



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Annette Shortell

**Abington Bowls Club – 90th anniversary this year
Club members in June 2017**

Letter from the Editor

Congratulations to the Abington Bowls Club for reaching its 90th anniversary and doing so with good match results this season. There are home matches in August to support, as shown on page 16. The current members are on the front cover.

The Hildersham Village Hall Trust has reached its tenth anniversary. The history of the Trust is given on page 8. It has succeeded in raising funds to refurbish the Village Hall and create a most attractive venue for all manner of events. The Trust would welcome new members with fresh ideas so please make contact if you are interested in joining this very active and effective group.

Since the facilities were enhanced at Great Abington Church, recent weeks have seen two most enjoyable social events held in the grounds of the church (pages 8, 17).

Planning matters and building progress are hot topics for the Abington Parish Councils and the Committee for Abington Housing (pages 12-14). We need to pay attention to proposals for housing on new sites and be prepared to offer comments. The Moorefield site house building is proceeding apace and the High Street from Pampisford Road to Lewis Crescent has been closed for a week while electrical work is done. This has meant that buses could not come through the village for the time being.

It is good to report that the Linton Pharmacy has found someone to continue the prescription delivery service, and equally pleasing that a good number of village volunteers were found to take over this delivery if need be (page 4).

Dr Arbide has supplied some interesting and helpful advice about ways to avoid long-term skin problems. He is going to do a sponsored swim across the English Channel in August in aid of melanoma research and provides an address for donations for this worthy cause and extraordinary effort! See pages 6, 7.

Healthwatch reports some promising new developments for young people with autism and for improving social care (page 9).

Many outdoor activities will be held at Abington Woods during August (page 15). Senior Keep Fit has relocated to Abington Woods and classes will continue each week in August (page 11).

Many clubs have closed for August but there is still the Abington Lunch, Reading, Scrabble, and the WI and Gardening Club visits to enjoy. The Social Club is organising a Games Night and there is the annual Garden Fête to look forward to (pages 10-11, 17-18).

Don't forget the village trip to Felixstowe on 4 August. Enjoy the holidays.

Valerie Silvey

Stop Press Security gates will be installed at the pedestrian access points to Granta Park on Pampisford Road and Abington High Street on 31 July 2017. The access point at Bourn Bridge will be fenced off. Despite the best efforts of the Abington PC chairmen there is currently no provision for access by village residents, other than GP employees. Ed.

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From the Seven Churches

By the time you read this the summer holidays will be well under way, with children going around the villages enjoying being outside in the fresh air, perhaps having picnics, playing in the park and leading a simple life. This time of refreshment enables us to connect with the natural world with the harvest in full flow and appreciating the flora and fauna around us.

It is hard to believe that Julie left us a year ago, but we have managed to maintain regular services in the seven churches due to the hard work of the clergy, churchwardens and willing helpers. Not only are we maintaining the status quo but we are also growing in our outreach in the community, with activities such as fêtes, concerts and an art exhibition to come.

There has been a steady flow of requests for baptisms in some of the churches, which is really encouraging. As I was thinking about baptism I realised that in days gone by it was a rite of passage. Once the baby had arrived it was a chance to 'wet' the baby's head followed by a trip to church for the naming of the infant and then a party. This is a wonderful way to celebrate a new life. Joining the family of the church is not just those in the village but worldwide, to be part of the whole Anglican Communion. Amazing to think of family on such a large scale.

There is the support of the parents and godparents as well as the church community helping them to grow in faith.

We celebrate that with the baptised person, although it does not always have to be a baby that is baptised; adults too can come forward to experience God's love, that is not limited to the privileged few, but accessible to all, regardless of who they are. We are all made in the image of God.

One of the prayers we use during the baptism service is this...

*Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for these children
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their home from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Cardinal Newman said "The day you are baptised is the greatest day of all, even above ordination". If this is something you would like to know more about please get in touch.

We have so much to be thankful for in our lives on our journey of faith. On this journey there are times when we travel with certain friends, and other times when there are others who only accompany us very briefly. In a society that has many lonely people perhaps we could be one such friend, to walk alongside someone who is lonely.

Kathy Bishop

Linton Surgery Prescription pick-up

Many thanks to the volunteers who made it possible for me to produce a rota for the prescription pick-up. When I contacted the surgery I was told that someone had offered to provide this service, so at the moment there is no need for our input. However, I have written to the dispensary manager to say that there are enough people willing to help out if the arrangement falls through or cover is needed.

Christine Talbot

News from the Pews

August is generally a time when Clubs, schools and other organisations take a break for summer; not so with the Abington Churches. As well as our usual services we have Mossy Church for the children and a Garden Party during this month. We hope you are able to join us for these events and indeed our services too.

Sunday 6 August – Mossy Church in Abington Woods. A fun time for children of pre-school and primary school age. Lots of crafts, games and space to play, all followed by a picnic tea. Do join us. For further details contact Rosemary on 891 718 (see page 15).

Saturday 19 August – Garden Party at the home of Graham Ross. Graham lives next door to Little Abington Church and has kindly offered his garden for this event (page 11). There will be the usual stalls of cakes, toys, books, plants, bric-a-brac, raffle and cream teas. If you are able to donate items for any of the stalls please take them to Graham's house or contact Mary, Marilyn, Patsy or Anne (telephone numbers on back page).

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – ABINGTON CRAFT FAIR IN THE VILLAGE INSTITUTE ON SATURDAY 23 AND SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER.

Charity of the Month – Church Housing Trust – Riverside English Churches Housing Group. This charity is dedicated to the rehabilitation and resettlement of homeless people of all ages and backgrounds. We support the local hostel in Willow Walk, Cambridge. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

Baptism – On Sunday 9 July the baptism of Tom Stanley Phipps took place in Little Abington Church, witnessed by a large congregation of family and friends. Tom is the son of Stan and Sally Phipps of Great Abington. Tom's big sister Martha helped the Revd. Kathy during the service. A beautiful sunny day for a child with a beautiful sunny smile throughout his baptism service. We welcome him into the Church.

Wedding – On Saturday 15 July the wedding of Rosalind Emily King and Andrew James Barker took place in Little Abington Church. The happy couple were joined by friends and family for the occasion. Rosalind and Andrew live in Great Abington. We wish them a happy and fulfilled life together.

Anne Hall

Little Abington United Reformed Church

Our shared communion service with St Mary's Great Abington last month was very meaningful and happy and more joint services are planned.

Meanwhile we would welcome you at our friendly services any Sunday.

6 August 10.15am Mr George Tadrous
13 August 10.15am TBA
20 August 2.30pm Revd. Bruce Waldron (HC)
27 August 10.15am Mrs Lynn Taylor

For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.

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.

Here comes the sun! Tips to avoid long-term skin problems; when to see a doctor.

We are having a fantastic summer so far – I must qualify that as I am writing this on 21 June, it is bright and sunny outside and the temperature is an amazing 27° C. When you read this it may well be different story, given the unpredictability of our weather.

The sun cream I use is a middle of the price range and one that is very water-resistant as I swim outdoors a lot. I tend to use the ones for kids and very high sun protection factor (SPF). This one is 50+ which supposedly only allows a fiftieth of the UV radiation through, with 5 UVA stars – maximum rating.

Tanning is the body's response to increased ultraviolet radiation, producing darker melanin, and more melanin, and protecting the cells from damage. A bit of sun on the skin is also good to produce vitamin D, and makes us feel better.

The problem is too much sun, too strong and too often. This causes genetic changes in the skin cells and ages the skin. Some people don't tan well, they burn. Over time, or with repeated skin damage, the cells change and can become damaged, causing flaky reddish patches (*Actinic keratoses*) particularly on the face and other exposed areas e.g. arms and legs. These can occasionally turn to skin cancer. Skin cancers are of three main varieties:

1. **BCC or basal cell carcinoma**, also known as rodent ulcers, are very common, they tend to affect sun exposed areas and are usually slow-growing pink/reddish spots or patches that can crust and bleed. They are usually easily cured unless neglected for years. They don't spread to other places but can be tricky to remove, for example, near the eyes.
2. **SCCs or squamous cell carcinomas** are more likely to affect those over 70 years of age, probably with existing sun damage, and they tend to be like a fast growing fleshy wart, often tender. Face, scalp and back of hands are common. They can occur when there is an ulcer that does not heal and can spread, but usually are cured when removed in a timely fashion.
3. **Melanomas** are the really nasty skin cancers. They are usually brown or black, but not always, particularly in red haired or very fair people when they can be pinkish. I've even seen a purple one.

Lots of sun exposure, repeated burning and having lots of 'atypical' moles are known risk factors. Having a family history of melanoma increases the risk too.

Melanoma can appear anywhere in the body, but the trunk is the most common place, so if you have a partner or friend, check their back from time to time. If caught early they can be easily cured by removing them, but they do spread to other organs, sometimes quickly, and sometimes they are caught late.

In the UK, melanoma is diagnosed at a mean age of around 50 years but a fifth of cases occur in young adults and as a result it has a large impact in terms of years of life lost. **Over the last 30 years the incidence of melanoma has increased more than for any other common cancer in the UK. There is a lifetime risk of 1 in 60.**

The thing to look out for is change in a mole – change in size, change in shape and change in colour. We also use the 'ABC' rule when checking a mole:-

A for Asymmetry

B for irregular Border

C for Colour (the more colours the more concerned one would be).

So do seek advice early if you feel something is not right with your skin and remember the Australian health campaign 'Slip, Slop, Slap' is probably the best slogan to remember in preventing problems.

Slip on a shirt, Slop on the 30+ sunscreen, Slap on a hat, Seek shade or shelter, Slide on some sunnies (sun glasses). — "Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide"

I am doing an English Channel swim in August to raise money for melanoma research in primary care via the local charity Melanoma Focus. This money will go to projects designed to prevent melanoma and pick them up early in General Practice. It will fund Dr

Fiona Walters' research at Strangeways laboratories in Cambridge. She has already worked with local surgeries and patients over the last 10 years or so. It is really important research to avoid unnecessary suffering and deaths.

My page: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MigArbide>

Dr Arbide GP Granta Medical Practices

Linton Jazz and Barbecue evening Saturday 15 July

The sun stayed out for this excellent evening of entertainment in the grounds of St Mary's Church, Great Abington. Linton Jazz musicians played a range of lively and toe-tapping music and did so free of charge since this event was held in aid of the church. Many thanks to them and their inspiring conductor Karen Sanderson; the sum raised was a very welcome £1300.

A band of helpers had worked hard to set up the chairs and tented areas and were indefatigable when providing the barbecue and drinks and also supervising children's games. Warm thanks to them and to Tony Collett who steered the event along.



Photos by (clockwise from top left) Emma Jones, Valerie Silvey, Valerie Silvey, Tony Collett

AALGA Summer BBQ – a date for your diary

The Allotment Association's annual site barbeque will be held on Sunday 10 September 2017 from 12 noon to 1.30pm near the Linton Road entrance. Veggie options available. Allotment holders, villagers, families and friends are all welcome to attend. Just turn up on the day!

David Milns

Hildersham Focus

Hildersham Village Hall Trust's 10th Anniversary

The main part of Hildersham Village Hall is more than 100 years old, having originally been a First World War surgical ward. The lobby extension was added in the early 1970s. The hall is a popular venue for a wide variety of classes and activities. It's a great place for celebrations, being regularly booked for parties. The hall and adjacent riverside meadow have proved to be an attractive option for wedding receptions.

The care and maintenance of the hall and its place at the heart of our community are the remit of HVHT. The story so far:

- 2005 – Hildersham Parish Council set up a working party to look into options for refurbishing or rebuilding the village hall.
- January 2007 – a Charitable Trust was set up which leases the building and some adjoining land from the Parish Council.
- 2007 – a rebuilding grant application to the Big Lottery Fund was unsuccessful.
- 2008 – HVHT appointed an architect to draw up plans for a new village hall.
- 2013 – South Cambs. District Council granted planning permission but no funding was available from SCDC or the Big Lottery.
- 2014 – a grant application for refurbishment to Awards For All was successful.
- Currently, there are five Trustees managing maintenance, bookings and fundraising.

Would you like to join HVHT and be a part of the team? We'd love to have some fresh ideas for fundraising, grant sourcing and general improvements. Don't be put off by the title – this is not heavy-duty committee work! Meetings, whilst being correctly structured for the Charity Commission, are informal and friendly and held at mutually convenient times. For more information, please email hildershamvillagehall@gmail.com or contact Jill on 893 596.

Hildersham Jam Stall in jam shortage crisis!

The late frost in May put paid to many local fruit trees' blossom and, possibly, to the chance of a good jam-making season. If you are lucky enough to have any fruit or homemade jam to spare, we'd be pleased to receive it. We can supply jars and sugar to anyone who feels inspired to make a bigger batch. Please contact Jill on 893 596, or online at edheale@btinternet.com.

Many thanks for your continued support for East Anglia's Children's Hospices.

The Rolling Supper

Once again, the Rolling Supper proved that strolling round Hildersham village on a sunny summer evening is hard to beat. Of course, the weather helped but it was the generosity of the hosts (and their marvellous cooking skills) and the jolly good company that made the event so special. Warmest thanks to them all. The event raised £650 that will help pay for the annual roof alarm service!

Church Hildersham Autumn Programme- some dates for the diary

Hildersham Lecture

The Lectures are now an established part of the Hildersham programme. The next series begins with 'An evening with Keith Day: a lifetime with the NHS' What Keith doesn't know about Addenbrooke's Hospital would probably fit on the proverbial postage stamp – or in modern parlance, as a tweet on Twitter. This will be not so much a lecture as a convivial evening spent in the company of a very special guest.

Friday 29 September, 7.30pm at Hildersham Church

Entry £5 at the door including refreshments. Under 18s free

Kings Taverners Concert

This group of a *cappella* singers provides an annual treat. They put together a programme to suit all musical tastes: folksong, musicals, classical and downright funny. This year's performance will take place on 14 October at 7.30pm in Hildersham Church. This is always a delightful evening. Tickets £10 including interval refreshments. Under 18s free. More details nearer the time.

Pie and Fizz Quiz

November 10, 7pm, Hildersham Village Hall.

Contact Cathy Myer on 892 848 or email: catherinemyer43@btinternet.com

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

New autism service

A new autism spectrum disorder service for young people is due to start in the autumn thanks to the lobbying of Pinpoint, our Healthwatch and the National Autistic Society.

The service will be run by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust and will provide an assessment and intervention service for young people aged 12 to 18 years old.

Out of hours at Addenbrooke's

The Cambridge out of hours GP service will move from Chesterton Medical Centre to the Urgent Treatment Centre at Addenbrooke's Hospital on **8 August 2017**. Our Healthwatch is part of a project steering group, alongside patient representatives, to help make the move work for patients. Our role is not to make decisions but to question decisions made from a patient perspective.

Healthwatch helps with the development of the Quality Matters initiative

Quality Matters is about everyone agreeing how they can improve services like care homes, nursing homes, and care provided for people in their own homes. It sets out six priorities and seven steps to help do this. It has been jointly produced by organisations from across the health and social care sectors.

For more information about any of the above you can phone 0330 355 1285 or email enquiries@healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

Date	Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Tue 1	Abington Gardening Club – visit to Stevington Keep Fit	12.20pm 7.00pm	18
Wed 2	Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods	11.30am	11
Thu 3	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	18
Fri 4	Coach trip to Felixstowe – see page 13 July News		
Sat 5	Scrapbooking	10.00am	10
Sun 6	Mossy Church – Abington Woods Old Chapel	3.30pm	5,15
Tue 8	Reading Group – 34 High Street, Little Abington	8.00pm	18
Wed 9	FGMN Club visit to Morrison's supermarket Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods	11.30am	17 11
Fri 11	Abington Social Club Games Night	7.00pm	11
Mon 14	Abington & Hildersham WI Summer Outing		17
Tue 15	Keep Fit	7.00pm	
Wed 16	Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods	11.30am	11
Sat 19	Abington Walking Group Garden Fête – 41 Church Lane	10.00am 2.30pm	18 11
Tue 22	Mobile Library Scrabble Club Keep Fit	am 7.00pm 7.00pm	11 18
Wed 23	Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods	11.30am	11
Thu 24	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	17
Mon 28	Summer Bank Holiday		
Tue 29	Rivercare litter pick-up – meet at road bridge/ford Keep Fit	9.30am 7.00pm	
Wed 30	Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods	11.30am	11

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

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

Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

Opening times in August 2017

Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am – 1.30pm (3, 10, 17 and 31) Lunch 24 th
Friday mornings	8.45am – 11.00am
Saturday mornings	10.00am – 12 noon

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

Wheelie bin dates for August 2017 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 31 July	Mon 7	Mon 14	Mon 21	Tue 29
Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue

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

*these classes start again in September.

*Yoga – Wednesdays 9.30am and Mon/Wed at 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

***Family Yoga Morning at Abington Institute**

Please contact Jeffi for more information on 07931 790 591.

***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

Senior Keep Fit - Wednesdays 11.30–12.30 at Abington Scout Hut, Church Lane, Little Abington. Chair-based exercises for strength. Improve your balance. Improve your general well-being. Please note venue and time have changed. New members very welcome. Come and join in with some stretches and gentle exercises. Have fun and make new friends. For more information contact: Viki Green Level 4 exercise referral specialist. Tel: 07762 902976. Email: Victoriagreen@btinternet.com

Mobile Library

Tuesday 22 August 2017, 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

(near phone box at end of Beech Lane)

Games Night

Friday 11 August at Abington Social Club (the hut) from 7pm.

Including Pool, Darts and Dominoes. All welcome.

£2 to enter. Prize for winner. Proceeds to Arthur Rank Hospice.

The casino night raised £140 for the hospice. Many thanks to those who attended.

Tracey Stocks

GARDEN FÊTE

Saturday 19 August 2.30–4.30pm

41 Church Lane, Lt. Abington

(next door to church)

Cream teas, cakes, plants & produce,

bric-a-brac & books,

fun & games for all the family,

RAFFLE

Offers of help and donations of items for stalls gratefully received.

Great Abington Parish Council

An Active Council

Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

The Parish Council Working Group drew up the first draft of the plan that was put out to consultation in March and April 2017. The responses received to that consultation have been carefully considered along with comments from South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC). The NP has now been redrafted taking the comments into consideration and a new version is available for consultation.

The NP is being widely distributed within the NP area but is also available to be viewed online at <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk/parish-councils/great-abington-parish-council/neighbourhood-plan/> or you can request an emailed or printed copy from Bernie Talbot, 63 Mortlock Gardens – bernie.talbot@btinternet.com.

The consultation period began on 24 July and will end on 18 September. There will be a consultation event on Friday 8 September from 2.30 until 7.30pm at Abington Village Institute when you can come along to share your thoughts and ask questions of members of the Working Group.

Uttlesford District Council Local Plan Consultation

Parishioners are urged to have a look at this plan online and comment on it. One of its proposals is for a new settlement at Chesterford, very close to the Abingtons.

PLANNING

S/2106/17/FL – Land adjacent to the Amenities Building 6, Granta Park – erection of day nursery. Parish council objected.

S/2349/17/FL – Tilley, 45 North Road – demolition of existing dwelling & erection of new dwelling. Parish council objected.

Appeals:

S/3371/16/FL – Parkin, 33 Magna Close- new dwelling. The Parish Council made no change to its objection or comments.

S/0443/17/LD – Tilley, 45 North Road – certificate of lawful development – to reduce the height of a timber framed building. The Parish Council made no change to its objection or comments.

Parish Council recommendations:

S/1875/17/FL – Illumina, The Watson Building, 11 Granta Park – construct metal framed clear polycarbonate skinned cycle shelter for existing cycle rack.

Parish Council supported the application on 22 June 2017

S/1881/17/FL – Butchart, 30 South Road – demolish existing building and build new dwelling with work space.

Parish Council supported the application on 22 June 2017

District Council decisions:

S/1530/17/LB – Molet House, 109 High Street – replacement windows and repoint chimney.

Parish Council supported the application on 15 May 2017

District Council approved on 20 June 2017

S/1217/17/FL – Higgins & Boughton-Fox, 61 North Road – 2-storey extension and internal alterations

Parish Council supported the application on 2 May 2017

District Council approved on 5 June 2017

S/1262/17/FL – Smith and Turner, 5 Magna Close – first floor extension.

Parish Council supported the application on 2 May 2017

District Council approved on 6 June 2017

S/1077/17/FL – Waters, 82 High Street – new barn adjacent to cottage

Parish Council supported the application on 19 April 2017

District Council refused on 23 June 2017

S/0908/17/FL – Gnanapragasam, 6a Lewis Crescent – extension

Parish Council supported the application on 19 April 2017

District Council approved on 11 May 2017

S/1433/16/OL – Roll Over Development Ltd. Land to the rear of Strawberry Farm, Pampisford Road, outline planning application for 8 dwellings – Parish Council objected and the District Council approved but will now reconsider on 2 August due to a legal decision.

Parking issues

Vehicles parked dangerously near the entrances to both Lewis Crescent and Mortlock Gardens are causing problems for drivers. The Parish Council is exploring the possibility of yellow lines in this area but residents are reminded that dangerously parked vehicles should be reported to the Police by phoning 101 and vehicles parked on pavements or yellow lines can be reported on <http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking> .

Great Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Village Institute

Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel: 892 647

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

Next Parish Council meeting Monday 18 September 2017, 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. Agendas and minutes posted on Parish Council 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)

Committee for Abington Housing

Building on Moorefield, the High Street/ Pampisford Road site, is progressing rapidly. The show home is expected to open by the end of November with people moving in during the first half of 2018.

The planning application for the Linton Road site is likely to go to the SCDC planning committee on 9 August or 6 September.

Both the Linton Road and Church Lane sites were the subject of a Local Plan hearing session recently when the inspector heard statements from the landowner and the CAH chairman. The outcome will not be known until the Local Plan is finally published.

The site to the rear of Strawberry Farm, Pampisford Road was given outline planning consent for eight houses by the SCDC Planning Committee although the Parish Council had objected. We understand that SCDC will now reconsider this application at a meeting on 2 August due to a legal decision elsewhere.

A new site was discussed at the last CAH meeting. The paddock north of Linton Road opposite the entrance to the allotments was proposed as a potential site for twelve dwellings. This is at an early stage and no application has yet been submitted for the site.

Section 106 is a policy that requires a developer to make a financial contribution to the local infrastructure. This process is managed by SCDC and a significant contribution is being requested in respect of the Linton Road application to go towards increasing the capacity at Great Abington Primary School.

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

Bernie Talbot, Chairman

Parish Council Members and Elections

At the meeting held on 26 June, we welcomed Isobel Smith, who was co-opted to fill the vacancy left by Mr Pritchard's resignation, and Henry Batchelor, our new county councillor. Both gave brief introductions about themselves.

Dog fouling

This was once again an agenda item under Village Environment. Councillors agreed that the present continuing level of fouling is unacceptable. New notices will be issued as a first step to dealing with this problem. Councillors also discussed proposals to introduce a possible £1000 fine for dog fouling on the recreation ground.

Bonfires

Residents are reminded to use their discretion when lighting bonfires. Fires should not be lit when neighbours are drying washing, enjoying their gardens or leaving windows and doors open in warm weather. Inconsiderate or dangerous bonfires can result in very large fines under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Further details and reminders about guidelines can be found on the Abingtons website: <http://theabingtons.org.uk/news/2017/04/bonfires/>

Parish Council meetings

Please note that there is no meeting in August. Details of the September meeting are below.

Planning <http://www.scamb.gov.uk/services/planning-applications>
No applications for discussion.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next Meeting: Monday 11 September 2017 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

NEW - Repair Café

Abington is holding its first Repair Café on 28 October from 10am to 1pm, as part of a series in the area.

The usual Saturday morning café will, of course, be operating for refreshments, including tea and coffee, bacon and egg rolls and cakes.

Repair Cafés match experienced repairers with people who need stuff fixing. We expect several experienced repairers, including one or two from Abington. We hope to be able to handle computers, bikes and general electrical and fabric items. More information next month.

Summer at Abington Woods

Abington Woods is a fantastic place to relax, unwind, learn, volunteer and meet new people. The Woods are open to all and we are keen to create opportunities for the local community to enjoy this beautiful shared space.

Come along and be a part of history! The very special but somewhat overgrown **Old Chapel and New Garden of Peace** are in much need of a make-over. We would love to restore this area to being a peaceful place for quiet contemplation or prayer, so it can be enjoyed by all who visit the Woods. This is an open invitation to the whole community to get involved in this exciting project. What we're looking for is curiosity and enthusiasm but if you have skills and ideas, they will be welcomed too! Any spare plants would be gratefully received and any unwanted garden furniture, accessories or tools will be put to good use. Our first tidy up day will take place on **Saturday 29 July from 10am**. We hope to see you there.

On **Sunday 30 July, 11am to 1pm**, we are lucky enough to have Anna Flack the Story Teller spark our imaginations and entertain us with her unique style of storytelling mingled with crafts. Tickets are £4 and can be purchased on the day. Family ticket £12. We will be enjoying a picnic lunch together afterwards.

The next weekend Abington Woods is looking forward to hosting '**Mossy Church**' in the (newly spruced!) Old Chapel on Sunday 6 August, 3.30–5.30pm. All ages are welcome to attend this service.

Back by popular demand is our **Summer Play Scheme**. This will run Monday to Friday 14–18th, 21st – 25th and 28th –31st August. Places must be booked in advance so we can tailor activities and book staff appropriately. Children can attend the entire programme or individual days and must bring their own packed lunch (snacks are provided). We will run two programmes, one for children up to 10 and another for 10–16 year olds.

From Saturday 2 September, we will be holding **Open Woodlands** on the first Saturday of each month (any time). This is a chance for you to enjoy the river from the woodland edge, walk your dog, have a picnic or just take a stroll under the canopy and see how the woodland is changing with the rolling seasons. Please take your doggy's poo home with you as babies and toddlers enjoy rummaging around on the woodland floor. Dogs are allowed to roam free but must be kept under your control at all times.

We continue to welcome volunteers every Wednesday from midday to 4pm. This is to help with general light woodland maintenance or to suggest woodland development projects they would like to undertake. This opportunity is ideal for adults with a spare couple of hours and teenagers needing a constructive outlet for their energy and creativity.

This term's school sessions have been a huge success and highly enjoyable. Our **Evening Club** for 8–12 year olds Thursday, 6.30–8.30pm has seen another successful term and our regular **Thursday Little People**– woodland learning group – has been happy to see a new generation of toddlers fill its ranks and enjoy tearing, wondering and pondering around the woodland.

We are open for camping over the summer and the yurts continue to be a popular option for those wanting a bit more comfort! Whether you have friends or family visiting, want an adventure for the kids, need to try out your new tent or have pangs for a nature 'staycation', Abington Woods is a beautiful and friendly place to stay.

There is lots more going on at the Woods – drop in or get in touch with Deborah James on 07510 838 576 or online at abingtonwoods@gmail.com for more information about any of our activities and events. Keep an eye out for our posters and we look forward to seeing you over the coming summer.

ABINGTON BOWLS CLUB * * * * * 90th Anniversary * * * * *

Founded 22 June 1927 as The Lodge Bowls Club, initially only open to resident Abington men although Mrs Mortlock was Club President. The following year ladies and non-village residents were allowed membership. The present bowls green in Little Abington began construction in 1952 and opened in 1954. Abington Bowls Green site is on private estate land and access is granted to ABC by our most generous and supportive owners Neville and Sarah Ackerman.



Many of Abington's senior residents have passed through our club and have contributed to our list of trophies over the years, all current ABC members offer our heartfelt gratitude for their legacy and we have an ongoing duty to promote and secure our club's future.

The 2017 season has been a great success thus far. We are enjoying top position in our division of Cambridge and District League. All four fledgling players from 2016 have fully assimilated into the teams and we welcome new 2017 members Margo and Brent. We now have sufficient players to form a second team for B.H. competitions. If you wish to join ABC with or without experience please contact secretary: ianhaylock28@gmail.com . See cover photo for current Bowls Club members.

Lawn Bowls promotes excellent low impact physical exercise, mental agility and social well-being, embracing healthy summer fresh air and sunshine. Join Abington Bowls Club team, and enjoy a sport you can play competitively for many years.

Home matches 6.30pm start
Wednesday 16 August
Wednesday 23 August

Annette Shortell

Sawston Adult Education

We are excited to offer you a completely new range of courses for the next academic year including Dichroic Glass Jewellery, Sew with Knit Fabrics, Watercolours for Beginners, Staying Safe Online, Diabetes & Me, Fitness for Mature Movers.

We have some taster sessions on Saturday 2 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, How to apply make up, Indian Cookery, Indian Dance, Introduction to Writing Fiction (9.30–10.30am), Spanish Beginners and Yoga.

All our new and usual courses are on our website www.sawstonadulthood.org. You will find a booking form on our website and we have an enrolment morning on Saturday 2 September 9am to 12 noon.

The Adult Learning team will be available Monday to Friday 9am–1pm from Thursday 24 August. Our contact details are 712 424 or email community@sawstonvc.org

Sue King & Amanda Hoskins, The Adult Education Department



Abington Lunch Thursday 24 August 2017



Fruit Juice

**Sausage Plait, Cauliflower Cheese, New Potatoes and
Seasonal Vegetables**

**Plum, Nectarine and Ginger Crumble with
Cream or Crème Fraîche**

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 22 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. **Only £5.**

Next lunch Thursday 28 September 2017

Forget-Me-Not Club

On a sunny 18 July members enjoyed a garden party in the grounds of Great Abington Church. Tea and cakes and convivial conversation were accompanied by musical entertainment. Many thanks to all who worked hard to organise this event and to all who attended.



Photos by - V Silvey (left), T Collett (right)



The Club does not meet in August. However, the trip to Morrison's Supermarket will take place at the usual time of departure on Wednesday 9 August.

Meetings resume on Tuesday 5 September, we look forward to seeing you all again then.

Anne Hall 892 275)

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

The forecast thundery downpours did not materialise and we had a fine evening for our annual Garden Party at The Old Paddock. Shelley Ray, President of Linton WI was invited to tell us of her experience at the AGM of the National Federation of Women's Institutes in Liverpool. Her amusing account helped us to feel a part of it as she cast our votes for the resolutions to combat loneliness and reduce plastic fibres in our oceans. After a delicious bring and share tea, members set off on a garden trail to explore Audrey's beautiful garden and relax in lovely surroundings.

Monday 14 August: Summer Outing for members to the Alpaca Farm, Buntingford.

Monday 11 September 7.30pm in Abington Institute: Healthy Eating by Abigail White. New members and visitors welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Abington Gardening Club

On Tuesday 1 August there will be a visit to Kathy Brown's Garden at the Manor House, Church Rd, Stevington, Beds, MK43 7QB leaving the Institute at 12.20pm sharing transport. Please contact me if you wish to come or for more information.

Kay Harman, Secretary tel: 891 730 email: robandkayharman@gmail.com

Reading Group

8 August	<i>The Gustav Sonata</i> Rose Tremain	Jennifer Hirsh
12 September	<i>Fair Stood the Wind for France</i> H.E. Bates	Rachel Haining
10 October	<i>The High Mountains of Portugal</i> Yann Martel	Valerie Hefford

Please confirm your attendance in August to Jennifer.

Lisa Pechey

Scrabble Club

The next meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 22 August in the Institute. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

Abington Walking Group

In the July we walked to Horseheath/West Wickham and Whittlesford.

The August walks start on Thursday 3rd with a stroll around Sturmer and Wixoe followed by an optional lunch at the Red Lion, Sturmer.



The Saturday walk is on 19th August.

We look forward to seeing you at 10am outside the Institute.

For further information, please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 robandkayharman@gmail.com or

George Woodley on 891 169 georgewoodley@talktalk.net




Tony Collett Receives Community Service Award

Local Rotarian Tony Collett has received a Community Service Award for his outstanding service to the local community. Tony received the award from Nick Corke, Community Chairman of Rotary in East Anglia, at the Sawston Fun Run presentation evening at Sawston Village College on Monday 3 July. Nick praised Tony for taking on organising the Sawston Fun Run with Sawston Rotary in 2001, being awarded 'MS Fundraiser of the Year' in 2011 and for his involvement and leading fundraising role in the John Chaplin Project at Great Abington Church in 2016. Tony was also an active trustee of OWL in Sawston for many years.



Tony Collett is pictured between Simon Lake (left), President of Sawston Rotary, and Nick Corke.

Church Services for August 2017

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
6 August	10.45am Communion	3.30pm 'Mossy Church' in Abington Woods	6.00pm Evensong	Daniel 7.9-10,13-14 Luke 9.28-36
13 August		8.00am Communion 6.00pm Evensong	9.15am Communion	Genesis 37.1-4,12-28 Matthew 14.22-33
20 August	9.15am Communion		4.00pm Café Church	Genesis 45.1-15 Matthew 15.10-28
27 August		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion – Prayer Book	Exodus 1.8-2.10 Matthew 16.13-20

Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
6 August	Sheena Fraser and	Marilyn Broadhurst	Sarah Hall
13 August	Pennie Zimmern	Marilyn Broadhurst	Cathy Myer
20 August	Anne Hall	Judy Davies	Cathy Myer
27 August	Anne Hall	Judy Davies	Jean Morton

Churchwardens

<i>Hildersham</i>	Cathy Myer	'Woodside', Hildersham	892848
	Andrew Westwood-Bate	5 Sleaford Close, Balsham	892430
<i>Great Abington</i>	Tony Collett	23 Meadow Walk, Great Abington	893447
<i>Little Abington</i>	Graham Ross	41 Church Lane, Little Abington	891564

Assistant Church Wardens

<i>Great Abington</i>	Anne Hall	12 Magna Close, Great Abington	892275
	Patsy Randall	77 High Street, Great Abington	07765 345 714
<i>Little Abington</i>	Mary Miles	36 Church Lane, Little Abington	891083
	Marilyn Broadhurst	34 West Field, Little Abington	893214

Parish Nurse

Claire Gillett	<u>Not 24 hrs</u> , please leave a message if no reply. Claire will respond when next on duty.	07498 994205
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