



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by David Farrant

**Snowy local landscape in mid March
An unexpected surprise just before the start of
British Summer Time!**

Letter from the Editor

Today with sunshine and temperatures in double figures it feels like spring. But how deceptive the weather can be as the recent snowfall and hard frosts overnight have proved. The Abingtons Litter Pick-up was postponed because of the snow, and has been rearranged for 7 April (page 15).

There are commendable successes to report in charitable fundraising. Congratulations to the supporters of the monthly Hildersham Whist Drives who have made significant donations to several charities (page 9). The indefatigable cooks and helpers at the Lent Soup Lunch and Deanery Fair also raised goodly sums (page 5). Warm thanks to the Co-workers of Mother Teresa whose knitting has produced an amazing amount of clothing and blankets for needy UK and overseas organisations (page 6).

There was a full church for Mothering Sunday and a heart-warming service. The new vicar will find that he is joining very actively caring communities. Iain McColl will be licensed at 7pm on 12 April and everyone is invited to Balsham Church for this event (see page 5).

The Parish Nurse is in such great demand that a part-time helper has been recruited and, since these are community-funded posts, we are asked to make donations to support these posts. We must also remember that there continues to be a need for donations to the Foodbank and items can be collected at all our churches and the Institute. See pages 5, 7.

Warmest congratulations to Ravinder Sangha for achieving second place in the 2018 South Cambs. Community awards for Outstanding Service.

Rod Willcox will be placing an order of oil for delivery in the first week of May. See details on page 15.

From 15 April there will be some substantial changes to the times of buses 13/13A/X13 on Mondays to Fridays. Contact details for more information are on page 15.

The Institute AGM is on 23 April. Please attend if you can (see page 13). Comments on the Neighbourhood Plan should be made by 16 April (page 15).

Best wishes for a Happy Easter.

Valerie Silvey

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From the Seven Churches

This year is racing by and Easter day will be over by the time you read this. We are in a season of new beginnings, thankfully the really cold weather has gone and now we can see the new growth springing from what appeared to be dead. It is amazing how nature reinvents itself, and wonderful to see the glorious colours of spring and more daylight hours to enjoy them with the clocks going forward. I am reminded of the Easter story that tells of Jesus' crucifixion at the end of his life, or so it was thought, but three days later he rose again and is still alive, inspiring and encouraging us.

The poem by William Henry Davies that says 'What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare. No time to stand beneath the boughs and stare as long as sheep or cows...' and ends with 'A poor life this if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare'. Maybe this could be our new beginning?

We have another new beginning with our new Rector joining us shortly; it is strange to think that Canon Bill Girard died just before this arrival. But we are looking forward to having someone to lead us in bringing about new ways of engaging church and community. The usual St. George's Day service will take place at 3pm on 22 April, at Balsham church, so that will give the scouts, cubs, brownies and guides a chance to meet Revd McColl.

There is a new beginning for West Wrattling church with the introduction of Café church. The first one in February was very successful and the next one will be at 3pm on 29 April. Also that day we have our United Benefice Service at 10am at Hildersham church. The service will be led by Iain and the Archdeacon Alex Hughes. Do come and join us, we would love to see you.

Blessings to you all
Revd Kathy Bishop

Reuben Dry

The family of Reuben Dry (Ben to all) would like to thank everyone for all the cards and messages, and flowers, and for all who came to his funeral and then back to the house. 'A real village funeral' as someone said.

Thank you for all your support. Love, May Dry

Kay Camps Sadly, after a short illness, the death occurred on Wednesday 28 February of Kay Camps, aged 93, of Grange Farm, Little Abington. Kay was the wife of the late Richard Camps, mother of Tricia and Sidney, grandma of Timothy, Christopher and Emily. Kay came to Abington in 1952 and soon became part of village life. For many years she helped to provide teas for the Forget-Me-Not Club members - meringues, éclairs and butterfly cakes being her speciality. Kay was on the Institute committee and enjoyed being the wardrobe mistress for the Abington plays and reviews in the 1980s. Kay looked forward to reading the Abingtons & Hildersham News each month and often said she thought that Abington was a beautiful village and she loved living here at the farm. Kay will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

News from the Pews

We are delighted that, following Revd Iain McCall's licensing on the evening of Thursday 12 April in Balsham Church, he will be conducting his first service in Great Abington Church on 15 April followed by Little Abington Church on 22nd. This will be a good opportunity to meet our new vicar; we therefore encourage and will welcome all members of our community to attend these special services, which will be followed by refreshments.

Thank you to all who gave donations for the Easter Lilies in memory of their loved ones, with thanks also to Freda and Carole for arranging the lilies so beautifully.

Thanks also go to everyone who helped to clean and decorate our churches for the Easter celebration.

Sincere thanks to the ladies who provided a selection of delicious soups to raise money for Christian Aid, following the slogan 'Count Your Blessings', and indeed to all who supported the event. After expenses £133.20 was raised with Gift Aid included. Christian Aid will use this money to help displaced people in Kenya and Nigeria. £20 could provide animal feed for the family's livestock. £40 could provide cash for two families to buy the food they desperately need and £90 could buy a month's supply of beans for a family forced to leave their home with nothing. Thank you for your generosity.

The Abington and Hildersham table of produce at the recent Deanery Spring Fair raised the grand sum of £157. Thank you to all who gave items and to those who supported the Fair.

The Mothering Sunday Service in Little Abington Church was a truly joyful occasion. The church was filled to overflowing with families and children. Rosemary conducted a heart-warming service for both parents and their children. Glenis Todd brought along the school choir who sang beautifully to us. Thank you Glenis. The children were given posies to give to their mothers or carers. After the service there was an array of tempting refreshments.

The Church APCM will follow the Evensong Service in Little Abington Church – 6pm on Sunday 8 April. All are invited to attend. If you are interested in joining the PCC please contact Tony Collett, Graham Ross or Church Secretary Mary Miles. (Contact details on the back page)

Photo by Geoff Burns shows Churchwarden Graham Ross correcting the signpost which had pointed to the shop.

Charity for the Month – The Parish Nurse – Our Parish Nurse is helping to build a community where children and families are supported and is a good place in which to grow old. Due to the growing demands on Claire Gillett, our Parish Nurse, the project needs to expand by employing a new part time community worker. This project is funded by donations. Please help by donating to this important project if you can. There are charity boxes in both our churches or hand your donation to a churchwarden. (Also see page 7) Thank you.



Anne Hall

Little Abington United Reformed Church

Preachers for April

1 April	10.15am	Revd Lyn Greenall
8 April	10.15am	Mrs Maureen Kendall
15 April	2.30pm	Revd Bruce Waldron (Holy Communion)
22 April	10.15am	Mrs Wendy Roe
29 April	10.15am	Mr Richard Lewney

Jesus said I am the Way, the Truth and the Life – join us as we try to walk this way.
For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.

Co-Workers of Mother Teresa 2017/18

An update on our work:

During 2017 we have been able to supply Cambridge Social Services with 12 knitted jumpers, scarves and hats for unaccompanied child refugees from Syria.

Three sacks of cot blankets have gone to the Premature Baby Unit at the Rosie.

We have sent two consignments containing 32 blankets, hats, scarves and children's clothes via the charity **Hope and Aid Direct** for refugee camps in Eastern Europe.

We have also been able to contribute to Operation Christmas Child with hats and scarves, colouring books and crayons.

We have sent eleven sacks of various knitted goods to the charity **Knit for Peace** which has featured in the media recently.

56 children's jumpers were sent last year to the Holy Family Crèche in Bethlehem, and this year we have sent a record 82 jumpers.

Many thanks to all the homeworkers who have helped us to do this.

Our knitting group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month in Chalklands Community Room, Linton, from 10.00 to 12.00.

More information from Maureen Harper: telephone 891 696

Abington High Street/Pampisford Road (March 2018)



Photo by Valerie Silvey

A message from the Parish Nurse, Claire Gillett– April 2018



It's hard to believe that I last wrote in the village magazines back in June 2017, telling you a bit more about myself and my role as your Parish Nurse. Since that time I have met even more villagers, both visiting those that need me in their homes and getting to know some of you at the Mays Avenue Coffee mornings in Balsham and the Forget-Me-Not Club in Abington.

At the time of writing last summer I asked if there was anyone out there who would be interested in volunteering for the project. I'm pleased to let you know that I now have a volunteer, Sue Buckingham, who will be working one day a week. Sue has many years experience working with Age UK, I'm sure many of you will have come into contact with her already.

We have produced a newsletter with information about the work that the Parish Nurse has achieved since the project started and talking about our plans for the future. If you would like a copy please contact Cazzy Walshe at 7churches.seven@gmail.com or 01223 891 442

Our next Parish Nurse event takes place on Thursday 26 April, at the Black Bull in Balsham, when we will be hearing more about the work of the Buurtzorg nurses. I am pleased to say that two of the nurses will be with us for the talk (see page 9).

A reminder that as your Parish Nurse I work for the 7 churches, covering West Wickham, Weston Colville, West Wrating, Balsham, Hildersham and Great and Little Abington. I work three days a week, Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays and Thursdays. I am not an emergency service or a replacement for the services already available to you through your General Practice. I do however hold an honorary contract with Granta Medical Practice and have access to the surgery.

If you would like to get in touch my contact details are 0749 899 4205 or email 7churches.parishnurse@gmail.com

If you would like to know more about Parish Nursing please visit the Parish Nursing Ministry website at www.parishnursing.co.uk

Blessings, Claire

Haverhill Foodbank (Reach Community Projects)

There is a general shortage at the moment for the following items – small jars of coffee, teabags, sugar, longlife juice and milk, biscuits, instant mash, custard and tinned items (tomatoes, fruit, vegetable, meat/fish, sponge pudding).

Please use collection points in the churches and the Institute for your donated items. Thank you.

Make a will, help transform patient care

Making or updating your will can seem like a big challenge. However, it can be a lot more affordable and straightforward than you may think. Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust's annual Make a Will Week takes place this year from 23 to 27 April. A group of local solicitors and will-writers have kindly agreed to waive their usual fees and write or update a simple will, in return for you making a donation to change patients' lives at Addenbrooke's and the Rosie hospitals. To find out more, simply call Alice on 01223 254 841, email hello@act4addenbrookes.org.uk or visit www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk/makeawill.

Hildersham Focus

Emmaus Collection Tuesday 17 April

Although we thought that everyone had cleared their lofts and garages it seems there is always something else to be found. Please have a look and see if there is anything you no longer require, clothes, bedding, furniture, crockery, garden tools and electrical goods. Please drop off your items at Hildersham Village Hall between 6.30pm and 8pm on Tuesday 17 April.

Hildersham Holy Trinity Church APCM will be held in the church on Thursday 19 April at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and listen and discuss the year ahead for the church.

Hildersham Lecture Series Friday 27 April

Our lecture for this month will be given by a local author Hilary Green. Her area of interest, which encouraged her to write a book, is Surviving the Death Railway.

Hilary will be bringing some copies of her book which she will be selling at the end of her talk. £5 per person which includes a glass of wine or a soft drink and delicious mouthfuls.

'Demystifying the teenager' is the topic for a talk and discussion on 22 May. Do pencil this in your diary and more information will be available in next month's magazine.

Scotathlon

As promised, a little more information regarding the Scotathlon. This exciting and original event, dreamed up by our adventurous young people, will take place in Hildersham on Sunday 17 June. There will be scooting races for the very young and a scoot and run for the young and old between the village greens and across the meadow. Refreshments will be on sale and everyone is welcome to join us for Sweaty Church at the end of the afternoon. The May issue of the magazine will have race routes, registration information and timings.

The Portable Pint returns to Hildersham

The Portable Pint returns to Hildersham Village Hall for another pop-up pub night on **Friday 27 April**.

The Portable Pint, founded in 2017 by Linton resident Tony Kelly, has just celebrated its first anniversary and now operates in five different villages, all of which have lost their pubs. 'I would love every village to have its own thriving community pub and I look forward to the return of the Pear Tree, but in the meantime I will provide occasional pub nights, turning the village hall into a pub for the evening with real ale, cider, wine, soft drinks, pork pies and traditional pub games,' says Tony.

The bar opens at 6.30pm and stays open until 10.30pm, so there is time for those attending the Hildersham Lecture in the church to pop in for a pint beforehand or continue the discussion in the pub afterwards.

The Portable Pint is also available for private parties and charity events. For details, please see our Facebook page.

Tony Kelly The Portable Pint
www.facebook.com/ThePortablePint

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 10 April 2018 from 7.30pm at Hildersham Village Hall, High Street, Hildersham
Everyone welcome.

Hildersham Whist Drive

In the last year these Whist Drives raised money which has been donated to the following charities:

£200 to the Arthur Rank Hospice

£200 to ClicSargent, child cancer unit

£158 to Cancer Health Centre at Scotsdale Garden Centre

Congratulations.

“Wot – no Matron?”
Nurses not Managers
A Parish Nurse event

Thursday 26 April,
6.30pm – 8.00pm

The Black Bull, High Street, Balsham

**As part of our programme of Parish Nurse events
please join us to hear more about the work of the
Buurtzorg nurses and how they could change the way we think about future
care in the community.**

Buurtzorg is a pioneering healthcare organization, originating in the Netherlands, and established 10 years ago with a nurse-led model of holistic care that revolutionised community care. The scheme has received international attention for its innovative use of independent nurse teams in delivering high-quality, relatively low-cost care.

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 891 527

Dates for your Diary

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Tue	3	FGMN Club Table Tennis	2.00pm 8.00pm	17 11
Thu	5	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	18
Sat	7	Scrapbooking Group Abingtons Litter pick (re-scheduled)	10.00am 10.00am	11 15
Mon	9	French Conversation Abingtons & Hildersham WI	1.00pm 7.30pm	17
Tue	10	Art Group Hildersham Parish Council – Village Hall Reading Group – 4 Lewis Crescent, Great Abington Table Tennis	9.30am 7.30pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	9 16 11
Wed	11	Yoga – course and drop in FGMN visit to Morrison’s supermarket Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am am 7.00pm	11 17 11
Thu	12	Licensing of Revd Iain McColl – Balsham Church	7.00pm	3,20
Mon	16	French Conversation	1.00pm	
Tue	17	Art Group FGMN Club – Birthday party Emmaus Collection – Hildersham Village Hall Table Tennis	9.30am 2.00pm 6.30pm 8.00pm	17 8 11
Wed	18	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 11 11
Fri	20	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Film Night – doors open	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am 6.45pm	11 11 11 11
Sat	21	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	18
Mon	23	French Conversation Little Abington Parish Council Abington Institute AGM	1.00pm 7.15pm 7.30pm	15 13
Tue	24	Art Group Mobile Library Scrabble Club Table Tennis	9.30am a.m. 7.00pm 8.00pm	16 16 11
Wed	25	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 11 11
Thu	26	Abington Lunch Parish Nurse event – Black Bull, Balsham	12.45pm 6.30pm	16 9
Fri	27	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Portable Pint pop up pub – Hildersham Village Hall Hildersham Lecture – Holy Trinity church Naturewatch spring meeting	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am 6.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	11 11 11 8 8 18
Sat	28	Family/baby Yoga	11.00am	11

Mon	30	Rivercare & litter pick-up – meet at road bridge/ford French Conversation Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am 1.00pm 7.00pm	11
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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 April 2018

Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am – 1.30pm (5, 12 and 19) Lunch 26 th
Friday mornings	8.45am – 11.00am (closed 30 March)
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 April 2018 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Wed 4 Black	Tue 10 Green/Blue	Mon 16 Black	Mon 23 Green/Blue	Mon 30 Black
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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.

Family/baby yoga at the Institute – 11am on Saturday 28 April

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. Refreshments provided for children and adults. Contact Abington Pre-school on 01223 894 246

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 five weeks for Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates. Contact Disa Bennett on 07798 754 029 or www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk

Film Nights at Abington Institute

This month's **Film Night** is on **Friday 20 April**. 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. two weeks before a screening then subscribe for free to our mailing list using the link at <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk> or email films@theabingtons.org.uk

Dianne Dawson (893 101)

Linton Village College - Marsh Mail

One of the most memorable moments of the spring term at LVC (heavy snow aside) has been the College's production of 'The Crucible'. The play was an absolute triumph and showcased incredibly accomplished performances by our students. The high standard of compelling acting was very impressive for an 11-16 College, especially given the mature themes in Arthur Miller's play.

Performing a script that centres on the Salem Witch Trials in 1690s Massachusetts certainly stretched the students' dramatic skills as well as their historical knowledge. Miller wrote this as an allegory for McCarthyism in 1950s America. This rich political undercurrent offered powerful messages for members of the audience and cast with some very emotional and poignant scenes, demonstrating the spell-binding power of the Arts.

The cast and crew developed in all sorts of ways in the lead up to show nights. Team work, commitment, confidence and resilience, to name a few of the aspects of personal growth.

Historically, when discussing subject option choices with students as they make decisions about their future studies, a number of them have shared the view that the Arts subjects will provide light relief from their other options, or even, sadly, that they are hobbies rather than academic courses. It is credit to the Arts Faculty that these misconceptions are not widely held at LVC. In recent years we've seen a dramatic increase in numbers of students opting for Arts subjects.

With current technological advances it's arguably those that are most creative in their fields that will exceed the functions of automation. Additionally, the creative industries provide a significant proportion of employment opportunities and £84 billion annually to the UK economy. Any student (or adult) that has experienced the pain-staking commitment of learning lines and perfecting a performance, hours of instrumental practice or artistic experimentation will appreciate the discipline and dedication required to excel in creative arts.

I was thoroughly proud of the achievements of students and staff to achieve such stunning performances. 'The Crucible' was an example of the power and beauty of the Arts and an important reminder of the importance of enriching, educational opportunities.

Helena Marsh

Sawston Village College

Adult education courses have always been very popular here at Sawston Village College. This year we would like to have a broader range of subjects. Therefore, the challenge is to find tutors! We are currently looking for tutors in the following subjects German, Mandarin, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Portuguese, Polish, woodwork, carpentry, car/bike maintenance, willow weaving. This list of course is not exhaustive; there are so many subjects that could be offered. The key is to appeal to the local community in and around Sawston.

If you are enthusiastic and an inspiring person, and have significant subject knowledge, then you could be a great tutor. Of course, teaching or training experience is preferred. However, training is available including online options. The benefits of being an adult tutor are extensive, not only is the pay competitive at £25 per hour, the personal rewards of teaching are immense.

If you would like more information about working in Adult Education, please either telephone or email us on the contact details below. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Adult Education Department

Telephone number 01223 712 424 or email community@sawstonvc.org Our website is www.sawstonadulthood.org

Elections

All Parish Council seats are up for election in May this year. Although the powers of a Parish Councillor are very limited it is an important role and the work is for the benefit of the community, which can be satisfying. If you would like to put yourself forward for election as a Parish Councillor, you can obtain a nomination form from the PC Clerk.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council submitted the Neighbourhood Plan for the former Land Settlement Association Estate on 22 February. South Cambs. District Council is now consulting on the Plan until Monday 16 April (see also page 15).

Granta Park Access

The chairmen of both GAPC and LAPC continue to do their best to regain access to Granta Park for village residents. Unfortunately, we have made little progress in obtaining open access although village residents can get access through the main entrance. The new gymnasium complex has now opened, and membership should be available to village residents in the very near future. We have asked for the pricing of the gym to be looked at as it may be a way to get access for some people.

Planning

Parish Council Recommendations

S/0177/18/LD – Wild Country Organic, 11 Chalky road - lawful development of land for the siting of 5 existing mobile homes - Parish Council objected

S/0384/18/FL – Wild Country Organic, 11 Chalky road - change of use of land to site two mobile homes to supervise business at 52 North road - Parish Council supported.

S/0494/18/FL – 7 Magna Close - two storey extension - Parish Council supported.

S/0537/18/FL – 93 High Street - internal remodelling, extension and new render to gable ends - Parish Council supported.

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 21 May 2018, 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 are posted on the 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 Village Institute AGM

The AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 23 April at the Institute. Although AGMs are not necessarily the most fun way to spend an evening we would be pleased to see anyone who is interested in attending.

Parish Council meeting held 26 February 2018

Richard Allum We are delighted to announce that Richard Allum has joined LAPC, filling the vacancy left by the death of Dennis Lightning.

Planning

S/0250/17/CW Extension to waste transfer facility, Worsted Lodge. The Parish Council is grateful for the opportunity to visit the site and has no objection to the proposed improvements.

S/0214/18/FL Retention of temporary marquee at AKB building (MedImmune), Granta Park. Supported.

Affordable housing

The affordable housing on the new development on the High Street/Pampisford Road is to be advertised soon. Please register your interest as soon as possible.

Proposed closure of Cambridge Magistrates' Court

The Parish Council commented on this during the consultation period (ended 29 March).

Highways and traffic

The Speedwatch team is up and running and operating in several areas of the village.

The Highways Department has been notified of a potentially dangerous tree on Newmarket Road opposite the entrance to the Perse playing fields.

Poor road surfaces have also been noted in Church Lane, Church Close and West Field.

Litter and conditions at Fourwentways

The Enforcement Officer from the District Council has visited to see litter problems at Fourwentways for himself. Councillors are still waiting to meet the County Council and are aware of the damage to the fencing and destruction of a bin where lorries are parking.

Village environment/Community engagement

Closure of Granta Park. This was discussed at meetings between the chairmen of LAPC and GAPC with Nuffield Health, Granta Park, BioMed and TWI. A number of possible options for access to the gym and park are under consideration. The new gym is now open to employees of companies on Granta Park; village residents will also be eligible to apply for membership in due course. An exhibition will be held in spring/summer for residents when more information about membership will be provided.

Noise from Granta Park/TWI. This is being logged by residents and reports are being sent to TWI.

Annual Parish Meeting The LAPC Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 23 April. Please let the Clerk know if there are any points you would like to add to the agenda. Residents are invited to attend the meeting at 8.00 pm.

Lights, roads and pavements The Parish Council noted that the Millennium Path needs maintenance following snow and rain damage and that the snicket between Bourn Bridge Road and Cambridge Road needs weeding.

Problem parking

Residents are reminded that parking is not permitted on grass verges or pavements at any time. Bad parking causes damage and obstruction and action will be taken where incidents arise. Damage is particularly serious when the verges are wet.

Litter pick

Snow stopped the litter pick scheduled for 17 March. It will now take place on Saturday 7 April.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next meeting: **Monday 23 April 2018 at 7.15pm**

Public participation: Come and have your say from 8pm

Peter Brunning (Chairman)

tel: 891 960

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/

Have Your Say on the Great Abington Former LSA Estate Neighbourhood Plan

Just a reminder, SCDC is seeking your views on the Neighbourhood Plan before it is considered by an examiner, and can proceed towards a referendum. Comments can be submitted to SCDC between 9am on Monday 5 March and 5pm on Monday 16 April 2018.

For more information, visit: www.scams.gov.uk/GreatAbingtonFormerLSAEstateNP

Changes to bus timetable from 15 April 2018

Be aware that services 13/13A/X13, the Haverhill-Linton-Cambridge routes will have changes to most departure times – between 5 minutes earlier and 22 minutes later, Monday to Saturday.

No change on Sunday.

Full details and copies of timetables can be obtained by telephone to 01223 433 250 or online at www.stagecoachbus.com

Community Oil Order

Please let Rod Willcox know the quantity of oil you want, and supply your name, address, post code and phone number between 20 and 26 April. Oil delivery will be expected during the first week of May. Contact rodwillcox@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07767 686 351.



Abington Lunch

Thursday 26 April 2018



Fruit Juice

**Normandy Pork Casserole with
Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables
Rhubarb and Orange Crumble with Custard**

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 April. 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 24 May 2018

Reading Group

10 April	<i>Three Things about Elsie</i> Joanna Cannon	Diana Wingfield
8 May	<i>Seeds of Greatness</i> Jon Canter	Dinah Brooks
12 June	<i>The Betrayal</i> Helen Dunmore	Liz Obstfeld

Please confirm your attendance in April to Diana.

Lisa Pechey

Mobile Library

The next date will be Tuesday 24 April 2018, 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

Scrabble Club

The next meeting of the Scrabble Club is on Tuesday 24 April at 7pm in the Institute. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

Abington Gardening Club

Members are reminded there is no meeting in April because of Easter. The summer visit programme is now available, please contact me if you need a copy.

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

Forget-Me-Not Club

It was with sadness that members learned of the passing of Kay Camps. Kay was one of the pioneers of the FGMN Club in the mid fifties, and remained a committee member for many years. She was a well-known member of the community, always willing to help wherever she could. We will remember her with sincere gratitude.

Members happily left the last meeting in March clutching an Easter Egg after enjoying a delicious Fish and Chip lunch followed by lemon tart and cream. A joyful start to the Easter break.

During a recent committee meeting, plans were made for the 63rd birthday party when we will look forward to a visit from the Pre School children. The meeting will begin as usual at 2pm when members can enjoy Afternoon Tea.

At our first meeting in April we are joining in the fun that the children of Abington are currently enjoying, 'Abington Rocks', proving we are never too old to join in the fun. You can follow this new venture on Facebook.

Please note our AGM will be on Tuesday 1st May

Dates for April

Tuesday 3 April 2pm – 'Abington Rocks'

Wednesday 11 April – Trip to Morrison's

Tuesday 17 April 2pm – FGMN Club 63rd Birthday Party.

Anne Hall (892 275) or anneandglynhall@gmail.com

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

There was a wedding theme to our March meeting, so we started the evening with fizz to get in the mood.....for our Annual General Meeting! Reports of the year's activities and full accounts of our income and expenditure reflected another successful year for our WI. Thanks were given to the 2017 committee for their organisation and to the members for their continued support. The new committee was elected and members voted unanimously for our new President, Janyce Garrod. Plans for future meetings and outings were discussed.

Business over, we relaxed with canapés and cake - a special wedding anniversary cake beautifully made by Hazel Webb. Members had brought wedding photos (mostly b&w!) and often the husbands were more easily identified than the beautiful brides! Bethany Coates gave a slideshow of her lovely wedding in December and we admired her mother's handiwork in the beautiful beaded bodice of the dress.

I thank all members for their support, encouragement and kind gift on my retirement as President.

Next meeting: Monday 9 April 7.30pm - A woman's life in the Army by Lucy Lewis.

New members and visitors (£4) always welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Abington Walking Group

March did not start very well as, unusually, we had to cancel the Thursday walk due to adverse weather. The Saturday walk took us to Barley and Barkway.



Weather permitting, we walk all year round and our next walks are on Thursday 5 and Saturday 21 April.

For further information, please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 robandkayharman@gmail.com or
George Woodley on 891 169 georgewoodley@talktalk.net



Naturewatch Spring Meeting

On Friday 27 April at 7.30pm at the Institute, we will be holding our spring meeting when we will present our spring/summer programme of visits and copies of our report for 2017, *The Record*, will be available at £1. Everybody is welcome to the meeting and tea/coffee will be available afterwards.

Cambridge Gliding Centre, Open Day Sunday 8 April, 10am to 5pm

Come and visit Gransden Lodge Airfield to find out about the sport of gliding. All welcome. Trial flights with our qualified instructors are available on a first-come first-served basis (subject to weather).

Refreshments, free admission, aircraft displays and talks.

Airfield entrance is on the B1046 between Little Gransden and Longstowe, opposite Gransden Lodge Farm (enter SG19 3EB in your satnav). For more information go to <http://www.camgliding.uk/>

New Aviation badge for Brownies

The Girlguiding movement is updating itself for the 21st century by replacing many traditional badges based on crafts in favour of activities that will widen girls' horizons, and build skills that prepare them for future jobs.




As part of this development Brownies will be able to work for a dedicated aviation badge that will require girls aged seven to ten to learn about the basic principles of flight and build their own model aircraft. This will involve creating a list of 40 things that fly and investigating how they are powered. The Brownies will also create their own aircraft experiments with different materials, structures and launch techniques. Airline easyJet has agreed to provide sponsorship, materials, pilot speakers and the chance to visit the airline's bases.

At present only four per cent of pilots are women. It is hoped that the new badge will encourage the next generation of girls to consider a career in aviation. Captain Marnie Munns, who lives locally, has been a commercial pilot for the last 18 years and is working with easyJet on this exciting new partnership.

(Article based on a longer report in *The Times* on Thursday 1 March 2018).

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.

Church Services for April 2018

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
1 April Easter Day	10.45 am Communion		6.00pm Evensong	Acts 10.34-43 John 20.1-18
8 April		6.00pm Evensong	9.15am Communion -BCP	Acts 4.32-35 John 20.19-end
Thursday 12 April 7.00 pm	LICENSING SERVICE AT BALSHAM			
15 April	9.15am Communion		4.00pm Café Church	Acts 3.12-19 Luke 24.36b-48
22 April		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion and Baptism	Acts 4.5-12 John 10.11-18
29 April			10.00am United Eucharist	Acts 8.26-end John 15.1-8

Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
1 April	Carol McCrae	All help please	All help please
8 April	Anne Hall & Patsy Randall	Freda Orgee	Kate Huntsman
15 April	Janet Stanley	Freda Orgee	Elaine Moore
22 April	Janet Stanley	June Waring and	Elaine Moore
29 April	Pat Kennedy	Kay Harman	Kirsten Newble

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	Not 24 hrs, please leave a message if no reply - Claire will respond when next on duty.	07498 994205
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