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initiative – *see page 5***

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Two years ago you, our amazing readers, raised an incredible £4,000 through a fundraising appeal to help safeguard the short term future of the GPN. The money has helped to put the magazine on a more even footing and was greatly appreciated. However, with advertising income only just keeping pace with printing costs we're continually battling to break even.

It's because of this challenging financial position that we have decided to offer readers the chance to make a regular contribution to the GPN. This could just be £5 or £10 a year, or more if you felt comfortable doing so.

How can you donate?

- 1. Online banking** - the GPN bank details are as follows:
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- 2. Cheque** - these can be posted to our Treasurer, Marion Fisher at 117 High Street, Girton, CB3 0QQ
- 3. Get in touch** – if you need help donating, contact our Secretary, Sheila Bowler on 01223 276914.

The GPN provides a unique insight into what goes on in our precious village and we are hopeful that with your valued support we can continue to document life in Girton for years to come.

Rob Neal, Editor

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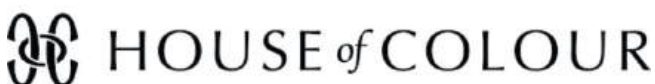
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Your Council in Action: Progress, Priorities, and Community Focus

October brings a renewed sense of momentum across Girton Parish Council's workstreams. From infrastructure and youth engagement to active travel and environmental stewardship, the council continue to prioritise transparency, community voice, and strategic delivery.

Data Protection Update

From 2025/26, all parish councils must confirm compliance with UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act as part of the Annual Governance Statement (AGAR). The parish council is reviewing policies, training, and data mapping to ensure it meets the new "Assertion 10" requirements. This includes regular staff and councillor training, updated privacy notices, and robust risk assessments.

Youth Engagement & Local Jobs

Council approved in principle the employment of local young people (with work permits) and a new Assistant Grounds and Facilities Operative role. The parish council is committed to making parish work relevant and accessible to younger residents.

Bowls Club Partnership

The Parish Council thanks Girton Bowls Club for its continued partnership and for maintaining the green to such a high standard. The club's volunteers have invested considerable time and resources this year on materials and further equipment purchases. The club also maintains the public toilet adjacent to the green, which remains open for community use during the season. Discussions on fair rental charges and finalising terms and conditions are ongoing, with the aim of supporting both the club's sustainability and community access.

Active Travel & Accessibility

The Parish Council was thrilled by the community support and interaction around the proposed Girton to Histon & Impington Active Travel Link. With over 40 public comments, the vast majority were

positive, highlighting the need for safer, more direct walking and cycling routes—especially for young people travelling to Impington Village College.

The Council was also pleased to welcome a member of the public to present on Washpit Road, where concerns about increased motorbike use are being addressed through proposed infrastructure including kissing gates, anti-motorbike barriers, and horse steps to protect the designated bridleway and ensure safe access for all users.

The Council is pleased to be working with Cambridgeshire County Council to consider how it can collaborate on the Girton initiative of 'Pavements Are for People'. There is the potential to clear many of the pavements that are overgrowing working alongside the community.

Environmental Stewardship: Blister Pack Recycling

The Council is excited to launch a community-led blister pack recycling scheme in partnership with Sport.uk. The Parish Council is funding the first collection box (£108) to kickstart the initiative. Once full, residents will be invited to contribute £1 per 50 blister packs to fund future boxes, making the scheme self-sustaining. The box will be available for drop-offs one morning every two months. The initiative will start from 1 October. The location will be St Vincent's Close Community Centre but there will be other drop off locations (more information will be available on noticeboards and on village social media.) Our Mr Blister group will also come and pick up, if needed. This project prevents hundreds of blister packs from entering landfill and supports Girton's biodiversity and sustainability goals. Alongside the Pink Bin at St Vincent's Close, we are increasing recycling options for all residents.

Cambridge & Peterborough Association of Local Councils – Conference 2025

Cllr Marshall, Cllr Muston and Yvonne Murray, the clerk, all attended the CAPALC Conference 2025 at Wyboston Lakes on 19 September. This conference was a chance to meet members of CAPALC, the advisory body for Parish Council. This year the agenda was important and Jonathan Owen, CEO of NALC (the National advisory body) confirmed he believed the next year would be a year of growth and opportunity for Parish Councils. All the topics included on the agenda highlighted this was the case with significant discussion around likely increases in responsibilities for Parish Councils as a result of Local Government Reorganisation and a year in

which Annual Governance Statements require increased governance.

Asset Management

The Parish Council is currently putting together a comprehensive Asset Management register using a recently approved software system called Civic.ly which will align its owned assets with the council's accounting system. This will allow it to improve the budgeting process for the financial year 2025/2026.

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See full list of Councillors on page 30.

From our Councillors

Buses

The bus fare increased from 31 August to £3.21 a day. The Senior bus pass will lose its unlimited timing for travel and will return to "free" only after 9.30a.m. We were told this was to help retain the Tiger pass for young people. It is the Combined Authority's role to provide the bus subsidies on a limited budget.

If you are a bus user and own a smartphone, please consider using the MyBusTrip app. It's available from the Apple App store and the Google Play store. You can assign your local stop and see which buses are coming. You can check the progress of your bus - and time your walk to the bus stop. If you are a regular user and have any feedback we'd be pleased to hear from you.

Let's Get Active South Cambridgeshire Grant

This grant is open till March 2026 and is for classes to be set up to get adults more active like exercise classes. If you know of a group of people who need to exercise, then this is the grant for them.

Service Support Grants 2026-2029

These grants are available for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations providing services to South Cambridgeshire residents. To apply for funding under the following themes: mental health

and wellbeing, advice services, independent living, voluntary/community support, cost of living support, PLACE based projects.

If you know of any organisations that would be interested in applying, please advise them to look for details on: <https://tinyurl.com/4a7j2har>

Local Government Reorganisation

Government is requiring councils to reorganise to form "Unitary" Councils. The Government has invited proposals from councils which are due in November. The Government will then select the proposal that best meets the criteria and then seek the public's view through consultation. The proposal being advanced by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) is a merger of SCDC with the City Council to form a Greater Cambridge Unitary. The County's preference is for a North-South arrangement in which SCDC, the City Council and East Cambridgeshire District Council merge. For more information, please check:

(For the SCDC/City proposal)
<https://tinyurl.com/46p43rcn>

(For the County proposal)
<https://tinyurl.com/2bvyyxwuw>

Upcoming on new Climate and Nature Strategy

SCDC will be consulting on the new draft Climate and Nature Strategy 2026-2030 soon. The consultation survey will launch on 1 October 2025 on the SCDC online engagement platform - *Go Vocal*. They are looking to engage as many residents, communities, businesses, and other stakeholders as possible to allow them the opportunity to shape the strategy around their needs and aspirations. There will be plenty of opportunities for people to engage online through the survey or at various in-person events. For now, we just wanted to let you know that this consultation will be coming soon.

SCDC Local Climate Action Conference, Friday 17 October, 12-5pm, Storeys Field Centre, Eddington.

The conference, organised by SCDC, is open to anyone interested in meeting the challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss. Lunch is provided and is free of charge, but you must book your place. Please check: <https://rb.gy/polbl0>.

Award Nomination

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Services was nominated in the Best New Idea category for the way SCDC implemented the 4-day week for the Waste Service.

Plaudits for Contact Centre

A mystery shopper exercise at the SCDC Customer Contact Centre was recently conducted by an independent team of researchers by external provider Insight. The exercise involved four hundred undisclosed calls made at various times during the council's busiest time of year (during the release of Council Tax bills). The calls tested the Contact Centre's responsiveness, professionalism, and knowledge across a wide range of services. The results showed that 98% of the council's advisors answered enquiries to a high standard with an average customer satisfaction score of 81% across all service areas compared to a benchmark score of 68% amongst other councils. An explanation of the mystery shopper process and more details of the findings can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/vvyk5kfb>

Housing achievements in the last year

An £8.2 million grant (see: <https://tinyurl.com/36x2rtst>) has been secured to retrofit social housing in South Cambridgeshire, cutting carbon emissions and tackling fuel poverty by making homes warmer and cheaper to heat. The news complements a long list of achievements for the District's Housing Team (see: <https://tinyurl.com/5dzmasbh>) in the last year.

Work has started on SCIP site, Cambourne Business Park

Building work has begun opposite South Cambs Hall. The South Cambridgeshire Investment Partnership (SCIP) (please check: <https://www.sc-ip.co.uk/>) is a 50:50 partnership project with Hill Group focused on delivering high-quality, sustainable homes, including affordable housing. We will keep you updated as the project progresses.

Planning news

As you may have seen in the news over the last week, the Government funding to relocate the Anglian Water wastewater treatment plant has been withdrawn. SCDC is working with City Council colleagues to understand the impact on the proposed housing development in Northeast Cambridge. Cambridge City Council issued a news release which can be read on City web site: (<https://tinyurl.com/u9zed7tz>)

There are two potential proposals for logistics hubs along the A14, at Bar Hill and Boxworth. These are significant developments with implications for local traffic, but also jobs. These are at an early stage but will require a great deal of scrutiny.

Lib Dem campaigning produces action in Parliament

Following our sustained campaigning on the A14 legacy issues, including the scandalous death of most of the 860k trees planted and Girton's increased noise pollution, the Environmental Audit Committee of the House of Commons agreed to our proposal to investigate National Highways.

It was a fascinating session with Lib Dem MP Pippa Heylings forensically challenging National Highways - watch it here:

<https://tinyurl.com/373e7eme> and here is a summary of the evidence <https://tinyurl.com/sj6trkvx>

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Freshers' Concert

Sunday 26 October, at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)
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Chamber Music for Voice, Violin and Piano

Sunday 2 November, at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)
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Greg Burford (baritone), Freya Sutaria (violin) with Rufus Jasko, Oscar Gardner and Morvern Scrivener (piano) – all current Girton students – perform Elgar's *Une voix dans le désert*, Haydn's F minor Variations, Hob. XVII:6, and works by Debussy, Brahms, Rachmaninov and Franck.

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- Jill - Histon



Wild Girton

Our Local Nature Recovery Plan – the past year

Yet another year has flown by for the team of the Local Nature Recovery Plan, and it's been a busy one! Several projects have been initiated, and we still have plans for many more. Below are some of the highlights, but if you'd like to find out more detail, or to meet some of the team, please join us in the Pavilion at our Wildlife Festival on 12 October from 2-4pm. We'll be welcoming other local groups and organisations with a nature focus along too.

Wellbrook Way ponds

Our major habitat project this year was working with the parish council to facilitate the restoration of the pond areas down Wellbrook Way.

Although it looked quite destructive,

it is bouncing back and despite the paucity of rain over summer, at the time of writing this in early September, the ponds were holding some water. The pond work was possible via the District Level Licensing Scheme, a Natural England initiative to help mitigate the loss of habitat for Great Crested Newts through development and facilitated by the local Wildlife Trust. The wider work to remove the brambles and restore the meadow areas was funded by the parish council. The ponds don't just benefit the newts, but a whole host of other animals and plants. Indeed, Orange Foxtail, a grass which is declining across Britain as a whole, and currently regarded as vulnerable to extinction in Cambridgeshire, has appeared!



Orange foxtail at Wellbrook Way

Town End Close and the Hibbert-ware Garden

Our green team and garden volunteers have been busy looking after both Town End Close and the Hibbert-Ware Garden. Several more people have undertaken

the scything course, and both sites have now had their annual cut to help maintain and enhance the grassland habitat. Not forgetting the small mammals and overwintering butterflies which use long grass, some areas have been left uncut for winter. The other habitats on these sites are also being well managed, and we hope that you are enjoying both spaces. With more boots on the ground the teams may be able to look after further sites around the village.

Events we have hosted

- Bat Walk
- Water Vole Safari
- Wellbrook Way Open Evening
- Hibbert-Ware Open Garden
- Moth Trapping
- Girton Glebe Gardening Club

New Initiatives

- Trail camera loaning scheme – find out what lurks in your garden!
- Swift boxes – after successful installation of several swift boxes this year we are hoping to join up with Girton's Crafty Folk to create more.

If you're interested in making a swift box, having one installed on your home, or using a trail camera, please get in touch.

Working with local landowners

We've been working with several local institutions and groups including the Gretton School, Hope CiC and Jack's Gelato to provide advice for how they can make the land they manage within the parish better for wildlife. Hopefully, some of the ideas will come to fruition next year, watch this space - it may contain more ponds!

Looking forward

We have many ideas for how we can improve our parish for wildlife, including in our gardens and other key village sites. As well as continuing with the work already underway, we would like to help other local landowners to improve the habitats on their land, to set up a series of Hedgehog Highways, undertake a bioblitz within the village and start to work with neighbouring parishes to undertake larger-scale projects like restoring the Beck Brook. We're currently a small group of keen residents who are at capacity. If you'd like to get involved in any way – taking on a small project, sharing your expertise, helping with site management, please do get in touch: lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk.

Girton Local Nature Recovery Plan Group



October – 2024 observations and some comparisons with 2025

Verbena, asters, woundwort and ragwort are still a riot of colour and busy with visiting bees. Coreopsis, pennisetum with their feathery burgandy tops, white fuschia, evergreen honeysuckle, all are sharing their beauty. Many plants and shrubs are still flowering profusely and setting seeds.

Ragwort with its bright yellow flowers and large numbers of bee visitors needs to be kept away from horses and any pathways close to their exercise trails; however this plant is still striking when festooned with the voracious yellow striped caterpillars of the Cinnabar moth. These caterpillars can strip the plant bare and it will still survive. Later they will drop off the plant, burrow onto the ground and emerge as gorgeous black and red day flying moths. In other parts of the garden bright orange berries on the iris foetidissima catch your eye under the trees, and my favourite, the tiny native violet, is spreading its delicate purple blooms in surprising places.

This happened after a wet summer, not a hot dry one like the summer we have just experienced. This year's growth was earlier, profuse, but very soon showed a need for water. Flowers, shrubs and trees were all responding differently to the changing conditions. This was changing the time that plants and favourite garden vistas/views would appear. Everything seemed to be earlier this year.

Late summer and early autumn '25 has brought a heavy crop of tomatoes and beans in our garden but in '24 it was a poor crop and much later in the year. Many plants, both edible and decorative, suffered from the prolonged hot, dry weather this year and needed daily watering. Again '24 did not produce this problem, quite the opposite.

Climate change is predicted to be accelerating; with weather patterns changing and becoming more extreme. Our actions both individually and as a community do have consequences. The land, its people and the flora and fauna on it are interconnected and what we do will affect us all, even if our gardens are small.

Maybe now is the time to give more thought to the design/layout or our own garden spaces; what we have planted and where and how we use and store

water. Some changes may be needed. How do we use our gardens? Is it for mental and physical sustenance, or play, entertaining friends and family, reading or simply just enjoying the variety and beauty of our environment. This may be a good time to divide and share plants or simply to move them to take advantage of more sun or shade; or to take them out completely.

Perhaps it is time we re-assess what we grow for food, how we can make it more interesting, try new things or maybe not if our garden already gives us what we need. The rain in the weeks following the hot dry weather of '25 replenished and saved many of our plants, particularly the smaller ones. This happened much later in '24. Ferns were loving the cool refreshing rain.

It is perhaps a good time to also look at the interactions and also the frequency of visits made by birds, bees, flowers and the other wildlife that visit, both 4-legged and 2-legged varieties. Is there water, a safe pathway to follow to their home? Are their needs being met? Are we providing flowers, shrubs, trees and grasses suitable for our visitors? Do we have something of interest in our gardens for each season? Seed heads on grasses and berries begin to appear. Wonderful for animals and birds to eat but also for us to bring indoors to decorate our houses.

Now the time is approaching where we begin to prepare our gardens for the quiet time, so they can revitalise, as humans do during their sleep. Lay a blanket of mulch over the soil and underneath the surface the micro organisms, the worms, beetles and fungi will all set about their work, enriching the soil and keeping our world alive. Our soil is vital for our survival and needs to be kept healthy. What grows in it feeds us, shelters us and cleans and revitalises our air. Now all we need is time and patience and the wonderful cycle of life begins again.

All living creatures are interconnected with their environment and each other.

Ruth Crabb, Girton Garden Society



Girton WI

It was the turn of the hedgehogs this month! Judith Large, from the Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital, came to talk on these spiky little neighbours of ours. The Hospital does amazing work for hedgehogs that need human intervention and help.

Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital opened its doors in 2012. In the past twelve years over 6,700 hedgehogs have been taken to them. The hospital is a charity and costs approximately £65,000 a year to run. It is open 365 days a year and is purpose built to receive these spiny creatures. There are three paid members of staff supported by volunteers. They concentrate on conservation and education and caring for hedgehogs in trouble.

Judith is responsible for the release of all fit hedgehogs. She must check areas are fit for purpose; she always tries to place the hedgehog back into the vicinity where it was found and that there is not a badger sett nearby (badgers eat hedgehogs), and no road running parallel to the site she has planned. Hedgehogs must be protected as they are on the Red List which means they are “near threatened.” Caring for baby hedgehogs is very demanding. They must have sustenance every two hours. They are fed with a syringe and rubber teat, and a milk replacer is used like Esbilac or a suitable kitten milk replacer. Cow’s milk is toxic to hedgehogs. When they are old enough and have their teeth, they are fed dog or cat food (no fish please). Water in an old flan dish does the trick in your garden (as the dish is heavy and will not be knocked over). The hedgehogs’ natural food is earthworms, but if they have trouble finding these (especially in the hot weather we have had recently), they will revert to eating slugs and snails - not good for them as these can cause lung worms and other types of dreadful infestations. We learned that hedgehogs are not team players and should two males meet at a water station they will fight. We were told that a hedgehog house in your garden would be very acceptable to these animals; the chamber lined with dead, dry leaves, or hay. Hedgehogs are nocturnal animals, but an exception is when a mother is caring for her babies, she is either moving them to a safer place or for a bit of peace and quiet in the daytime. If you do find a hedgehog out in the day, other than the

mothering demands, they are usually in trouble, so should you feel able to help, pick it up with gloves (never bare hands), wrap it in a towel, place it in a deep box (hedgehogs can climb), put a supply of water in the box for it and if you think it looks in trouble phone or take the animal to the Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital and they will do what they can to help.

Our usual question and answer time followed this very interesting talk, and we thanked Judith for her time and wonderful enlightenment on this prickly subject.

Merilyn Burt



Early Birds WI

At our September meeting, we had a wonderful insight into the making of different types of cheese, given by our President, Rachel.

We learnt about the Suffolk Thump, not the sort of cheese you could get your teeth into but ideal to put in your vegetables to give taste in times gone by. Apparently, the milk for making Suffolk Thump is not good for cheese but makes excellent butter. Edam cheese was used in the 1841 war as a cannonball and killed two soldiers. Last century, our country didn't have the variety of cheeses we have today owing to the requisition of milk for other uses in the war.

We tasted eight different varieties of cheese, and tried to identify their strengths, and the countries they come from.

We had a cheese quiz and one of the questions was which is the largest producer of cheese, the answer is the USA, 11.1 billion pounds, the largest producer is Wisconsin. We also learnt the technical word for a cheese lover is known as a Turophile!

Gillian Taylor

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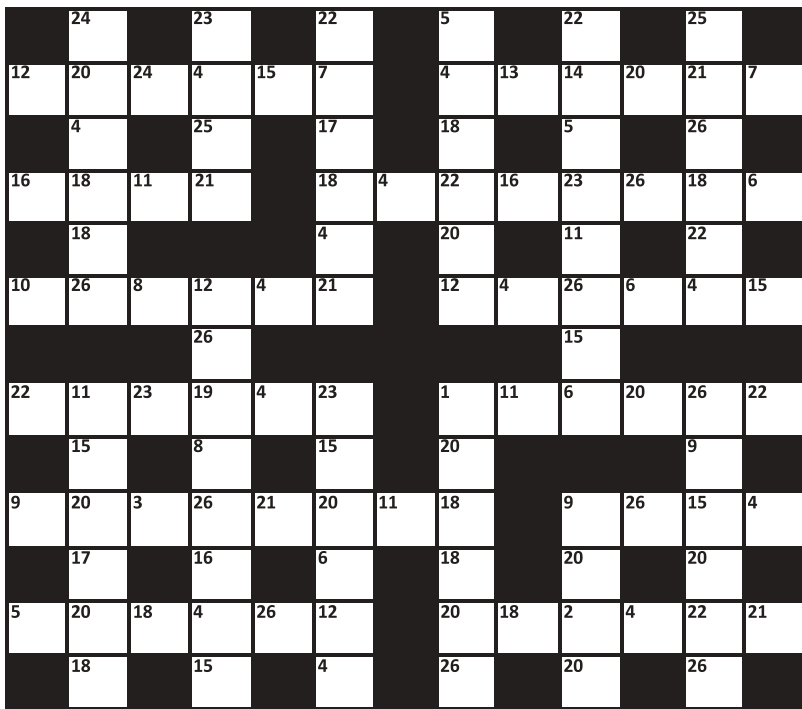




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CODEWORDS

Each number 1-26 represents a different letter of the alphabet. Can You work out which is which ? Use your word skills and the clues included. Note that Codewords can include names or well-known phrases. Answers are on page 30.

WORDSEARCH – Ready for a little Halloween magic ??

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BALL	FULL	PUMPKIN
BAT	GIBBOUS	ROBE
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CAT	LIGHT	TOAD
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Girton Glebe School

We've had a fantastic start to the new school year at Girton Glebe! It's been wonderful to see the classrooms buzzing again with laughter, learning, and plenty of energy after the summer break. The children have settled brilliantly into their freshly prepared classrooms, which have been thoughtfully designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning. It has been lovely to see how quickly they have embraced new routines and challenges as the term gets underway.

We were delighted to meet so many new families at our recent coffee morning, which provided a warm and friendly opportunity to pause, share stories, and connect after the excitement of those very first days of school. A big thank you to everyone who came along — we're already looking forward to our next community gathering at the Harvest Assembly on Friday 3 October, when we'll celebrate the season and the children's achievements so far.

Over the summer, our school pool was a real highlight for families and the wider community. It was fantastic to see children splashing happily, parents relaxing poolside, and friends coming together to make the most of the sunshine whenever it appeared! With public swims and private sessions on offer, there was something for everyone, and the positive feedback has been incredibly encouraging. Many parents commented on how much they appreciated having a safe and familiar space for their children to play, swim, and build confidence in the water. A huge thank you goes to Girton Parish Council and ELA Active for their support. Looking ahead, we're exploring ways to expand access further, with plans for a broader range of sessions from Easter 2026.

We're also incredibly proud to share some fantastic news from our recent assessments. Thirteen percent of our KS2 pupils achieved the higher standard in reading, writing, and maths, placing Girton Glebe in the top 20% nationally. In the Multiplication Tables Check, 41% of pupils scored full marks, well above the national average, and 80% of our Year 1 children passed the Phonics Screening Check. These achievements reflect the hard work and enthusiasm of our pupils, alongside the incredible dedication of our staff and families.

As we look ahead to the rest of the term, we're excited about all the opportunities and events still to come. Thank you to our whole school community for your continued support — here's to a fantastic year ahead at Girton Glebe!

Chris Butler
Headteacher



GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

In the final of the Gordon Bridges Knockout Cup held at Newmarket recently, Girton, having played their way through to the finals, gained a wonderful victory over the

team from Newmarket, winning 2 rinks to 1. At the same venue, the final of the Bill Bayes Trophy took place in which Girton were up against Fordham. The game consisted of two rinks with the winner being the team with the highest overall points. Girton won one rink and lost one rink but Fordham had the highest overall score, so proved the winners.

In the Business House finals Girton had played their way through to three of the finals: the Ladies' Pairs, which Girton lost 10–19 to Coton, the Men's Pairs, which Girton won comfortably 26–12 against Abbey, and the Mixed Pairs in which Girton were narrowly beaten 14–15 by Cambridge University Press.

In the Cambridge and District finals held at Haddenham on 13 September, Girton had reached three finals, the Men's Over 60's Singles, the Men's Two Wood Singles and the Ladies' Singles. In the Two Wood Singles, Girton's Trevor Dean was beaten by 1 point in a very close match against Milton. In the Men's Singles Alan Benton was beaten 21–10 against Milton after a titanic battle. In the Ladies' Singles, Janet Graaff was beaten 16–21 by Barton after a close game. Congratulations to all our finalists. The Cambridge and District presentation dinner will take place in February at the Belfry in Cambourne.

In the Cambridge and District League Division 1, Girton finished the season in fifth position out of eleven teams. In Division 4, Girton won the league and will be promoted to Division 3 next season. Well done Girton.

In the Ely and District afternoon League Division 1, Girton Tigers finished the season in fourth position and Girton Pumas in sixth position out of thirteen teams.

Girton also won the County League with a 100% success, winning all their games throughout the season.



Finals day

Our annual Club finals were held on 31 August and luckily the weather was kind to us. Those players who had not reached finals played in the Dave Roger's Trophy competition, the winners were Pat Stanley, David Horton and Debbie Foster.

In the Ladies' final Jackie Russell won against Heather Bell, while the Men's Singles saw a very close competition between Roger Webster and Mike Hill, with Roger finally winning 21–18. The Triples was again a very close fought competition, with David Bell, Nigel Ashman and Don Black winning 17–15 over Nigel Russell, Digby Long and Pat Collier.

Our annual President's match played between the President's team and the Chairman's team held on 5 September was a great success, with President's team winning 88–71 and raising £125 for the President's charity, The Arthur Rank hospice.

The AGM will be held on 8 December at 7pm at the Clubhouse. All welcome.

If you are interested in finding out about joining Girton Bowls Club, please see our website www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com or contact our Secretary, Margaret McCall, at margaret.mccall@ntlworld.com.

We are always pleased to welcome new members.

Lynn McGill



Girton Tennis Club

Our local 'Rocket Cup' competition came to an exciting finish in September with a doubles match between Victor/Ruben and

Nghia/An-Nguyen. Congratulations go to Nghia and An-Nguyen on their exceptional performance and success. This father and son team were impressive throughout the tournament and they capped it off with a commanding victory in the final. It is clear that An-Nguyen has a bright tennis future ahead of him and we're lucky to witness the beginning of his journey here at Girton Tennis Club.

We are very grateful to Victor for organising this competition and to all those who took part. The photo shows our 2025 doubles champions.



Our Junior supervised sessions on Friday evenings were a bit quieter over the summer but the numbers picked up again in September as the school term started. Weather permitting, we plan to keep these sessions in operation until Friday 24 October. Always check our website for the latest information.

The tennis club has use of the recreation ground courts and members who 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 these club nights for one or two free sessions and check it all out. Junior members meet from 6.30pm on Friday evenings for a supervised hour.

Details about our activities can be found on our website www.girtontennisclub.uk or by contacting our Membership Secretary by email at info@girtontennisclub.uk.

Alan Franklin



Girton Golf Club

Autumn appears to have arrived at a pace with the hot sunshine being sporadically replaced with high winds and often torrential rain. The course certainly needed the watering it

has received and the wind has provided an early pruning of the trees.

Much has continued to happen at the club with internal competitions and matches and external events too. A great example of the latter, and a real tribute to our course and the standing of Girton Golf Club, was the Midland Golf Union Junior Champion of Champions event held in September. Boy and girl entrants travelled from as far afield as Shropshire, Staffordshire, the West Midlands and throughout the East Midlands to be playing 36 holes in one day on our course. These are the cream of tomorrow's golfing stars and Girton was proud to host them on a sunny but cool day.

Our charity day raised over £3000 for East Anglian Air Ambulance, and was a lot of fun for the entrants. Talking of fun, our Quiz Nights return soon on 17 October. Just £2 per player entry fee with teams of up to 6 people. Supper of cottage pie plus seasonable veg. is available at only £9.50; please order in advance.

Dates for your diary for future Quiz Nights: 14 November, 19 December, 16 January, 13 February, 13 March.

When you come to the club be sure to say hello to Giuseppe Ungaro, our new Club House Manager who joined us in August. Giuseppe is a welcome addition to our GGC family, adding a touch of Italian flair and flourish.

Membership is increasing at a rate of knots but is currently still open in all categories so pop in to the Golf Reception and chat to our staff about what would suit your time and pocket. Remember, Junior Membership makes a wonderful present for children and grandchildren (or in my case, great grandchildren). It provides a life skill and a wonderful hobby for boys and girls at only £75 a year. Talk to our Professional Sam about how best to develop your offspring's skills and enjoyment.

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MP Visits Dovehouse Court

Ian Sollom, MP for St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire was welcomed at Dovehouse Court recently, selected by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) as a recent winner of a RIBA East Award for its inspiring design and futureproofing technology.

A tour of the development by GTC Chair Ann Bonnett and representatives of RIBA and Mole Architects who created the award-winning design included a visit to one of the homes where Ian Sollom was able to talk to resident Mark Vile and hear first-hand what it is like to live there.

Award-winning

Dovehouse Court is the first almshouse development in the country to fully conform to Passivhaus standards and has already been recognised with a number of prestigious national awards including: Innovation For Living Award from the Almshouse Association; British Homes Awards for the Later Living/ Supported Living Design of the Year; Judges' Award for Sustainable Project of the Year; and most recently the Royal Society of British Architects East Award.

Ian Bramwell, Director at Mole Architects said: "We were delighted to welcome Ian Sollom to Dovehouse Court, where he was able to see the almshouse development, designed to rigorous Passivhaus standards—demonstrating how low-energy design, superior insulation, and advanced ventilation systems help in the creation of sustainable, community-oriented housing".

Sustainable community living

Matt Blakeley, Regional Director for RIBA Central, said: "Dovehouse Court is a shining example of how great architecture can transform lives. By combining innovative design with the highest standards of sustainability, this project demonstrates the power of architecture to address both social and environmental needs. It is a privilege to see such forward-thinking design recognised here in the East region, and to celebrate the collaboration between client, architect and community that has made it possible."



Ian Sollom added: "What struck me most about my visit was hearing about and meeting residents who are genuinely thriving in their new homes. This isn't just about creating energy-efficient housing - it's about creating a space in the community where people can live with dignity and independence. Girton Town Charity and Mole Architects have shown what's possible when we prioritize both sustainability and human wellbeing."

Girton TownCharity

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7.30 - 9.30pm	Whole Notes Gospel Choir

Tuesday

9.15 - 11.00am	Yoga with Julia Dale
10.30 - 11.30am	Strength & Balance
11.15am - 12.15pm	Yoga with Jess
2.00 - 4.00pm	Tuesday Connections AgeUK (monthly)
1.00 - 4.00pm	Cinema Club 55
6.00 - 7.00pm	Pilates with Wendy Jane mixed ability
7.30 - 10.30pm	Easton Swing

Wednesday

10.30am - 1.30pm	Falls Prevention Clinic
1.45 - 2.45pm	Pre-Ffit Strength & Conditioning
6.10 - 7.00pm	Bounce
7.30 - 10.00pm	The W.I. (1st in month)
7.30 - 10.00pm	Girton Garden Society (2nd in month)
7.30 - 9.30pm	Bookworms Book Club (4th in month)

Thursday

9.30 - 10.30am	Pilates with Wendy Jane intermediate
11.00am - 12.00noon	Pilates with Wendy Jane beginners
2.15 - 3.45pm	Silver Swans ballet mixed ability
5.45 - 6.45pm	Pilates with Jax Eades
7.15 - 8.00pm	Ballroom Dance Class
8.15 - 9.00pm	Ballroom Dance Class

Friday

10.00 - 11.00am	Crumb & Bass (under 5 years)
7.30 - 10.30pm	Easton Swing (3rd in month)

Saturday

9.00 - 10.00am	Bounce
10.30am - 1.00pm	Cambridge Jazz Co-op
2.00 - 4.00pm	Farmers Market (2nd in month)

Sunday

9.00 - 11.00am	Football Fun Factory (18mths - 5yrs)
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Information correct at time of going to press.

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Sharing Wreath

The photograph accompanying this month's article is of a freshly baked olive and orange sharing wreath – joined

together, but individual rolls when separated. A sharing wreath doesn't mean the rolls are identical but there are commonalities (they all have orange zest and black olives). The sharing wreath rolls have differences which are enjoyed and appreciated (some have a shinier glaze; others have risen in a slightly different form/shape).



Who is in your sharing wreath - friends, family, neighbours, community members, or work colleagues? What brings you together as a wreath? And when separate, who are you as unique individuals?

Signposting October is Black History Month. The resource pack: Black History Month Resource Pack 2025 - Black History Month 2025, provides information, resources, lesson plans and digital tools around the theme of 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'. Also included are 30 beautifully illustrated posters.

Training A learner on a Mental Health First Aid course over a year ago recently messaged me via LinkedIn. I always welcome learners to keep in touch beyond their training whether to ask questions, for support or just to stay connected. On this occasion the learner wanted to share this article with me, highlighting the life-saving difference that training can have

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c203e58vylvo>

An open MHFA course is running in November 2025, and an open SFA course is running in February 2026. You can enquire further via: mhfa.julietadloune@gmail.com

Juliet Adloune, 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.julietadloune or mhfa.julietadloune@gmail.com

Girton Walking Group

6 September

The weather was lovely as we set out for Wicken Fen but sadly the A10 was not on our side. The group became divided as some were held up by roadworks and others (by chance) took a different route. In the end everyone got to enjoy a good walk in the lovely Fen countryside.

Thanks to Rachel Thomas and Elisabeth Kron for their research into the walks.

4 October

This walk gives an opportunity to see the Devil's Dyke and two historical villages, Reach and Swaffham Prior. As you drive into Reach village you will see the exceptionally large Green where The Fair has been held since the 13th Century. The first right turn across the Green, then right again, brings you into a small car park where we begin our walk at 10am. The postcode is CB25 0JD. The walk is approximately four and a half miles long and includes a reasonable break so do bring a sustaining snack and a drink.

Ann and Ian Jerram are leading this walk

1 November

A walk round the historic Mill Road area of central Cambridge. This walk is being designed and led for us by Cambridge Living Streets (in return we have agreed to lead a walk in Girton for them).

We have been asked to meet at 10 am at Donkey Common, by the side of the Parkside swimming pool. The walk should last between one and two hours.

Thanks to Gina and Paul Lane for arranging this.

If you need a lift or would like to join our mailing list for future walks or if you no longer wish to receive members emails, please contact me at: ann.jerram@gmail.com.

Note that all walks are at your own risk.

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Girton Poppy Appeal 2025

(25 October to 9 November)

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I still have a very limited supply of both VE and VJ 80th Anniversary lapel badges, plus the dated Poppy badges. If anyone would like one, please contact me.

The Royal British Legion provides support for our Service Personnel and their families in times of need with funds collected during their Poppy Appeal campaign.

For more details, please contact:

Poppy Appeal Organiser
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Lest we Forget



The Friends of the Rosie

We wish all our customers and supporters an enjoyable autumn with all the lovely rich autumnal colours.

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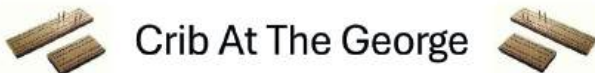
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Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all the very best for the autumn.

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Come join The George Crib Team, a friendly chatty group that play in the Tuesday League.

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If interested, please contact Patsy Smith at:
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Surviving Drought

Autumn came early this year, and the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness has not been much in evidence as the weather lurched from excessive heat to down-pours of rain. Looking back at archive films of the great drought of 1976 puts anxieties over water supplies into perspective. That year there were queues at standpipes in some regions. Farmers worried about dry, cracked ground and low crop yields. Reservoirs dropped to low levels and wildfires burned on the moors, whilst straw-coloured fields stretched to the far horizon. Yet, even as the nation scanned endlessly blue skies for even the smallest cloud as a herald of change, we knew that eventually rain would come, and the earth would be refreshed.

Psalm 65 was written as a song of thanksgiving after a season of drought, the cause of which was attributed to the collective transgression of the people. When confession was made however, the imagery turns to God riding a chariot to inspect the land with the intention of bringing blessing and relief as an answer to prayer. God is not indifferent to human needs, and in compassion, He replenishes a thirsty land so that it may become fruitful again. The landscape is alive again, adorned for harvest festival. The sheep are on the hills, the olives grow fat on the trees, and fresh grain fills the valleys. All nature sings. It is a story of consolation and restoration after a time of anxiety and sorrow. Prayer has caused hearts to reach up and draw near to God once again.

There are times in life when we may feel that we are enduring a wilderness experience. Ahead lies a wasteland of ideas, dusty vision and no revitalizing flow of love and creativity that transforms drought to vitality.

In the Mojave Desert, the phenomenon of tumble weed returns in the dry season. These rolling plant balls detach themselves from the roots and food supply to be carried on the wind wherever it blows. Unlike trees that remain anchored to the water supply, they dry up becoming loose and unsustainable.


Jeremiah ch.17 reminds us that a heart that turns away from God can become “like a bush in the wasteland”, but “the one who trusts in the Lord ... will be like a tree planted by the water.” God is life-giving, our sustainer in a season of difficulty, or in a struggle to thrive and flourish.

Psalm 65 v9 “You care for the land and water it; You enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with

water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.” This same God cares for us too.

A prayer. “Heavenly Father, during difficult times in life, when I feel discouraged, help me to place my hope and trust in You, and find peace and joy in the comfort of Your Presence.

Iris Niven




St Andrew's Church


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On 2 November, at 4pm, we will be holding our “*In Memory*” service at which we remember our loved ones. We join to give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before. If you would like someone’s name to be read out during the service, please send it to: inmemory@girton.church.

We give you thanks, our God and Father, for all those who have died in the faith of Christ; for the memory of their words and deeds and all they accomplished in their time; for the joyful hope of reunion with them in the world to come; and for our communion with them now in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord (Source unknown).

From the Registers

- Baptism** 24th Aug - Albie Wilson
Wedding 30th Aug - Zac Cooke & Alexandra Hand
Funeral 13th Aug – Jenny Knights
21st Aug – Anthea Connell



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Sunday Services: October

5th Oct 10:00am Holy Communion (+ activities for children)

7:00pm Contemplative/Reflective Service

12th 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am All-age Communion

6:00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

19th 10:00am Holy Communion (+ activities for children)

6:00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

26th 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Morning Prayer (+ activities for children)

5:30 pm St Andrew's Youth Group

2nd Nov 10:00am Holy Communion (+ activities for children)

4:00pm In Memory Service

7:00pm Contemplative/Reflective Service

Regular weekday Services: October

Tues 9am Morning Prayer (said)

Weds 9am Morning Prayer (said) (Online)

Thurs 9am Morning Prayer (said) (Online)

Other Services

8th 2:00pm Abbeyfield, Ecumenical Holy Communion

21st 2:15pm Arlington Manor, Ecumenical Holy Communion

30th 11:00am Gretton Court Holy Communion (BCP)

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

Girton Baptist Church



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October Services at Girton Baptist Church

5th Morning Service with Communion, at 10.30am

12th Morning Service, at 10.30am

19th Morning Service with Communion, at 10.30am

26th Open Service at 10.30am

Other events

Coffee Morning: Would you like a chat and coffee on a Thursday morning? Why not try our friendly and buzzing coffee morning at Girton Baptist Church, from 10am?

Tuesday Afternoon Friendship Group: TAF this month, is on Tuesday 7 October starting at 2.15pm, it will include a talk on "The Story of Afrinspire" with Ian Sanderson, followed by refreshments. Afrinspire is a charity which supports development initiatives in Africa to help reduce poverty. All are welcome.

We also welcome you to our Bible studies. If you are curious about the Bible or want to explore the Christian faith more deeply, feel free to reach out to us. We would be happy to share more with you.

All are welcome to the services and events.

For further details about any of the above, including the online Zoom link for any of the services, please ring 07483 334860 or email:

secretary@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk

A Short Devotion

In the gospels, Jesus welcomed children whom others deemed unworthy of his attention. The disciples, perhaps caught in the adult logic of hierarchy and self-importance, rebuked the parents. But Jesus interrupted their assumptions with startling words: "Let the children come to me... for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Jesus elevated childlike attitudes such as humility, dependence, openness, and trust. Do we know we can approach God with the same unguarded trust, as a child reaching for a parent, wherever we are, whatever we are doing?

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Cotton Hall/Church 11.00 – 11.30

Orchard Close 11.35 – 11.55

St Vincent's Close 12.00 – 12.40

Gretton Court 12.50 – 13.15

Churchfield Court 13.20 – 13.45

Solution to this month's Codeword on page 17:

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