that the village community will rally round to support any refugees who come here.

What about the church? I hope that many individuals in the church will do what they can in terms of financial aid and offering sanctuary. But the primary calling of the church is to pray. Prayer isn't just something we do because we can't think of anything better or more practical; interceding for the world is the basis of our action in the world.

It's not that we conceive of God sat at a distance like a puppet master, moving around the pieces of the game according to whim and occasionally listening to those who shout the loudest. God is not like Vladimir Putin, safely distant and deploying his might for his own malign purposes.

When we pray, we bring the needs of the world and the concerns of our hearts before God. We're not telling God anything God didn't already know – it's more like a child telling a parent what he is worried about – and somehow, mysteriously, the prayers we bring before our heavenly Father interact with the divine and change things. Sometimes it is we ourselves who are changed (like the person who prays for refugees and finds herself compelled to take some in); at other times the course of events may be altered.

I struggle to know how to pray at the moment but find myself often returning to the ancient petition: "Lord, have mercy". Whatever you pray, remember that prayer is not what we do when all else fails, but should be our first response that shapes our action. You are always welcome to come and sit in the church, where

prayer has been valid for centuries, and add your voice to the prayers of so many. Who knows, you might even meet God there too.

Michael Bigg
Rector
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The poster features two rabbits at the top holding a banner that reads 'BOBTAILS'. Below this, the text 'Bobtails Playgroup' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Underneath, the schedule 'Tuesdays 10-11:30am' is listed, followed by '(term time only)' in a smaller font. A large, bold statement reads 'Parents and under-5s are welcome to join the new team for play, friendship, snacks, Bible stories, songs and craft!'. Below this, the 'Suggested donation: £2' is mentioned. At the bottom, the St Andrew's Girton logo is displayed.



Churchyard bench

We are delighted to have a new churchyard bench kindly donated by the family of Sally Robey, long term resident of Girton, in her memory. It is situated at the far end of the churchyard, looking back towards the church and was designed and made by a team at the Kindersley Cardozo workshop. We hope that residents of Girton will enjoy it for many years to come as a place to rest and contemplate.



St Andrew's Church

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Sunday Services: April

3rd	10:00am	Holy Communion
	7:45pm	Taize Service (Online)
10th	10:00am	All-age Communion
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
17th	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:00am	Holy Communion
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
24th	10:00am	Morning Prayer
	4:00pm	Contemporary Style Worship

Holy Week Services: Mon 11th - Sat 16th Apr

	9:00pm	Compline (said) (Online)
14th	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday
15th	11:00am	Good Friday

Weekday Services: April

Tues	9am	Morning Prayer (said)
	3:45pm	Choir Church (during school term time)
Weds	9am	Morning Prayer (said) (Online)
Thurs	9am	Morning Prayer (said) (Online)
	9pm	Compline (said) (Online)

Other Services:

13th	2:00pm	Abbeyfield Holy Communion
14th	4:00pm	Messy Church
19th	2:15pm	Arlington Manor Holy Communion
28th	11:00am	Gretton Court Holy Communion (BCP)

You are welcome to join us for worship in person or remotely at <http://bit.ly/GirtonParishLive>. Please check the church website for up to date information. www.girton.church

We are holding an Easter Breakfast on Easter Day. Share our Easter celebrations in the Cotton Hall, between the 8am and 10am services over a bowl of cereal or a piece of toast and marmalade!

The Taizé service will be held remotely using Zoom. All are welcome. Please email Kay Barrett at singing.kay@gmail.com for details. Join online from 7:30pm for a start at 8pm.

Resurrection Thou - Bright Morning Star - Lord of the Dance
- Leap of Faith - Stillness of Joy - ALL HAIL! (Jim Cotter)

Girton Baptist Church



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Services: (all at Girton Baptist Church, apart from Good Friday, and on Zoom) All are welcome.

Sunday 3rd	10.30am	Morning service, with communion, led by Nick Lowe
Sunday 10th	10.30am	Palm Sunday, led by Nick Lowe
Thurs 14th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service, led by Nick Lowe
Friday 15th	10.30am	Good Friday service, venue tbc
Sunday 17th	10.30am	Easter Day, with communion, led by Nick Lowe
Sunday 24th	10.30am	Morning worship, led by Nick Lowe

Messy Church is on Thursday 14th April from 3.30pm. Messy Church is for parents and their children, with craft activities based on a Biblical theme, a story and a meal together. All are welcome. For further details please ring 07751 748757 or email pastor@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk

The hymn "When I survey the wondrous cross" is a well-known hymn sung especially at Easter. It was included in Isaac Watts' first book of hymns, published in 1707. This was a daring move because congregations almost only sung Old Testament Psalms at the time in public worship. However, Watts believed it was important to sing songs that expressed Christian faith more explicitly. Today Watts is considered to be the father of modern hymns, and "When I survey" to be his greatest:

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

"Come all the faithful, let us worship...for through the Cross, joy has come to all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, we sing His Resurrection, for having endured the Cross for us, He has destroyed death by death." Oxford Prayer Book

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Thursday 14 April	Black bin
Saturday 23 April	Blue and Green bins
Friday 29 April	Black bin

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Orchard Close	11.35 -12.00
St Vincents Close	12.05 -12.30
Gretton Court	12.35 -13.00
Churchfield Court	13.05 -13.30

Contact numbers for bookings

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
P	F	X	R	U	W	L	I	J	Z	G	H	A


Lexi's pop-up cafe opening times & dates
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