



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Tony Collett

**Storm on Friday 27 July damaged Giant Redwood
in Great Abington Church grounds**

Letter from the Editor

This June and July we had real summer weather – temperatures often exceeding 30°C and no rain for weeks. The oilseed rape and winter barley harvests raced ahead. But Friday 27 July brought thunder and lightning and monsoon levels of rain! At last the brown lawns and sagging plants and wilting trees could begin to revive. So much rain flooded our roads (see page 15) and even infiltrated porches and conservatories. Trees were damaged (see cover and page 7). The heat subsided, although it remained humid, and more rain to come.

The Cricket Club has had a good season (page 18). There was an enjoyable sunny day trip to Felixstowe, and fine days for the church Garden Party and for the WI outing to Newmarket – although the WI returned to torrential rain (see pages 5, 16).

Hill has celebrated completion of the Moorefield site and building will start before long on the Linton Road Orchard site.

Our parish councils have opposed the proposed 5000 houses to be built in a new ‘Garden Village’ near Great Chesterford. They have registered objections to the idea of a dual carriageway from Haverhill to Fourwentways. Both these plans would have a negative impact on our villages and we should watch out for developments (see pages 6, 13, 14).

In September we can look forward to the resumption of Film Nights, French - and possibly Italian - conversation classes, meetings of the Forget-Me-Not Club and WI and the activities of yoga, aerobics, Pilates, walking and gardening. A new Social Cycling activity is proposed that you can join on Tuesday 18 September. But there are also gastronomic events like the AALGA BBQ, lunches in Hildersham and Abington, and tea at Hildersham. See pages 8, 10 -12.

Can you help support the jam stall in Hildersham which regularly raises money for good causes (page 8). Please remember the continuing need to support the Haverhill Food Bank which is being increasingly used and this demand is unlikely to reduce in the near future (pages 4, 5).

September is the month for Harvest Festivals and these will be celebrated at the churches at Great Abington and Hildersham (pages 5, 8).

October brings a great treat in the shape of the second Repair Café. Now is the time to see what you may need to have repaired and be ready to inform the organisers (page 7). Flower arranging workshops also start again in October (page 18).

Congratulations to the Abington authors of *111 Places in Cambridge That You Shouldn't Miss* and *Great and Little Abington 1900 to 1930*. The Cambridge Association for Local History will be presenting the authors with awards on 15 September (see page 12).

Valerie Silvey

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From the Seven Churches

Six months ago, Claire Gillett, our Parish Nurse, wrote a letter in the magazine introducing the new newsletter about her work in our Granta Vale Group of churches. As she explained, Claire works three days a week, on Mondays, Tuesday or Wednesday, and Thursday. She is now supported by a volunteer, Sue Buckingham, who has worked locally for Age UK. Claire has an honorary contract with our local Granta Medical Practice, with access to Linton Health Centre.

Claire is in a similar position to the Chaplaincy Volunteers who work in the Chaplaincy at Addenbrooke's Hospital alongside the Hospital Chaplains. She is a member of our Ministry Team, regularly meeting with us at our Monday morning prayers and our staff meetings. She makes it clear to the patients she visits that she is ready to pray with them if they ask.

Parish Nurses were first established in 1986 in the USA, and have now spread to twenty-three countries around the world. They first began here in the UK twelve years ago in 2006. The newly appointed Bishop of London, the Rt. Revd Sarah Mullally who was, before her consecration, the Head Nurse of the NHS, has been a supporter of the new movement.

If you would like to learn more about Parish Nursing, please visit the website www.parishnursing.org.uk

There are two events in September, one at the beginning and one at the end. On Saturday, 1 September the West Wickham Church Fête will be held at Manor Farm, West Wickham. The Holy Trinity Flower Festival will be on Saturday 29 September and Sunday 30 September. It will be a celebration of the harvest, called 'For the beauty of the Earth.'

Keith Johnson

United Service at Balsham

On the first Sunday of each month, from 2 September onwards, we will be having a United Service at Balsham church, bringing together the churches of Balsham, West Wickham, Weston Colville, West Wrating, Hildersham, Great and Little Abington. These services will include activities for children in the church institute or elsewhere and refreshments for all after the service. The service will be supported by our seven churches choir and music group. For any further information please contact

Revd. Iain McColl on 01223 890 693.

Little Abington United Reformed Church

A warm welcome awaits any local residents and visitors to our Sunday services. These are held at 10.15 am except for the third Sunday in the month when the service, including Holy Communion, will be at 2.30pm.

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.

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 for the month you want.

News from the Pews

The beautiful Wellingtonia Tree (botanically known as *Sequoia dendron Gigantean*) in Great Abington Churchyard suffered the loss of several branches during the recent storm (see cover photo). Wellingtonia trees came into Europe from the US in 1853 where the British named it after the Duke of Wellington. This sought-after tree was often gifted to prestigious people and places. Who gifted it to Great Abington Church we wonder?



Church Garden Party This annual event, held on 18 August, ensured that everyone enjoyed the afternoon with a raffle, games, various stalls including plant, book and tombola, and a delightful cream tea.

Thanks to host Graham Ross and the band of church helpers, over £700 was raised for the running costs of our churches. A big thank you to all who attended and helped on the day.

Photo by Tony Collett

The Harvest Festival will be on 30 September. This year we will again celebrate the occasion in thanks to our local farmers and the community as a whole. Members from the various village organisations will choose their favourite Harvest Hymn. As the service will take place in Great Abington Church, we therefore ask for help in decorating the church with flowers, seasonal vegetables, fruit or dried/tinned groceries. If you wish to donate goods or indeed help to decorate the church, please contact Anne or Patsy.

After the service, groceries will go to the Haverhill Food Bank, fresh food will be delivered to Jimmy's Night Shelter.

Mary Miles Writes:

Calling All Local Photographers

Following the exceptional snowfall in January this year we have decided to make a series of local views into Christmas Cards. Hopefully this will not only boost church funds but be of interest to everyone. Should you have any suitable photographs to be considered for this venture please forward them asap to a pdf file Marymiles2003@hotmail.com

Christian Aid A letter was sent from Linda Howes from Christian Aid thanking the Abington community for their generous gift of £685.88 which was collected from households during Christian Aid Week in May. It was headed 'A thousand times thank you' from Vilia Odino in Haiti. A copy of the letter can be seen on the notice board in both churches describing how donations were spent.

Wednesday 5 September – Space to Be – After the summer break meetings will begin again at 55 Church Lane – 7.30pm. Please join for a time to relax and reflect. For further details contact Rosemary on 891 718.

Charity for September – Haverhill Foodbank. REACH – RESTORE ENCOURAGE ACTION COMMUNITY & HOPE

Reach Community Project is a Haverhill charity which exists to reduce poverty, increase aspirations and set people on the pathway to achieving their full potential. This charity is on our doorstep – please help by putting your donation in one of the church charity boxes. Thank you.

Baptism – On Sunday 15 July Great Abington Church was filled with friends and joy to celebrate the baptism of Austin George Kitchener. Austin is the son of Anthony and Karen. **Austin, we welcome you to the Church.**

Anne Hall

Dual carriageway threat

Many of you will be aware of the proposal by a group in Haverhill, the A1307 Strategy Board, for a new dual carriageway from Haverhill to the A11 at Fourwentways. Two potential routes for a completely new road have been put forward, one to the north of the A1307 and one to the south (see map below). Both would have very significant impacts on villages in the area. Neither of the proposed routes for a new road offer value for money. They conflict with the objectives of the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), which aims to reduce car use along the A1307 and is proposing a package of improvements for the current road. A new dual carriageway is also not in line with other local and regional transport policies and plans, including the Haverhill Vision 2031, and would cause a totally unacceptable level of damage to numerous protected sites, including the Roman Road. Despite this, the A1307 Strategy Board is trying to press ahead with developing these plans, seeking to secure further public funding for the next studies required.

For those interested in seeing more of the detail behind these proposals, the Pre-Strategic Outline Business Case report is available on the Suffolk County Council website at the address below. You might also want to write to your local MP and to Cambridgeshire County Council (contacts below) to make your views known – the more letters that are received on the subject, the better. In West Wickham, concerned residents have set up a Working Group to track the situation and challenge information as it becomes available. Updates from the Working Group are available on the West Wickham website (www.westwickham.org); if anyone would like to get involved with the Working Group please e-mail newroad@westwickham.org.

Georgina Magin, Dual Carriageway Working Group

Pre-Strategic Outline Business Case report available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-planning/consultations-and-studies/

Contact details for letters:

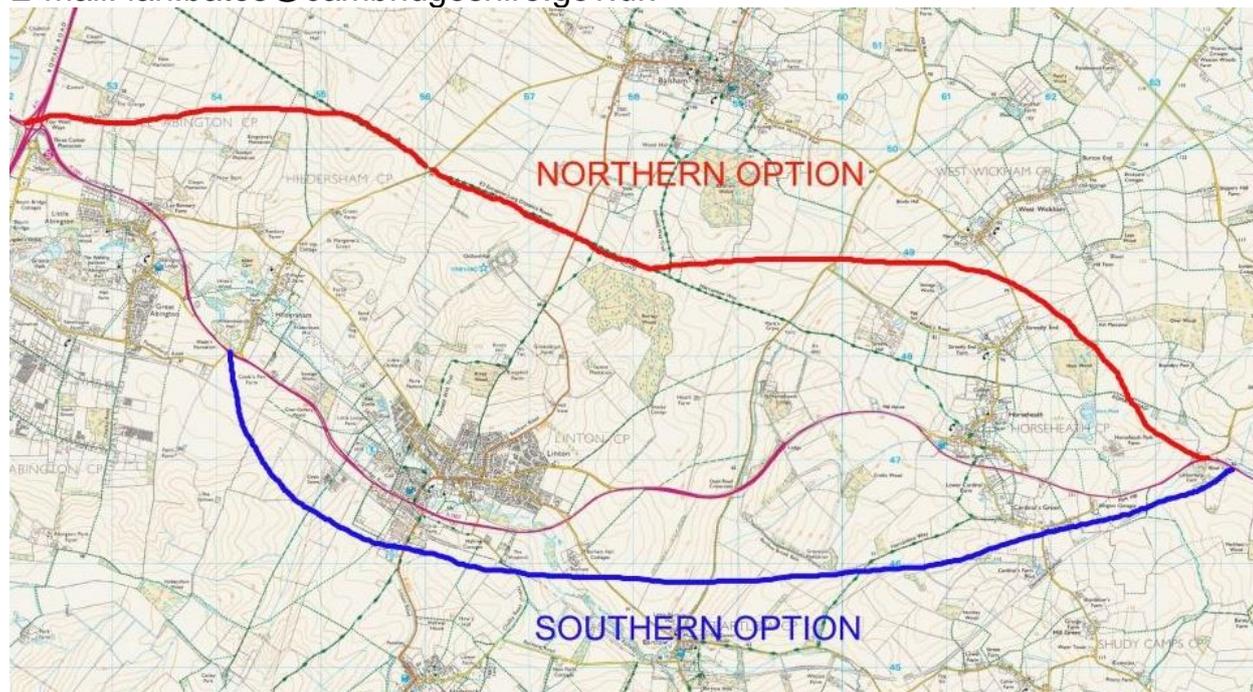
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Southern option starts on the left at Pampisford Road corner on A1307. See page 13.

Second Repair Café, Saturday 27 October

Village residents who left last year's Repair Café with a successfully repaired item will welcome the news that a similar event is planned for this year, while those who missed it now have another chance. The Abingtons second Repair Café will run at the Village Institute on the morning of **Saturday 27 October**, 10am to 1pm.

These events aim to bring together experienced repairers with people who need stuff fixed. They are part of a general effort to achieve sustainability of resources co-ordinated by Cambridge Carbon Footprint.

The Café is your opportunity to bring along something you own that has developed a fault, to see whether a knowledgeable expert can bring it back into use by a simple repair instead of it being binned. If so we can make a small contribution to conservation of the Earth's resources, and incidentally save our own cash.

The scope of the Repair Café currently being planned for the Abingtons is expected to include electrical and mechanical devices and small domestic appliances, computers and electronic devices, books, jewellery, bikes, garden tools, pumps, and fabric items needing sewing repair.

The next issue of the *News* will give details of how to request an appointment with a volunteer repairer with suitable skills and tools to attempt a repair of your item. You will also be able to drop in with an item for repair on the day, but you may have to join a queue. Repairs, whether successful or not, are free, but donations will be invited to cover the costs of the Repair Café.

Running alongside this event, Jeremiah's Café will be selling the usual hot and cold drinks, snacks and delicious cakes.

We look forward to seeing you on the day – please spread the word about the Café to your neighbours too.

Storm damaged tree on Recreation Ground 27 July 2018 (beyond repair, felled and removed)



Photo by Peter Brunning

Hildersham Focus

Village Lunch

The next village lunch will be on Thursday 6 September at 1pm. Doors open at 12.30pm and tickets cost £4. If you've never been to one before, why not give it a try? There is a two-course lunch with wine or soft drinks, followed by tea or coffee and a raffle. To book your place, contact Jill on 893 596 or edheale@btinternet.com.

Hildersham Home Group will begin a new series of bible studies on Thursday, 6 September at the home of Neil and Claire Darracott, 10 Beech Row. The meetings begin at 7.45pm and are held fortnightly. This term we will study Paul's second letter to the Corinthians having found his first letter so absorbing! This is a lively, friendly group of people interested in reading and studying the bible. New members are always welcome so, if you would be interested in coming along or finding out more, please contact Cathy Myer on 892 848.

Ride, Drive and Strive

Saturday 8 September

This event is organised by the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and is one of the major fundraising events which support grants for all churches in Cambridgeshire. Sponsorship forms are available in Hildersham church which will also be open on the day for refreshments and is certainly worth popping into to see the beautiful wall paintings.

Do you know your ABC...of food, fruit and vegetables?

We are hoping to make a food alphabet to celebrate Hildersham Harvest Festival at Café Church on Sunday 16 September.

We will begin the service as usual with tea and cake at 4 o'clock.

Our alphabetical food will be donated to REACH, the Haverhill Food Bank which has had a much higher demand over this summer period so all gifts will be very welcome. A very large 'Thank You' to all who contributed to the wonderful total of £1,500 raised on our Gift Day. This will help considerably with the upkeep and repair of our beautiful church.

The sun shone on the Outspoken Theatre Company who performed a magnificent *'Taming of the Shrew'* in the Hildersham Church wood. The glorious evening certainly drew the crowds who picnicked in the evening sun under the darting dragonflies and swooping swallows. Thank you to the cast for such an entertaining evening.

Hildersham Jam Stall – could you help?

We'd like to thank everyone who buys from the stall, donates produce, jars and fabric and makes jar covers. We've also had the generous gift of a big preserving pan. With your support, we've donated £220 to EACH so far this year.

However, the stall is rather low on stock and we'd be grateful for donations of fruit for jam-making or jars of homemade preserves.

Our small stalwart band of jam-makers would really appreciate it.

For further information or to offer help, please contact Jill on 893 596,

edheale@btinternet.com

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



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

Linton Village College

We ended the summer term with glorious weather and, as per tradition, sports day. This was the final inter-house competition with existing houses and Mandela was victorious. It was a poignant result for Mr Clarke, Head of House, on his last day at LVC. There are two schools of thought in regards to competitive events such as this: it is the taking part rather than the winning that counts, and that winning is the only thing that counts. Like many things in life, it is arguably a combination of both.

Whilst the fulfilment of achieving first place is the ultimate goal of any competitive process, as England's performance in the World Cup demonstrated, there are many other values and virtues that are tested and shown through team pursuit. Observing students support each other, persevere and commit to activities that stretched them beyond their comfort zones showed great community spirit.

As I write this, Year 11s await the outcome of their GCSE examinations, a culmination of their learning and study during five years of secondary education. While they will reflect the achievements of individuals, the way in which the grades (9-1 across all subjects this year) are awarded depends on the relative performance of all candidates nationally entered for the qualifications. Students' positioning on the bell curve of results will determine whether they obtain a pass (grade 4), a strong pass (grade 5) or somewhere above or below these nationally prescribed benchmarks.

The release of Scottish exam results earlier in August sparked a flurry of social media activity with celebrities and past students sharing the successes that they achieved despite failing at school and consoling school leavers that exam results do not define you. While the sentiment of such messages is reassuring and sound, there is a risk that they serve to demean the efforts of our students and school staff that work hard to achieve the best possible educational outcomes.

Ultimately both credentials and character create opportunities and open doors in the future. I wish our outgoing students all the best for their next steps and future happiness.

Helena Marsh

Mobile Library

The next date will be Tuesday 25 September 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)

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Sat	1	Scrapbooking Group	10.00am	11
Sun	2	AALGA annual BBQ - Allotments	12 noon	12
Tue	4	Forget-Me-Not Club	2.00pm	17
		Table Tennis	8.00pm	11
Wed	5	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Dynamic Dance Class	3.15pm	11
		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Thu	6	Abington Walking group	10.00am	17
		Hildersham Lunch – Village Hall, doors open 12.30	1.00pm	8
		Hildersham Home Group – 10 Beech Row	7.45pm	8
Fri	7	Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
Mon	10	Abingtons & Hildersham WI	7.30pm	16
Tue	11	Art Group	9.30am	
		Hildersham Parish Council – Village Hall	7.30pm	9
		Reading group – 42, North Road, Gt Abington	8.00pm	17
		Table Tennis	8.00pm	11
Wed	12	Yoga - course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Fri	14	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
Sun	16	Harvest Festival – Hildersham church	4.00pm	8
Mon	17	Great Abington Parish Council	7.15pm	15
		Gardening Club AGM and Social	7.30pm	17
Tue	18	Art Group	9.30am	
		Abingtons Social Cycle	10.00am	12
		Forget-Me-Not Club	2.00pm	17
		Table Tennis	8.00pm	11
Wed	19	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Dynamic Dance Class	3.15pm	11
		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Fri	21	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
		Film Night – doors open	6.45pm	12
Sat	22	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
Mon	24	Rivercare & litter pick-up – meet at bridge/ford	9.30am	
		French Conversation	1.00pm	12
		Little Abington Parish Council	7.15pm	13
Tue	25	Art Group	9.30am	
		Mobile Library	a.m.	9
		Scrabble Club	7.00pm	16
		Table Tennis	8.00pm	11
Wed	26	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Dynamic Dance Class	3.15pm	11
		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Thu	27	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	16

Fri	28	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
		Hildersham Lecture – Hildersham Church	7.30pm	9
Sun	30	Harvest Festival Great Abington Church	10.45am	5

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 September 2018

Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am – 1.30pm (6, 13 and 20)	Lunch 27 th
Friday mornings	8.45am – 11.00am	
Saturday mornings	10.00am – 12 noon	

You will all have probably noticed some price increases and these are in line with the extra cost for items such as butter, cocoa, coffee etc. but we have kept them to a minimum and have also introduced a new item on the menu - Hamburgers with salad and coleslaw.

Wheelie bin dates for September 2018 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 3 Black	Mon 10 Green/Blue	Mon 17 Black	Mon 24 Green/Blue
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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 monthly 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

Film Nights at Abington Institute

Film Night returns for a new season on **Friday 21 September** at **7.00pm**. Doors open **6.45pm**. Everyone welcome. Raffle and refreshments. See the poster in the Institute for full details.

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

Dianne Dawson (893 101)

AALGA Annual BBQ – 2 September

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!

ABINGTONS SOCIAL CYCLE – NEW!

Following an amusing discussion over large plates of fish and chips at Felixstowe we decided that it would be an excellent idea to take part in some aerobic exercise but with a realistic goal. If you would like to join us on Tuesday 18 September then meet up at 10.00am at the Institute car park and we will do a leisurely ride to Linton, refresh ourselves at the Linton Kitchen and with a little more exertion return via Back Road. The pace will be geared to the slowest so have no fears! Should this prove to be a success then other rides will be planned in the future but always with an interesting goal. Cycle helmets are not obligatory but hi viz is.

Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871

New Italian Group

On 26 September there will be a meeting at 6pm at Long Thatch, 74 High Street, Great Abington for those interested in learning Italian. To be decided are materials, (examples to view and discuss at meeting), day, time and frequency of sessions. If you are interested, please be in touch with me, Rachel Haining, on 891 004.

French Conversation Group

The French Conversation Group will resume sessions in the Small Meeting Room of the Institute on Monday 24 September at 1 pm. We will continue discussing *Le Train* by Georges Simenon.

All speakers of French, however rusty, are welcome to join us. Phone 891 004.

Book awards for Abington authors

The Cambridgeshire Association for Local History have named, in their five book awards for 2018, two books by Abington authors.

- Abington History Group for their book **Great and Little Abington, 1900 to 1930**
Authors: Jennifer Hirsh, Tricia Cullimore, Richard Wells, Barry Brooks, David Milns, Derek Turnidge.
- Sally Simmons, with co-author Ros Horton, for their book **111 Places in Cambridge You Shouldn't Miss.**

The awards will be presented by Mike Petty to the winners at the Association's meeting in Cambridge on 15 September.

Little Abington Parish Council

A Quality Parish Council

Around the village

Noise from Granta Park: residents and TWI staff took part in an exercise on 1 August to investigate noise apparently coming from TWI. This has been especially noticeable in the hot summer with bedroom windows open. It was determined that the source of the noise was cooling apparatus at TWI, who agreed to act to reduce the nuisance. Some changes will be made quickly but the more significant changes will take time.

Public right of way across meadow between Church Lane and Cambridge Road: Apologies for the unplanned closure, arising from the need to contain the Shetland ponies! The stile at the north end collapsed on 25 July and had to be removed for safety. A new stile, similar to the one near Church Lane, has been erected in its place and the path reopened in early August.

Granta Park gym: we are advised that the contractual difficulties have been resolved and that village residents will be allowed to join within a few months.

A1307 improvements: Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) plans to start implementing safety improvements this year, with delivery phased over the next three years. A group in Haverhill, the A1307 Strategy Board, is pushing for a new dual carriageway from Haverhill to the A11 at Fourwentways. This conflicts with the objectives of the GCP, which aims to reduce car use along the A1307. Either of the suggested routes would have major repercussions for Abington. The parish council is in contact with a group in West Wickham set up to track the situation and challenge information as it becomes available. See also page 6.

Notes from Parish Council Meeting on 23 July

Trees and hedges: please trim back your trees and hedges to provide a clear way for pedestrians (ideally at least 1m wide by 2m high) and avoid obscuring streetlights as the nights draw in during September.

Planning:

S/2666/18/TC Tree work. 51 High Street. No concerns raised or other comments.

S/2372/18/LB. Abington Lodge, Great Abington. No objections, no need to refer to SCDC planning committee.

Uttlesford Local Plan: the parish council will send a letter objecting to the proposal for a development of 5000 dwellings ('Garden Village') near Great Chesterford.

Linton Road development: Hill will start work on the site near the allotments soon.

Highways: the parish council will finalise the order for 'Children' signs for Ivan Clark's Corner and the 'gateway' for Bourn Bridge Road very soon, for delivery within three months.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

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

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

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/

Coach Trip



The annual Coach Trip to Felixstowe on 3 August was very well supported, the sun shone and a good time was had by all. It normally happens around the same time each year, so I suggest you look out for it next year so that you don't miss out on the fun.

Photo by Charlotte Smith

Parking

Can all residents please ensure they park considerately, ensuring that the footpaths are not blocked; these need to be kept clear for pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. When parking in the High Street care should be taken to ensure that there is enough room for the bus to get past.

Trees and Hedges

This is a good time to make sure that your hedges and trees are cut well back from the road and footways. It is also worth noting that if a tree on your land damages the road or footway with its roots then you are liable for the cost of repairs which could be considerable.

The Parish Council is exploring the possibility of a tree sculpture utilising the tall tree stump close to the High Street, near the river.

North Uttlesford Garden Community

Consultation on the Uttlesford Local Plan has now ended. Along with most other local Parish Councils we put in a formal objection to NUGC as this proposal would have a significant impact on the Abingtons. We await the decision of the external examiner. All submissions to the consultation are on the Uttlesford District Council website.

Planning

S/2544/18/FL - ARCC, New House Farm, Pampisford Road. – Extension to offices etc. - Parish Council recommended approval but had some concerns and made several comments.

S/2407/18/FL - Strawberry Farm House, Pampisford Road. – Two storey extension. - Parish Council recommended approval

S/2505/18/FL - 57 North Road, – Single storey extension and cart lodge. - Parish Council recommended approval

S/1921/18/DC - Hill Residential, Linton Road, - discharge of conditions regarding surface water and foul water - Parish Council made no recommendation as the technical information was not available.

Planning committee meetings

For future reference please be aware that when the Parish Council receives an application for comment the deadline is usually three weeks from the date it was notified to us. We then need to arrange and hold a planning committee meeting, make recommendations and respond to SCDC who make the decisions. Unless specifically requested we do not normally contact the applicant or other parties about the meeting. We think it is wise for applicants and anyone else who has an opinion on an

application to attend the planning committee meeting. See note at the foot of this piece re dates.

Granta Park noise

Noise emanating from Granta Park has been an issue for a number of people recently. One source appears to be from TWI and mainly affects Little Abington residents. TWI are actively working to resolve this.

Residents living near New House Farm on Pampisford Road have had some serious issues with noise emanating from the Illumina Building which is under construction. A large extractor, high in the building, was identified as the source. This was brought to the attention of Granta Park management and resolved without too much delay.

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)

Storms on 27 July brought temporary floods to Magna Close



Photo by Emma Turner



Abington Lunch

Thursday 27 September 2018



Fruit Juice

**Cottage Pie with
Seasonal Vegetables**

Apple Strudel and 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 25 September. 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 25 October 2018

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

Our Summer Outing was to Palace House in Newmarket. The original Palace House was built by James I in 1610 as his hunting and hawking country retreat and used by royalty until the mid-19th century. After centuries of horseracing success, the last trainer moved out of the stables in 1985 and the site became derelict until English Heritage and Lottery funding began its restoration and redevelopment into the National Heritage Centre for Horseracing and Sporting Art. It was opened by the Queen in 2016 and is now also a centre for the retraining of racehorses (RoR). After an introductory talk we toured the stable yards to meet some of the (huge) resident horses and watched a retraining demonstration in the Peter O'Sullivan Arena. Retired, injured and unsuccessful racehorses spend about three months at the Centre being retrained for a second career, such as eventing, dressage, showing, polo or simply as hacks. After lunch we had free time to view the wonderful works of art from George Stubbs to contemporary Mark Wallinger, and the museum exhibits from past centuries of horseracing to interactive multi-media activities about the amazing physiology of a racehorse compared with a human, and the excitement of the racehorse simulator. A most interesting and enjoyable day out, highly recommended.

Next meeting: Monday 10 September at 7.30pm - Senior Fraud Protection by Mike Francis. New members and visitors always welcome at our monthly meetings.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Scrabble Club

The next meeting of the Scrabble Club is on Tuesday 25 September at 7pm in the Institute. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

Abington Walking Group

After our very hot period we were pleased that our August hikes were very much cooler. These took us to Widdington and an interesting walk by the side of Addenbrooke's to see the huge development and then on to Nine Wells.



Our next strolls are on Thursday 6 and Saturday 22 September. Do join us. We hope to have a walk with a pub lunch in October – watch this space! For further information, please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 robandkayharman@gmail.com or

George Woodley on 891 169 georgewoodley@talktalk.net

Forget-Me-Not Club

The Club suffered an unusually disappointing July with two cancellations. Firstly, Niki Sly who was going to talk to us about her Alpacas was taken ill on the A14 on her way to Abington and therefore had to withdraw. This was followed by the cancellation of the Garden Party at 36 South Road due to the extreme hot weather. Pam and Brian were given a garden pot plant as a token of apology from the club. We sincerely hope the two speakers in September will stir members' enthusiasm again.

Sean Klein will be the first speaker, talking about his work as a BBC European Correspondent. Sean lived in Lewis Crescent as a child and attended Abington Primary School and Linton Village College. He sang in the church choir and on occasion played the organ too. Good to welcome Sean back to his roots.

Our second speaker will be Carrie Pemberton Ford. Carrie will speak about her work on Human Trafficking, a topic which is very much in the news at present.

Dates for September

Tuesday 4 Sept. – 2pm – BBC Foreign Correspondent – Sean Klein, followed by cheese and nibbles.

Tuesday 18 Sept. – 2pm – Human Trafficking – Carrie Pemberton Ford.

New Members and non members always welcome.

Anne Hall (Tel.892 275)

Reading Group

11 September	<i>This Is How It Always Is</i> Laurie Frankel	Beverley Dennis
9 October	<i>Cloudstreet</i> Tim Winton	Rachel Haining
13 November	<i>The Children Act</i> Ian McEwan	Judith Allen

Please confirm your attendance in September to Beverley.

Lisa Pechey

Abington Gardening Club

On Monday 17 September at 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Institute there is a social evening and quiz courtesy of the Committee. This will be preceded by the AGM when new committee members will be made most welcome.

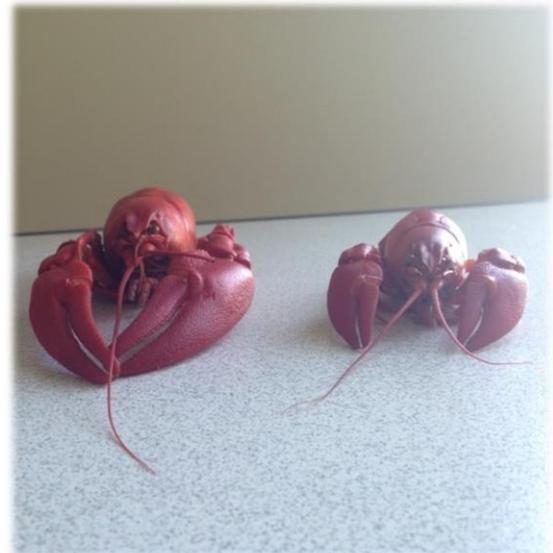
Kay Harman, Secretary

Tel 891 730 email: robandkayharman@gmail.com

World Rivers Day – Abington Woods – 30 September 11am- 4pm



Sparrowhawk seen in Great Abington



Signal Crayfish (cooked)

Abington Woods and Naturewatch are working together to celebrate World Rivers Day.

This is celebrated around the world on the fourth or last Sunday in September.

Located in the superb habitat of Abington Woods along the River Granta, an action-packed day is planned, with a special focus on getting youngsters interested in the natural environment. It will include such things as identification of birds and trees, sampling river life, art and photo exhibition, music.

Family camping will be available on the site that weekend.

Refreshments will be available.

Abington Cricket Club

As the extreme weather of one sort or another shapes our summer, the cricket season is soon to be a memory once again with the final game at the 'bowl' on 1 September. So far we have attended two 'finals days' at Sawston, the first team winning the semi-final against Cherry Hinton but falling six runs short of Needingworth's 166 in the final of the T20 Walker Cup. The third team had, at last, to relinquish the Lower Junior Cup at the semi final stage against a very strong Barley 2s, having won the 20-over competition for the last two years. We still have an Invitation Cup Final to look forward to on Sunday 26 August.

Definitely the star turn of the season has been third team skipper Dom Cameron. Not content with leading the team to promotion from Junior 5 South/East, and possibly the title, and helping the midweek 2s become the Haverhill and District Division 4 champions, he suddenly upped his usual brief, but violent, innings into longer affairs and threatened a maiden century before his third successive personal best achieved it. In 8 days from 21 July his scores were 87 v Thriplow 4s, 96 v Barrington 2s, and an amazing 176 at Stansted 2s, sharing a 200+ opening stand with a guest player who also made a hundred.

Dom now leads the batting for the season with 805 runs, followed by Jack Hayden at 744 and Sam Till, 597. 'Most wickets' is led by Luke Gouldstone, 38, then Dave Lowe, 29, Jonno Webb, 26, closely followed by Jack Haydon and Harry Franklin.

David Pimblett

Constance Spry - her style and influence

A flower workshop with Freda Orgee

Thursday 11 October 2018, 10am – 12.30pm on the Terrace, Abington Institute

To book or to find out more please contact Freda Orgee on 01223 891 464 or email

fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk

Church Services for September 2018

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
2 September	10.45am UNITED	COMMUNION	IN BALSHAM	
9 September	10.45am Communion		6.00pm Evensong	Proverbs 22.1,2,8,9,22,23 Mark 7.24-end
16 September		8.00am Communion	4.00pm Café Church	Proverbs 1.20-33 Mark 8.27-end
23 September		6.00pm Evensong	9.15am Communion – Prayer Book	Proverbs 31.10- end Mark 9.30-37
30 September	10.45am Harvest Songs of Praise		9.15am Communion	Esther 7.1-6,9-10; 9.20-22 Mark 9.38-end

Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
2 September	Sheena Fraser and	Kate Franklin	Jean Morton
9 September	Pennie Zimmern	Mary Miles and	Jean Morton
16 September	Naomi Froment and	Sue Fordham	Harvest
23 September	Tasha Whittaker	Lesley Crisp and	Andrew Westwood Bate
30 September	Harvest Festival	Rosemary Mead	Andrew Westwood Bate

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 994 205
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