



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Robin Harman

**Abington Walking Group – and dogs – enjoyed the warm
Midsummer Walk, Saturday 23 June 2018**

Letter from the Editor

Those with sufficiently long memories will know that in 1976 there were weeks without rain and with high temperatures such as we are experiencing now. This year, with no rain for about eight weeks and temperatures frequently approaching 30°C, outdoor events like the WI Garden Party, cricket, and the Shakespeare in Hildersham Wood had ideal conditions. But the field crops will produce lower yields and the gardens are crying out for rain.

The Summer Concert in the grounds of Great Abington Church was held in pleasantly warm conditions and the audience enjoyed music and songs played by Beany. Plates of delicious Ploughman's Supper were consumed with enthusiasm. Warm thanks to all who organised this sociable event.

There is a welcome report on the excellent cricket results this season on page 15. The successes of players in the annual Golf Competition and their good fundraising as a result are given on page 17.

A lot more butterflies and bees seemed to appear during the heatwave and the Naturewatch Group has been hot on the trail of a variety of wildlife (page 17).

The Abington Parish Councils provide further updates on house-building and environmental issues. Please note that there are still places available on the coach outing to Felixstowe on 3 August (pages 13, 14).

Hildersham Parish Council records that the great success of the Parish Nurse scheme now necessitates the appointment of further help and advertisements have been placed to secure this help (see pages 7, 8). This is a remarkable and welcome turn of events. We have heard from Granta Medical Practice that Shelford is now joining the group and there are expected to be benefits for patients (page 12).

Although most of the classes stop in August we can still look forward to the Abington Lunch, a treasure hunt and tea in Hildersham, a WI outing, strolls with the Walking Group and table tennis. Looking ahead to September there is the AALGA annual barbecue and the clubs and classes start again. For adult education on a wide range of activities we have references to the courses on offer at Village Colleges at Linton and Sawston (page 18). Never a dull moment!

Enjoy the holidays.

Valerie Silvey

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From the Seven Churches

What an amazing World Cup it's been. So many exciting and unexpected results and so much drama. We enjoyed a thrilling run by the England team, who were rewarded with an unexpected semi-final place. Then there was the entirely unforeseen transformation of the England manager, Gareth Southgate, into a fashion icon!

It's also been fascinating to hear the experiences of those who travelled to Russia during the tournament. With a background of international tension and prior clashes between English and Russian fans, many feared it would be a dangerous and inhospitable place. Fans and journalists alike, however, found their preconceptions dismantled, encountering a warm welcome from many and a rich and varied culture.

This tournament, then, has been enthralling partly because of its unpredictability; its power to surprise and amaze. Yet we can find ourselves, in other areas of our lives, trying to eliminate risk and unpredictability as much as possible. I'm sure I've often allowed my decisions to be shaped by fears or sought refuge in a settled viewpoint, perhaps because I feel more secure that way.

The Christian faith, however, has always said following Christ is a risky business; it is certain to take us out of our comfort zone. One of my first books on the Christian faith was called *God of Surprises* by a Jesuit priest, Gerard Hughes. It suggests we may often be formed by our fears and hold onto preconceived ideas about other people and God which aren't helpful. By deepening our prayer life and letting go of our fears, however, these false images and insecurities may gradually dissipate. This in turn draws us into a richer experience of life and of God's activity.

Most of us, at times, take refuge in our fixed ideas or are worried by uncertain futures. We can, however, find joy and richness in the unpredictable and surprising nature of life, and experience more of what the Gospel of John calls, 'life in all its fullness'. We may also trust that God will be our guide on this journey and lead us more deeply into his Kingdom.

Revd Iain McColl

Summer evening of light music and buffet supper 21 July In the grounds of Great Abington Church



Photo by Emma Jones

News from the Pews

If only the walls of our Churches would stay as warm for the winter months as they presently are, thereby acting as storage heaters. One generally expects our Churches to stay cool – not this summer!

After the great success of our Mossy Church last summer, we are delighted that Deborah James has kindly invited us back to Abington Woods again this summer. Do come and join us again for Mossy Church in Abington Woods on Sunday 19 August at 3.30pm until 5pm followed by a picnic tea (see page 6).

On 6 July Holme Court School celebrated their end-of-term assembly in Little Abington Church, always a joyous occasion.

Saturday 18 August – The Church Garden Party. By kind invitation of Graham Ross, the Garden Party will be held in his garden (next to Little Abington Church). If you have gifts you wish to donate, please contact Marilyn Broadhurst (see page 11).

Charity for the month – Romsey Mill This local charity is dedicated to creating opportunities for change with young people, children and families in Cambridgeshire. They also help teenage mothers and people with autism. The centre is situated in Hemingford Road which is in the Romsey Town area. There are charity gift boxes in both Churches.

Interment of Ashes took place in Little Abington Churchyard on 14 June of Dorothy Lindsell, fondly known to us all as 'Dorrie'. Still missed by all who knew her, especially her family.

Baptism The baptism of Maximus Nicholas Hedderly took place in Great Abington Church on Sunday 1 July. Maximus is the son of Alexander and Samantha Ward and grandson of Lucy Ward of Bakers Cottage. It was a beautiful service in which Maximus rose to the occasion with beautiful smiles for everyone. **Welcome to the Church, Maximus.**

Anne Hall

Little Abington United Reformed Church

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

Preachers for August

5 August	10.15am	Mr Jim and Mrs Lyn Taylor
12 August	10.15am	Mr Mark Hayes
19 August	2.30pm	Revd Bruce Waldron (Holy Communion)
26 August	10.15am	TBA

For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.

Haverhill Food Bank is short of the following items: Tinned tomatoes, Mayonnaise, Sugar, Jam, Sponge Pudding, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Coffee, Instant Mash, Pasta sauce, Squash/fruit juice, UHT milk and dog food. Our churches and the Institute have collection points.

Sunday, 19th August
Abington Woods, Little Abington
at 3.30 - 5 pm



Come and join us for our '**MOSSY**' Church
Fun and worship for families and children **OF ALL AGES**

We will be:

Making collages, sensory play and walk, scavenger hunt, make a finger labyrinth, storytelling, singing and much more.

Followed by a '**picnic tea**' for all 5-5.30pm

Our theme is: *Lost and Found (We will be exploring the story of 'the lost sheep and the good shepherd')*

Please come and join us for '**MOSSY**'
Church in *Abington Woods*

Find us on Facebook
Messy Church
Abington

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult. Please ensure suitable clothing is worn, we suggest long sleeves, long trousers and sturdy shoes. You may like to bring a picnic rug.

Next time...
Messy Church
Sunday 28th October
Great Abington Institute

Further development of the Parish Nurse service

The Parish Nurse works in The Abingtons, Hildersham, Balsham, West Wrating, Weston Colville and West Wickham. The programme is growing and we would like to increase our ability to respond to need and to increase participation.

We are looking for volunteer nurses to support the Parish Nurse. We would also like to commission a project worker to help build stronger community networks.

Volunteer Parish Nurse Vacancy- Part-time

Nursing in the community- connecting with the health needs of local people

We are looking to employ a volunteer

Registered Nurse

Hours to be agreed.

To work with our ministry team in partnership with the local NHS Medical Practice at Sawston and Linton providing a nursing service that integrates spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional and social health in the local community, regardless of their faith.

Applicants must be willing to undertake the Parish Nursing Ministry UK training **15-18 October 2018** in Birmingham.

For an application pack and full job description email 7churches.seven@gmail.com.

Closing date for applications **Friday 31 August 2018**.

Interviews w/c **17 September 2018**.

Appointment to commence 15 October 2018

With short-term grant funding secured for the next year we are looking for someone who could help with the next stage to build stronger community networks. The ideal candidate will have some experience of project work and an interest in working with local groups, businesses and the public to support them to develop ways to help communities to live happily, healthily and well. You will be able to work flexibly from home and able to travel in the area. Please contact Suan Rowland suanrowland@btinternet.com by 31 August for more information.

Cambridge Past, Present & Future (PPF) Holiday Fun

The longed-for summer holidays are finally here and, come rain or shine, CambridgePPF has a month of exciting and educational events this August to keep kids busy and inspired.

Wild Bedtime Stories with Vital Spark – Wandlebury Country Park- Friday 3 August: 5pm

Bedtime stories in a beautiful outdoor setting. Wear your pyjamas, dressing gowns, onesies (and probably wellies!); bring your favourite teddy if you wish. Children must be accompanied. £6 per child, includes hot chocolate. Booking essential.: email katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org

Holiday Bushcraft Club for 5 to 12 year olds – Wandlebury Country Park

6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 August, 3, 4 September: 8.30am to 4pm

Holiday Bushcraft at Wandlebury with Wild Thyme & Embers. Designed for children ages 5-12. All basic bushcraft techniques suitable for this age range will be taught. Booking essential via the Wild Thyme & Embers website at wildthymeandembers.co.uk/holiday-bushcraft-club

Directions: Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout, CB22 3AE. For information email- bookings@cambridgeppf.org telephone 01223 243 830 ext.207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

Hildersham Focus

Treasure hunt and tea

Our next Café Church on 19 August will have us all hunting for treasure around our beautiful village. The hunt will begin at 4pm at the church where tea and cake will fuel us for our hunting.

Scotathlon

After the success of our inaugural Scotathlon we thought we should prepare early for next year's race. So, if you have a serviceable scooter that you are no longer using lurking in your garage or shed we would be very grateful if you could donate it to the church for next year's competitors.

Please leave the scooter in the church porch or contact Amanda Palmer on amjpalmer@gmail.com

Hildersham lectures

'Will Andrew make a blanket with the fleece?' was one of the questions asked of our Hildersham shepherd, Andrew Rouse, at the last village talk. Many local families attended the sheep shearing demonstration held in front of the church wood and were entranced and fascinated by the job that consumes Andrew's early summer. Andrew and Nettie, who has been Andrew's most recent pupil, answered lots of questions and made a very difficult job look extremely easy.

Did you know the fleece is shorn in one complete piece?

Thank you, Andrew and Nettie, for such an interesting and informative evening.

Friday 28 September is the date for the next Hildersham lecture. This will take us on a Peruvian Adventure with Sam Logan a former pupil of Linton Village College. I am sure some of you will have danced the night away at his fundraising evening last summer. He sets off for Peru very soon and will be keen to share the experiences of his social enterprise and travels on his return.

Hildersham Parish Council

A Quality Parish Council



Report on the Hildersham Parish Council meeting held on 10 July 2018.

Keith Day spoke to the meeting about the huge success of the Parish Nurse Scheme and outlined plans to expand the impact of the service by recruiting a volunteer to assist the parish nurse, and a part-time community worker to help with mental health issues. The production of a directory detailing the volunteering activities that happen within the villages should enable people to seek support locally too. See page 12.

A local resident with legal expertise has kindly agreed to assist the council in its investigations into whether a Community Land Trust would be the appropriate scheme to manage limited development on the South Holding, next to Beech Row.

Since the meeting, the fencing contractor has advised the council that work on re-fencing the perimeter of the allotment would be delayed until the autumn, as the soil was too hard now to sink fence posts and the impact on the allotment holders would be less in the autumn.

The quotation received from the Highway Department to repair the surface beyond the road towards the village hall and the recreation ground was far too expensive for the council to proceed. However, on a more positive note, the work done on the road outside the village hall has made using the parking bays and getting into the hall much easier now the pot holes have been filled

An application for funding through the County Council's Local Highway Initiative has been made for wooden pillars to protect some of the verges in Blench Lane. The success of the bid should be known at the time of the September meeting.

A new website for the Parish Council information will be created to enable it to fulfil its statutory obligations to give parishioners access to all its documentation. It is hoped that this will be set up by the time we next meet.

There is still one vacancy for a parish councillor, so if you are interested in joining the council and would like to learn more about being a councillor, please speak to an existing parish councillor or the Clerk.

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 11 September 2018 from 7.30pm at Hildersham Village Hall.

Linton Scarecrow Festival 29 June to 1 July 2018

The first Linton Scarecrow Festival certainly went with a swing. There were over 50



scarecrows on the trail plus several "friends". Scarecrow makers showed great imagination, ingenuity and skill to produce scarecrows of all sizes and from all walks of life. The beautiful weather brought people out to enjoy the activities on the field, including a dog show and bands, as well as the restaurant in the Infants' School and the flowers in the church. The village looked very festive with swathes of handmade bunting which appeared in the High Street. A total of nearly £5,000 was raised over the weekend for the upkeep of St Mary's, Linton as well as money raised by local groups from their stalls.

Special thanks to the many people who followed the trail to identify the scarecrows and supported all the activities.

Photo by Anne Parry-Smith showing Benjamin the Conductor and Sheila

Anne Parry-Smith (for The Events Committee St Mary's Church, Linton)

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
Thu	2	Abington Walking group	10.00am	15
Fri	3	Coach outing to Felixstowe – depart Magna Close	9.00am	13
Tue	7	Table Tennis	8.00pm	11
Mon	13	Abingtons & Hildersham WI - outing to Palace House, Newmarket	10.00am	16
Tue	14	Reading group – 34 High Street, Little Abington Table Tennis	8.00pm 8.00pm	16 11
Sat	18	Abington Walking Group Abington Church Garden Party-41 Church Lane	10.00am 2.30pm	15 5,11
Sun	19	Mossy Church at Abington Woods Hildersham Café Church – Hildersham church	3.30pm 4.00pm	6 8
Tue	21	Table Tennis	8.00pm	11
Thu	23	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	16
Mon	27	BANK HOLIDAY		
Tue	28	Rivercare & litter pick-up – meet at bridge/ford Mobile Library Scrabble Club Table Tennis	9.30am a.m. 7.00pm 8.00pm	 11 16 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 August 2018

Thursday lunchtimes 11.30am – 1.30pm (2, 9 and 16) Lunch 23rd

Friday mornings 8.45am – 11.00am

Saturday mornings 10.00am – 12 noon

Please note revised prices from 1 August

Wheelie bin dates for August 2018 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 6	Mon 13	Mon 20	Tue 28
Black	Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue

* indicates classes that start again in September

***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**

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. You can contact Disa Bennett on 07798 754 029 or www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk

Mobile Library

The next date will be Tuesday 28 August 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)

GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 18 August 2.30-4.30pm

41 Church Lane, Lt. Abington

(next door to church)

**Cream teas, cakes, plants & produce,
bric-a-brac & books, toys, raffle,
fun & games for all the family,**

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

Proceeds in aid of St. Mary's churches

AALGA Annual BBQ - a date for your diary

The Allotment Association's annual site barbecue will be held on Sunday 2 September 2018 from 12 noon – 1.30pm near the Linton Road entrance. Veggie options available. Allotment holders, villagers, families and friends are all welcome to attend. Just turn up on the day!

Granta Medical Practices continue to grow

We are very pleased to announce that on 1 July 2018 Shelford Medical Practice merged with Granta Medical Practices. Once the computer systems merge (scheduled for the beginning of September), all Granta patients can take advantage of the benefits that come with the addition of another practice, including a wider choice of appointments and another choice of venue.

This final merger makes Granta complete and now fit to become a Primary Care Home, with all the benefits we know this will bring to our patients. The Primary Care Home brings together a range of health and social care professionals to work together to provide enhanced personalised and preventative care for their local community. It is about working together as part of one organisation rather than multiple disjointed ones drawn from GP surgeries, community, mental health and acute trusts, social care and the voluntary sector to focus on local population needs and provide care closer to patients' homes.

We welcome the Shelford staff and patients and look forward to continually improving health care for all of our patients.

Thank you for your understanding and patience in this transitional period.

Flu Clinics Update

We are currently finalising the details of our flu clinics. The dates will be published in the next newsletter and will be on our website shortly.

Sandra East, Granta Communications Tel: 01223 843661 / 01223 727555

Sandra.east@nhs.net

Linton Village College *Marsh Mail*

At Linton Village College we have been busy preparing for the launch of a new House structure that comes into place at the start of the next academic year. The naming process has been led through students' suggestions with the most popular being linked to space exploration. The winning names are space shuttle craft and also relate to our Linton Learner values: Endeavour, Discovery, Pioneer and Voyager.

The group of Year 11 students currently trekking in Peru and completing volunteer work as part of a Camps International trip are an embodiment of these attributes. Successfully fundraising £4k each and preparing for this extensive month-long voyage away from home has certainly exemplified their independence and responsibility.

At LVC we also witnessed a great deal of student-led initiative at our first 'Live Lounge' event. Musicians performed a range of contemporary pieces in the Year 11 garden and showed a huge amount of skill in this venture. We have also ended the term by acknowledging the large number of students that have exhibited exemplary learning behaviours across the academic year through awarding Linton Blue badges and certificates: over a quarter of students across Years 7-10 were recognised.

It was also great to celebrate the achievements of members of the LVC school community at the Cambridge News Education Awards. Two members of staff and two students were short-listed: Miss Hill, Mrs Cooper, Will Humphrey and Charlotte White. Mrs Cooper was awarded Support Staff Member of the Year in recognition of her fabulous work in supporting vulnerable students and Will Humphrey Young Sports Personality of the Year for his commitment and successes in horse racing.

The end of the summer term also marks a sad time when we say goodbye to valued and respected colleagues that have contributed a significant amount to the school community. Five particular members of staff deserve special mention for their commitment to the College: Mrs Jebb, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Omand-Lewis, Mr Charlesworth and Ms Stamper. We wish them well for the future and thank them for the significant contribution that they have made to the College over almost eighty years between them.

Helena Marsh, Principal

Coach Trip to the Seaside

There are still some places left on the Coach Trip to Felixstowe on Friday 3 August. This is a very popular trip so if you would like to go please contact the Parish Clerk to buy tickets. Adults £5.00 and children £3.00.

Archaeological work on Linton site (south)

Recent work observed on this site was archaeological trenching. This element is now complete and the full report is being written. The archaeologists found some flint deposits from a small working that was along the line of what was once the river bank. The finds were not considered significant enough to warrant further work.

Planning

S/2381/18 FL - 45 North Road - convert existing house into domestic garage - Parish Council recommended refusal and asked for the application to go to the Planning Committee.

S/2371/18/FL - The Coach House, Abington Lodge - convert coach house to residential accommodation - Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1937/18/FL - 76 High Street - Change garage roof pitch to allow installation of solar panels - Parish Council recommended approval

S/2179/18/FL - 10 Linton Road - single storey extension - Parish Council recommended approval

S/2213/18/OL & S/2553/18/FL - 34 South Road - proposed Coach House and garden shed - Parish Council recommended refusal and asked for the application to go to the Planning Committee.

Planning breach

A resident has contacted the Parish Council about a newly built dwelling having additional windows to those approved on the planning consent. The Parish Council will write to the South Cambs. Planning Enforcement.

Repair Café

The date has now been confirmed as 27 October. This event was really well supported last year with many residents bringing along a wide range of items for repair.

A1307 Improvement

The Greater Cambridge Partnership anticipate that some of the improvements between the A11 and Haverhill will begin later this year. Final decisions on the section from the A11 to Cambridge have yet to be taken.

Great Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Village Institute

Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel: 892 647

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

Next Parish Council meetings: Monday 17 September 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)

Little Abington Parish Council

A Quality Parish Council

Parish Council meeting 25 June 2018

Co-option of new Parish Councillor

We are delighted to welcome Richard Smith to the Parish Council.

Trees on the Recreation Ground

We have a very pleasant wooded field but a safety audit at the end of last year revealed a few problems. An ash tree behind the school was felled in January and two more trees were felled and two were cut back in July, to complete the main recommended actions. A few minor tasks will be undertaken over the next few months. This will include some replacement planting.

Local housing

Several local residents have been successful in applying for affordable housing on the High Street development. Work began on the Linton Road site in July. The proposed development at Bancroft Farm is confirmed in the forthcoming local plan as initially specified (6 properties).

Litter at Fourwentways

While there has been some improvement to the littering here, it remains a problem. Bins are supposed to be emptied every Friday but the Clerk notes that this service is not reliable.

Highways and traffic

The Parish Council is funding gates to highlight the entrance to the village on Bourn Bridge Road and "Children Playing" signs at Ivan Clarke's Corner. The gates will be positioned to carry 30 mph signs and the verge height will be kept under control to maintain visibility. The work will be carried out by Cambridgeshire Highways contractors/suppliers.

Village environment

Environmental Health is monitoring noise at Granta Park and residents continue to log disturbance. Notes and reports were exchanged at a meeting with residents at TWI in June. Residents are reminded that they should report any disturbance to catherine.condie@twi.co.uk

Next LAPC meeting

Please note that the Parish Council does not meet in August. The next meeting will be held on 24 September (see below).

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next meeting: **Monday 24 September 2018 at 7.15pm**

The agenda includes time for public participation

Peter Brunning (Chairman)

tel: 891 960

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

Abington Cricket Club

The remarkable weather this summer, first amazingly wet (remember?) and now the heat wave (hopefully still going!), have tested our new ground team who have not been found wanting, the 'bowl' still looks a treat and some great crowds have watched some excellent cricket.

The 1st XI are just below half way in the Cambs CCA top division, while the 2nd XI are having a challenging season in Junior 1 having been promoted from last year. The 3rds went in the opposite direction and are on course to bounce straight back to Junior 4.

Midweek leagues look very different: the 1s, despite winning and losing 50% of their games are top of Division 1, while the 2s have already won Division 4 having also been relegated last year, so they have bounced back.

In Cup matches the midweek 1s managed to get to the final before tasting defeat, while weekend wise our three teams are still involved in all four competitions, two of which we won last year, so we're hoping to retain some silverware!

As I write this Jack Hayden is leading run scorer with 518, followed by Sam Till 443 and Dom Smith 362. Leading wicket taker is Luke Gouldstone with 27, followed by Jack Hayden 19 and Dave Lowe and Jonno Webb with 16.

Finally, requests - please continue to come along and support the boys but please take away all rubbish and dog muck from the cricket ground and please keep children off all the ground equipment, it's not all as strong as it may appear.

Lastly, we have a large, dead it would appear, Horse Chestnut tree near the road bridge. There are suggestions it could be sculpted into something amazing. If you have ideas (good ones!) of what it could or should be, or know of a proven quality tree sculptor (I know two, we may need three quotes for funding reasons), please let me or the parish council know, thanks.

David Pimblett

Abington Walking Group

Both of our July walks were, understandably, at a leisurely pace in the continuing hot weather. The first was the pub lunch and walk around Hempstead. The Saturday walk took us to Melbourn and Meldreth.



Our August strolls are on Thursday 2nd and Saturday 18th. Do join us.

For further information, please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 robandkayharman@gmail.com or

George Woodley on 891 169 georgewoodley@talktalk.net

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Forget-Me-Not Club

The Club is closed throughout August. Jenny, Joan, Judy, Carol, Margaret, Pat, Mary and Anne wish all the club members a Happy and Peaceful summer break. We look forward to seeing you all again on 4 September when the speaker will be ex Abingtonian Sean Klein whose talk will be 'The Foreign Correspondent - News in the 21st Century'.

We welcome new members and visitors.

Anne Hall (Tel.892 275)



Abington Lunch

Thursday 23 August 2018



Fruit Juice

Lasagne with Summer Vegetables and Garlic Bread

Plum and Almond Tart with Ice-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 21 August. Don't forget to tell us if you need a special diet. Doors open at **12.45pm**. Note that the lunch is open to **ALL** Abington and Hildersham residents. **Only £5.**

Next lunch Thursday 27 September 2018

Scrabble Club

The next meeting of the Scrabble Club is on Tuesday 28 August at 7pm in the Institute. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

Reading Group

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
9 October	<i>Cloudstreet</i> Tim Winton	Rachel Haining

Please confirm your attendance in August to Jennifer.

Lisa Pechey

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

Our annual WI garden party in July was held at 1 Bourn Bridge Road by kind invitation of Gill and Richard Smith. As it usually rains on our garden parties, we gratefully borrowed the parish party tent (available to all village clubs) for shelter, but fortunately the first dark clouds we had seen for weeks drifted by without a drop. Our Wimbledon theme encouraged several members to dress in purple and green and we explored the lovely garden hunting for tennis balls to solve the quiz. After sampling a lovely selection of dainty sandwiches, we indulged in delicious desserts based on strawberries and cream, washed down with Pimm's fruit cup - thanks to all members who brought food to share.

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

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Naturewatch – butterflies and other beautiful flying insects

We have been busy recording invertebrates, mainly butterflies, seen by members in the villages during the spring and summer months.

One member was lucky enough to photograph two damselflies on the plants in his pond. On the left an Azure Damselfly and on the right a Banded Demoiselle.



Photographs: Derek Turnidge

On Saturday 28 July, in the morning, we plan to visit Fleam Dyke to look for the scarce Chalkhill Blue butterflies and summer flowers. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Jennifer Hirsh, tel 893 352

Abington Golf Competition 6 July at the Gog Magog Golf Club

The extended warm spell produced excellent conditions for this year's event. The course was very dry and fast although the greens were well watered and verdant, appearing like a welcoming little oasis in the distance. Easy to see but not always easy to hit.

First tee was at 1400h and 22 competitors lined up to take on the famous Old Course. Afterwards we headed back to The Three Tuns for much needed refreshments and prize giving. This year's winners were Guy Underwood, who won the men's competition with 36 Stableford points, and Amanda Marns who won the ladies' with 34 points. We also held 'nearest the pin' and 'longest drive' competition, prizes donated by The Three Tuns. Graham Kennedy was nearest on the 9th hole and Derek Marns hit a 307-yard drive to win the longest on the 18th.

We raised £235 for Great Abington Primary School PTFA and all enjoyed a splendid afternoon of golf and a wonderful meal at the Tuns.

Thanks to Chris and Karen from the Tuns for their generous support and the Gog Magog Golf Club, and especially the members who live in the village for signing in the guest players. We look forward to meeting again next year. The proposed date is Friday 5 July 2019.

Alan Cooke

Linton Village College – Adult Community Learning

The new and exciting programme of Adult Education courses and Saturday workshops at Linton Village College will be dropping through your door shortly. From September 2018 there will be termly courses running on four days a week as well as Saturday workshops throughout the year. So, whether you want to learn a new skill such as Silver Jewellery making, Upholstery, Pottery, Floristry or Cake Decorating, or if you wish to enhance your wellbeing through Mindfulness and Tai Chi, we have something to offer everyone. Our popular language courses will be continuing as well as a Watercolours class and a new Art & Drawing (all mediums) class. If you love good food then why not try the Indian Cookery course for authentic, home-cooked fare.

If you prefer a one-day course then choose from one of the many Saturday workshops, ranging from Creative Writing, working with mosaics to learning to play Blues Harmonica. A series of family workshops will allow parents and children to come together and try their hands at cake decorating, flower projects, drawing and pattern design as well as sculpture with a twist. Look out for the Teeth & Tusks: Depicting Danger! Workshop.



For a full list of courses and workshops please go to www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk or call 01223 891 233 ext 317 or ext 303. We look forward to welcoming you in September.

Sawston Adult Education 2018/19

There are many new subjects on offer this year, for example:

- Willow Weaving
- Flamenco
- Drumming
- Car Maintenance
- Astronomy
- Bollywood Dancing
- Mandarin for beginners
- Handmade chocolates



Plus various cake decorating techniques and craft courses

You will find details of all our courses on our website www.sawstonadulthood.org. We are sure you will find something of interest. Please remember to book early to avoid disappointment.

We have some taster sessions on Saturday 8 September 10.00 – 11.00 for which we charge £5 (this is refundable upon enrolment for the same course commencing September). Booking is essential to guarantee your place. Tasters can be booked online using our website. The subjects currently available to try are Creative Art, Mandarin Beginners (10.30-11.30), Spanish Beginners and Tai Chi.

If you wish to make a booking, you can book online using Wisepay via our website. Alternatively there is a booking form on the back of our brochure for completion and return, for either cheque or cash payments. Should you have any difficulties with our online booking system please contact this office on our return. The Adult Learning team will be available Monday to Friday 9am – 1pm from Tuesday 28 August. Our contact details are 01223 712424 or email community@sawstonvc.org

Sue King & Amanda Hoskins
The Adult Education Department

Church Services for August 2018

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
5 August	10.45am Communion		6.00pm Evensong	2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a John 6.24-35
12 August		6.00pm Evensong	9.15am Communion	2 Samuel 18.5-9,15,31-33 John 6.35,41-51
19 August	3.30pm 'Mossy' Church		4.00pm Café Church	1 Kings 2.10-12,3.3-14 John 6.51-58
26 August		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion – Prayer Book	1 Kings 8.22-30 John 6.56-69

Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
5 August	Annette Thompson	Fiona Snell	Sarah Hall
12 August	Annette Thompson	Amanda Marns	Cathy Myer
19 August	Ann Godden	Amanda Marns	Cathy Myer
26 August	Ann Godden	Kate Franklin	Jean Morton

Churchwardens

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

Assistant Church Wardens

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

Parish Nurse

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