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Girton Parish Council

Community Survey reaches 166 responses

Thank you to everyone who has taken part. Your views are helping shape future investment, recreation, community facilities and village priorities.

Over the past few months, many residents have taken the time to complete the community survey, attend local events, speak to councillors, volunteer in the community and contact the council with ideas and concerns. The council is now bringing all that information together to help shape future priorities for the village.

The 166 survey responses have been received at the time of writing this article, giving a valuable insight into what matters most to people living, working and spending time in Girton. From recreation and open spaces to community facilities, biodiversity, traffic concerns and village services, residents are helping create a clearer picture of what Girton needs now and in the future.

The council will be using this information as part of a Community Value Review during October. The aim is simple: to understand what local people value most and use that understanding to guide future decisions and investment.

The tentative date for this Community Value public meeting is 4 November. Please look out for further confirmation on our website, social media and village noticeboards.

Youth Council

The future of Girton starts with its young people. Following a fantastic level of interest over the summer, the Girton Youth Council will officially launch on 15 October. We are looking for young people who want to share ideas, influence local decisions and help shape the future of our village.

Interested? We'd love to hear from you. Simply follow the link below to complete the registration form. Register your interest here: *https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Qa8uhV2S2H*

Crafty Folk Goes from strength to strength

Crafty Folk continues to grow as a welcoming community hub, bringing residents together through activities, friendship and practical support. Recent developments include the return of one of the group's original members, regular strength and balance sessions, and a Thursday lunch club serving soup and a roll after the exercise class. The group is also helping to support wider community initiatives, including medication collection boxes in partnership with local GP surgeries and exploring opportunities for recycling and volunteering.

Crafty Folk takes place at St Vincent's Close Community Centre every Tuesday from 10am to 4pm. Strength and balance classes take place one Thursday a month. To find out more email *clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk.*

New ways to report local issues

The council has been developing a new REPORT IT initiative to make it easier for residents to identify the correct organisation to contact when problems arise. As part of this, residents can now report issues through the "Pavements Are for People" campaign, including overgrown hedges, obstructed pavements, blocked gullies, damaged footpaths and other barriers that make it harder for people to move safely around the village.

Many issues raised with the council, including highways defects, street lighting faults and some anti-social behaviour concerns, are the responsibility of other organisations. REPORT IT aims to help residents get concerns to the right place more quickly while helping the council build a better understanding of recurring issues across Girton.

Have you recently cut back a hedge, cleared an obstruction or helped improve a local path? We'd love to hear from you. Before-and-after photographs are especially welcome and help celebrate the difference residents are making. Send reports and photos to *clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk*.

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REPORT IT here:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/gM8tZYmeJ5

Pavements are for people
Our Pavements Are for People campaign is gathering momentum, and we're inviting residents to help make every pavement in Girton safe, clear and accessible. Have you spotted an overgrown hedge, blocked path, obstructed pavement, damaged surface or another issue affecting people walking around the village?

You can now REPORT IT and help us build a clearer picture of where action is needed. If you've recently cut back your hedge or cleared an obstruction, we'd love to see the results. Before-and-after photographs help celebrate the difference residents are making and encourage others to get involved. Please send photographs and reports to *clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk.*

Working together, could we make all of Girton's paths clear for parents with pushchairs, wheelchair users, mobility scooter users, children walking to school and everyone who enjoys getting around our village on foot? Every small improvement helps make a big difference.

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Play areas and outdoor recreation
The council recognises and appreciates the concerns residents have raised regarding local play facilities at Weavers Field, the recreation ground and the trim trail. These facilities are valued community assets, and councillors are currently reviewing information on their condition, future investment requirements and the role they play within the wider network of recreation opportunities across the village.
Residents will have an opportunity to learn more and share their views at the Council's upcoming Community Value Event, expected to be held in October or early November. This event will help inform future priorities and investment decisions. Please keep an eye on the Parish Council website and social media channels for confirmation of dates and how to take part.

Tackling anti-social behaviour together
Following concerns raised by residents over recent months, the council has adopted a new Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.

The policy helps the Council record concerns consistently, identify trends and work more closely with Cambridgeshire Police and South Cambridgeshire District Council where appropriate. The council is also preparing a community message regarding excessive motorbike noise, encouraging consideration for neighbours and promoting positive community behaviour.

Investing in community facilities
The cricket season may be drawing to a close, but work continues behind the scenes to look after community facilities.

Councillors have approved renovation work to the Recreation Ground cricket square to ensure it remains in good condition while longer-term plans for future cricket facilities continue to progress. The Council is also reviewing information about play areas and other community assets to help plan future investment and maintenance.

Looking ahead
October will focus on understanding what the community survey, community conversations and local feedback are telling us.

These decisions will feed into our precept discussions which this year will begin earlier in December 2026. This will allow us to share council considerations for 2027/2028 precept over the holidays ahead of a public meeting for residents to give their input.

The council's goal is to ensure future decisions are based on what matters most to residents, while continuing to look after the services, facilities and green spaces that people rely on every day, alongside investing in Girton's future.

District Councillors' Report

Trees in Girton

Back in June we wrote about the comments we'd been receiving about trees in Girton. We'd like to thank all of you who have written to us. We have concluded that there is sufficient interest to look at the possibility of a community-led plan (*https://tinyurl.com/yn78bt9u*). We would like to take more feedback with a view to taking some action - possibly in the form of a public meeting - during the autumn. We will make further announcements in due course.

One resident mentioned the Cambridge City tree strategy. If you are interested to know more, please check the report and supporting papers (*https://tinyurl.com/397zrspp*). If you are giving feedback on the Greater Cambridge Local Plan (*https://tinyurl.com/44ue89ct*), you may wish to suggest

that the Cambridge Tree Strategy is at least referenced in the Local Plan.

Local government re-organisation

The government was facing legal challenges and needed to reach a quick decision about how to proceed. The government remains committed to this and sees it as an essential element of devolution. The devotion process will continue apace and will lead to more powers vested in mayors, in our case, Mayor Paul Bristow. The bottom line for us in the wards is that it will be business as usual for longer than we'd expected. Elections to the new unitary authority, whatever shape it takes will be held in May 2028 rather than next year.

Tiger on Demand expanded

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) has expanded its Tiger on Demand bus service to 13 villages in South Cambridgeshire. The demand-responsive transport (DRT) service allows residents to book journeys when needed, rather than relying on a fixed timetable, helping improve connectivity for commuting, shopping, leisure trips, and onward travel connections.

We have asked that the CPCA consider Tiger on Demand service in the north of the district (ie our ward). It's a long shot, but at least we have indicated our interest,

Zero Carbon Communities Newsletter

We'd like to highlight the quarterly Zero Carbon Communities (ZCC) newsletter, which is a great way to connect with the latest climate, nature and communities-related work across the district. Inside you will find updates on the ZCC grant programme, local stories and achievements, funding opportunities, upcoming events, useful resources, and examples of projects from councils and communities. If you'd like to receive the newsletter directly to your inbox, you can subscribe by emailing: *ZCC@scambs.gov.uk*. You can also access previous versions of the Newsletter here: *https://tinyurl.com/2xchj2yh* .

Progress with food waste collection

Since its launch, the service has collected more than 2,800 tonnes of food waste which is being used to generate power and create biofertilizer.

The Government's introduction of Simpler Recycling legislation makes weekly collection of household food waste mandatory for all local authorities. GCSWS began deliveries of new silver pest-proof caddies in January 2026.

The collected food waste is taken to Anaerobic Digestion (AD) plants at Baldock, March and Thetford, where the biogas given off by the decomposing food is captured and used to generate power. When fully broken down the food becomes biofertilizer which can be spread on farmland. This process both reduces demand for oil and gas through providing a renewable alternative fuel while also reducing impact on the climate crisis by preventing the release of landfill gases including methane into the atmosphere.

We have been helping residents who for whatever reason have not received caddies or are experiencing difficulties with the service. Please contact the waste service at *foodwaste@scambs.gov.uk*, or let one of us know by email or a phone call.

Local Climate Action Conference

This will be the fourth year of the popular conference that takes place on Friday 6 November 2026, 11am - 5pm, Storey's Field Centre, Eddington. Attendees will be able to:

- Explore inspiring local climate and nature initiatives, share knowledge and ideas, and help create a greener, healthier and more resilient future for South Cambridgeshire.
- Join colleagues, community groups, residents and local organisations to celebrate local sustainability projects already happening across the district.
- Discover new ideas and feel empowered about the next steps towards achieving our climate and nature ambitions.
- Enjoy an afternoon of inspiring speakers, practical discussions, networking, and local success stories.

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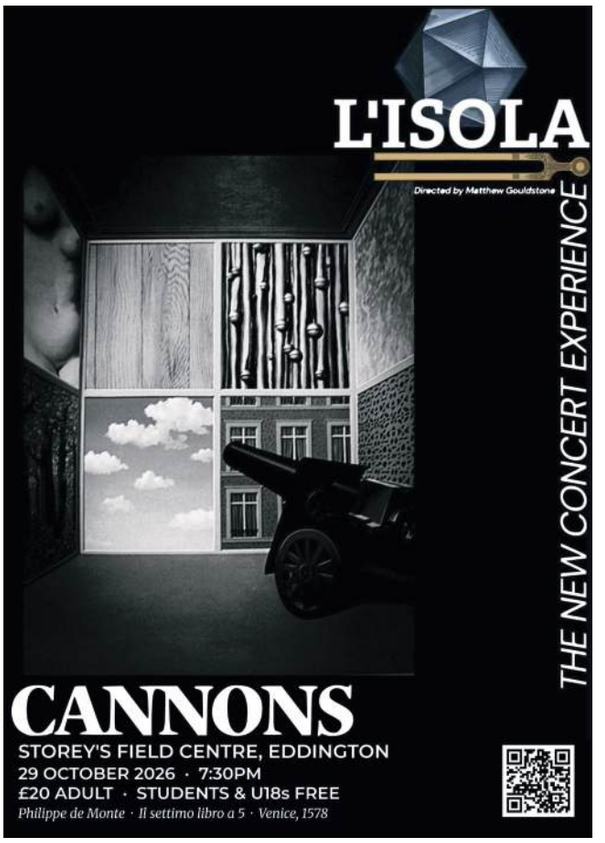

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Charlie Siem (violin); Martin Ennis (piano)

Charlie Siem, one of the leading violinists of his generation, returns to his *alma mater* to complete a cycle of Brahms's violin sonatas with Martin Ennis, Girton's Director of Music; this programme will include Brahms's G major Sonata, Op. 78, and Saint-Saens's Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 28

Please note that this concert forms part of a day of events linked to Girton College's Commemoration of Benefactors; admission is limited, so please consult Girton's Director of Music close to the time of the concert if you would like to attend

Brass in Motion – Celebrating 200 Years of Passenger Rail

Sunday 18 October at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)
Stanley Library, Girton College

Queen Victoria's Consort, the UK's leading exponents of historically informed brass performance, present a selection of music linked to 200 years of passenger rail travel. Their programme, performed on original antique instruments, includes pieces played at the launch of 'Locomotion' on the Stockton to Darlington line in 1825 in fantastic new arrangements by Steve Robson

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Freshers' Concert

Sunday 25 October at 2.30 pm (until 3.30 pm)
Stanley Library, Girton College
A wide-ranging selection of music organised by and featuring the newest students at Girton College

Admission free; retiring collection

Bach Cantatas, and More

Sunday 1 November at 2.45 pm (until 3.45 pm)

Old Hall, Girton College

Cambridge University Choral Scholars (directed by Archie Purdue); The Lowe Ensemble (directed by Myriam Lowe)

The programme, built round the 1724 cantata *O heilges Geist- und Wasserbad*, BWV 165, consists of a selection of music by J. S. Bach for voices and instruments performed by a group of leading University Choral Scholars and the up-and-coming instrumental group the Lowe Ensemble

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Girton Glebe

We have had a fantastic start to the school year, with children already busy learning, exploring and settling into their new classes. Across the school, we have been inspired by the beautiful wordless book *Journey*. Each class has taken a section of the story and brought it to life by putting their own words to the illustrations. We have already seen some fantastic and imaginative writing, and it has been wonderful to see the children's creativity shine through!

Our whole-school theme this term is "Who are we, Really?" We will be exploring what makes us who we are, thinking about our identities, our personalities, our strengths and interests, as well as the relationships and communities that help shape us. We are looking forward to seeing where this theme takes us as the term unfolds.

There was lots of creativity, curiosity and excitement around Girton Glebe on 11 September, as children across the school spent the day learning about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. Children discovered some of the traditions, symbols and meanings associated with Rosh Hashanah before getting creative with a range of art activities. Across the school, we saw everything from colourful yarn art and 'Simanim' mobiles to handmade shofar horns!

The day wasn't about celebrating or observing Rosh Hashanah ourselves, but about giving our children an opportunity to learn about a religion and culture that may be different from their own. Experiences like this are an important part of how we build cultural capital at Girton Glebe. We want our children to leave us with a rich knowledge and appreciation of the many cultures, religions, beliefs and traditions that make up our world - helping to nurture curiosity, respect, acceptance and understanding.

Most importantly, the children had a brilliant time! They loved getting stuck into the art activities, asking questions and discovering something new. It was wonderful to see so much creativity across the school, and we all had lots of fun learning about the Jewish New Year together.

Chris Butler
Headteacher

Village Juicing Equipment

Although many trees have struggled this summer, some trees are bearing lots of fruit – do you have a glut? The Apple Juice Club in Girton has a crusher, press and pasteuriser, available to villagers for a mere £7.50 per year. It's fun and incredibly easy to make juice and we provide full instructions and are very happy to give advice.

The press is designed for apples but works equally well for pears, grapes and berries. Get together with neighbours or friends!

For further information or to renew your membership please get in touch by email at *apple-juice-club@googlegroups.com*

Girton Poppy Appeal 2026 – plus a plea for a new organiser

Thank you to everyone who has made contact with me so far and offered to cover one or more two hour shifts on the poppy stall in Sainsbury's foyer at Eddington during the appeal campaign this year (23 Oct – 11 Nov). There are still plenty of slots available if any new or past collectors would like to volunteer their services to support this worthwhile cause.

This is the tenth year for me as the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Girton and although I have enjoyed the challenge of raising money for a charity close to my heart, I feel it is time for me to hand over or share the organising with somebody who could assist in taking the role forward and make more of a positive impact.

If there is anyone interested in finding out more about what is involved, please contact me. If nobody comes forward, it is quite possible that next year there may be not be Poppy Appeal in Girton.

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.

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GRETTON SCHOOL

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to Gretton after the summer break. The start of a new school year is always a good time to think about what we might achieve, what new things we might try and what we would like to carry forward from the year before. There is plenty to look forward to.

While academic learning is an important part of school life, we know that education is about much more than what happens in the classroom. There is just as much to school life outside the classroom too, from building friendships to growing in confidence, becoming more independent, getting out into the wider community and finding things that our learners really enjoy. Looking ahead, we already have a packed schedule, with trips, events and plenty going on to keep everyone busy.

Before we properly get started with the new school year, we have one more thing to celebrate: Results Day. It was lovely to see our learners, families and staff back together after spending their summers apart, celebrating their hard work and dedication. Our results encompassed the achievements of everyone who completed a qualification this academic year, regardless of their year group, including A Levels, GCSEs, Functional Skills and a wide range of vocational and creative qualifications. We were delighted to celebrate strong results across the board, with 100% pass rates achieved across all A Level and AS subjects, alongside excellent outcomes across many GCSE subjects. Our learners also achieved qualifications in Functional Skills Maths, BTECs, Arts Award, Creative Craft, Duke of Edinburgh and LAMDA Drama, with many of these qualifications achieving 100% pass rates. For those who would like to find out more, you can read the full breakdown of our Results Day achievements, including specific grades and subject results, on our website.

As part of our local community, we always enjoy sharing what is happening at Gretton, and while the results themselves are certainly worth celebrating, we thought we'd share a little more of what makes our learners who they are. So, alongside the grades, here are some of our favourite moments from Results Day.

Results in Reception

One learner, after seeing his results, turned to a member of staff and declared, with a rather large smile, "I don't hate you, but I still don't like you." There was plenty of laughter between the learner and staff, and it was a wonderfully Gretton moment – a little cheeky, completely genuine and a great example of the relationships our learners build with the adults around them.

Learner receiving results

Another group of learners, having collected their results, decided they weren't quite ready to leave and instead wanted to stay on site and "explore the school". We're not entirely sure what they had planned for their afternoon after collecting their results, but we were certainly amused (and perhaps a little pleased!) that even after receiving their GCSE results, they still weren't quite ready to leave Gretton.

These moments might not appear on a results sheet, but they are a big part of what we love about days like this. As Mrs Elkins, our Headteacher, said on the day, "today was an opportunity to recognise just how awesome our learners are – and how much they are capable of achieving."

Every Gretton learner has their own starting point, strengths and challenges, and for our autistic learners, getting to the point of sitting formal exams may once have seemed a long way off. Seeing them open their results with pride is a wonderful reminder of how far they have come and, ultimately, why we do what we do.

We are incredibly proud of all of our learners and are excited to see what this year brings. There is already plenty in the diary, and we're looking forward to getting stuck into another busy year of learning, trips, events, new experiences and, no doubt, a few unexpected moments along the way!

We wish all our learners, families and everyone in our local community a very happy start to the new school year. We can't wait to share what we get up to!

Victoria Howe
Deputy Headteacher

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GIRTON GREEN FINGERS

Dry Gardens!

October weather will hopefully be better for our gardens and less dry for our plants. As I type this in early September, we have had only three heavy rainfalls lasting barely an hour in the last two weeks. However, our garden grass has already begun to recover. The hosepipe ban has made us use every drop of water in a thoughtful way and begin to think of plants to grow in our gardens in the years to come. Geranium 'Rozanne' thrives in most soils and adapts well to weather conditions giving violet blue flowers from early summer into autumn. Nepeta (catmint) varieties resist summer heat too. Persicaria (affinis 'Superba'), well used in my garden, is a low-growing ground cover plant with pink flowers from summer to autumn and copes with both seasonal damp and dry conditions. All sedum varieties also cope well.

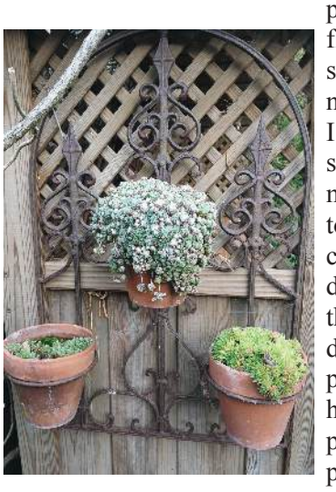
A trip around Angelsey Abbey in the last week in August revealed many of their shrubs had suffered, noticeably the saracocca (Christmas box) had many brown leaves. Encouragingly though, I noticed many new healthy green shoots alongside the dead leaves. Nature indeed is resilient. Perhaps many of the shrubs we have kept in pots may need to be now planted in the ground with a good feed for their roots before planting. My brother-in-law has now a healthy fig plant which began its early life in a pot but a few years ago he replanted in the ground. He has discovered by keeping it trimmed and away from direct sunshine, he is on his second crop of figs this year. Not huge but edible. Second crops of strawberries are popping up too in our gardens.

My herbs have coped well in the dry summer both in planters and the ground. Going by my garden, it has been a good year for all cornus varieties; they manage the heavy wet winter clay and dry summer and the autumn colours are stunning. On our various trips to gardens I have noticed hydrangea plants have flourished well as have viburnums (e.g. Guelder rose).

My blackberries came earlier this year. The wild ones are still around as I write and will be for next few weeks. I grew up in Newcastle and October half-term was always called blackberry week. I know temperatures are slightly different further north but one feels less so now with these hot summers. Having just spent a lovely week in Hexham, our friends' garden produce was similar. In fact, their greenhouse tomatoes were better than mine.

The thought was perhaps temperatures here of 35°C at times and even hotter in my greenhouse was just too severe. Friends in Cambridge with outdoor tomatoes have fared better than my greenhouse ones. Initially I had all the foliage and flowers but very few tomatoes and so few bees. A tip we discovered was to shake the higher flowers gently on the plants and you could see pollen dropping down. I did come out of the greenhouse with yellow hands, but we did notice after that, more tomatoes began to form. Repeated every few days, it is worth a try. You can also try using a light water spray, cotton buds or an old toothbrush to spread the pollen too.

Hanging baskets require a lot of watering and this year by accident I planted a small ground sedum in one. To my surprise the sedum flourished. Spreading over and down the basket and produced lovely flowers in May. It is still looking good now. Over the years I have planted sedum varieties in my wall planters too and they have coped with the hot dry summers. Just a thought then to try drought tolerant plants in our hanging baskets or planters (see pictures).



October is good time to clean and disinfect your greenhouse. Make sure any plants stored there or in a porch over the winter months are free of pests and have space between them to aid ventilation and reduce risk of disease. Protect half-hardy plants in late October with a fleece if not undercover.

Dahlia, gladioli and begonia tubers can be lifted once flowering is finished but I tend to leave mine in situ with an added layer of mulch/soil. October is a good time to take cuttings from deciduous shrubs and prune back shrubs and rambling roses. Remember to clear away fallen leaves as they can harbour fungal spores and provide hiding places for slugs and snails.

My apples are much smaller this year and many have fallen already. So chutney making days ahead. Always plenty to keep us busy.

Chris Pittock, Girton Garden Society

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October is the start of the Local Nature Recovery Plan year, so it's a good chance to look back and celebrate the things we've done since October 2025. We only have room for the highlights here, but if you'd like to find out more then you can contact us at *lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk*. Or you can join us in person for our final event of 2026.

Fungal foray

The foray will be held in Girton College grounds on Saturday 14 November. Arrive at 10.15 for a 10.30 start. We will finish around 12.30. Meet at the entrance opposite Thornton Road.

Review of 2025/6

Sites around the village

Work has continued with the Parish Council on the Wellbrook Way ponds and on containing the brambles to give other wildflowers a chance. Our wildflower walk in June allowed us to see over 50 different species of plant, including some which are unusual in this area.

We've continued to work with Liesbeth and volunteers on the Hibbert Ware Garden and it was great to chat to people there at Open Gardens in June. It's been great to see bees and butterflies enjoying the long grass over the summer.

The Girton Green Team have been keeping Town End Close Nature Reserve in good order, with very welcome help from the Girton and Cambridgeshire scything groups when it came to cutting the grass.

Several village residents have installed swift boxes, with help from the Parish Council and Parish ranger – well done and fingers crossed for more happy swifts next year!

We've also helped other organisations and residents in the village with habitat management, including coppicing the hazel coppice at the allotments and running a gardening club for children at Girton Glebe.

Observing and reporting wildlife

Many local residents have borrowed the trail camera, giving us an insight into what's around the village.

Admiring newts at our event in March

We've had reports of several species including badgers and foxes, bats and hummingbird moths. Our newt watching event in March was very well attended and it was lovely to see children learning to tell the difference between great crested and common newts.

We're sorry that it was too wet for the bat walk; thank you to those who turned up anyway and fingers crossed for next year. We've also continued to use our moth trap regularly with help from two wonderful Duke of Edinburgh volunteers.

Village events

It was great to see people at the wildlife festival in October and at the Feast in July – the Feast was much better attended so we've decided to concentrate on that this year rather than running another festival.

Thank you!

We've welcomed two new members to the steering group this year, so many thanks to everyone who helps make all of this happen. Thanks also to everyone who has volunteered with us this year and to the Parish Council for their financial support and help with larger projects. If you want to get involved, please let us know at *lnrp@girton-pc.gov.uk.*

The LNRP team

GIRTON scoreboard

Girton Bowls Club

The weather was perfect for our end of season internal club competitions which were held recently.

In the club singles, Jackie Knowles won her match to become Ladies' Champion and Nigel Russell won the men's singles. In the triples competition the winners were Heather Bell, Pete Laughlin and Tim Pearce Higgins. In the pairs competition Elaine and Alan Benton beat Deb Foster and Roger Webster and the David Roger's Trophy was won by Margaret McCall, David Bell and Jackie Russell. Congratulations to all those who took part. To round off the afternoon we all enjoyed a glass of bubbly to celebrate our chairman's upcoming big birthday. All trophies will be presented at The Plough on 15 October at our end of season dinner.

In August, Girton was selected to host the Cambridge & District Ladies' and Men's Semi-finals. Haddenham ladies won against Longstanton and in the men's competition Cambs and County beat Isleham and Needingworth won against Milton.

There was a nail biting finish to the semi-final of the Gilbert Cup when Girton played Milton. The format in this competition is one team of 6 players play at home and 6 players play away. At the completion of the match the scores were level at 65 shots each. An extra end was then played at Milton, Girton were holding shot when Milton bowled their last wood which dislodged Girton to take the match by one shot.

In the Business House finals, Girton ladies managed a convincing win against Trumpington 26–8 on a very challenging green at Coton. Unfortunately Girton's mixed pair lost their match by 1 shot.

BH Ladies' Pairs Champions

The Cambridge & District finals held on 12 September mark the end of the outdoor season for this year – another very successful season for Girton. The indoor season follows almost immediately and players will be involved in games from September onwards, throughout the winter months.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the generous sponsors who have supported us throughout this season: Peasgood and Skeates, Redmayne Arnold, Urban Cars, Shaun's Newsagents, Oakington Garden Centre, Arlington Manor MM Wealth, The Plough at Coton and Lyndsey McDermott Hairdressers.

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

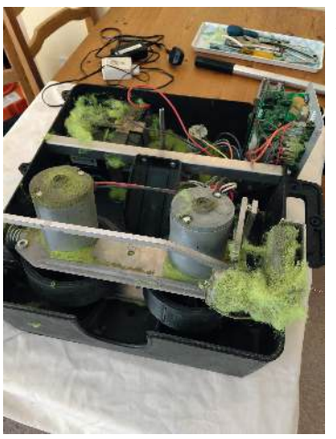
Lynn McGill

Girton Tennis Club

The tennis club purchased a ball machine over 10 years ago and this has helped a number of our members to practice with the balls firing from the machine at various angles and speeds.

The internal lead-acid batteries degraded quite quickly and new batteries were needed every 1 or 2 years. Ideally we wanted to upgrade the machine to use lithium batteries to give us better performance and a much longer battery life. Fortunately we had the necessary expertise on the committee so this upgrade was completed in 2022 and everything ran well until this summer.

When it failed to work again we suspected that new batteries might be needed but, having stripped it down and cleared out a huge amount of ball fluff, the actual fault was a burnt out connection that was simply repaired. The ball machine is back in use and will hopefully run for many more years. A preventative clean and service every few years is being considered. For those who wonder why the balls used in the machine lose their yellow covering, here is a photo of the inside!



Ball machine

Our Junior supervised sessions on Friday evenings were quiet 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 16 October so do come along if you are one of our younger members. 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.*

New cricket pitch progress

Work continues on Girton's new cricket pitch, which is progressing through its establishment phase under specialist management.

Cricket Pitch in progress

This forms part of a wider commitment to ensuring the new full-size cricket facility is both safe and enjoyable for players, spectators and neighbouring users.

The new square continues to develop well and is expected to become Girton's primary cricket venue from the 2028 season.

Seeded Cricket Pitch

This investment is not simply for current players; it creates a long-term community asset that can support cricket and wider sporting opportunities in Girton for generations to come.

KeepFit returns to Cotton Hall

After many years of dedicated leadership from Margaret and Valerie, our much-loved KeepFit class sadly came to a close earlier this year. Their commitment, energy, and good humour shaped a weekly gathering that meant far more than exercise alone. It was a place of friendship, routine, and wellbeing for so many.

We are delighted to share that KeepFit has started up again from 10 September, still at Cotton Hall, still on Thursdays, and still at 10.30am. A new chapter begins, and we warmly welcome both returning members and anyone who would like to join us for the first time.

The cost of the class is £5 per session, paid in advance for the term. However, we encourage newcomers to come along for a free taster session to see how they enjoy it.

We look forward to building this new class together. Keeping the spirit of the old group alive while welcoming fresh faces and renewed energy. Come and join us for movement, laughter, and community.

Suzie Filmer

Girton
TownCharity

Almshouses give a helping hand to families

Girton Town Charity has 27 almshouses within the Village, split between homes for families and those for active retirees over 55 who are living independently. Currently a three bedroom family property at Suffolk Terrace on the High Street is available for a short term appointment and applications are invited from families with a Girton connection who could benefit from the opportunity. So who can live in an almshouse and how does it differ from other rented housing?

Almshouses are the oldest form of social housing in this country, providing accommodation to those in need. According to the Almshouse Association, over 36,000 people live in almshouses in the UK today.

GTC's family homes are at Centenary Court in Wellbrook Way and Suffolk Terrace on High Street. Whenever an almshouse becomes available, it is advertised locally for families to apply. The process includes an interview and successful applicants have to fulfil a wide range of criteria, with an in-depth assessment of personal and financial circumstances.

How it works

Almshouses are subject to different legal arrangements from private, council or housing association tenancies. At the outset, all residents sign a Letter of Appointment which clearly states the terms and conditions of residency.

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

A family usually has a three year licence, with the exact details stated in their initial Letter of Appointment. Residents receive a reminder notice several months ahead of the end of the residency outlining the next steps they must take to look for alternative housing. Support and assistance may be provided to enable appointees to look at options available which can include buying own home, Shared Equity, Housing Association and private rental.

Family homes

Almshouses for families include seven traditionally-built homes at Centenary Court, Wellbrook Way, comprising two-bedroom and three-bedroom properties one of which can be specially adapted for a family with a wheelchair user.

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In addition at Suffolk Terrace on High Street there are three cottages, two with three bedrooms and one with two bedrooms, named Parsley, Pond and Searle after the original Trustees of the WI who previously shared ownership of the site.

All three are built with high levels of insulation and energy-efficient heating systems and controls to exceed the current minimum Building Regulations performance requirements. Solar hot water and heat recovery ventilation systems are also included to maximise energy-efficiency.

Opportunity to benefit

Ann Bonnett, GTC Chair says: "From residents' feedback we know how much families appreciate the chance to live in one of our almshouses so that they can save for their own homes. Not only do the properties provide contemporary accommodation at the heart of our community, they also offer energy efficient features which help to keep running costs low. We look forward to receiving applications for our vacant almshouse at Suffolk Terrace so that another family can benefit."

For an application form please contact the GTC office **22 High Street, Girton, CB3 0PU**

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More information on almshouses is available on theGTC website.

Request an application form from the GTC Office, complete and return to:

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6.30 - 7.15am	AJR Fitness (Bootcamp)
9.15 - 10.15am	Yoga with Julia Dale
10.00 - 11-00am	Strength & Balance
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7.30 - 10.30pm	Easton Swing

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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

6.30 - 7.15am	AJR Fitness (Bootcamp)
9.15 - 10.15am	Pilates with Wendy Jane intermediate
10.20 - 11.20am	Pilates with Wendy Jane beginners
4.00 - 7.00pm	Inspired Martial Arts **NEW**
7.15 - 8.00pm	Ballroom Dance Class
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Saturday

9.00 - 10.00am	Bounce
10.30am - 1.00pm	Cambridge Jazz Co-op
2.00 - 4.00pm	Plant Heritage (3rd in month)

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9.00 - 11.00am	Football Fun Factory (18mths - 5yrs)
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Answers on page 27.

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WORDSEARCH

Warming Winter puds to look forward to !

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.

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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

Girton WI

At our September meeting, held as usual at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month, we welcomed Jerry Porter, who is a community volunteer for MAGPAS, which stands for Mid Anglia GP Accident Service. He told us the history of MAGPAS and about all the wonderful work that all the staff do.

This was founded by Dr Silverman and Dr Cracknell in 1971, who were two local GPs in our area. They realised that too many patients were dying unnecessarily at the scene of road traffic collisions, so they decided to treat at the scene, and used their own cars to get there quickly. Their aim was to save lives and limit disability at the scene

From 1997, the police helicopter was first used to transport patients to hospital. MAGPAS acquired their own helicopter in 2012, which is white and orange. In 2025 there were 2,000 incidents which averages 5-6 per day. These calls included cardiac arrest, road traffic collisions and accidental injuries.

MAGPAS now has a purpose-built headquarters at Alconbury Weald. It is a charity and is totally funded by donations.

We all felt very lucky that we have this in our area – hopefully none of us will ever have to use it. After thanking Jerry for his very interesting talk, we ended the meeting with hot drinks and delicious cake!
Our meetings are held in the William Collyn Hall. If you fancy coming along you will receive a very warm welcome.

Future meetings:

7 October – Introduction to British Sign Language

4 November – Christmas Craft Evening

Louise Welham

Early Birds WI

Our meeting on 11 September featured a talk by David Taylor on "Women's Roles in Aviation". The first woman to fly in this country was Hilda Hewlett in 1911. Hilda not only could fly, but she had special skills in engineering, woodwork , metal work and needlework, all of which helped in the maintenance of the aircraft of her era.

We learnt that Humphrey Roe of AV Roe and Company was a shareholder in AVRO, who designed the Lancaster Bomber. He was married to Marie Stokes, a campaigner in ladies health and welfare. Through the Second World War, the Air Transport Auxiliary was set up, designed to ferry planes from the factories to various RAF stations throughout the country.

The pilots were made up of both men and women, one of whom was Amy Johnson. They started on single engines progressing to twin engines and then to four engine aircraft like the Lancaster bomber. Twelve women qualified to fly these four engine bombers. The journey of this talk ended up with the only British woman, Barbara Harmer, to fly Concorde.

Early Birds meet every second Friday in the month at 10.30am in the Federation office between Girton and Oakington.

Gillian Taylor

Do you know your apps from your elbow?

With digital technology moving forward so quickly it is getting harder to carry out familiar tasks without the use of apps (applications) on our i-phones or smart phones, PC's or tablets. Parking a car or buying a ticket for the train often needs use of an app; on-line banking is becoming more essential as some bank branches close. Naturally we are also becoming more concerned about being scammed, especially when we don't fully understand which buttons to press or links to follow. It is also difficult to know which apps have permission to access other programs on our computer. The end result is we can become fearful of using technology which is intended, in fact, to make some aspects of our lives easier. This is where the volunteers at Club 55 Computer Club can help.

We operate at Abbeyfield restaurant every Monday except Bank Holidays, from 10.00 until 12.00. There are, generally, four of us to help but please be aware that, as volunteers, we sometimes have other family demands which might mean the team can reduce from one week to another, particularly around holiday periods. We do try to see everyone who needs immediate help. We are not experts but are users of technology and have probably battled through some of the issues you have queries with. We would always welcome more volunteers, so if you are able to offer time please drop in and see how you can help.

The other value of coming to the session is that you get to meet others who live locally, male and female, in the welcoming ambience at Abbeyfield. Trudy makes a lovely coffee or tea that is really well priced and it helps sets the scene for a good chat.
By the time you are reading this the Club 55 film *Mother's Pride* will have been shown and hopefully enjoyed by many.

The Club 55 Meal at Abbeyfield on 22 October is now full so if you haven't already booked and heard back from me but wish to be on a reserve list feel free to contact me. Sometimes places become available at the last minute. The last date for cancelling if you have already booked is 13 October.

Meal service will start at 12.00 so you are encouraged to come a little before that to pick up your name card which will have your menu choice on it as a reminder. Payment of £6.50 is made directly to Abbeyfield by **card payment** only.

A future date for your diary, is **Tuesday December 15** again at Abbeyfield Restaurant, but this time for a 'tea/coffee and cakes' afternoon with live music. Cash Edwards is a very personable singer and guitarist with a range of songs in differing genres from 50's, 60's and 70's and some interesting banter, so we could be transported back to our youthful days, although I doubt any of us will be doing the jitterbug! It should be a lovely welcome into the spirit of the season.

Cash will start his performance at 3.30 until 4.30 so arrival time can be before that in order to collect refreshments. More information will be in the November edition of the Girton Parish News (GPN).

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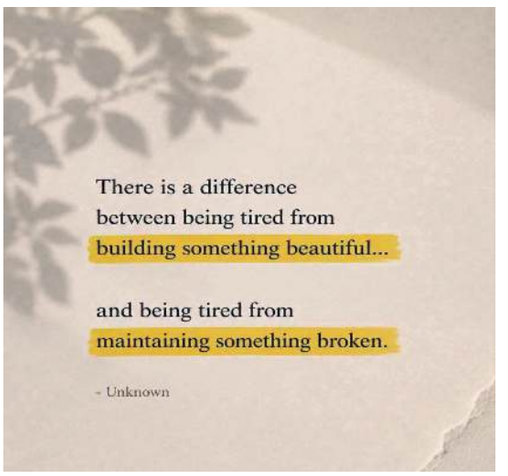
Listening Lantern

What sort of tired are you?

'There is a difference between being tired from building something beautiful and being tired from maintaining something broken'.



This quote has resulted in some interaction on a recent Listening Lantern social media post and in conversation with individuals who have raised it with me personally.

Physical tiredness is often what we feel immediately and obviously; there are times in our lives when the physical demands on us from our work, our commitments, our family, our household running etc are particularly high. If we can recognise this is building something positive then it can help us see the value in doing so.

However, when we sit back and reflect that our tiredness is constantly stemming from repair, usually temporarily, then we can feel it emotionally which is an entirely different sort of tiredness.

There are no simple solutions to overcoming tiredness particularly when we are emotionally tired. Maybe, though, it would be an idea to try to counterbalance at least some of the energy spent by doing small actions which refuel us. This week I shall be refuelling by meeting up with my book club, aiming towards 10k steps each day, doing some purposeful deep breaths, baking, having some early nights and tidying the garden. How will you be refuelling?

Signposting

Sleep hygiene tips can be found in both text and short videos at *www.nhs.uk* from the physical environment in which you sleep to the food and drink you consume; from the role activity can play in supporting sleep to 'beditation' (surely that last one is worth looking into!).

Training

The Mental Health First Aid England website and platform has just been redesigned and relaunched – I can't begin to tell you how much stress a whole new way of doing things for me as an instructor has added to my current cognitive load! But amidst the chaos was an opportunity to put front and foremost some testimonials on my profile – so at least half an hour was spent enjoying reading the most lovely comments and positive feedback.

My next open Listening Lantern MHFA course is running in November 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. She is experienced in delivering the full suite of MHFA and SFA courses and committed to supporting mental health within her local community.

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Puzzle solution (see page 23)

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Heart gifts

Last year we noted that Autumn had come early, and this year, the pattern and shift in seasonal timing has repeated itself. We are having to accept that the regularity we take for granted is changing. Like so many aspects of life nowadays, there is a sense of unpredictability.

Many years ago now, at a bewildering and particularly low point in life, a young couple, scarcely known to me, sent a book by post. Its theme was about praising God in all circumstances. Really? It seemed an insensitive gift in the face of a heartbreaking situation with emotions falling over a cliff edge.

Later, however, I came to understand that as we worship our Heavenly Father, our praise is not just in tribute to whatever he in mercy and love has done for us, but it also expresses a deep realization of who he is, The Great I Am, the unchanging one, the mighty God in whom we trust. In the hymn 'Great is Thy Faithfulness', we sing "Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou has been, Thou forever will be."

He is worthy of all praise. The many gifts, blessings, and answers to prayer that we receive with relief and gratitude are expressions of the abundance of this love and care. They are God's heart gifts. Through them we may discover that behind the scenes that brought despair, God was still working to redeem, renew or to lead to a different pathway.

At a subsequent time of turmoil and bewildering anxiety, a friend sent the YouTube link to a song that speaks of the profound reassurance that we can, by faith, experience the knowledge that God's unfailing love and wisdom can carry us through troubling times.

The song is called, 'You're Still God', by Jonny Bird, Matt Armstrong, Philippa Hanna and Tony Wood. In such situations the heart asks "Why me? What could I have done to deserve this, or how could I have avoided this outcome?"

It is often with hindsight that we find that God has steadily walked with us through a daunting or perhaps life changing situation.

"When all foundations have been shaken

When I'm left standing in the dark

And all I feel is my heart breaking

You still reign and You're still God.

Though I can't see what's before me

I know that I can trust Your heart

And this one truth will be my story

You still reign and You're still God."

When the Israelites faced utter disaster, trapped between the Red Sea and the hordes of enemy chariots, they had to trust the heart of God for a miracle. It came. A pathway of dry ground opened up for them to escape to safety. Moses, their leader, sang a song of worship and praise. Exodus ch.15.

"He is my God, and I will praise Him,

my father's God and I will exalt Him.

Who is like You - majestic in holiness,

awesome in glory, working wonders."

It has been said that God is enthroned on the praises of His people. So with heart and soul we sing,

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,"
(Thomas Keen)

Iris Niven.

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Sunday Services: October

4 Oct **10am** – Holy Communion (+ activities for children)
7pm – Contemplative/Reflective Service
11 Oct **8am** – Holy Communion (BCP)
10am – All-Age Communion
6pm – Choral Evensong (BCP)
18 Oct **10am** – Holy Communion (+ activities for children)
6pm – Evening Prayer (BCP)
25 Oct **8am** – Holy Communion (BCP)
10am – Morning Prayer
1 Nov **10am** – Holy Communion (+ activities for children)
6pm – In Memory

Regular weekday Services: October

Tues **9am** Morning Prayer (said)
Weds **9am** Morning Prayer (said) (Online)
Thurs **9am** Morning Prayer (said) (Online)

Other Services

14 Oct **2:00pm** – Abbeyfield, Ecumenical Holy Communion
20 Oct **2:45pm** – Arlington Manor, Ecumenical Holy Communion
29 Oct **11:00am** – Gretton Court Holy Communion (BCP)

On 11 October, at 6pm, we will have a Choral Evensong with an augmented choir. Please do join us and support this special service!

We will hold our annual All Souls / In Memory service on 1st November at 6pm. In this service we remember dear ones who have passed away, either recently or longer ago. During the service, we will read out the list of names of those who have gone before. If you wish to have a loved one's name read out, please send an email to *inMemory@girton.church*.

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

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October Services at Girton Baptist Church

4 Morning Service with Communion, at 10.30am
11 Morning Service, at 10.30am
18 Morning Service with Communion, at 10.30am
25 Harvest and 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 Coffee Morning at Girton Baptist Church from 10am?

Tuesday Afternoon Friendship Group: TAF this month is on 6th October at 2:15pm, with a talk by Peter Rootham-Smith "My Travels in Peru." All are welcome.

We warmly invite you to join our Bible study, at present on the book of Revelation. Whether you're curious about the Bible or wish to delve deeper into the Christian faith, please don't hesitate to contact us. We would be delighted to share more information with you.

All are welcome to the services and events that we provide.

For further details about any of the above, including the online Zoom link for the services, please use the details above.

"For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us." Psalm 62:5-8

"The man who fears to be alone will never be anything but lonely, no matter how much he may surround himself with people," writes the Trappist monk Thomas Merton. "But the man who learns, in solitude and recollection, to be at peace with his own loneliness, and to prefer its reality to the illusion of merely natural companionship, comes to know the invisible companionship of God." Solitude isn't emptiness or darkness." Patrick Briscoe

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Thursday	1 October	Blue and Green bins
Thursday	8 October	Black bin
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Thursday	22 October	Black bin
Thursday	29 October	Blue and Green bins

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Thursday 22 October

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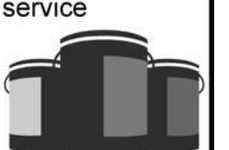
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