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Naturewatch visit to Paxton Pits
9 July 2016
Letter from the Editor

National events have recently moved with dizzying speed – an unexpected referendum vote for the UK to leave the EU, resignation of the Prime Minister, appointment of a new PM and radical changes in government ministers. The results of the BREXIT vote will play out over the lengthy period of opening, and then conducting, negotiations with the EU.

Resignation of our vicar, Julie Norris, will not be followed by so swift a replacement process and the churchwardens will have to manage the 7 churches in the *interregnum*. Fortunately a new resident of Hildersham, Revd Dr Carrie Pemberton Ford, is willing to help the ministry team and that is most welcome (see page 6). There have been huge developments at the seven churches under Julie’s care in the last seven years. We all owe her sincere thanks for the dedication, hard work and innovation she has brought to the task of Priest-in-Charge and offer her very best wishes for a happy and fulfilling future as she sets out on a new path of research and authorship. We are all invited to Julie’s farewell service which will be at Balsham church at 10am on 14 August. On Saturday 13 August the Vicarage Garden Fête provides us with an opportunity to thank and bid farewell to the Norris family (page 11).

The collection for Christian Aid raised the useful sum of £795 (page 6). Thank you to contributors and collectors.

It is sad to report the death of Mrs Gillian Cotgrove who was a staunch supporter of our churches and a good friend who took part in a wide range of village activities. We offer condolences to her family (page 5).

A tribute is printed on page 12 to Pam van Weede, another resident of Great Abington who threw herself into church and social events to good effect.

We take a look back on page 13 to the Queen’s birthday party in Abington and record grateful thanks to all who organised this splendid occasion. Particular thanks are due to Tasha and Emma who spent months planning this event and brought it to a triumphant conclusion.

The Committee for Abington Housing continues to do sterling work and reports on progress at three sites. Attend the next meeting on 10 August if you can (page 15).

It is good to have a mid season report from Abington Cricket Club that shows how very well the teams are doing. Congratulations to all concerned (page 16).

August and the summer holidays bring a reduced programme of club events in the diary. But there will be a coach trip to Felixstowe, a special Summer Tea at Jeremiah’s Café, an Abington Lunch, outings for the WI, walking and gardening groups, and Desert Island Songs of Praise in Hildersham.

Very best wishes for safe travel and happy holidays.

Valerie Silvey

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Articles for the September edition of *The Abingtons and Hildersham News* should be sent to the Editor by Monday 15 August 2016 at news@theabingtons.org.uk
From the Vicarage

I have really enjoyed being the Priest-in-Charge in these parishes. It has given me an opportunity to work with wise and inspirational ordained and lay colleagues. The Very Revd Keith Johnson and Revd Kath Bishop, and Steven Wheeler are all continuing to lead the worship and take the weddings, funerals and baptisms when I have gone, along with others who have agreed to help such as the Revd Dr Carrie Pemberton who has moved into Hildersham to live. Keith Day will continue to develop the music and worship across the parishes and Rosemary Mead is going to be offering prayerful reflective services in Great and Little Abington along with her meetings on contemplative prayer, her work with families and children and the pastoral visiting. It is good that we now have Teresa Letimier, our Parish Nurse, to offer pastoral care to those in the villages.

I think that there are grounds for optimism for the future in these Parishes. There have been a lot of people who have been involved in bringing about change over the past years who have made the churches vibrant and loving places for people to be part of and this goes on. In each village the churches are places where people can drop in and enjoy tranquillity and a sense of history. There have been teams of people working to make the buildings more accessible to the communities and to try to think of ways to make them places where activities can take place that will enable people to address the spiritual and practical issues of today and tomorrow. During the vacancy, there will continue to be opportunities for people to deepen through prayer and study through regular corporate prayer during the week, the Julian Group and Rosemary’s Contemplative ‘Space to be’ meetings.

It will be good for a new Priest-in-Charge to come into these villages to bring fresh energy to all of this and to help to develop a new vision to take these parishes into the next stage of their development.

On a personal level, I continue to miss many people who have been a part of the life of the churches and villages who have died. They have left a legacy that continues to inspire and encourage us all to invest in church and community life. It has also been a delight to share in the other significant moments in people’s lives such as at weddings and baptism. I feel very privileged to have spent this time with you. Thank you.

Caroline Walshe is going be a significant help during the vacancy by running the Parish administration from her own home. You can contact her and she will point you in the direction of who can help, 7churches.seven@gmail.com

Meanwhile, you are all invited to the Vicarage Garden Party 2.30-4.30pm on Saturday 13 August at the Vicarage in Little Abington. It will be good to spend time with you at this event and to say Thank You to you for all the good times and shared services and events.

Please also come to the United Service at 10am Sunday 14 August at Balsham Church. This will be my farewell. The Choir are going to sing a most beautiful Rutter piece, there will be an activity for children, the Parish Nurse will take part and there will be Holy Communion. All the ministry team will have a part in this.

Revd Dr Julie Norris

Service of Reflection

We all live busy lives and you may feel that you would like to find an oasis of peace for quiet reflection during the Bank Holiday weekend. If so, why not join us at 4pm on Sunday 28 August in Little Abington Church for our first Service of Reflection. In the peaceful surroundings of St Mary’s Church, our time of shared worship will involve a sense of quiet wonder, stillness, music and reflection. Tea and refreshments will follow the service. Enquiries, please ring Rosemary 891 718.
News from the Pews

The word ‘interregnum’ is foremost in our thoughts at the moment, but what does it mean? It means that our vicar, Revd Julie, is leaving and the interregnum is the interval between her departure and the arrival of a new vicar. Waiting for a new vicar does not mean a delay in our progress together as a Church. We are still very much on the move and encouraged to be pulling together and moving forward. These are exciting times for a new vicar to join our 7 Churches. During the interregnum our Church Wardens Tony Collett (893 447) and Graham Ross (891 564) are in charge and can be contacted at any time.

Please do continue to support your Church.

Vicarage Garden Party Saturday 13 August. The annual Vicarage Garden Party is taking place in the Vicarage Garden (see page 11). This is a fun event for every age with stalls for the older and younger generations and games for all ages as well as cream teas and wonderful cakes. Do come and join us. This will be the last one for the Norris family and until a new Priest comes into the Vicarage.

United Service of Farewell for Revd Dr Julie Norris and her family 10am Sunday 14 August at Balsham Church. This united service will include the choir, children’s activities, a word from the Parish Nurse, as well as Holy Communion. There will be refreshments after the service.

Service of Thanksgiving for Gillian Cotgrove, Tuesday 30 August 3pm at Great Abington Church. Gillian was a stalwart of the churches in the Abingtons and Hildersham. She and Canon John Cotgrove (vicar at Linton for many years) contributed in so many ways to the life of the churches and village.

Charity for August – Cambridge Street Pastors. Street Pastors is an interdenominational Church response to the problems of public safety and security during the night-time. As members of local churches, Street Pastors are recruited and trained in a voluntary capacity. Cambridge Street Pastors was launched in March 2009. Each Friday and Saturday night a group of four Street Pastors patrols Cambridge city centre between 10pm and 4am. They provide a range of practical help so that people can get home or to their next destination safely. They listen to concerns and provide pastoral help. We all know a young person who may occasionally enjoy a night in the city. It is comforting to know help is there if they need it.

Your donation would be most gratefully received. Thank you.

Anne Hall (892 275)

Little Abington United Reformed Church

We would welcome you any Sunday for an hour of exploration, friendship and refreshments.

7 August 10.15am Mr J Taylor
14 August 10.15am Mrs Penny Slynn
21 August 2.30pm Revd Bruce Waldron (HC)
28 August 10.15am Mr Mark Hayes

For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.
Revd Dr Carrie Pemberton Ford

Just at the time when we need extra help, Revd Dr Carrie Pemberton Ford has moved into the Parish of Hildersham and is willing to help us out with church services. Carrie is the Director of the Cambridge Centre for Applied Research in Human Trafficking. This is an internationally recognized research network diving deep on issues of Human Trafficking. Currently Carrie is working on the capacity of the Black African Churches in the UK to build resistance to trafficking of West African Women, children and men, regionally and internationally. This report is due out in the Autumn of this year.

Carrie was ordained priest in the Ely diocese in 1992, and went on to develop a role in policy work at central Government, advising the Chief Constables of Cambridgeshire, Gloucestershire and South Yorkshire on the complex impact of European migration in their regions. She was the first ordained clergymen to be appointed as a Women's National Commissioner - reporting to the Minister for Women where she undertook some scoping research on sport, gender and schools, and chaired the increasing BAME (Black Asian and Minority Ethnic) ‘representation in Public Appointments’ committee. Carrie has been working in the area of migration, gender studies, NGO advocacy and first responder in Human Trafficking work now for over fifteen years.

Carrie says, ‘I am delighted to assist the churches to retain a regular celebration of the liturgy whilst change is under way, and look forward to being a part of the ongoing worshipping and pastoral life of the parishes, as across the benefice they seek the next steps in serving the communities in which they are set.’

Christian Aid Week

A big thank you to all Christian Aid envelope distributors and house-to-house collectors who worked so hard in May and to all villagers who donated generously to support the work of Christian Aid. We raised £795 - more than enough for three Home Safety packages.

Morsheda and her children live a precarious life in Bangladesh. They know that the floods will come again, and soon. But we can lift our neighbours like Morsheda to safety. Just £250 is enough for a Christian Aid Home Safety Package. It could flood-proof Morsheda’s home, raising it seven foot on an earth plinth, keeping her family safe at last. It could also buy a goat, seeds and a wormery to help produce compost, so Morsheda could keep livestock and grow crops on the small patch of land around her home. All of this will give her a long-term income and a solid foundation for a new life.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE (known for their shoe box appeal)

Bring and Buy, WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST, 10.30am to 4pm at 20, West Field, Little Abington

Recently there has been a lot of news about the referendum and the aftermath and formation of a new government. It almost seems the rest of the world has stood still. However, it hasn’t - the war in Syria goes on, fresh water is not available to many in other countries, and Iraq is still very unstable with many displaced people. Samaritan's Purse is involved in all these situations, bringing relief and help from constructing wells for fresh water, to support in refugee camps, to handing out basic necessities to people fleeing war torn areas.

This is an opportunity to share a cup of tea or coffee, see some information about the charity and bring and buy items such as cakes and plants. Items can be dropped off at the above address or brought on the day. You can come and go as you please. Your support will be really appreciated. Any queries please ring Jane Furlow 893 232.
Little Abington Parish Council
A Quality Parish Council

New Parish Councillor Welcome to Mrs Sally Simmons who rejoins the LAPC, having served previously between 2006 and 2009.

Village Environment Following torrential rain it is evident that drains and paths need regular maintenance and as such the landowner of fields around Church Lane has been reminded of the duty of care to prevent the lane flooding. We are very grateful that damage done to the Millennium path has been repaired.

It also reminds all of us of the importance of keeping overhead trees and branches, as well as hedgerows alongside the paths, under control in order for them not to become impassable or add unnecessary risk to pedestrians and road users alike. On rubbish and recycling collection days, please avoid blocking paths.

Roadside verges have become overgrown as a result of the springtime trim having been missed; a quote has been requested to carry out this work.

Noise from Granta Park has been on the rise and in response to a series of complaints the management team will meet with PC Chairmen to discuss.

Highways and traffic As many people will note, the 40mph sign on the A1307 has been resurrected. This is most welcome. There will be a meeting in September to discuss this road at which it is hoped our MP will attend.

Planning Residents driving over pavements to park are reminded that this is illegal. A council application has to be made for dropping a kerb for a driveway, please see http://www4.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/2008/roads_and_pathways/110/dropped_kerbs .

Local development plan: A public consultation meeting was held on 23 June and public objections to the Bancroft Farm development were noted by the LAPC.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings
Abington Institute, High Street
Next Meeting: Monday 12 September 2016 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

Rotary donates £13,275 to Teenage Cancer Trust and other local groups
Local charities and organisations have received £13,275 from Cambridge Sawston Rotary Club following the Sawston Fun Run held on 15 May. The cumulative amount donated to local Cambridgeshire good causes since the event was first held has now reached over £424,000.

On receiving a cheque for £7,000 Helen Bearfield-Swift, Regional Fundraising Manager, East Anglia & East Midlands, said ‘The Sawston Fun Run is one of the jewels in the Cambridge community crown and the local Teenage Cancer Trust team were proud to be a part of it. The donation to our charity will help support the hundreds of young people with cancer treated at our unit at Addenbrooke’s Hospital this year. The work of our Youth Support Coordinator, Amy, helps to make a young person’s time in hospital more bearable during long periods of intense treatment. These vital funds will help Amy with activities to encourage patients to socialise and remain active and connect with others.’

The 2017 event will be held on 14 May.
Further information: Rotarian Tony Collett, PR officer Tel 01223 893447: email: t.collett@talktalk.net
Hildersham Focus

It’s Teatime
There will be no Teatime during August. The next time we meet for tea will be on Tuesday 6 September from 3pm in the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you then.

Hildersham Church Programme Autumn 2016 – dates for your diary
Friday 30 September Hildersham Lecture, Hildersham Church 7.30pm Happy Birthday Addenbrooke’s, 250 years old. Who better to celebrate the birthday of our great local hospital than Keith Day MBE. There will be cake (but not candles!)

Saturday 15 October Kings Taverners Concert ‘Spirit of Delight’ Hildersham Church 7.30pm

Friday 11 November Quiz Night Hildersham Village Hall 7pm

Friday 25 November Hildersham Lecture, Hildersham Church Brian and Ruth Moore 50 Years of the London to Brighton Veteran Car Rally 7.30pm

Desert Island Songs of Praise
Rather than one castaway choosing 8 pieces of music, we are looking for eight castaways, each choosing one hymn for the congregation to sing at the service on 21 August at 4pm in Hildersham Church. This will take the place of Café Church for this month.

If you would like to be a ‘castaway’ please let either Keith Day (891 527) or Cathy Myer (892 848) know by 14 August. There is only room for eight on the life raft so first come, first saved!

Full Circle
In the 1970s Ron Leslie, a young Canadian scientist studying in Cambridge, visited Hildersham Church. He, like so many people at that time, was fascinated by the mediaeval brasses and made rubbings, including one of the knight, which was subsequently stolen.

The rubbings went with him back to Canada, where they were framed and given to a friend. Ron’s friend recently moved house, down-sizing, and sold the rubbings in aid of church funds – to Brenda Martin. Brenda decided to see the original brasses and she and her friend travelled to Britain this summer. They contacted Ron who now works in Cambridge. Together they visited Hildersham Church where Andrew Westwood-Bate gave them a tour of the wall-paintings, stained glass – and of course, the brasses, bringing the story full circle.

Hildersham Parish Council
A Quality Parish Council

Report on the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2016

New Councillor
Mrs Cathy Earl has kindly agreed to join the Parish Council and was co-opted on to the Council at the July meeting; we all look forward to working with her.

Play area
The new stock-proof fencing has been erected around an enlarged play area. After consulting many of the village children, the next piece of play equipment the council is getting prices for is a zip wire.
**Blench Lane barn**
The Parish Councillors are very pleased with the work carried out repairing the old allotment barn, which should now last many decades longer without major work required.

**Parking outside the village hall**
The Council is investigating whether it is feasible to create parking space for 10 or 11 cars outside the village hall, by extending the tarmac to the edge of the ditch. It hopes that this project would make parking in this area less congested and safer, but as yet the cost of the work is unknown and could prove prohibitive.

**Ditch clearing**
A contractor was selected to clear the ditch in front of the village hall and work should start soon. However a more detailed price has been requested for the costs to clear the ditch at the back of the Recreation Ground. Gaining clear access to many parts of this ditch is difficult because the area is very overgrown, which seems to have made pricing the work very difficult.

**Flooding**
Representatives from four local Parish Councils and several local landowners attended the meeting with the officers from the Environment Agency on 25 May. The officers suggested creating a plan for the whole Granta Valley, as they felt that work on several small projects would have a beneficial effect on the instances of flooding. The council is awaiting their suggested course of action.

**The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 13 September from 7.30pm at Hildersham Village Hall, High Street, Hildersham.**

**Linton Village College**
August is a very significant month for secondary schools. The publication of GCSE examination results at the end of the month is an important milestone for students. This is the last year when A*-C grades will be used as a universal attainment measure – next year’s new English and maths GCSEs will be graded from 9 to 1 and other courses will follow suit the next year. Whatever the number, or letter, awarded to qualifications, at LVC we are really keen to encourage students to be ambitious for themselves. I flinch when I hear students saying ‘I only need 3 ‘C’s for my college course’ when they are capable of much more. It is important that students achieve the best that they can.

League table measures are also changing this year to recognise the progress of all learners. Existing headline statistics emphasise the percentage of students achieving five A*-C grades including English and maths without paying attention to students’ starting points. The focus on the C/D borderline has been the cause of low aspiration among some students with unethical practices in some schools targeting support to students who ‘count’ more.

Last year at LVC we opted into the new achievement measure, Progress 8, a year early. We welcome the move to focus on all students and their relative progress across all subjects, rather than the narrow view of a threshold that does not reflect the success of the whole cohort. Although, like many other benchmarks, Progress 8 has its limitations, we appreciate the more holistic view that it takes of all students’ performance across eight subjects.

We look forward to celebrating individuals’ achievements and hard work on 25 August and will be keen to recognise those individuals who have made the most significant progress during their time at LVC, not just those with the highest grades.

Helena Marsh, Principal
### Dates for your Diary

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**Institute bookings:** phone 01223 790 711 or email institute@theabingtons.org.uk

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### Jeremiah’s Café in Abington Village Institute

**Opening times in August 2016**

- Thursday lunchtimes: 11.30am to 1.30pm (4, 11, 18) Lunch 25th
- Friday mornings: 8.45am to 11.00am every Friday
- Saturday mornings: 10am to 12 noon every Saturday

**Contacts for Café** – Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871 or gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com and Gill Smith (892 759) or richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk

**Note** – NO Forget-Me-Not meetings in August.

**Scrapbooking Group** – We meet one Saturday of every month and welcome you to take a look any time and ask questions.

**Yoga** – Wednesdays 9.30am and 7pm at Abington Institute

Contact Joan 890 629 or email joangraham72@gmail.com
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

Low Impact Aerobics – Fridays 9.30-10.30am at Abington Institute
Suitable for 50+ or those returning to exercise. Aerobics, toning and stretching. Exercises to raise your heart rate and tone your body; fun and friendly.

Pilates – Fridays 10.45-11.45am at Abington Institute
Pilates exercises will help to alleviate back pain, increase core strength, improve posture and flexibility. Please book for 5 weeks for Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates. Contact Disa Bennett on 07798 754 029 or www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk

Abington Pre-school Baby and Toddler Group
This group runs during term time from the Annexe building at the bottom of the school playground; open on Fridays from 9.30am to 11.30am, for all children aged 0–3 years old. Come along and play. Refreshments provided for children and adults. Contact Natasha 07725 175 917 or email petrovnatasha@yahoo.co.uk

Baby and Mother Yoga – Sundays 10am at Abington Institute
Fun and relaxing classes to support baby’s natural development combined with postnatal exercises for mums. Jeffi Humphris 07931 790 591.

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**Jeremiah’s Café**
**Special Summer Tea.**
**Tuesday 23 August from 2.30 to 4.30 pm.**
We will be serving a selection of sandwiches, savouries and a variety of delicious cakes using a range of seasonal summer fruits. Pot of tea or coffee or fruit squash.
Cost £4.00. Junior school children £2.50. Please pay at the door.
No need to book. Just come along and enjoy a delicious tea.

**VICARAGE GARDEN FÊTE**
**Saturday 13 August 2.30-4.30pm**
Revd Julie Norris will open her garden for the last time and invites you all to come and spend the afternoon at the Vicarage,
35 Church Lane, Little Abington

Cream teas, cake stall, plants and produce, bric-a-brac and books, fun & games for all the family,
RAFFLE
*Offers of help and donations of items for stalls gratefully received*

AALGA Summer BBQ – a date for your diary
The Allotment Association’s annual site barbecue will be held on Saturday 10 September 2016 from 12 noon to 1.30pm. Allotment holders, villagers and friends are all welcome.
Pam van Weede (1924 – 2016)

Pam van Weede was born in Brighton, moving to London as a child. After school she worked at Coutts Bank where, in addition to her day job, she carried out fire-watching duties during the Blitz. Growing up in London she developed a lifelong love of the theatre and was drawn into the world of amateur dramatics where, in 1947, she met her future husband, Bill. They married in 1949 and in 1970 moved to Little Walden with their two children - Sarah and Adam. Pam joined the local Women’s Institute and became involved in the Saffron Walden Operatic Society, helping with make up. She organised trips to London theatres and places of interest, often taking people from the Abingtons.

Pam and Bill moved to the Old Guild House, Great Abington in 1982 and soon got involved in village life. Bill became church warden and was responsible for installing the public address system in St Mary’s Great Abington after many of the congregation complained that they could not hear!

After Bill died, Pam was persuaded to become a church warden, making a formidable team with Ros Patten and, working well together, the church flourished.

Pam was a wonderful hostess and communicator, loving to chat about wide-ranging topics. In her latter years she enjoyed visitors, even more so after she became incapacitated and unable to get involved in village life, however her mind remained alert. Music, theatre, travel, current affairs were all up for debate with this well-informed interlocutor whose frustration was that failing vision prevented thorough scrutiny of The Times and completion of the crossword, although the headlines were not missed and television helped to fill the gap. Visits to Pam were always a joy, received by her with patent pleasure and visitors left feeling better.

The day before she died in Addenbrooke’s Hospital, she received Holy Communion with members of her family from Julie Norris, a source of great comfort. Despite being so ill, her sense of humour stayed with her until the end. She told the doctors ‘You can only patch an old tyre up so much!’ She is greatly missed.

Summer events with Cambridge Past, Present and Future (CambridgePPF)

There’s a huge amount to choose from: tracking, fire-making, survival skills, pond-dipping and making collages – to name just a few – and the focus is always on creativity, learning and fun. Be sure not to miss out on the Stourbridge Fair either, for an authentic slice of mediaeval life.

**Directions:** Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke’s roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, free to members all year round.

**Stick Fun – Summer Holiday Activity for Accompanied Children aged 5+**
*Tuesday 2 August: 10am to 12pm*

**Animal Tracking – Summer Holiday Activity for Accompanied Children aged 5+**
*Wednesday 3 August: 10am to 12pm*

**Nature Safari – Summer Holiday Activity for Accompanied Children**
*Wednesday 10 August: 10am to 12pm*

**Wild Art – Summer Holiday Activity for Unaccompanied Children**
*Friday 12 August: 10am to 4pm*

**Stourbridge Fair at the Leper Chapel – a free family event**
*Saturday 3 September: 12pm to 4.30pm*

**For more information:** email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit [www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on](http://www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on)
We would like to thank all who were able to come to our village event to celebrate the Queen’s 90th Birthday. Hopefully you will agree we had an amazing day and the sun shone down on us to help provide some great memories to treasure.

Such events need a lot of support and organising and we would like to thank all those who helped make the day a success, especially our Parish Councils for the funding without which the event would not have been possible.

Thanks to our committee, treasurer and everyone who helped in any way, with a special thank you to Hawthorn for setting up and loaning the PA system, Kate Molloy, Little Designs Cambridge for the amazing posters, TWI for the large screen and projector enabling all of the football fans to enjoy the England match and of course Tony Collett for doing such a fantastic job as our MC.

Whether you enjoyed an English tea, a glass of Pimm’s, listening to live music, joining the Queen on her parade, taking part in the egg throwing or tug of war competitions or simply catching up with old friends it was amazing to see so many villagers, families and friends having so much fun.

All in all a perfect day.
Thank you all for your help and support.

**Mobile Library**

Tuesday 16 August 2016, 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
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Footpath-clearing update
The footpath from the top of the High Street to Chalky Road has been trimmed by a Parishioner, and the one between North and South Roads by the County Council. Also the foliage and debris between Magna Close and Meadow Walk has been cleared by the Highways Dept.

The Hinxton Triangle
Some of you may have got along to see the exhibition regarding proposals for Hinxton in the Southern end of the triangle between A505, A11 and A1301. The proposal is for agricultural buildings and lettable commercial units that would create 3,000 to 4,000 new jobs and a transport hub. The land is outside the village framework and is not in the emerging South Cambs. plan.

A1307, Three campuses consultation
You should have received a copy of this consultation document and will probably have already responded but if not then you have until 1 August to have your say on this Transport survey for accessing Cambridge. To do so visit www.gccitydeal.co.uk

Consultation on Devolution
The devolution proposal includes a Mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and provides a great opportunity to access extra funding to develop the County over a number of years and so it is important that we all have an input to the consultation. Have a look and have your say on www.scambs.gov.uk.

Coach Trip
This year will take place on Friday 5 August to Felixstowe - last few spaces remaining so book your space now, contact Paula Harper if you would like to go.

Community Speedwatch
New volunteers are required to be trained as part of the Speedwatch team to check on speeding in the village. If you are interested and able to give some time to this then please contact Steve Garrett on abingtonspeedwatch1@yahoo.co.uk.

Planning
S/3181/15/FL - Hill Residential Ltd. and Mr and Mrs Moore, land to the north of Pampisford Road - Proposed erection of 20 dwellings, Parish Council recommended approval on 16.05.16
S/1615/16/FL - Mr Tilley 45 North Road for extensions - Parish Council recommended refusal.
S/1433/16/OL - RollOver Development Ltd. Strawberry Farm - Parish Council recommended refusal.
S/1601/16/FL - Mrs Wilson - Cutting Road convert barn - Parish Council recommended approval.

District Council decisions
S/0977/16/FL - Mr Jacob Sturdy, 6 Meadow Walk - first floor extension over garage and single/two storey extension. Parish Council recommended approval on 16.05.16. SCDC refused the application on 28.06.16.
Great Abington Parish Council Meetings
Held in Abington Village Institute

Planning Committees: Usually Mondays, as required, 6.30pm. See notice board for dates or contact the parish clerk.

Next Parish Council meeting Monday 19 September 2016, 7.15pm.
There will be an opportunity early in the meeting for members of the public to speak to the council about matters of concern.

Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel.892 647
Agenda and minutes posted on notice board located at the entrance to Magna Close or available from the parish clerk.
Jane Bowen (891 137), Paula Harper (Clerk): harper802@btinternet.com (892 000) Don’t forget you can keep up to date with us through social media.

Committee for Abington Housing
Unfortunately the decision on the Pampisford Road/High Street was deferred by SCDC at its planning meeting at Cambourne on 6 July. Although the Parish Council had recommended approval the Planning Case Officer recommended refusal for two reasons.
1) ‘The proposed development, by reason of the layout of the site particularly along Pampisford Road, engineered wide access on to Pampisford Road, mass of hardstandings along the High Street and lack of adequate landscaping along the boundaries of the site, would result in poor quality development that would adversely affect the rural character and appearance of the area.’
2) ‘The proposed development, by reason of the relationship between Plots 6 and 7 and Plots 3 and 20, would result in an unacceptable impact upon the amenities of the occupiers of these properties.’

Despite inputs of support at the meeting from the Parish Council and Councillor Orgee the Planning Committee agreed that the decision should be deferred for one or two months so that minor amendments can be made that would allow the scheme to be approved. The next SCDC Planning Committee will be held on 3 August.

The CAH meeting that was planned for 12 July did not go ahead as lack of progress on all fronts had resulted in there being no point in having the meeting. The meeting has now been rebooked for 6.30pm on Wednesday 10 August at the Institute.

Linton Road / Church Lane – Hill Developments are still working towards making an application for these two sites and will be factoring in the responses to the consultation process that included the event that took place at the school in June.

The planning application for land at Strawberry Farm, Pampisford Road was considered by Great Abington Parish Council and refusal was recommended.

The number of people on the Abingtons’ list for affordable homes is around 20. Anyone who thinks they may qualify and is interested should register on www.home-link.org.uk to ensure that they don’t miss the opportunity.

Committee for Abington Housing meetings are always open to all villagers to attend.

Bernie Talbot, Chairman.

Granta Park Farmers’ Market
The fortnightly Farmers’ Markets will be held from 11.30am to 2pm in a marquee beside the cricket pavilion. The dates are 4, 18 August and 1, 15, 29 September. Residents from the Abingtons are welcome. Please come on foot or cycle.
Abington Cricket Club
It’s now mid-season and I can report that it’s been a challenging season; partly because of the weather and partly with having lost several senior players. However younger ones are now ‘stepping up’ and there’s a positive vibe (certainly at the Three Tuns)!

We are still managing to put out three teams on a Saturday, often one on Sunday for various fixtures including cup games and two mid-week teams, all of which are enjoying their cricket despite results and the weather. For a village our size this is amazing. New practice facilities are the electronic bowling machine- paid for by funds raised by hosting our Super 6s and a mobile practice net - sponsored by the very fine Three Tuns Public House.

Meanwhile the 1st XI have settled into CCA Senior Division One, winning 5 and losing 3 games so far- often with very close finishes, so we could easily be higher than 4th in the 10 team division. The 2nd XI have won 3, lost 6 and are 7th in Junior 2 South, while the 3s are 8th in Junior 4 South with 2 wins, 5 defeats and both need a few more wins to avoid the relegation trap door.

Midweek 1s have won 2, lost 4 and are 4th in the 1st division of the Haverhill & District League, while the 2s need to start beating the weather as well as opponents if they are going to avoid relegation.

Junior practice and coaching now takes place on Sunday mornings at our lovely ground. Newcomers are always welcome.

Some stand out performances, particularly from our younger players, include Jack Eade’s bowling and unbeaten fifty, along with another classic Si Bishop innings during a highly popular and successful President’s match. I would also like to congratulate two players who have scored their maiden centuries, both on 11 June. For the 1st XI Will Tooke scored 117*, taking advantage of Godolphin’s offerings at the Bowl, while at Netherhall School against the top-of-the-table Rebels, Luke Ennew reached 102* with Dad, Guy 69, seeing him to three figures in a huge partnership while supposedly recovering from a serious illness!

Finally do please come down to our wonderful ground on Sunday 28 August and help support our special day promoting the club and cricket with the major attractions the now famous Super 6s and the Village Egg throwing (& catching!) championship.

David Pimblett

Sawston Adult Education
We are excited to offer you a completely new range of courses for the next academic year, including Indian Dance, Jive, Afternoon Singers, Turkish for Fun and Travel.

We have some taster sessions on Saturday 10 September 10 – 11am for which we charge £5 (this is refundable upon enrolment for the same course commencing September). Booking is essential to guarantee your place. The subjects currently available to try are French beginners, Guitar, Indian Cookery, Introduction to Writing Fiction, Art History, Italian beginners, Portraiture, Spanish beginners and Tai Chi.

All our new and usual courses are on our website [www.sawstonadulted.org](http://www.sawstonadulted.org)

You will find a booking form on our website or alternatively, please feel free to pop in at the main reception here at Sawston Village College. We have an enrolment morning on Saturday 10 September 9am – 12 noon, so you could pop by then to book your place. The Adult Learning team will be available Monday to Friday 9am – 1pm from Wednesday 24 August. Our contact details are 01223 712424 or email community@sawstonvc.org

Sue King & Amanda Hoskins, The Adult Education Department
Abington Lunch
Thursday 25 August 2016

Fruit Juice

Lasagne with Garlic Bread and Summer Vegetables

Plum and Almond Tart with Cream.

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 23 August. Don’t forget to tell us if you need a special diet. Doors open at 12.45pm. Note that the lunch is open to ALL Abington and Hildersham residents, young and old. Only £5.

Next lunch Thursday 22 September 2016

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute
The wind dropped and the showers stopped just in time for our annual garden party - this year by kind invitation of Jim & Sheila Morgan. Members provided a delicious spread which was laid out in the party tent. A sleuth trail devised by Annette and Hazel led us around the garden via the stables, the glass-houses and even the coal bunker, searching for clues - a fun way to challenge our little grey cells!

WI Outing Monday 8 August to the Raptor Centre & Tea Room, St. Ives, leaving Abington 12.30pm, returning 5pm. Non-members welcome. Please ring Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Reading Group

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Please confirm your acceptance for August to Jennifer, by email jennifer@hirsh.com

Diana Wingfield

Village News on the website
To see the News before the printed copy reaches you and to see the pictures in colour go to www.theabingtons.org.uk/news and follow the link to the pdf file for the month you want.
Forget-Me-Not Club
Remember the Club does not meet throughout August.

Scrabble Club
The next meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 23 August in the Institute. If possible please bring your own board and tiles. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

Abington Walking Group
In July our Thursday walk was to Quy and the Saturday stroll to the Barkway area. The August walks are on Thursday 4th which will include a pub lunch, and on Saturday 20th. For further information, please contact:
- Robin Harman on 891 730 rob&k@talktalk.net
- George Woodley on 891 169 georgewoodley@talktalk.net

Abington Gardening Club
On Wednesday 10 August there is a visit to The Manor House Gardens at Stevington, Bedford leaving the Institute at 12.45pm. Please contact me if you wish to come so transport can be arranged.

Kay Harman, Secretary (891 730) email: rob&k@talktalk.net

Abington Naturewatch Visit to Paxton Pits
Saturday 9 July 2016
Nine members enjoyed a visit to the Nature Reserve at Paxton Pits near St Neots under the guidance of local expert Stuart Elsom. Some 40 species of birds were recorded in the various habitats on the site. The weather was not unkind, but not the best for dragonflies. Nevertheless we saw a good variety of butterflies, damselflies and other insects. Notable flora included both Common Spotted and Pyramid Orchids (see cover photo).

On the evening of 13 July, while on a wildflower visit to Granta Park, members found interesting botanical specimens and also saw a superb rainbow!

Photo by Jennifer Hirsh

WOMEN GLIDE AT CAMBRIDGE GLIDING CENTRE Cambridge Gliding Club will hold their 2nd Annual Women Glide Day on Monday 29 August between 10am and 5pm at their airfield at Gransden Lodge. Trial flights for visitors will be available at the discounted rate of £50 for a 2000’ aerotow launch. Book ahead to avoid disappointment by calling our office on 01767 67707. Please note that some weight, height and medical restrictions apply. A Glider Simulator will also be available for free simulator flights. Tea, cake and other refreshments will be available all day. Airfield entrance on the B1046 between Little Gransden & Longstowe, opposite Gransden Lodge Farm (enter SG19 3EB into your SatNav). More information online: http://www.camgliding.uk/ or via Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeGlidingCentre/
### Church Services for August 2016

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