



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Tony Collett

**Great Abington Church welcomed participants in the
Abington Amble with tea and scones, Saturday 16 June 2018**

Letter from the Editor

The Abington Amble found many people walking from the river bridge to seven delightful gardens in Little Abington, ending at Bourn Bridge Road. Having admired the gardens and bought the plants, cakes, drinks, books, raffle tickets that were also on offer, participants turned their steps to the Great Abington church to sit and chat and be re-energised by tea and scones. A successful afternoon, which owed a lot to those who worked to get the gardens in good order and provide the back-up arrangements (see cover photo and page 5).

In Hildersham the inaugural Scootathlon was fun and produced many happy faces. July will bring another popular Teatime in the Village Hall and culture in the Old School Wood in the form of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*. Please note that a church youth worker is now available part-time to help enthuse the youth of the six Granta Vale villages (see page 8).

Jeremiah's Café is offering a super summer tea and there will be another summer concert in the grounds of Great Abington church (page 12).

Abington Gardening Club has an outing to Peter Beale's roses and both the WI and Forget-Me-Not club have annual garden parties planned. Naturewatch has a busy programme of visits too (pages 12, 16, 17, 18).

On page 13 there is wise medical advice about how best to deal with health issues in the summer and also forward planning for flu immunisation.

The Little Abington Parish Council has been discussing environmental issues in the village, from road re-surfacing and road safety to litter at Fourwentways and access to Granta Park. The Great Abington Parish Council provides interesting information about completion of the houses at Moorefield and plans for more housing developments in the village. Don't forget to book your places on the Felixstowe outing in August. (See pages 6, 14).

Those on the Midsummer Walk relished the dry and warm conditions (page 17). We will hope that the rain holds off for the outdoor events still to come. But how the gardens and field crops need water. What a pity we cannot organise downpours, and preferably overnight.

Valerie Silvey

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From the Seven Churches

You may have noticed an extravagant sports tournament happening in Russia at the moment. It's certainly big news in our household and we're looking forward to following this young England team as they seek to make their mark. Whether they progress further than the last 16, though, is perhaps a matter of hope rather than expectation!

There was, however, another sporting event which took place in Russia last month filled with hope: the Street Child World Cup. Over 200 'street children' from five different continents, all of whom had experienced homelessness, took part. The children said the tournament and the support they received from all over the world helped give them a greater sense of dignity. Instead of being stigmatised, they felt special, known and loved. When they returned to their homes they were then supported in championing the cause of street children in their local communities. They became, therefore, ambassadors of hope.

This striking story gives us much to reflect on. I had the privilege of baptising someone recently and the beautiful words and prayers of the service reminded me how baptism is also an act of great hope. In baptism, we are reminded that each of us is special, known and loved by God. We respond to that by making promises to pray for and support the baptised person, and are encouraged to become ambassadors of faith, hope and love in our communities through prayer and action.

There are indeed many ways to affirm each other's human dignity and support one another in our lives. We have a wonderful opportunity to do that in our villages where there are so many chances to connect with each other, whether through a local fête, meeting at the village shop or pub or simply passing by on the high street. If we truly seek the welfare of the places where we live and aim to love our neighbour as ourselves, we can also become ambassadors of hope in the world around us.

Revd Iain McColl

Foodbank

The following are particularly welcome at the moment – small jars of coffee, teabags, sugar, long-life juice and milk, biscuits, instant mash, custard and tinned items (tomatoes, fruit, vegetable, meat/fish, sponge pudding).

Collection points for your donations can be found in the Institute and all our churches. Thank you.

Little Abington United Reformed Church

A warm welcome awaits any local residents and visitors to our Sunday services.

Preachers for July

1 July	10.15am	Mr Ben Palmer
8 July	10.15am	Mrs Jane Mann
15 July	2.30pm	Revd Bruce Waldron (Holy Communion)
22 July	10.15am	Mr Peter Sammons
29 July	10.15am	TBA

For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.

News from the Pews

There are, for sure, seven gardeners in Little Abington who are now breathing a sigh of relief following months of hard work preparing their gardens for the Little Abington Garden Amble. There were some enormously favourable comments about all of the gardens and indeed the friendliness of the occupants too.



The PCC is extremely grateful to you all and to those who so generously gave plants, cakes and raffle prizes, to those who manned the various stalls, the ladies who worked tirelessly in the church kitchenette and of course to those who came and supported the event, which has boosted our much-needed funds.

*Left – Photo of West Field garden by Tony Collett
Below – Photo of Church Lane garden by V Silvey*

Following a most enjoyable afternoon members of our community who purchased a programme for the Amble were invited to an outdoor singalong film night of Grease at the home of the Sam Family. Our sincere thanks to Johnnie and Anne for this opportunity. Judging by the singing, dancing and clapping the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. What a wonderful community-spirited gesture.

Sunday 1 July – Do join us for a Baptism in Great Abington Church at 10.45am; this is always a joyful service.

Thursday 5 July – PCC Meeting

Saturday 21 July – An evening of entertainment with music from the 50's to the current time. See separate poster and page 12 for details.

Charity for the Month – Cambridgeshire Historical Church Trust – Founded in 1983 the charity has offered over £2,000,000 in interest-free loans for improvement and repair to churches in our region. Cambridgeshire has 350 church and chapels of historical and architectural interest. Without this Trust our churches would undoubtedly fall into complete disrepair. There are charity boxes in both churches

Interment of Ashes took place in Little Abington Churchyard of Carla Hall on Friday 4 May. Carla will be lovingly remembered for her role as a care assistant in the area. Our sincere condolences to Carla's parents Richard and Cheryl and family.

Anne Hall

Double Congratulations!

Tony Baker of Great Abington recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He has also received a certificate from Addenbrooke's Hospital that recognises his 15 years as a volunteer visiting wards, often accompanied by his dog to provide 'Pat a Dog' therapy. Congratulations Tony! (Ed.)



Little Abington Parish Council

A Quality Parish Council

Parish Council meeting 21 May 2018

Election of chairman and vice-chairman

Peter Brunning was elected as chairman and Isobel Smith was elected as vice-chairman.

Stiles on the footpath across the meadow

The landowner is to make arrangements for a stile to be repaired.

Maintenance of the sluice in Sluice Wood

The landowner has agreed to do this. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the sluice is a listed historical monument.

Litter at Fourwentways

SCDC will replace the damaged litterbin and install two more. The Clerk will seek clarification on the litter collection conditions and monitoring arrangements for Burger King.

Village maintenance

The Parish Council agreed to set up a working party to review the contract, specification and oversee the award of a new contract.

Comfort Café

The Clerk had not received a reply to her letter to the registered owner of the Comfort Café asking about its status. SCDC understands it will reopen soon. Meanwhile rubble and building waste has been piled up to block access to the site.

Planning

- S/388/18/LB 35 Church Lane. Part demolition, repair and rebuilding of boundary wall. LAPC supported the application without referral to the SCDC Planning Committee.
- S/1557/18/TC. 54, High Street. Various tree works in a Conservation Area. No comments. The Parish Council was surprised by recent advice that it could not suggest replacing trees in the Conservation Area
- S/0881/18/FL & S/1027/18/AD. Shell Petrol Station, Fourwentways. Approved. Although this was not the decision the Parish Council had hoped for, it was felt some progress had been made in raising awareness of concerns about conditions at Fourwentways.

Local highways improvement

The deadline for 2019–20 applications is end-July. Options were discussed at the GA/LAPC Liaison Meeting on 20 June. Residents are encouraged to put forward their suggestions to the Clerk or members of LAPC well before the deadline.

PC has suggested extending the footway along the Newmarket Road from Fourwentways to Granta Park. This is particularly important given the increase in pedestrian traffic now that access to Granta Park via Sluice Wood is closed.

Road safety

The County Council has carried out a feasibility study for 'Children Playing' signs at Ivan Clarke's Corner and village gateways in Bourn Bridge Road. LAPC has agreed to fund these as the proposal for a subsidised project was unsuccessful.

Concerns about the safety of the junction of the Cambridge International School at Newmarket Road will be flagged up to the Highways Team.

Village environment/updates following the Annual Parish Meeting

Granta Park access. The public meeting on 18 May was well attended. The Chairman reported that TWI is unlikely to reopen the site to public access, other than as visitors via the main gate. Members of the gym would be able to have access via pedestrian entrances. An option being considered is establishing a village base on the site so that local residents have a business reason for visiting.

Noise at Granta Park. As agreed at the APM, Tony Orgee helped West Field residents to contact TWI. Environmental Health has made an unannounced visit.

Conditions of road surfaces. Some recent repair work, notably by the Pottery, was not done to a very high standard. The Parish Council will continue to monitor.

Compliance Working Group

The CWG met on 14 June and determined a number of recommendations to present to the Parish Council at the 25 June meeting.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

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

The agenda includes time for public participation

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

Sawston Village College

The 2018/19 Adult Education Programme is now on our website and courses can be booked online using Wisepay, an easy, secure and convenient system. In addition to the usual courses, that you will find on the website and also in the brochures shortly to be delivered through your door, there are the following new courses:

Flamenco Dancing	Drumming
Willow weaving	New craft courses
Astronomy	Dream analysis
Basic car maintenance	
Mandarin	New cookery courses



We look forward to seeing you in September.

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

Hildersham Focus

Inaugural Scootathlon, Sunday 19 June 2018



Photo by Anne-Marie Molloy

Scooters at the ready, a hooter blast and they were off! Rosy cheeks and beaded brows of young and old. Little legs and long legs moving so very fast. A bit of canine help for some! Across the fields they came, racing to the finish line and once across, proudly sporting their finishers' medals and enjoying an energy replacement cookie. Huge congratulations to all the 'scooterers' in the inaugural Hildersham Scootathlon.

It's time for tea

Teatime on 19 July from 3pm. Please bring your friends and join us at the village hall to enjoy the flavours of summer. Tea and cake will cost £1.

Outspoken Theatre, a local theatre company, will be entertaining and enthralling us once again on Saturday 21 July in the Old School Wood, adjacent to the church.

Their chosen performance this year is *The Taming of the Shrew*. Gates will open at 5.45pm for anyone who would like to bring a picnic. Remember to bring a rug for chilly knees. Poor weather will not affect proceedings as we can adjourn to our beautiful church.

Tickets are available at £10 prior to the evening. Please contact Amanda on 894 316 or email amjpalmer@gmail.com. Tickets may also be purchased for £12 on the gate.

Youthinc

We have been lucky to engage the help of Rachael Went, a qualified Church Youth Worker to work with the young people of our six villages. She will be available to us for one day a month to enthuse and engage the children and youth of our parishes. Details of the nature and times of Rachael's work are yet to be finalised and we will share more information in the next magazine.

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

Linton Village College - Marsh Mail

July is an important month for the induction of new staff and students at the College in readiness for the next academic year. Our new cohort of students joins us for a two-day transition in the first week of the month. The programme of sample lessons and time with tutors and our 8Mate student leaders helps our newest additions to acclimatise to the scale of LVC and the routines and rituals of a secondary school.

Over the years we have developed our transition process to be much more wide-reaching and to provide a variety of opportunities for primary students to benefit from time spent at the College. Our partnership with Linton cluster schools and development as a cross-phase Multi Academy Trust (CHET) has enabled us to forge strong relationships and to further enhance learning opportunities across Trust schools.

In recent weeks LVC students have been involved in leading a range of events in our two Trust primary schools which included art master classes and samba lessons for Linton Heights Junior School children and musical workshops and sports activities at The Meadow Primary School. In June we hosted the first CHET Mini Olympics, led by Mr Penfold from the Heights, bringing together Year 4 students across the locality for a day of sporting fun and competition.

CHET is committed to providing high quality education for young people in Linton and the surrounding villages but also to play a wider role in developing the standards of educational provision in the region. We are opening a new primary school in Red Lodge in September 2018, The Pines Primary and Pine Cones Pre-school, and are also supporting the Howard Primary School in Bury St Edmunds which is experiencing significant difficulties at present.

Ambitious and inclusive education should be an entitlement to all children, not just those who find themselves in a particular post code. It is great to see the sports and arts flourishing across Trust schools. We hope that growing our programme of cross-phase enrichment will help to inspire the next generation of students at Linton Village College.

(CHET – Chilford Hundred Education Trust)

Helena Marsh

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.

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Mon	2	Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Tue	3	Art Group Special Summer Tea Table Tennis	10.00am 2.30pm 8.00pm	12 11
Wed	4	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class	9.30am 3.15pm	11 11
Thu	5	Abington Walking group	10.00am	17
Fri	6	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am	11 11 11
Sat	7	Scrapbooking Group Naturewatch outing to RSPB Lakenheath	10.00am	11 18
Mon	9	Abington & Hildersham WI – Garden Party at 1 Bourn Bridge Road Yoga – course and drop in	5.30pm 7.00pm	17 11
Tue	10	Art Group FGMN Club Hildersham Parish Council Table Tennis Reading Group – 31 West Field, Little Abington	10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	16 9 11 17
Wed	11	Yoga – course and drop in Abington Gardening Club – outing Dynamic Dance Class	9.30am 1.15pm 3.15pm	11 12 11
Fri	13	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am	11 11 11
Sat	14	Naturewatch outing to Roman Road Family/Baby Yoga	10.30am 11.00am	18 11
Mon	16	Yoga – course and drop in Great Abington Parish Council	7.00pm 7.15pm	11 15
Tue	17	Art Group Table Tennis	9.30am 8.00pm	11
Wed	18	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
Thu	19	Hildersham Teatime – Village Hall	3.00pm	8
Fri	20	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
Sat	21	Abington Walking Group Shakespeare in Old School Wood, Hildersham Summer Concert – Great Abington Church yard	10.00am 5.45pm 7.00pm	17 8 12
Mon	23	Yoga – course and drop in Little Abington Parish Council	7.00pm 7.15pm	11 7
Tue	24	Art Group Mobile Library FGMN Garden Party – 36 South Road Scrabble Club Table Tennis	10.00am a.m. 2.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	12 16 16 11

Wed	25	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
Thu	26	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	14
Sat	28	Naturewatch outing to Fleam Dyke	10.30am	18
Mon	30	Rivercare & litter pick-up – meet at bridge/ford	9.30am	
Tue	31	Art Group	9.30am	
		Table Tennis	8.00pm	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

Contacts for Café – Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871 or

gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com

and Gill Smith 892 759 or richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk

Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

Opening times in July 2018

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

Wheelie bin dates for July 2018 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 2	Mon 9	Mon 16	Mon 23	Mon 30
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.

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 14 July

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

Jeremiah's Café Special Summer Tea, Tuesday 3 July;

There will be a superb summer tea served from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. It will include a selection of sandwiches, scones and yummy cakes together with a pot of tea, all for just £4 per person. No booking needed, pay at the door.

Mobile Library

The next date will be Tuesday 24 July 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	12.45–1.00pm near phone box

A Summer Evening of Light Music & Picnic Supper - 21 July

A family-friendly evening of popular traditional and modern songs and tunes is promised when Beany performs on Saturday 21 July at 7.00pm in the grounds at Great Abington church. It will be similar to previous enjoyable summer concerts with a welcoming drink on arrival; wine, soft drinks and tea/coffee will be available throughout the evening. The audience are invited to bring their own chairs, rugs and picnic or order a delightful £5 ploughman's supper at the time of buying the £10 tickets - under18s are free.

Tickets are available from: The Village Shop; Marilyn Broadhurst 893214; Anne Hall 892275; Mary Miles 891083; Tony Collett 893447 and Graham Ross 891564.

Abington Gardening Club

There is a visit to Peter Beale's Roses, London Road, Attleborough, NR17 1AY on Wednesday 11 July, leaving the Institute at 1.15pm, with a guided tour of the show gardens and refreshments, cost £6.50.

Please contact me to arrange transport if you would like to come.

Kay Harman, Secretary

Tel 891 730 email: robandkayharman@gmail.com

Linton Scarecrow Festival, Friday 29 June – Sunday 1 July 2018

We look forward to welcoming visitors to the first ever Linton Scarecrow Festival and invite you to join in the trail to find the scarecrows dotted around the village and admire the ingenuity that has gone into their making. The jolly logo for the Festival shows the winning entry in our "design a logo" competition by two pupils from Linton Heights Junior School.



There will be plenty of activities for all ages over the weekend around Camping Close, The Infants' School and St Mary's Church. Events include a Dog Show (Saturday); miniature railway (Saturday); music provided by several groups, plus a Saturday evening concert by the Grove Singers of London, talks, stalls, a bar, flowers in the church, teddy bear jumps from the church tower (Sunday), duck race (Sunday), grand draw and much more.

There will be a restaurant in the Infants' School on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, see the programme in the June edition of the Linton News www.linton.info/news.html. There will also shortly be a Facebook page @LintonScarecrowFestival.

Trails price £1 giving full programme for the weekend available from:

St Mary's Church — Fri 29 June 2.30-4.30pm The Infants' School — Sat 30 June 10am-5pm & Sun 1 July 11am-5pm

Granta Medical Practices - Newsletter July 2018

Spring and Summer health - Stock up for summer!

The warmer weather often means that we spend more time getting out and about. That's why it is even more important to make sure you stock up on some summer self-care essentials in case you need them.

Key first aid essentials include:

- Painkillers, such as paracetamol or ibuprofen
- Antihistamines for allergies/hay fever
- Antiseptic cream for bites and stings
- Sunscreen at least factor 15
- Plasters and bandages
- Diarrhoea/constipation relief medication
- Travel sickness medication

All of these are easily available to buy at local pharmacies or supermarkets.

For advice on travel health including sun safety, vaccinations, DVT and how to apply for your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is available.

The national flu immunisation programme 2018/19

This year sees significant changes as to how we will be vaccinating our patients, the main one being that there are now two different vaccines for adults:-

1. The **adjuvanted trivalent vaccine (aTIV)** for all patients **aged 65 years and over**
2. The **quadrivalent vaccine (QIV)** for patients between **18 years and 64 years of age** who are eligible for NHS vaccinations

Eligible children will continue to receive the nasal spray **live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV)**.

The following patients are eligible for flu vaccination:-

- All children aged 2 to 9 years of age (but not 10 years or older) on 31 August 2018
- Clinically eligible patients, aged 6 months to under 65 years of age
- Pregnant women
- Those aged 65 years and over
- Those in long-stay residential care homes
- Carers

In addition, flu vaccines are recommended for frontline health and social care workers.

The other significant change of note is the way in which we will receive our supply of vaccines – there will be 3 separate deliveries between the months of September and November.

All of the above means that this year booking your flu appointment won't be quite as straight forward for us as in previous years. We will have to separate adults by age, vaccination type, and by when deliveries are due so please bear with us as we manage this huge task which could involve up to 15,000 patients!

In the next issue we hope to publish our flu clinic dates. Additionally, text messages will be sent, there will be local posters, and the dates will be published on our websites.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or your local Granta surgery,

Sandra East, Communications Manager, Granta Medical Practice.

Coach Trip to the Seaside

The annual Coach Trip will be on Friday 3 August to Felixstowe. This is a very popular trip so if you would like to go please contact the Parish Clerk to buy your tickets. Adults £5.00 and children £3.00. There will be two stops in Felixstowe, one at the docks and then in the middle of the town.

The coach leaves at 9.00am from Magna Close and 9.10am from the bus stop in Little Abington opposite the Bowling Green.

Housing

Hill have now completed the Moorefield development. All the affordable units have been handed over to SCDC and most of the market houses have been sold. We are pleased to report that they have been sold to individual families and not to speculators, buy-to-let investors or to Granta Park as has been rumoured in the village.

The Linton Road (South) development of 45 dwellings, including 18 affordable units, is also being developed by Hill. Some archaeological work has already happened on site recently, but the main works should start in July. The release of houses will be phased and completed by the end of 2019.

The Linton Road (North) opposite the allotments, comprises 13 dwellings including five affordable units. Start date unknown at present but likely to be some time during 2019.

Planning**Parish Council Recommendations**

S/1938/18/FL – 55 Mortlock Gardens – single storey extension to form breakfast room. – Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1106/18/FL – Land rear of Strawberry Farm, Pampisford Road – Full planning permission for 15 dwellings. Parish Council opposed and agreed to send further comments to the planning appeal.

S/4086/17/PA – 45 North Road. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the non-determination of the above planning application by SCDC. Parish Council recommended refusal.

Community Orchard

The Linton Road (South) site will include a Community Orchard. The ownership of the open spaces on the development including the orchard will be transferred to GAPC. The orchard will have a working group led by Lindsey Rushmore. If you would like to be involved in this project please contact Lindsey on la_r@btinternet.com.

Recreation ground

The new play area fence has been ordered. The idea of a pump track is being developed into a pre-application to go to SCDC planning team.

Repair Café

The first Repair Café run last autumn was a great success. Plans for the next one are still at an early stage but the date is likely to be Saturday 27 October.

Great Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Village Institute

Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel: 892 647

Planning Committees: As required (usually Mondays at 6.30pm). See notice board for dates or contact the parish clerk.

Next Parish Council meetings: Monday 16 July at 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)

Recollections of childhood in the 1950s in Little Abington

I came to Little Abington from London, aged 3, so it's all I remember. I loved my rural childhood growing up in the village. I now look back on it with pride, able to appreciate how fortunate my younger brother, Rodney, and I were.

Our first home was on the Cambridge Road in a rented house called 'Crosby', a few houses down from the petrol pumps. Near there was Mr Warne's house. He was a beekeeper as a hobby- we used to buy Mr Warne's honey from Mrs Tiplady's Little Abington village shop. Walking along the Cambridge Road to post a letter we were sometimes lucky enough to find mushrooms by the path – mushrooms for Daddy's breakfast.

Across the road from that home were the cornfields with a pathway between the fields towards the slight bump in the land which made the horizon. However, to small legs this was quite a long walk uphill and in our family that walk was always known as going to 'the top of the world' – quite a feeling of accomplishment to get there with the reward of a picnic at the top, which might include a few local blackberries. I remember one harvest time, when hay stooks were still the method of farming, and helping (or thinking I was) the farmer to stack the stooks in groups of six to dry, before he later made them into haystacks.

We grew up with a good knowledge of wild flowers, which I still value and try to pass on to other children. Collecting a posy was all part of going on a country walk. Sometimes we pressed the wild flowers and later made cards using them. When our family planned to move to a house my father designed in Bourn Bridge Road the 'plot' was originally a meadow and for a few years we still had a flower meadow opposite with cows and a real walnut tree in the meadow. But when, in due course, houses were built opposite our mother said "No matter, people will be more interesting than flowers." Once living in the new house, we discovered, beyond the Temple Café (delicious Sunday lunches for a treat) and turn left, an amazing snowdrop wood to the left of Bourn Bridge Road, pristine white snowdrops with a sprinkling of yellow aconites. Colourful memories indeed.

Verity Smith



Abington Lunch

Thursday 26 July 2018



Fruit Juice

**Poached Chicken Fillet on Ratatouille
with New Potatoes & Green Bean Salad**

Summer Pudding with Whipped Cream

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 24 July. 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 August 2018

Forget-Me-Not Club

The committee have recognised that some of our members now require the assistance of their carer. We welcome this wholeheartedly, and therefore do not charge the carer an admission fee. However, we do ask that carers do accompany their patients as the committee members are not qualified carers and therefore would not be covered by our insurance should an incident occur.

Before we close for our Summer Break throughout August we annually enjoy a Garden Party treat. This year we have been invited to 36 South Road by Brian and Pamela Parris, who are busy preparing their garden for a special wedding and have invited us to enjoy it too. Lifts will be organised at the meeting preceding the event.



At our first meeting in July, Niki Sly will be talking to us about her Alpaca Farm. Alpacas are becoming a familiar sight in our countryside, so it will be interesting to learn some facts about these unusual looking animals.

(See photo, left, by V Silvey)

Dates for July

Tuesday 10 July – 2pm – ‘All About Alpacas’ by Niki Sly

**Tuesday 24 July – 2pm – Garden Party at 36 South Road
Break for August**

Anne Hall (Tel.892 275)

Scrabble Club

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

Sheena Fraser

Reading Group

10 July	<i>The Betrayal</i> Helen Dunmore	Liz Obstfeld
14 August	<i>At the Edge of the Orchard</i> Tracy Chevalier	Jennifer Hirsh
11 September	<i>This Is How It Always Is</i> Laurie Frankel	Beverley Dennis

Please confirm your attendance in July to Liz.

Lisa Pechey

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

'Making a Stand for Chelsea', an illustrated talk by Dr Tim Wreghitt OBE, had nothing to do with huge displays of colourful flowers or designer gardens but everything to do with the use of plants in pathology. Tim set up stands at Chelsea on behalf of the Royal College of Pathologists between 2003 and 2016. They tried to show which plants cause allergies in humans, such as grass and birch pollen and peanuts; those which are medically useful, such as foxgloves (*digitalis*) to regulate heartbeat and yew (*Paclitaxel*) to prevent the spread of ovarian cancer; the benefits of fruit and veg. in human health, e.g. cranberries to reduce cystitis. Their efforts to educate the public and encourage scientific interest in the young earned them two gold medals with Food Allergies in 2007 and Malaria in 2008. After refreshments a photo quiz by Annette tested our knowledge of garden flowers and Julie reported on the CFWI Annual Council Meeting.

Monday 9 July 5.30pm Annual Garden Party by kind invitation of Gill Smith at 1 Bourn Bridge Rd.

Monday 13 August Summer Outing to Palace House, Newmarket, leaving Abington 10am.

New members and visitors (£4) always welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Abington Walking Group

The Thursday June walk was a fairly local one to Babraham. On Saturday 23 June we had our midsummer walk and picnic. It was a lovely evening stroll enjoyed by 20 walkers and numerous dogs.

(Photo by Robin Harman)



Our walk on Thursday 5 July will include an optional lunch at The Bluebell Inn, Hempstead which was the birthplace of Dick Turpin. The Saturday walk will be on 21 July.

For further information, please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 robandkayharman@gmail.com or

George Woodley on 891 169 georgewoodley@talktalk.net

Naturewatch – July Visits

Naturewatch has a busy programme of activities in July.

Saturday 7 July – a visit to RSPB Lakenheath (meeting there at 10am) to see a wide range of birds including hobbies and hopefully see or hear bitterns (contact Derek Turnidge, tel. 891 133).

Tuesday 10 July - the second sampling of the river at the ford at 6pm

Saturday 14 July – visit to the Roman Road to see flowers and to see what butterflies are about (contact Sally Turnidge, tel. 891 133).

Saturday 28 July – visit to Fleam Dyke to look for Chalkhill Blue butterflies and summer flowers (contact Jennifer Hirsh, tel. 893 352).



David Farrant

Cambridge Past, Present & Future (PPF)

This July, CambridgePPF is celebrating its 90th birthday! Join us for the festivities on a host of events for the whole family and make the most of the precious summer sunshine. The popular Wonderful Wandlebury event returns to the Country Park, offering hands-on history and archaeology themed activities for all ages.

Monday 2 July: 6pm to 8pm, Foraging & Feasting! – Wandlebury Adventurers'

Unaccompanied, for ages 8-12, book in advance. £14 per session.

Wednesday 4 July: 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Trees of Wandlebury in Summer

Free event – no need to book. Meet at the notice board in Wandlebury Country Park.

Healthy Walking

Every Thursday: 10am or 10.30am to 11am

Free and no need to book, please arrive 10 minutes early to register if it's your first session.

Theatre at the Leper Chapel: *Woyzeck*

Thursday 12, Friday 13 and Saturday 14 July: 8pm

Tickets available in advance www.insitutheatre.co.uk or at the venue from 7.30pm.

CambridgePPF's 90th Anniversary – Event for Members only

Saturday 14 July: 11.30am to 12.30pm

A short, guided walk looking back at the 1920s, followed by our 90th birthday cake!

Afterwards join our Wonderful Wandlebury event. CambridgePPF members only. Booking essential by 9 July, online www.cambridgeppf.org or Eventbrite: tinyurl.com/CPPF90th

Wonderful Wandlebury & CambridgePPF's 90th Birthday

Saturday 14 July: 12.30pm to 4pm

Popular history and archaeology-themed day that's packed with fun and learning for the whole family.

Wednesday 18 July: 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Wandlebury Wild Flowers in Summer

Free gentle walk event and no need to book. Meet at the notice board next to the car park.

Saturday 21 July: 8pm, Ghost Stories at the Leper Chapel with *in situ*:

Tickets in advance www.insitutheatre.co.uk or at the venue on the night.

Sunday 29 July: 2pm to 4pm, Bourn Windmill Open Day and Teas

Come and see inside one of the oldest mills in the country, you can also have a go at the task of turning the whole mill on its post – an amazing sight.

Free for members, non-members £3 per adult, £1 per child.

Directions: Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, free to members. For information email- bookings@cambridgeppf.org telephone 01223 243 830 ext.207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

Church Services for July 2018

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
1 July	10.45am Communion		6.00pm Evensong	2 Samuel 1.1,17-end Mark 5.21-end
8 July		6.00pm Evensong	9.15am Communion	2 Samuel 5.1- 5,9-end Mark 6.1-13
15 July	9.15am Communion		4.00pm Café Church	2 Samuel 6.1- 5,12b-19 Mark 6.14-29
22 July		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion – Prayer Book	2 Samuel 7.1- 14a Mark 6.30- 34,53-end
29 July	10.00am United Service at West Wickham			2 Samuel 11.1- 15, John 6.1-21

Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
1 July	Gillian Treanor	Judy Davies	Lynne Hartland
8 July	Gill Talbot	Judy Davies	Lynne Hartland
15 July	Gill Talbot	Sally Turnidge	Lynne Hartland
22 July	Anne Hall and	Sally Turnidge	Sarah Hall
29 July	Patsy Randall	Fiona Snell	Sarah Hall

Church Wardens

<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

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<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 994 205
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