



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Sam Ross

**Annual Abingtons Church Garden Party
Hosted at 41 Church Lane Little Abington
Saturday 19 August 2017**

Village information removed for online version

**Don't forget: Police Numbers 999 for emergencies; otherwise 101
The *News* is generously printed free for the community by TWI, Granta Park.**

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Letter from the Editor

In the continuing absence of a vicar, churchwarden Graham Ross hosted an enjoyable and very successful fundraising Garden Party in his garden (see cover photo and page 5). Harvest Festivals have been held at the Little Abington United Reformed Church and Hildersham Church. Another of the hugely popular Messy Church meetings will be on Sunday 8 October and children attending will be able to help with filling shoeboxes with toys and other Christmas presents for children who have little hope of such gifts (see pages 6, 7).

A crowded meeting on 5 September brought a brave TWI representative to face the Parish Councils and people hugely concerned about the cessation of access to Granta Park. About 720 people had signed a petition to restore managed access, with due regard to TWI and Granta Park security concerns. Negotiations are continuing (pages 13, 14).

The Recreation Ground needs some general improvement and a working group is being set up to consider what new equipment would enhance use of the area. Could you contribute ideas to this group? (See pages 13, 15). Note that Table Tennis sessions will be an additional activity at the Institute at 8pm on Tuesday evenings (pages 10 -11).

The first Abingtons Repair Café will be held on Saturday 28 October. See page 8 for details on how to make use of this potentially invaluable source of practical help.

There are two Abington Film Nights in October and a Kings Taverners concert at Hildersham. On 21 October the Abington History Group will launch its new book on changes in the Abingtons from 1900 to 1930 (page 8).

Don't miss the Parish Nurse event on 6 October (page 7). Remember to book flu jabs on Saturdays at Linton and Sawston. Order heating oil if you need it (see below).

The annual Poppy Appeal starts at the end of October and heralds the run up to Christmas events like Flower Workshops and the annual churches Christmas Fayre (pages 4, 12).

The unusual weather in recent months has prompted some shrubs to defer flowering and now, suddenly and unexpectedly, to be covered in blooms. Now be prepared for the official end of British Summer Time and the clocks going back on Sunday 29 October.

Valerie Silvey

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Articles for the November edition of *The Abingtons and Hildersham News* should be sent to the Editor by Sunday 15 October 2017 at news@theabingtons.org.uk. Photos welcome.

Community Oil order – Please let Rod Wilcox know the quantity of oil you want and supply your name, address, post code and phone number between 27 September and 5 October. He will place orders for delivery from 9 October. Contact rodwillcox@hotmail.co.uk or by phone 07767 686 351.

From the Seven Churches

This is a season of new beginnings and change and we are now perhaps in the most beautiful of them all. I am reminded of the four seasons by Vivaldi; of the trees changing colour and their reflection in the water. We know the nights are drawing in and that feeling of impending hibernation. How lucky we are to see these changes in this part of the world.

The farmers have brought the harvest in and are sowing seed for another crop later in the year. The tractors we see on the road reminding us of our rural environment. With the season of harvest and its abundance we have services in church to celebrate God's goodness to us in the fruits of the land and the plentiful crop. Each church has a harvest celebration to which all are welcome. We sing traditional harvest hymns and enjoy refreshments in harvest gatherings that call villagers together. Balsham has a harvest service on 8 October that includes a baptism, celebrating with the family of Nigel Clark a gift from God; Eric, his new grandson. We will have a harvest lunch immediately afterwards with the ploughmen, their families, and villagers; a reminder of how we live in a truly rural environment.

We travel in time from harvest to Remembrance, reminding us of difficult times of change, especially 100 years ago. Before we know it there will be the magic of Christmas and the crib services for all the family.

Change happens for the children as they move to new classes ready for another academic year and get used to new teachers and routines. Young people have left to go to university on a new adventure, to discover more about themselves as well as learning in a specialist subject, with new challenges thinking of careers and all that goes with it.

We know that the end is the beginning for those who are retired or whose children have left home, as opportunities present themselves to do something different. There is a welcome for those who want to be part of the community of the church in many different ways. We would love to see you.

The Parish Nurse project has organised an evening called 'Did curiosity really kill the cat?' This is about people self diagnosing their ailments on line and telling the doctor what they think is wrong with them. Is this beneficial? Come and find out on Friday 6 October 6.30 -8pm at Abington Village Institute.

The parishes are in good heart as we still wait for a new appointment of a Rector for our villages.

Blessings to you all

Revd Kathy Bishop

Red Cross London Fire Appeal Fund

Thank you to everyone for their generous response to this appeal, with particular thanks to The Three Tuns, the Village Shop and the Church. We raised £306 for the victims of the Grenfell Tower fire.

Poppy Appeal 2017

The appeal starts on Saturday 28 October and runs until Saturday 11 November so I urge you to please give generously when a collector calls at your house and support this very worthwhile cause.

I urgently need some new collectors this year so I appeal to anyone wishing to volunteer for a couple of hours to contact me.

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

Poppy Appeal Organiser

Babraham, Hildersham and Abingtons

News from the Pews

Following the completion of Great Abington Church extension work Tony Collett, along with the Parish Council Chairman Bernie Talbot, has been working to improve the church surroundings. You will notice a rabbit proof fence has been erected around the churchyard with the hope of eliminating the many holes and uneven surface. There is still an enormous amount of clearance work to be carried out to complete and finally achieve our ultimate goal of using the churchyard for various outdoor events thereby allowing the PCC to raise much needed funds to maintain both of our churches. The PCC would appreciate your help if you could spare the odd hour to do clearance work. Please contact Tony on 893 447 for details.

October looks to be another busy month in our Church diary.

Sunday 1 October Harvest Festival Songs of Praise 4pm We welcome you to join us at St Mary the Virgin Church, Great Abington to celebrate Harvest. This will be a time of thankfulness for the bounties of Harvest and also for all the other gifts we receive through the work of various organisations in our village. We have invited some of our wonderful village groups to select the hymns. Refreshments will follow the service. The Allotment Association and Chaplin Farms are kindly donating produce, which will be sent to Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge following the school's Harvest Festival on Monday 2 October.

Wednesday 4 October Space to Be 7.30pm Our meetings resume again, following the summer break, at 55 Church Lane. If you would like to join us for an oasis of quiet and relaxation with music and refreshment, please ring Rosemary 891 718.

Sunday 8 October Messy Church 3.30 to 5pm Do come and join us for our Autumn Messy Church at St Mary the Virgin, Great Abington. Our theme will be 'Caring and Sharing' and we are delighted that Steve Whyatt and his team from GenR8 will be joining us to tell us the story of the Good Samaritan and teach us our song. There will be the opportunity to start making a Shoebox for Operation Christmas Child (page 6) as well as enjoying a variety of creative activities and play for toddlers.

An afternoon of fun and worship for the whole family including grandparents and children of all ages. There will be a seasonal tea for all at 5pm. Do come and join us. Rosemary
If you wish to help decorate the church for Harvest please contact Anne on 892 275.

Charity for the Month – Arthur Rank Hospice The hospice that has now successfully moved to Shelford Bottom Cambridge continues to offer support for people in Cambridgeshire who are living with a life limiting illness. Their care and services are provided free of charge. Their professional, compassionate and practical services deliver care, counselling and education helping their patients and their loved ones to make every moment count. There are Charity Boxes in both churches.

Baptism – On Sunday 17 September the congregation enjoyed an All Age Praise service to celebrate the baptism of Henry Geoffrey Richard Goodhart of Linton. Henry's grandmother lives in Little Abington. We welcome Henry into the Church.

Wedding – On Saturday 23 September the wedding of Amy Elizabeth Coulden and Lloyd James Rickard took place in Great Abington Church, a few yards from Amy's childhood home. A beautiful country wedding. We wish them a happy and fulfilled life together.

Anne Hall

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.

Little Abington United Reformed Church

We celebrated the harvest at our service on 17 September (see photo by Emma Jones).

NOW is always a good time to thank God for all His gifts and love.

Preachers for October

1 October	10.15am	Mr John Luke
8 October	10.15am	Mr Daniel Harris
15 October	2.30pm	Revd Bruce Waldron and Holy Communion
22 October	10.15am	Mrs Faith Paulding
29 October	10.15am	Mr Peter Sammons



For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Shoe Box Appeal

Imagine a child who has never received a present on their birthday or Christmas. Operation Christmas Child organises the delivery of thousands of shoeboxes full of little treats to children who have absolutely nothing and who also live in very poor or hostile environments. The smile of delight on the child's face as he/she opens a box is priceless.

Shoeboxes can be covered, or I have some ready-made ones. I have leaflets giving all the information or you may like to look at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk. We need to send the boxes off by mid November so this is the reason for giving you the details now.

You can either fill a whole shoebox with the suggested items or donate one or two items to put in a shoebox. At the next Abington Messy church on Sunday 8 October the children will fill boxes from the donated items. As the charity has to pay transport costs, a 50p donation is suggested with each item or £5 for a complete box. Items can be given to me, or to Rosemary Mead, Marilyn Broadhurst, Mary Miles or Anne Hall.

These are suggested items:

TOYS - doll, toy car/truck, skipping rope, ball, small puzzle, musical instrument, cuddly toy
SCHOOL SUPPLIES - pens, sharpeners, eraser, crayons, notebooks, paper, colouring books, solar calculators, pencils

HYGIENE ITEMS-toothbrush and toothpaste, wrapped soap, comb, brush, flannel

OTHER ITEMS - hat, scarf, gloves, jewellery set, sweets (packets with best before date at least March 18)

NO used, damaged, clothing, liquids or lotions, knives, military figures, medicines, chocolate, food, fragile items, political, religious or racial material, wordy books.

It would be great to be able to send off many completed boxes this year and with a lot of donated items we could do this.

Thank you, Jane Furlow, tel. 893 232, email jane.furlow@gmail.com

British Summer Time ends on Sunday 29 October. Clocks go BACK one hour.

Did curiosity really kill the cat?

Fact or Fiction – a discussion surrounding health, well being and social media

Friday 6 October, 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Abington Village Institute

High St, Great Abington, Cambs. CB21 6AB

As part of our programme of Parish Nurse events please join us to hear Helen Howe and Annie Greenwood leading a discussion on web-based health information and self-diagnosis

Professor Helen Howe was until her recent retirement, the Chief Pharmacist to Cambridge University Hospitals and a member of the Council of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

Annie Greenwood is an advanced nurse practitioner with a special interest in women's health.

There will be an opportunity to continue the discussion in smaller groups and meet other members of the Parish Nurse Management group, including your Parish Nurse, Claire Gillett.

Please note that this is a free event - No booking required

Refreshments will be available

For more information contact

Cazzy Walshe, 7churches.seven@gmail.com or

Keith Day keithdday@btinternet.com 01223 891527

Messy Church

Sunday 8 October, 3.30pm to 5pm

St Mary's Church, Great Abington

Theme – Caring and sharing based on the story of the Good Samaritan



Come and join in the fun with creative activities, play, singing and story telling. As always there will be a tea for all provided at the end of the session. There will also be an opportunity to start making your shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. We look forward to seeing you.

The Abingtons first Repair Café

Our first Repair Café will run at the Village Institute on the morning of **Saturday 28 October**, 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Repair Cafés aim to bring together experienced volunteer repairers with people who need stuff fixed, and to extend the useful life of things that might otherwise be thrown away. If you bring an item to be fixed, you will sit alongside the repairer while she/he attempts a repair, to maybe lend a hand and to be consulted if some critical point is reached.

What can I bring to the Repair Café?

You can basically bring anything in need of repair that you can carry, and that will not be a safety hazard or make a mess. This could be small electrical, mechanical or electronic appliances such as hairdryers and toasters (but excluding microwave ovens and TVs), lamps, toys, mobile phones, laptops, printers, clothes, jewellery, bicycles, items that need gluing, etc. Whatever it is, it might not even be broken, perhaps you just can't work out how to use it without the manual – bring it along.

Do I need to book in advance?

If you would like to bring something to the Café for repair, please go to the website www.repaircafe.org.uk/abington, where you will be led to a booking form to request an appointment. The Café organisers will then allocate you a timeslot with a repairer with suitable skills and tools, and tell you what time to arrive. This should help to minimise waiting. Alternatively, you are welcome to turn up without booking, and probably join a queue.

What about spares?

Repairers may have common low-cost items such as batteries in their toolkit, which they will provide at cost. If you need something more substantial, the repairer will help you to identify the part, and suggest where you might be able to order it online – but it will then be up to you to fit it, or bring it to the next Repair Café.

There is no charge for entry or repairs, whether successful or not, but donations will be gratefully received to help cover costs such as room rental. Running alongside this event, the Institute's regular Saturday morning café will be selling hot and cold drinks and snacks.

This Repair Café is one of a series in the South Cambs. area, organised by a group from the Abingtons and co-ordinated by Cambridge Carbon Footprint.

For further information and enquiries about booking a repair, contact Richard Smith: email richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk or 01223 892 759.

Richard Smith

Abington History Group

Great and Little Abington 1900 to 1930 – A Time of Change

For the launch of our new book on this subject we will be holding an Open Day with exhibitions, slide show and short talk on

Saturday 21 October from 10am to 4pm in the Institute.

Entry free – café open

Short introductory talk and 30 minute slide show at 11am and repeated at 2.30pm. Displays of sale documents, maps, census records, parish records, reminiscences, farming, newspaper articles, photographs from 1929 sale catalogue, people – covering 1900 to 1930. Books for sale: £5 per copy Would make good Christmas presents!

Hildersham Focus

Did curiosity really kill the cat?

Friday 6 October at Abington Village Institute, 6.30 – 8.00pm. As part of the programme of Parish Nurse events Professor Helen Howe, Chief Pharmacist to Cambridge University Hospitals and a member of the Council of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and Annie Greenwood, advanced nurse practitioner, will lead a discussion on the issue of web based health information and self- diagnosis.

This is a free event – no booking is required (see page 7).

For more information contact Cazy Walshe, 7churches.seven@gmail.com

Or Keith Day, keithdday@btinternet.com

Kings Taverners Concert

This year's performance of music and readings will take place on 14 October at 7.30pm in Hildersham Church. The programme has the intriguing title, 'Feel No Pain'. We can promise a delightful evening's entertainment, with no pain. Tickets £10 including light refreshments, U18s free.

Pie and Fizz Quiz

Friday 10 November, Hildersham Village Hall at 7pm. Enjoy a great evening with expert quizmaster Will Ricketts, starting with a glass of fizz. Book a table - up to 8 people - or book individually. Tickets £10 including a hot pie supper.

For these events contact Cathy Myer on 892 848 or email:

catherinemyer43@btinternet.com

Hildersham Parish Council

A Quality Parish Council



Report on the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12 September 2017

Two new pedestrian lights The two light columns have been installed but there has been a delay connecting them to power, as one column had not been erected where councillors requested. However, having checked the location again in the dark it was agreed that the current location would improve visibility along Beech Row.

Defibrillator The defibrillator access code is known to the emergency services so can be obtained by calling 999, should you need to use the equipment. If you would like the access code, please contact the Clerk or a councillor. Although the equipment can be used without any training because the defibrillator gives instructions to users as it is operated, councillors would like to run a training session on using it with a suitably qualified trainer. Please look on the notice board for details of the training event in the next month or so.

Grass cutting in the village After a very poor grass cutting service this year, the council is investigating a number of options, including employing local residents to do the work, with the appropriate insurance.

Allotments As councillors planned to consult allotment holders on improving the allotments and possibly revising the layout, no allotment bills would be issued until after this meeting. The time of this meeting has not yet been agreed.

Telephone kiosk The kiosk will be rubbed down and repainted on the outside only at the end of October in a traditional telephone kiosk red.

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 14 November 2017 from 7.30pm at Hildersham Village Hall, High Street, Hildersham - Everyone welcome.

Dates for your Diary

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Mon	2	French Conversation Abington Gardening Club	1.00pm 7.30pm	17
Tue	3	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Table Tennis	9.30am 2.00pm 8.00pm	16 11
Wed	4	Yoga – course and drop in Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods Dynamic Dance Class Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am 11.30am 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 12 11 11
Thu	5	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
Fri	6	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Parish Nurse event	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am 6.30pm	11 12 12 7
Sat	7	Scrapbooking Group	10.00am	11
Sun	8	Messy Church – St Mary’s Church, Great Abington	3.30pm	5,7
Mon	9	French Conversation Abingtons & Hildersham WI	1.00pm 7.30pm	17
Tue	10	Art Group Reading Group – 6 Chalky Road, Great Abington Table Tennis	9.30am 8.00pm 8.00pm	17 11
Wed	11	Yoga – course and drop in FGMN Club visit to Morrison’s supermarket Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods Dynamic Dance Class Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am 11.30am 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 16 12 11 11
Fri	13	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Family Film Night – doors open	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am 6.15pm	11 12 12 12
Sat	14	Kings Taverners Concert – Hildersham Church	7.30pm	9
Mon	16	French conversation	1.00pm	
Tue	17	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Fish and Chip Lunch Table Tennis	9.30am 1.00pm 8.00pm	16 11
Wed	18	Yoga – course and drop in Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods Dynamic Dance Class Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am 11.30am 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 12 11 11
Fri	20	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am	11 12 12
Sat	21	Abington Walking Group Abington History Group Open Day	10.00am 10.00am	17 8
Mon	23	French conversation Little Abington Parish Council	1.00pm 7.15pm	13
Tue	24	Art Group	9.30am	

		Mobile Library	am	12
		Scrabble Club	7.00pm	16
		Table Tennis	8.00pm	11
Wed	25	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods	11.30am	12
		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Thu	26	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	16
Fri	27	Film Night – doors open	6.45pm	12
Sat	28	Abington Repair Café	10.00am	8
Sun	29	British Summer Time ends; clocks back one hour		
Mon	30	Rivercare litter pick-up – meet at road bridge/ford	9.30am	
		French Conversation	1.00pm	
Tues	31	Art Group	9.30am	
		Forget-Me-Not Club Halloween Lunch	1.00pm	16

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 October 2017

Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am – 1.30pm (5, 12 and 19) Lunch 26 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

Café – On Saturday 21 October the History Group is holding an Open Day and Jeremiah's Café will be open from 10am to 3pm serving light lunches and snacks and, in the afternoon, tea/coffee, cakes, scones and tea bread. Saturday 28th is the first Repair Café and the café will stay open until 1pm serving the usual Saturday menu.

Wheelie bin dates for October 2017 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 2	Mon 9	Mon 16	Mon 23	Mon 30
Black	Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue	Black

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

Table Tennis – Tuesdays 8pm at Abington Institute

Contact Raj Sangha on 07803 786 905

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. Refreshments provided for children and adults. Contact Natasha 07725 175 917 or email petrovnatasha@yahoo.co.uk

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

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. 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

Film Nights at Abington Institute

Friday 13 October is Family Film Night. Doors open **6.15pm** for **6.30pm** film

Then **Film Night is on Friday 27 October.** Doors open **6.45pm** for **7pm** film

Everyone welcome. Raffle and refreshments. See the poster in the Institute for full details.

If you would like to receive details of the film by email approx. 2 weeks before a screening then subscribe for free to our mailing list using the link at <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk> or email an enquiry to films@theabingtons.org.uk

Dianne Dawson (893 101)

Mobile Library

Tuesday 24 October 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	End of Beech Lane near phone box	12.45–1.00pm

Christmas Flower Workshops 2017

Thursday 30 November 2017 10am- 12.30pm

Come and make a door wreath or advent ring.

Thursday 21 December 2017 10am - 12.30pm

A flower arrangement for your Christmas table

Both workshops will be held at the Village Institute, Great Abington. Please get in touch for further information if you are interested in coming to one or both of these flower workshops.

Tel. 01223 891 464 or email fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk.

Coming soon! The Christmas Fayre Programme 2017!

Would you like to advertise your business and help support St. Mary's churches at the same time? Cost: £25 per half page, £50 full page + free distribution throughout the Abingtons and Hildersham.

Contact Marilyn Broadhurst on 01223 893 214 or **email**
mbroadhurst73@btinternet.com

Dennis Lightning

The Parish Council was deeply saddened by the death of Dennis Lightning on Friday 1 September. Dennis was a conscientious member of the Parish Council and achieved a great deal in the short time he was with us. We send our condolences to Shona and to Dennis's family.

Speedwatch

Volunteers are still needed to join the Speedwatch team this autumn. Speedwatch is a highly effective way to educate drivers and to stop speeding in the village. Illegal speeds are logged and the police are informed. They follow up reports, initially with warning letters. When problem areas and times are identified, the police attend and can impose instant fines. Please contact the Clerk for more information.

Granta Park closure

The statements made at the public meeting on 5 September are available in full on the village website. The chairs of the Parish Councils are continuing to press TWI and BioMed for clarity on their policy for residents' access and for a date for a follow-up meeting in October.

Recreation Ground

At September's meeting of the Recreation Ground committee, it was decided to set up a working group, including users, to look into uses of the hard court, which needs attention, among them improvements to its surface and fencing (see page 15). The fencing around the play area is also to be improved.

Trees

As the days grow shorter, residents are reminded to cut back trees and shrubs that are obscuring street lamps so that pedestrians have safe access and road signage is visible.

Planning applications

S/2471/17/VC Application for extension of time limit for temporary building at Sunhill Daycare Nursery, Granta Park. *Supported.*

S/2106/17/FL Amendments. Erection of day nursery, associated parking, cycle provision & landscaping (following the removal of existing gravel parking), construction of replacement parking & associated infrastructure. Land adjacent to the Amenities Building, Granta Park. *Objected, with comments.*

S/2896/17/LB and S2870/17/FL Demolition of existing carport and construction of a new garage with associated external works to garden. 22 High Street, Little Abington. *Supported.*

S/1982/17/FL Erection of workshop/storage building and creation of new lake. Amendment to remove guest suite. Meadowbrook Farm, Cambridge Road. *For information only.*

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next meeting: Monday 23 October 2017 at 7.15pm

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

Peter Brunning (Chairman)

tel: 891960

Email: pc@brunning.org.uk

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk)

tel: 893 332

Email: clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk

www.theabingtons.org.uk/parish-councils/little-abington-parish-council/

Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to all who came to the event at the Institute and to those who responded to the consultation on the LSA Neighbourhood Plan which is now closed. The working group will now consider the responses and make changes before submitting formally to SCDC. There will be one more period during which comments will be invited by SCDC and an external examiner will be appointed. When the examiner is satisfied that the NP is sound a referendum will take place. If there is a majority in favour then the NP will be work completed!

Overgrown footways and road encroachment

Hedge trimming has now taken place on Pampisford Road, east of the High Street thanks to the landowner. The Parish Council is taking steps to improve two footways: High Street to Chalky Road and Magna Close to Meadow Walk. Please be reminded to look at your hedges and shrubs. If they encroach onto the highway or a footway you are required to cut them back to the edge of your property. Now is a good time to do it.

Planning

S/2106/17/FL - Granta Park – Erection of day-care nursery. GAPC objected.

S/2836/17/FL - Land at Pampisford Road – Proposed new field access for agricultural purposes. GAPC supported

S/2387/17/FL - Land to rear of 16 Chalky Road – Erection of 2 detached barns for agricultural use. GAPC objected.

S/2672/17/FL - 7 Magna Close – Erection of porch. GAPC supported

S/1875/17/FL - Illumina, Granta Park – Cycle shelter. GAPC supported, SCDC approved.

S/1881/17/FL - 30 South Road – Demolish building and build new dwelling with work space. GAPC supported, SCDC approved.

S/2349/17/FL - 45 North Road – Demolish existing dwelling and build new dwelling. GAPC objected, SCDC approved.

S/3371/16/FL - 33 Magna Close – New dwelling. GAPC objected, SCDC refused. Granted on appeal.

Parking issues

An application is being made to have yellow lines painted at the entrances to both Lewis Crescent and Mortlock Gardens to deal with parking causing danger to vehicles turning in from the High Street. Please remember to park considerately at all times and never to block the footway. Careless parking on footways causes difficulty and danger to pedestrians and users of child buggies and mobility scooters.

Granta Park Access

The second meeting on the closure of the Park on 5 September was attended by representatives from TWI plus 120 residents. The village case was presented strongly by Tony Orgee, Brian Hayden-Smith and others. A statement from BioMed Realty, owners of 50% of Granta Park, was read out. There was also a statement from the Nutt estate trustees who own the land adjacent to the entrance on the

Bourn Bridge Road side. Mike Russell gave the TWI response and set out the reasons for the change to the access arrangements.

The BioMed statement gave villagers clearance to enter Granta Park through the front entrance but this permission has since been refused on several occasions. We are asking for urgent clarification and for action to be taken to allow regulated access to the Park. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to negotiate a satisfactory solution to the situation. Thanks to all those who have sent messages of appreciation to the Chairmen of the Parish Councils and other members of the village team.

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 20 November 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.

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

Abington Recreation Ground Committee

With the recent new housing developments in the village, we have the opportunity to develop and expand the recreation ground facilities to cater for the additional community needs. There is some 'section 106' funding available and there may be grants available. The Parish Councils' Recreation Ground Committee are seeking ideas and expertise from the Great and Little Abington community to ensure we spend the money in the best way for all. We are already investigating replacement fencing for the Children's play area and hope to refurbish the MUGA (multi-use games area) including resurfacing and extending it. Other ideas proposed so far include a 'Pump Track' for off-road cycles, a Zip Wire, and a Running Track around the recreation ground, though probably not all at once!

We would like to set up a working group to work with the committee to refine and implement those and/or any other ideas. We aim to install some of the new facilities by early summer 2018. If you would like to be part of this working group, in whatever capacity, please contact the Great Abington Parish Clerk – Paula Harper, email: harper802@btinternet.com.

Hoarding

Hoarding is a serious and complex issue that goes far beyond simple untidiness. It is a recognised mental health condition requiring careful treatment. It affects between 2% and 3% of the population - approximately 1.2 million people in the UK. People who display hoarding behaviours excessively collect items such as newspapers, books, clothing, and in some cases rubbish, rotten food and animals, resulting in unmanageable amounts of clutter. This in turn can cause serious health problems, structural damage, pest infestations and serious risk of fire. Since 2014, we have engaged with over 50 households in South Cambridgeshire alone. In more serious cases, it can sometimes lead to emotionally distressing enforced clearances.

People who display hoarding behaviours need help to learn how to change the way they think about acquiring, purchasing, or collecting their belongings. For help and practical advice go to www.helpforhoarders.co.uk or contact SCDC on 03450 450 063.



Abington Lunch
Thursday 26 October 2017
Fruit Juice



Roast Pork and Apple Sauce
Autumn Vegetables and Roast Potatoes

Vanilla Poached Pear
Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 24 October. 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 23 November 2017

Forget-Me-Not Club

October is the second meeting in the year when we enjoy a Fish and Chip Lunch. Members will of course need to book and state their requirement; Fish and Chips or Sausage and Chips. (battered or plain sausage). At this meeting we will be joined by a speaker from The Fishermen's Mission. At the end of the month, Halloween, we will again celebrate this day with baked potatoes and all the trimmings. Our speaker on this day will be Jennifer Hirsh. Jennifer will talk about the History Group's work on their new book *Great and Little Abington 1900 to 1930 - A Time of Change*.

Please feel free to join us if you are interested in any subjects we offer this month, you don't have to be a member, and you will be most welcome.

Please note 1pm start on the 17th and 31st

Dates for October

Tuesday 3 October – 2pm – The Addenbrooke's Master Plan

Wednesday 11 October – Trip to Morrison's Supermarket

Tuesday 17 October – 1pm Start – Fish & Chip Lunch followed by a talk by The Fishermen's Mission

Tuesday 31 October – 1pm Start – Baked Potatoes followed by a talk by Jennifer on a new book about the Abingtons – 'A Time of Change'

Anne Hall (892 275)

Scrabble Club

The next meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 24 October in the Institute. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

British Summer Time ends on Sunday 29 October. Clocks go BACK one hour.

Reading Group

10 October	<i>The High Mountains of Portugal</i> Yann Martel	Valerie Hefford
14 November	<i>A Dictionary of Mutual Understanding</i> Jackie Copleton	Judith Allen

Please confirm your attendance in October to Valerie.

Lisa Pechey

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

A national WI campaign 'Food Matters' aims to reduce food waste by encouraging us to buy, prepare and cook only what we need and by getting supermarkets to reduce the number of multi-buy offers, give clearer date information on packaging and sell less-than-perfect fruit and vegetables. Ironically fresh fruit and vegetable items are some of the most wasted and yet these are precisely the foods that help us keep healthy. At our September meeting Ryan Chillingworth showed us the Eatwell Plate, an NHS guide (www.nhs.uk/Livewell/goodfood/Pages/the-eatwell-guide.aspx) to illustrate the types and portions of food for Healthy Eating, with the emphasis on a plant-based diet. We need to think before we eat: what does this food/drink give me and does my body need it? Following these guidelines would help us to reduce not only our waste but also our waist!

Next meeting: Monday 9 October 7.30pm Members' Night with special guest speaker Steve Line of the radio show Walk Right Back. New members and visitors (£4 donation) welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Abington Gardening Club

On Monday 2 October at 7.30pm in the Institute Peter Jackson will give a talk entitled 'Plants for Winter Interest'. The following meeting on Monday 6 November Robin Carsberg will talk about the Gardens of the Italian Lakes.

Membership fees are now due - £8 annual fee, visitors £3.

All welcome.

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

Abington Walking Group

Thursday 7 September saw 11 members enjoying an excellent walk in the area around Great Chesterford led by one of our regular walkers (Viki Brunning) in perfect weather. Saturday's walk saw our numbers reduced because a few members were helping out in the kitchen at the Craft Fair. We walked around Ashdon and it was a short but interesting walk which included a large number of pheasants almost being herded by the dogs on leads.



In October the Thursday walk is on 5th and there is an optional Pub Lunch. The Saturday walk is on 21st. Why not join us and enjoy the outdoor exercise.

For further information, please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 robandkayharman@gmail.com or

George Woodley on 891 169 georgewoodley@talktalk.net

Abington Bowls Club

Abington's top position in our league was only surrendered on the last game of the season where University Press secured sufficient points to take the top honours by 2 points. We will have to wait for C&D AGM at the end of October to know whether we will be promoted based on number of clubs entering for next year. Most of our members will now retreat to indoor bowls over the winter. However, we shall have club knock out competitions Sunday 24 September at 1.45pm to close the outdoor season.



In the 2018 Season we will be introducing a new Abington B team to play in League 2 Mixed.

Annette Shortell

Linton Village College

This term we mark the 80th anniversary of Linton Village College. The school first opened its doors in 1937 with a much more modest building and staff. While the Art Deco architecture remains intact, a great deal has changed. It was lovely to meet with ex-students and staff to appreciate their memories of the College.

As part of the preparations for LVC@80, we have explored archive material including historic photographs and documents. We have discovered fascinating items including strongly-worded parental letters of complaint penned over 60 years ago, reports of supernatural activity and some outrageous bus incident reports.

One of the most poignant pieces was a war-time letter capturing a teacher's commitment to the profession, despite offers of employment to support the war effort because of his staunch belief that: 'there is a job of work of equal importance to be done right here on the spot; to plan for a better world when once the struggle is over'.

Written in February 1942, the author urges the then Warden of the College to focus on 'the inner nature of the child'. Amongst the teacher's 27 proposals includes bringing up a generation that will be free from hate and fear and to focus on developing children's character and initiative.

75 years on, we still strive to encourage this kind of holistic education at LVC. Children are encouraged to be curious, reflective and independent, to take responsibility and be ambitious in their learning and lives. Another of the school's values, caring, is symbolised not only in the Linton Learner logo but by the sculpture outside of the school's original entrance.

In addition to the tea, cake and music, the anniversary celebrations included the official unveiling of a commemorative mosaic which captures the Linton Learner attributes that we value and grow in the school community. This piece of collaborative art work, created by every student in a year group, serves as a lasting contribution to the school's heritage.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the anniversary celebrations and reinforced what is so special about our Village College.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

Balsham Craft, Gift and Food Fair

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 October, from 10.30am to 4pm

Meadow Primary School, High Street, Balsham CB21 4DJ

This fair, now in its 28th year, has over 40 stalls of locally handmade exquisite crafts and foods. Refreshments and cream teas available along with children's activities. Come and join us. Entrance £2 per adult (inc. cup of tea/coffee), 50p per child.

Village organisations

Name	Contact	Phone Number
Abington Institute – Chairman	Bernie Talbot	Removed online
Abington Institute – Bookings	Dianne Dawson	Removed online
Abington and Hildersham WI	Marilyn Broadhurst	Removed online
Abington Allotment Ass.(AALGA)	David Milns	Removed online
Abington Gardening Club	Kay Harman	Removed online
Abington History Group	Jennifer Hirsh	Removed online
The Abington Group (Ladies)	Freda Orgee	Removed online
Forget-Me-Not Club	Anne Hall	Removed online
Helping Hands	Helen Pimblett	Removed online
Art Group	Jennifer Hirsh	Removed online
French Conversation	Rachel Haining/ Judy Davies	Removed online
Italian	Rachel Haining	Removed online
Naturewatch	David Farrant	Removed online
Reading Group	Lisa Pechey	Removed online
Scrabble Club	Sheena Fraser	Removed online
Abington Walking Group	Robin Harman, George Woodley	Removed online
Baby and Family Yoga	Jeffi Humphris	Removed online
Yoga	Joan Graham	Removed online
Sport and Youth Activities		Removed online
Abington Cricket Club	Seniors – David Pimblett Juniors – Kate Franklin	Removed online
Abington United Football Club	Denis Tiplady	Removed online
Abington Aztecs (Football)	Malcolm Peters	Removed online
Abington Bowls Club	Ian Haylock	Removed online
Abington Social Club	Christine Hammond Alison Tomlin	Removed online
Keep Fit	Gill Dowden	Removed online
Abington Out-of-School (GAPS)	Georgi Blyth	Removed online
Abington School PTFA (Chair)	Iain Sainsbury	Removed online
Abington Pre-school (all day)	Angela Lindsay	Removed online
Abington Pre-school Committee	Rachel Clay (Chairperson)	Removed online
Abington Scouts	Arwen Spicer	Removed online
Abington Cubs	Graham Hinds	
Abington Beavers	Kate Scoffings	
Linton Netball Club	Bridget Savill Angela Bridgeman	Removed online

Church Services for October 2017

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
1 October	4.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise		6.00pm Evensong	Exodus 17.1-7 Matthew 21.23-32
8 October	3.30pm Messy Church		9.15am Communion	Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9,.12-20 Matthew 21.33- end
15 October	9.15am Communion		4.00pm Café Church	Exodus 32.1-14 Matthew 22. 1-14
22 October		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion – Prayer Book	Exodus 33.12- end. Matthew 22.15-22
29 October	10.00am UNITED SERVICE AT WEST WRATTING			

Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
1 October	Harvest – all help please	Lesley Crisp and	Jenny Logan
8 October	Wedding	Rosemary Mead	Jenny Logan
15 October	Patsy Randall	Charlotte Adams	Jeanette Long
22 October	Anne Hall	Charlotte Adams	Jeanette Long
29 October	Anne Hall	Kate Franklin	Muriel Crampin

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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