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Abington 10k Run Sunday 2 October 2011

Letter from the Editor

The first week in October brought temperatures above 26°C and bright sunny days to lift the spirits. The heat on the day of the 10k and Fun Run may not have been universally welcome. However, there was an excellent turn out for both races and good results for raising funds for the school (page 9). Congratulations to all who took part, and especially to the 10k Run contenders raring to go, as shown in the cover photo, for which I am indebted to John Crawley.

Others have also succeeded in more than meeting their targets for charitable fund raising by organising concerts, coffee and lunch events, a nine-mile run and horse riding. Well done to them all (pages 6, 14) and to many more people gearing up for November events designed to raise money for good causes (pages 4–6, 15).

Dates for your Diary (pages 10–11) show the return of a full programme of activities. The Forget-Me-Not Club, in particular, seems set for a constant round of pleasurable meetings (page 16). Please note that the Christmas shopping trip to Norwich is open to all villagers.

The Parish Councils highlight plans for new housing that need to be watched and there is a consultation on future bus services that should claim our attention (pages 8,13,18).

Like me, you may recently have received phone calls from someone (usually with an Asian voice) claiming to represent Microsoft Maintenance (or Windows) and seeming to know a great deal about your computer. The caller offers problem-solving and maintenance services – at a price. Have nothing to do with this; hang up and refuse to be drawn into discussion or to be persuaded to turn on your computer. The call is a scam designed to have you divulge bank details and thus to pave the way for the caller to take, not only a fee you may have agreed to pay, but also to raid your bank account.

Please remember that British Summer Time ends on 30 October and the clocks go **back one hour** that day. To cheer the shorter days there are Christmas events in plenty, the November ones appearing on several of the following pages (4-6, 15-16).

Valerie Silvey

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From the Vicarage

Archbishop Rowan Williams said,

‘We stand in a very vulnerable place. We stand in the middle of a human world where God's will is not the most automatic thing that people do. Where crisis faces us, where uncertainty is all around about tomorrow and where evil is powerfully at work.’

Many people pray in moments of crisis. Prayer can be a way to help us to find dignity, freedom and purpose in the midst of daily challenges and opportunities. The Archbishop was talking about the Lord's Prayer as a resource in times like this. The first few words, ‘Our Father’ set out a relationship,

‘...we need to know that God is Our Father... and that that glorious God has made us members of his family in a very intimate and direct way. [And that this is] a relationship that nothing can break.’

In a recent letter to the Church at Hildersham, Bishop David suggested, ‘Pray as you can, not as you can't.’ There are many ways into prayer, and some of these will suit our particular personality, experience and circumstance better than others. Sometimes, we learn the benefits of particular ways of praying even though they are not the ones that are natural to our inclination. The person who enjoys silence may find the discipline of the liturgy of Daily Prayer hard work, but also essential to bring order to the day and a sense of communion with others across the world. Those who like words may find silence uncomfortable and yet a necessary space to listen – to what is going on inside them and beyond words. However, if we are only using methods of prayer that do not suit us, we can find that we tie ourselves in knots and feel abandoned. Bishop Stephen, talking about his own education in prayer, described this as ‘taking on the world and falling flat’. We need to learn to pray as we can. Bishop David is coming to lead a Quiet Day on this theme on 12 November at Mill Green House, near Horseheath 10am–4pm. This is an opportunity to explore different ways of praying in order to open ways up for us. Anyone who is interested in prayer can come to the Quiet Day. Please ring me if you would like to join in (891 350); lifts can be arranged.

Appeal for loop system. We need your help to get a microphone and hearing loop system in place at St Mary's, Little Abington. If you have been there when there has been a funeral, wedding or other event and not been able to hear because there is no microphone or loop, then you will identify with the problem. Please consider making a donation to this cause. We need to raise £6500 to do this properly. I will be outside the Village Institute, along with some other members of the church, to collect any donations on Saturday 19 November between 10am and 12pm. This will also be an opportunity for you to let us know your thoughts about what else you would like to see happening in church.

Confirmation Classes. At the last Confirmation Service I went to, the age range was impressive. There were youngsters and octogenarians and lots in between. No one is ever too old for this. We now have two groups of people in these seven churches who are looking for Confirmation in the New Year. One group is for youngsters and will meet on 19 November and the other group is for older people and will meet on 24 November. There is still time for newcomers to join in.

Forthcoming events. There will be a service to remember those who have died, and the blessing of work carried out in memory of Rosamund Patten, at 6.30pm on 3 November at Great Abington Church. The Christmas Fayre at Great Abington is on 26 November and the Christingle service at 3.30pm on 27 November. More details of these can be found in News from the Pews. Please also note that on Thursday 1 December there is a tea and Christmas card sale at Hildersham Village Hall and on 3 December there is a concert by Cambridge Chord Company in Great Abington Church.

Julie Norris

From the Registers

Funeral

The funeral of Michael Barry Croft (Mike) was held on 28 September at St Mary's Church, Great Abington.

We offer our condolences to Gill, Lucy and Dominic.



News from the Pews

Stir-up Sunday – the last Sunday before the season of Advent. To many of us it is when we make our Christmas puddings, with time enough for the distinctive flavours to mature before Christmas Day. Where does the term Stir-up Sunday come from? On the last Sunday before Advent the collect for the day begins 'Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded.'

A Service of Commemoration for the Faithful Departed will be held in Great Abington Church on Thursday 3 November at 6.30pm. If you would like to remember someone please add their name to the lists at the back of the Churches, or contact a Church Warden. This year we are also going to be dedicating the new altar frontals and the repair to the memorial knight, Sir William Halton, both commissioned in memory of Rosamund Patten.

The Rainbow Club will meet at the school on Friday 4 November at 3pm; do join them for fun and games.

PCC Meeting at Mill Green House. There never seems to be enough time to discuss everything at our evening PCC meetings. For this reason members have decided to spend time at Mill Green House on Saturday 5 November to discuss the numerous issues that arise within the church with time for thought and reflection too.

The Remembrance Day Service will be held at 10.45am on Sunday 13 November in St Mary's, Great Abington.

Collection for a Loop System in Little Abington Church will take place on Saturday 19 November outside the Village Institute. Please help us to help people to hear at funerals, weddings, baptisms, services and other events in St Mary's, Little Abington.

Wheels and Squeals will take place on Friday 25 November in the Institute Terrace from 9am. We will be making some puppets and setting something free and enjoying a story. Toddlers can play while their parents can enjoy time to talk together.

The Church Christmas Fayre will take place in the Institute at 2pm on Saturday 26 November. All the usual attractions including a visit from Father Christmas. Your gifts and help would be greatly appreciated. Details will be in your programme.

Collection Candles for the Christingle Service are now available in our churches and the Post Office. The Christingle Service on Sunday 27 November in Little Abington Church will be a little different this year; children are invited to come to the church at 3.30pm to make their Orange Candle for the service, which will begin at 4pm. Our area representative for the Children's Society, Gill Ford, will be the speaker at this service. All are warmly welcome.

The Charity for November is The Earl Haig Fund.

Anne Hall

United Reformed Church Little Abington

Services in November

6 November	10.15am	Mrs Sarah Devereux
13 November	10.15am	Mr Peter Sammons
20 November	2.30pm	Revd Bruce Waldron and HC
27 November	10.15am	Mr Bryan Ellicott

All are welcome.

Hildersham Focus

Church notice boards. We are very proud of the new notice boards in the church porch. They were funded by a generous donation from some prominent parishioners who do not wish to be identified. The boards are handsome, made of rich wood, which has been beautifully inscribed. Although they are situated in the porch, they are not to be used for church notices alone. One poster there presently, for example, gives examples of flowers that can be grown without attracting the depredations of tiresome rabbits. The church is a centre for village activities, and we hope that these lovely boards will be perused by churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike.

This is perhaps a suitable moment to pay tribute to those people in the village who have keys to Holy Trinity and who conscientiously make sure that the church is opened each day and available to visitors. The visitors' book records so many appreciative entries. Our thanks to Raymond and Helen Humphrys, David and Sue Adlam, Tony and Muriel Crampin and Jean Morton; we are very grateful indeed for their continuing commitment.

Concert success. On 15 October we had a concert, 'Saints and Sinners', to raise funds for Holy Trinity, given by the Kings Taverners. We were delighted to see our very own Phil Wise as one of the basses. This was a wonderful evening. There was not only church music and some Latin, but also an eclectic range of songs from as far away as the Deep South of America to upstate New York, and ranging from Cole Porter to *My Fair Lady*. The concert even finished with 'The Teddy Bears' Picnic'. There were some lovely solos and readings, which were so well presented that it seemed we might have had Joyce Grenfell and Stanley Holloway themselves with us. Delicious wine and refreshments were available and we now just hope that the Kings Taverners can be persuaded to come back next year to give us another treat. If they do, make sure that you don't miss it.

Harvest Festival. This year marked another big break from tradition – instead of the village lunch and auction of fruit and vegetables after the Harvest Festival, villagers were asked to bring food for the Food Bank, which helps people in financial difficulty. Certainly spaghetti and tins of peaches do not grow on trees to be plucked in October, but in the current economic climate this seems a more effective way of fulfilling the purpose of the Festival – to give thanks for our own nourishment and to provide help for those who may need it. The village responded generously and the Food Bank was extremely grateful for our contributions.

Dates: Two dates for the November diary: on Thursday 3 November 'It's Teatime' in the village hall from 3pm to 4.30pm, with crumpets and teacakes to keep out the approaching winter chill.

There is still time to book individual places or a complete table at the village Quiz and Crêpes evening on Friday 11 November. The Village Hall doors open at 7.30pm and this is always excellent fun with a little healthy competition to add spice to the proceedings. Pancakes will be served to feed the brain and there will be a licensed bar and raffle. For tickets at £6 please contact Jean Morton on 894 739 or email jeanmorton22@gmail.com.

Correction: Please note that the Hildersham Christmas will be on Thursday 15 December, and not on 8 December as previously reported.

Hildersham Parish Council

Report of meeting held on Tuesday 27 September 2011.

Allotments. The Parish Council decided to increase the annual allotment rental on a 12.8 rod plot to £20 a year. This increase would apply pro-rata to the other plot sizes. Several people have taken on allotment plots over the last couple of months.

Trees. The Council hopes to use a digger to clear the nettles and rabbit burrows along areas of the allotment hedge that needed replanting. Saplings and tree guards will be purchased in the next few weeks to form the new hedge. Volunteers will be required to help plant the hedging during the autumn.

Carol Sinclair, the Parish Tree Warden, will identify a suitable location on the Recreation Ground to plant an oak tree to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Play area. The Council will purchase a new picnic bench for the play area, as the existing one is in a poor state of repair. Dan Gresham kindly agreed to assemble the new bench.

Fair Trade. The Council was asked whether it would pass a motion to become a fair-trade Parish Council. This would entail using fair-trade products whenever they were available. The Council decided against this proposal, as it was felt that the purchase of such products should be a matter of individual choice.

Telephone. Mr Moore has offered to relocate the kiosk away from his new bungalow onto a piece of land he owns near the Beech Row notice board, and behind the line of the existing fence. Mr Moore's proposal would position the post box and telegraph post in the same location. Councillors wished to have more information about this, including the terms of the offer, before reaching a decision. It was agreed that no decision would be taken about renovating the kiosk until its location had been agreed.

Hildersham Village Hall Trust

The Trust asked the Council to fund half the cost of a new gate into the Recreation Ground, which the Council agreed to do. The gate is likely to cost £180.00, including VAT.

Hildersham Parish Council Meetings

Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham

Next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 22 November 2011 at 7.30pm

Keith Day (Chairman) tel: 891 527

Paula Harper (Clerk) tel: 892 000 email: harper802@btinternet.com

Mobile Library

Tuesday 15 November, times as follows.

Little Abington West Field	10.00–10.30am
Great Abington North Road	10.40–11.10am
Magna Close	11.20am–12.10pm
The Shop	12.15–12.35pm
Hildersham Church Green	12.45–1.00pm

Great Abington Parish Council

Planning applications:

S/1822/11 – 10 Chalky Road – Two storey extension with basement – recommended approval.

S/1891/11 and S/1892/11 – Abington Lodge, 63 High Street – Extension to existing outbuilding and erection of new single storey on existing hard standing – recommended approval.

Register of Listed Sites for Housing Availability

As many of you will know the government has called for land owners to propose sites they would be willing to sell for the purpose of building new houses. In Great Abington two sites have been suggested. The first is to the east of Great Abington and includes '284 dwellings, with public open space and a local centre accommodating community facilities such as a doctor's surgery and shops'. The second is in the Pampisford Road/High Street area with a proposal for 'approximately 100 dwellings with potential for other uses'. The developments proposed for Little Abington and Linton are even larger. However, South Cambridgeshire District Council has received far more sites than it needs and so these proposals are by no means certain or even probable at this stage. There will be a three-year enquiry to identify the best sites for housing in our area, with opportunities for residents and Parish Councils to give their opinions.

Development of Facilities on the Recreation Ground

Following the recent questionnaire, the committee has received several suggestions for new and improved uses of the Recreation Ground. Thank you for all your suggestions. Obviously any changes have to be paid for and money is limited. Finance comes from the recreation ground funds, which are taken from the Parish Councils; from charitable donations, such as English Sport; or are financed by individual clubs, with the Recreation Ground Committee agreeing to pay for maintenance. The next step in getting your chosen improvement is to contact the Recreation Ground Committee with a rough plan of what you would like, and also let us know of other members of the village who would use the same facilities. This can be done either in writing or even better, by attending a meeting of the committee. Sally Smith (891 384) can let you have details of the meeting dates. We would especially like to know how much interest there is in having the multi-sport area marked out as a netball court. The installation of outdoor gym equipment and a cricket square for the village third team is also being considered.

Village Maintenance

The fencing next to the bridge is being repaired soon as this is now in very poor condition.

Parking on Pavements and Grass Verges

Please do not park on pavements when this means that there not enough room for baby buggies and mobility vehicles to pass. This is a criminal offence for which the police can give fixed penalty fines.

Also, now that the wintry weather is approaching, parking on grass verges will soon reduce the area to thick mud. In Abington it is nearly always possible to find somewhere to park at the kerbside that does not cause a problem for other people.

30 mph Stickers for Refuse bins

Thank you to everyone who is displaying these. Unfortunately, the stickers purchased by the Parish Council turned out not to be quite as good as the earlier ones we had seen, but hopefully they will be equally effective in reminding motorists of the speed limit. Please continue to display them.

Great Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Village Institute

Planning Committee: Alternate Mondays (as required), 6.30pm in the Institute.

See notice board for dates or contact the Parish Clerk.

Next Parish Council meeting: Monday 21 November – 7.15pm, time for parishioners to raise matters of concern, followed by the Council meeting at 7.30pm.

Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel: 892 647

Agenda and minutes posted on noticeboard or available from the Parish Clerk

Sally Smith: news (891 384); Paula Harper (Clerk): harper802@btinternet.com (892 000)

Great Abington Primary School 10k Race & Fun Run 2011

The sun shone unseasonably brightly on the 300 runners who took part in the racing at Granta Park on Sunday 2 October. A great energetic morning was had by all as nearly £2000 was raised for school funds and over £260 for the Pre-school from the delicious cake and smoothie stall.

The winners were:

10k Men 1st John Oakes, 34:19, 2nd Vincent Coogan, 3rd Graeme Kennedy

Abington & Hildersham Championship Graham Moore, 37:56

10k Women 1st Nicki Davis, 40:15, 2nd Jalandie Delassandro, 3rd Diane Potter

Abington & Hildersham Championship Joan Nevin, 1:03:56

Fun Run

Boys 1st William Holmes, 9:31, 2nd Rory Pitts, 3rd Peter Cooke

Girls 1st Rose Cahill, 10:55, 2nd Isabella Roddum, 3rd Rebecca Barnes

Despite being led round a slightly shorter course by mistake, for which the majority of athletes were seemingly grateful, the 10k race gains more popularity every year with runners coming from clubs all over the area as well as local business people and of course parents and friends of the school. The fund-raising for the Abington School land fund is nearing completion so congratulations to all of you who continue to help. The land preparation will be under way very shortly, so volunteers with landscaping prowess are being sought. Contact <http://www.greatabingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/pta.asp>

Dates for your Diary

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Tue	1	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Keep Fit Lynda's yoga – Hildersham Village Hall Line Dancing	9.30am 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.15pm	12 12 12 12
Wed	2	Yoga - course and drop in Forget-Me-Not Club visit to Bury Lane Market Dynamic Dance class Yoga - course and drop in	10.00am 3.15pm 7.00pm	12 16 12 12
Thu	3	Abington Walking Group Karate4Kids 'It's Tea time' Hildersham Village Hall Italian class – 74 High Street, Great Abington	10.00am 5.15pm 3.00pm 7.00pm	17 12 6 12
Fri	4	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-School Building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Children's Rainbow Club – Abington School	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am 3.00pm	12 12 12 5
Sat	5	Scrapbooking Group	10.00am	12
Mon	7	Keep Fit for the Over-60s French Conversation Abington Gardening Club	9.30am 1.30pm 7.30pm	12 17
Tue	8	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club – Abington School lunch Keep Fit Lynda's yoga – Hildersham Village Hall Reading Group – 3 Church Lane, Little Abington Line Dancing	9.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm 8.15pm	16 12 12 17 12
Wed	9	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance class Yoga - course and drop in	10.00am 3.15pm 7.00pm	12 12 12
Thu	10	Karate4Kids Italian class – 74 High Street, Great Abington	5.15pm 7.00pm	12 12
Fri	11	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-School Building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Quiz & Crêpes Night – Hildersham Village Hall	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am 7.30pm	12 12 12 6
Mon	14	Keep Fit for the Over-60s French Conversation Abington and Hildersham WI	9.30am 1.30pm 7.30pm	12 16
Tue	15	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Keep Fit Lynda's yoga – Hildersham Village Hall Line Dancing	9.30am 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.15pm	16 12 12 12
Wed	16	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance class Yoga – course and drop in	10.00am 3.15pm 7.00pm	12 12 12
Thu	17	Autumn Shopping Event – Abington School	3.00pm	15

		Karate4Kids	5.15pm	12
		Italian – 74 High Street, Great Abington	7.00pm	12
Fri	18	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-School Building	9.30am	12
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	12
		Pilates	10.45am	12
		Naturewatch Great Fen Project	7.30pm	17
Sat	19	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
		Collection for Loop system for little Abington	10.00am	4,5
Mon	21	Keep Fit for the Over-60s	9.30am	
		French Conversation	1.30pm	12
		Mothers' Union – Furze Hill House, Hildersham	10.30am	15
		Great Abington Parish Council	7.15pm	9
Tue	22	Art Group	9.30am	
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	
		Scrabble	7.00am	
		Lynda's yoga – Hildersham Village Hall	7.30pm	12
		Hildersham Parish Council – Hildersham Church	7.30pm	7
		Line Dancing	8.15pm	12
Wed	23	Yoga – course and drop in	10.00am	12
		Dynamic Dance class	3.15pm	12
		Yoga - course and drop in	7.00pm	12
Thu	24	Abington Lunch Club	12.45pm	16
		Karate4Kids	5.15pm	12
		Italian – 74 High Street, Great Abington	7.00pm	12
Fri	25	Wheels and Squeals – Institute Terrace	9.00am	5
		Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-School Building	9.30am	12
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	12
		Pilates	10.45am	12
Sat	26	Rivercare litter pick up – River bridge/Ford	9.30am	
		Church Christmas Fayre	2.00pm	5,15
Mon	28	Keep Fit for the Over-60s	9.30am	
		French Conversation	1.30pm	12
		Little Abington Parish Council	7.15pm	13
Tue	29	Art Group	9.30am	
		Forget-Me-Not Club	2.00p	16
		Line Dancing	8.15pm	12
Wed	30	Village coach trip to Norwich		16
		Yoga course and drop in	10.00am	12
		Dynamic Dance class	3.15pm	12
		Yoga course and drop in	7.00pm	12

For details of contacts please see inside back cover or articles where indicated.

Abington Institute Administrator:

Jennifer Hirsh (tel. 893 352 or email jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk)

Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

Opening times in November:

Tuesday afternoons 2.30pm to 4.30pm (1, 15, 29)

Thursday lunchtimes 11.30am to 1.30pm (3, 10, 17), Lunch Club 24th

Friday mornings 8.45am to 11.15am (every Friday)

Saturday mornings 10am to 12 noon (every Saturday)

Wheelie bin dates for November 2011

Mon 7 Green/Blue	Mon 14 Black	Mon 21 Green/Blue	Mon 28 Black
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Dynamic Dance Theatre School – Wednesdays from 3.15pm

Ballet and modern dance lessons for children from 4 years old at Abington Institute. Contact Esme on 07719 816 548 or esmewatts@hotmail.com for details.

Yoga - Wednesdays 10am and 7pm at Abington Institute

Contact Joan 890 629 or email joanyoga@yahoo.co.uk

Lynda's Yoga – Tuesdays 7.30–9.30pm at Hildersham Village Hall

Lynda's friendly Yoga Class in Hildersham is for all abilities. For further details please contact Lynda on 891 525) www.lynda.saltmarsh@tiscali.co.uk or www.lyndayoga.co.uk

Karate4Kids – Beginners' course for children, Thursdays at 5.15pm

Contact Bradley Prince 07511 348 360.

Low Impact Aerobics – Fridays 9.30-10.30am at Abington Institute

Aerobics, toning, strengthening and stretching suitable for the over-50s. Exercises to raise your heart rate and tone your body, fun and friendly. Please book for 6 weeks.

Pilates – Fridays 10.45am at Abington Institute

Pilates exercises will help to alleviate back pain, increase core strength and mobility. All exercises are based on your mat. Please book for 6 weeks. For Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates contact Disa Bennett on 729 604 or disa_bennett@hotmail.com

Abington Pre-School Baby and Toddler Group

This baby and toddler group for 0–3 year olds will be held every Friday during term-time from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Pre-School building. Come along for play, chat and refreshments. There is no need to pre-book. For more details contact Louise on 890 237 or email at louise1108@hotmail.com

Line Dancing – Tuesdays 8.15 to 9.45pm at Abington Institute

Easier beginner dances at the beginning of session. It's still not too late to give it a try.

Viki Brunning (891 960), viki@brunning.org.uk

French Conversation Group – Mondays at 1.30pm at Abington Institute

For details see page 17 of September's *News* or contact Rachel Haining (892 004) or Judy Davies (890 286).

Italian Group – Thursdays at 7pm at 74 High Street, Great Abington

See September's *News* for details or contact Rachel Haining (892 004).

Poppy Appeal 2011

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the appeal. The house-to-house collection runs until Sunday 13 November. New collectors are always welcome.

Kay Harman (891 730), Poppy Appeal Organiser

Early December events - watch out for notices

Thursday 1 December – Tea and Christmas card sale in Hildersham Village Hall.

Saturday 3 December – Cambridge Chord Concert in Great Abington Church.

Little Abington Parish Council

A Quality Parish Council

Around the village

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

South Cambridgeshire District Council asked for suggestions of possible sites for housing development and had a good response. This might help to solve the shortage revealed by our recent housing survey. However, there were many more sites than needed, so there is no immediate likelihood of any big development here. It should be noted that they did report offers of four very large sites around the Abingtons, including Hanley Grange. They will be assessed and a shortlist drawn up for public consultation next summer. For more details, please see: <http://www.scambs.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/DistrictPlanning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/SHLAA.htm>



Recreation Ground. Now that the football season is here, it is particularly important to prevent dogs fouling the field. A match had to be stopped last week to remove dog excrement. Bins are provided and most dog owners are responsible and clear up any mishaps; they often tidy away litter as well. A few do not and give people good reason to ask for a ban on dogs. We will have to consider this if the mess continues.

Sustainable Energy Partnership (SPEP) .This is a network of local voluntary groups in South Cambridgeshire, working to reduce energy bills, tackle climate change and build a more sustainable future in their villages. There are already some successful projects in South Cambridgeshire and we are looking into the possibility of setting up a local scheme.

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting on 14 October

This was a planning meeting to discuss the Scout camp site application only

S/0893/11: New scout HQ, toilet block, extension to training building. Demolition of existing buildings, erection of three detached bungalows with covered car parking.

This was an amendment to previous plans, which we had recommended for rejection. It is now better; a hedge makes the new buildings less visible from the footpath. However, it means less parking, which might cause more conflict with residents of the new bungalows and users of the Church Close garages. It was unanimously agreed that we should once again recommend rejection and, in addition, that we should attend the District Council Planning Committee meeting to explain the views of local residents to District Councillors.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next Meeting: Monday 28 November at 7.15pm

Public participation: Come and have your say – 15 minutes, early in meeting

Peter Brunning (Chairman) tel: 891 960

Email: pc@brunning.org.uk

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk) tel: 893 332

Email: clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk

Coast To Coast Challenge Ride, Scotland

At the beginning of September I set off from Cambridge to embark on an east to west coast horse ride across Scotland to raise money for World Horse Welfare. We started from Brora on the east coast and crossed the Highlands over six days using old tracks and drovers' paths through some very wild country, finishing at the small resort of Clachtoll on the west coast which is just above Lochinver.

Nine riders set off and seven completed the 120 miles and we all agreed that the word 'challenge' took on a whole new meaning. Unfortunately one lady had a fall on the first day and broke her leg which required the air ambulance to be called out and another had to give up on the second day due to stiffness. The weather was typical Highlands with four seasons in one day but sadly the rain was somewhat relentless. However, we did enjoy ourselves and kept thinking of everyone who had supported us. When I signed up for the ride I committed to raise a minimum of £1500 but through the kindness and generosity of local friends and family I achieved a final total of £1885. A big thank you to everyone. Gaynor Farrant



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the coffee morning held at our home on Wednesday 21 September with all proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Care. We are delighted to report that the fantastic sum of £530 was raised and sent to the charity.

Bronwen and Dave Percival

World Heart Day

I wish to thank everyone who sponsored me for the nine-mile walk in aid of Papworth Hospital Charity. You helped me to raise an amazing total of £750, which rises to a grand total of £903 when the Gift Aid element is added. I am overwhelmed by the support I received, which inspired me to complete the course around Graffham Water in 2 hours 10 minutes.

George Woodley

Jeremiah's Café Extra

More volunteers are required for the **Saturday Morning Café**. If you could join our team for 2 hours/month Kim Lester will be delighted to hear from you (891 642).

Tuesday afternoons (alternate)

Cake, scone, toasted tea cake, toast, bread and butter with jam

Thursday lunchtimes (except 4th Thursday)

Homemade soup, omelette, toasties (cheese, bacon, ham), bacon/egg sandwich plus

Tuesday menu

Friday mornings (special knitters and natterers café)

Tuesday menu plus bacon/egg roll

Saturday mornings

Just about everything above except omelette and soup.

Autumn Shopping Event 3–7.30pm, Thursday 17 November

Christmas is on its way and it's time to start thinking about all those presents we need to buy. The Autumn Shopping Event at Great Abington Primary School will bring together a collection of local traders who will be selling a range of beautiful, high quality gifts, crafts and foods at competitive prices. Stalls will include handmade wooden items, toys, jewellery, home accessories, bags, children's gifts, gardening gifts, books, cakes, decorations and much more.

There will be a raffle and refreshments will be available to buy.

Entry is free so come along and avoid the crowds in Cambridge, enjoy some refreshments and find that special something that's not on the High Street.

All proceeds will go to the Great Abington School Land Appeal.

For more information, and if you are interested in having a stall, please contact Tasha Whittaker on 893 680 or Jenny Logan on 891 897.

Mothers' Union Christmas Coffee Morning 21 November

This month we are holding a fund-raising Christmas coffee morning at 10.30am on Monday 21 November at Furze Hill House, Hildersham, by kind permission of Tony and Muriel Crampin.

The money we raise will help our charities that support families in need, both in this country and abroad. In this country we provide short holidays for families who would otherwise not be able to afford one, and we help families with children when they are visiting a parent in prison. We also provide parenting courses (for anyone) and have been actively involved with the national campaign against the commercialisation of childhood. Abroad we provide education, especially for women and girls, and have funded such things as seeds, garden tools, goats and chickens for poor families, as well as giving emergency help in disaster areas. These are provided to people of all faiths and we have a reputation for getting the money to where it is needed – we give it to the women, which prevents the 'loss' that can occur when money is sent overseas. So come and have a cup of coffee with us on 21 November, pick up some useful purchases for Christmas and know that your money really is helping people who need it.

Church Christmas Fayre from 2pm on Saturday 26 November

The Christmas Fayre will be held at the Abington Institute with all the usual stalls, teas and a raffle. And of course there will be a visit from Father Christmas.

This time ladies please donate your unwanted scarves. We would like to sell them on the bric-a-brac stall as an added attraction. If you have no spare scarves why not come along and buy some for yourself or your friends? Contact Janet Stanley (892 110), Shirley Linklater (892 994).

All proceeds will go to the St Mary's Churches, Great and Little Abington.

Christmas Family Fun Night

On Friday 9 December, at Hildersham Village Hall, this event promises a hot supper at 7pm followed by entertainment, music and dancing. More details next month.

Contact Gill (893 596) or Jenny (891 897).

Abington Lunch Club **Thursday 24 November 2011**



**Beef & Vegetable Cobbler, Mashed
potatoes, Seasonal vegetables**



Autumn Fruits Cheese Cake

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 22 November. Don't forget to tell us if you need a special diet. Please remember doors open at **12.45pm**.

Next lunch 26 January 2012

Forget-Me-Not Club

We have a very full programme of interesting activities and events this month.

Tuesday 1 November – Baked potatoes with cheese, our Pumpkin competition weigh-in (don't forget to bring your pumpkins) and an Autumn Quiz.

Wednesday 2 November – A trip to Bury Lane Farm Shop.

Tuesday 8 November – 'School Lunch'. An invitation from Abington Primary School to join them for lunch.

Tuesday 15 November – Cheese and Wine Tasting. Come along and try a selection of different wines, juices and cheeses in preparation for the festive season.

Tuesday 29 November – An interesting talk by renowned local journalist and speaker Christopher South and his wife Janet.

Wednesday 30 November – Christmas Shopping Trip to Norwich, which is open to all villagers.

Our fortnightly Tuesday meetings take place in the Institute starting at 2pm. For further information about joining our lively club and details of any of the above events please contact Anne or Sue.

Anne Hall, Chairman (892 275), Sue Toates (891 555)

Abington and Hildersham WI

Our speaker for Members Night was Lorraine Moth, a clinical nurse specialist in palliative care at Arthur Rank Hospice who told us of her work as a Macmillan nurse. The Macmillan charity pays nurses for their first 3 years then the NHS takes over. Lorraine now works for Arthur Rank Hospice, which was concerned about the lack of out-of-hours care in our area and decided to pay for this service itself. The number of nurses can vary according to the funds they have available. A valuable service for those who wish to be cared for at home rather than in a hospital or hospice.

We then enjoyed a lovely spread provided by members to go with our tea and coffee.

Next meeting – Monday 14 November at 7.30pm at Abington Institute; Speaker Marina Turvill Smith 'A Magistrate – Retired'. New members and visitors welcome.

Hazel Webb

Reading Group

8 November	<i>Room</i> Emma Donaghue	3 Church Lane Little Abington
13 December	<i>Dissolution</i> C J Sansom	96 High Street Great Abington
9 January	<i>The Hare with the Amber Eyes</i> Edmund de Waal	11 Bourn Bridge Road, Little Abington

Please confirm your acceptance for the November meeting to Jane on 891 016.

Diana Wingfield

Naturewatch – Great Fen Project

Friday 18 November at 7.30pm in the Institute

The Abington Naturewatch Group has arranged an illustrated talk on **The Great Fen Project**, given by **Kathryn Carver**, the Project Manager.

This is an outstanding opportunity for everyone with an interest in the natural environment in general, and in landscape, mammals, birds, plants or insects in particular, to be updated on the progress and plans of this project of international as well as national importance. Situated only some 25 miles from our villages, the project is already making good progress in expanding and eventually joining the previous Holme Fen and Woodwalton Fen reserves, restoring large areas of meadow, wetland and woodland. Partners include English Nature, the Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency. In addition to a programme of special events (including activities for families), the Great Fen offers ample parking and an information centre to help anyone planning their own trips for bird-watching, botanizing, bughunting or simply walking in an extensive and interesting natural habitat.

All villagers welcome, donations at door to cover costs, refreshments available. An evening not to be missed.

Pat Daunt (891 485)

Abington Walking Group

Our Thursday 6th and Saturday 22nd October walks were in glorious sunshine but windy conditions. The Thursday walk took a small group of seven around the Withersfield area. The proposed Saturday walk around the Olmstead Green area had to be abandoned due to lack of waymark signs and footpaths that had been ploughed over and not reinstated. So Viki Brunning led a walk which took a group of 11 to Great Chesterford via Hildersham woods and back via Abington Park Farm.



The November walks will be on 3rd and 19th.

For further information contact Robin Harman on 891 730 (harman@onetel.net) or George Woodley on 891 169 (georgewoodley@talktalk.net).

Abington Gardening Club

There are two more meetings before the Christmas break:

7 November Sandra Barker, Yeoman Basketmaker, will talk about 'The Wonderful World of Willows'.

5 December Rodney Tibbs will speak on the subject of 'Patio Gardening'.
All welcome.

Kay Harman, Secretary (891 730)

Linton Health Centre – Next Flu Clinic 5 November

Would you like to be involved in decisions about the services we provide at the Centre? We are setting up a Patient Reference Group which will enable you to give your views and help us set priorities for the future.

You would initially help us to set the questions for a patient survey and then later to discuss the results and plan for the future. We anticipate using e-mail as the main form of contact, but if you don't use e-mail then pen and paper is still in use! We are really keen to have all ages represented, so do please think about how you can be involved. To sign up, please ask for a form at reception or have a look at our website www.linton.gpsurgery.net.

CAMTAD (Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness) is holding a Hearing Help Equipment Demonstration at the Scotsdale Garden Centre, Great Shelford on Thursday 1 December 2011. Drop in 10.30am–1.30 pm. Learn about amplified telephones, TV listeners, alerts and more. Enjoy the benefits of hearing better in time for Christmas. Contact 01223 416 141 or admin@camtadcamb.org.uk for more information. We do not sell equipment.

Future of local transport

At the meeting of Parish Councils I called in Whittlesford Memorial Hall on 13 September we were told that the County is keen to consult people about the future of local transport. We now know that the planned October bus cuts will not take place and the earliest any further changes will happen is April 2012.

The County is still determined to eliminate the nearly £400,000 annual subsidy it pays to bus companies to keep the Citi 7 south of Sawston, the 31 and the 101 on the road. To do this it wants to consolidate routes used for non-emergency medical transport, school transport and others. It is also looking for small-scale operators to take over some of the transport currently provided by larger bus companies. A questionnaire has been compiled to gather your views, which can be found at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/busreview

Paper copies are available by email (bus.tenders@cambridgeshire.gov.uk), by telephone (0345 045 0675) or by post (Cambridgeshire County Council, CC1301, Castle Court, Shire Hall, Cambridge, CB3 0AP) and also from me.

The closing date for responses to the questionnaire is 4pm on Friday 9 December. If you are a bus user then please do complete the questionnaire. You can contact me on 836 527 or at Timothy.Stone@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Linton Music Society Saturday 19 November




Winner of the first prize at the Haverhill Sinfonia Soloist Competition 2010 Richard Uttley plays Haydn, Rachmaninov and Chopin. The concert starts at 7.30pm in Linton Village College. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from Sweet Talk News, 77 High Street Linton (893 480).

Farmers' Market at Linton Village College

Saturday 5 November, 9.30am–12.30pm

Extra stalls will be selling unusual and interesting items for Christmas gifts. We have recently started offering a selection of refreshments and a late breakfast to build up your energy for the day.

Church Services for November 2011

DATE	Gt Abington 	Lt Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
3 November	6:30pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed			
6 November	8.00am Communion 4:00pm Evensong		9.15am Communion	Amos 5.18–24 Matthew 25.1–13
13 November Remembrance Day	10.45am Remembrance Day Service			Zephaniah 1.7,12– 18 Matthew 25.14–30
20 November Christ the King		8.00am Communion 10.45am All Age Praise	9.15am Communion	Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24 Matthew 25.31–46
27 November Advent		3.30pm to start at 4.00pm Christingle	6.00pm Evensong	Isaiah 64.1–9 Mark 13.24–37

Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
6 November	Becky Landshoff	Mrs Snell	Mrs Bate & Andrew
13 November	Carol McCrae	Mrs Snell	REMEMBRANCE
20 November	Carol McCrae	Mrs Marns	Mrs Crampin
27 November	ADVENT	Mrs Miles & Fordham (cleaning only)	ADVENT

Churchwardens

Hildersham	Keith Day	Fourwinds, Linton Road, Hildersham	891527
	Phil Wise	Chime Cottage, Hildersham	892088
Great Abington	Pam van Weede	88 High St, Great Abington	892705
	Janet Stanley	Abington Park Farm, Great Abington	892110
Little Abington	Patrick Daunt	4 Bourn Bridge Road, Little Abington	891485
	Vacancy		