



# The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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**November 2018**



*Photo by Emma Jones*

**Harvest celebration at St Mary's Church, Great Abington  
on Sunday 30 September 2018**

## Letter from the Editor

The Abington 10k and Family Fun Runs, held on a sunny day, were a great success. Congratulations to all who took part and to those whose assistance was essential to the smooth running of the event (page 9). In late September the annual World River Day at Abington Woods attracted much interest (page 15). Naturewatch and the Art Group and other organisations and individuals had crucial parts to play in making this celebration of our river and natural environment fun and educational. Warm thanks to all concerned.

As the trees change colour and autumn is really here we look back on the colourful harvest festivals of thanksgiving for the bounty of the Earth. Now is the time to remember those less fortunate as we are asked for donations to the Poppy Appeal and also to give generously to Operation Christmas Child which has, for years filled shoeboxes with gifts for children who would not otherwise have the joy of opening presents (pages 6, 9).

The award-winning books written by Abington authors would make good Christmas presents closer to home and the Church Christmas Fayre will no doubt provide a wider range of desirable purchases. For the first time the Abington churches will have Christmas cards based on donated photographs of local winter scenes. Remember the Creative Church Day at Hildersham, which will be producing Christmas cards and sculptures (pages 5, 6, 7, 17).

Carol singing is a joyful part of Christmas. The Abington churches are recruiting singers for their Christmas choir and the GLAMS choir is also looking for ladies who sing, so why not have a go (pages 5, 6)? The Cambridge Chords concert on 3 November and the Songs and Sonnets in Hildersham on 23 November offer welcome musical evenings.

But if you want to tax your brains there is a Pie and Fizz Quiz at Hildersham on 9 November and the Cricket Club is holding a Quiz on 30 November. The Abington Cricket Club has had a really successful season; many congratulations to them (pages 7, 18).

In the cooler weather we turn increasingly to indoor activities like Table Tennis, Film Night, Scrabble, Art and Reading Groups. Pages 10–12, 17–18 present a wide choice of things to do and include the Walking Group and Social Cycling. De-cluttering could be useful and Emmaus will collect the unwanted items from Hildersham (page 7).

The Parish Council reports (pages 8–9, 14–15) are concerned about road safety, building developments and good neighbourliness. Could you volunteer to help with speed checking (page 8)?

There continue to be many opportunities for delicious meals or snacks. At present there is an urgent need for cake makers for the Café. Could that be you?

Valerie Silvey

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Articles for the December 2018 edition of *The Abingtons and Hildersham News* should be sent to the Editor by MONDAY 12 November 2018 at [news@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:news@theabingtons.org.uk). Photos welcome. N.B. Earlier copy deadline so we can print before Christmas.

## From the Seven Churches

It's the time of year when leaves are turning russet brown and falling, conkers appear on paths and playgrounds and there is a medley of fireworks and early Christmas craft fairs! Amidst all these activities and before we look ahead to Christmas, there is also the opportunity to engage with another ancient festival.

All Hallows or All Saints' Day is celebrated in many places at the beginning of November and is a tradition with a rich history. Paul the apostle referred to all communities of Christians as 'saints' – people called to love God and their neighbour and to seek fullness of life by following Christ. Gradually, a feast day emerged on which the Church gave thanks for the lives and deaths of the 'saints' including those famous and obscure.

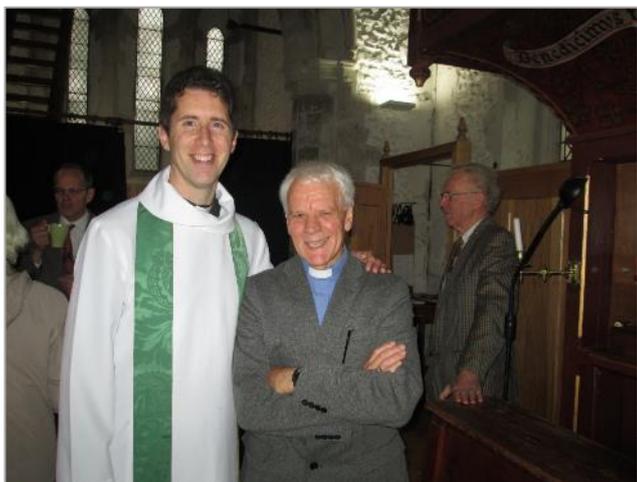
All Saints' Day is like a family reunion day for the church, when the old family photograph albums are pulled out and we remember where we came from. Stories are swapped of relatives in the faith, 'saints' old and new, and we pray for God's continued guidance.

It's also a time when we can reflect on an unsung saint in our neighbourhood, whose faithful acts of kindness and generosity inspire us and perhaps portray a richer, deeper experience of life with all its sorrows and joys.

Most people can think of their own example of an unsung saint. Perhaps someone who acted as a mentor in our childhood or inspired us later in life. By remembering and being grateful for such people, we also recall our own responsibility to support and inspire others in similar ways. In doing so, we may point towards a life of faith, hope and love, the fullness of life of which All Saints' Day reminds us.

Revd Iain McColl

## Little Abington United Reformed Church



On 14 October we were delighted to attend a joint Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Great Abington. Led by the Revds Iain McColl and Bruce Waldron, the service was a very friendly and uplifting occasion, enhanced by the organ music played by Keith Day. The congregation shared coffee and conversation afterwards and look forward to further opportunities for united worship.

*Photo by Lynne Rieicansky*

## Services in November

4 November	10.15am	Mr Mark Hayes
11 November	10.45am	Mrs Wendy Roe
18 November	2.30pm	Revd Bruce Waldron (and Holy Communion)
25 November	10.15am	Mr George Tadrous

For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.

## News from the Pews

November is a time of remembrance; our churches are wholly embracing this special time in various ways. We all have memories of loved ones who have departed and although we think of them almost daily, November marks a special time with opportunities to join together in remembrance. We will be remembering those who served in WWI with celebrations of remembrance of the ending of the Great War 1914 – 1918. The Cambridge Chord Company will be entertaining us in Great Abington Church on Saturday 3 November. Tickets are available at the Post Office and from churchwardens. The school children will be visiting Great Abington Church on Friday 9 November to view the WWI War Memorial. The service of Remembrance will be held in Hildersham Church on Sunday 11 November and finally there will be a Service of Hope on Friday 2 November marking All Souls' Day.

On Thursday 8 November there will be a Parish Nurse event in St Mary's Church Great Abington. The title of the talk is 'Dissecting Dementia' by a Consultant Geriatrician from Addenbrooke's, Dr Van de Poel. Our MP, Heidi Allen, will also be present. This event is open to all (see page 18).

This December we are launching a completely new event to the Abingtons, **Advent Windows**. This event which is generally associated with the north of our country is a delight for all ages. Twenty-four members of the community (who have already been chosen) decorate a window on a given date for all to view. For details see programmes that will be on sale from late November at £3 each.

An invitation is extended to everyone who enjoys singing and would like to become a member of the **Christmas Choir** at the Carol Service at Great Abington Church on Sunday 16 December at 6pm. Weekly practices will be held in Great Abington Primary School Hall each Friday 7pm – 8.30pm beginning on Friday 2 November. Any enquiries about the choir, please contact Glenis Todd 07710 494 834.

**Rosemary Mead writes:** November is traditionally a time for acts of remembrance. Although I am aware that we remember our loved ones who died every day, I would like to draw your attention to our **Service of Hope** on Friday 2 November at 7pm at St Mary's Church Little Abington, followed by refreshments. We have the opportunity for quiet reflection with music and poetry as we remember those whom we have lost in our families and community. We will be lighting a candle and placing a flower in memory of each person who has died. If you require a lift, please can you ring Tony Collett 893 447 or Marilyn Broadhurst 893 214.

**Space to Be** We will be meeting for Space to Be, a time for relaxation and reflection, on Wednesday 7 November. If you would like to find out more, please ring Rosemary on 891 718 for details.

**Messy Church** Although the magazine went to print before this event I would like to thank sincerely all who are involved in advance, the team of helpers for their dedication to the project and to the parents and children for coming along and supporting Messy Church.

**Friday 2 Nov. – Service of Hope St Mary's Little Abington 7pm**

**Friday 2 Nov. – Christmas Choir first meeting in the school hall 7pm**

**Saturday 3 Nov – Cambridge Chord Concert St Mary's Great Abington 7.30pm**

**Wednesday 7 Nov. – Space to Be – Rosemary's House**

**Thursday 8 Nov. – Parish Nurse Event – St Mary's Great Abington**

**Friday 9 Nov. – School Visit to St Mary's Great Abington (Morning)**

**Sunday 11 Nov. – Service of Remembrance Hildersham Church 10.45am**

**Saturday 24 Nov. – Church Christmas Fayre 2pm**

**Saturday 1 Dec. – Launch of Advent Windows.**

**Charity for November – The Haig Fund. (see Poppy Appeal page 9)**

There are charity boxes in both churches

Anne Hall

## Village Seasonal Christmas Cards/Notelets

Thank you to everyone who submitted photographs of the Abingtons in winter. We have selected six that we believe will give a good range of village scenes.

Packs of these cards will be on sale from the beginning of November at Jeremiah's Café on Friday and Saturday mornings or from Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214), Anne Hall (892 275), Patsy Randall, Mary Miles (891 083) and other members of the PCC.

Price: £5 per pack. Sold in aid of St Mary's Churches.

Mary Miles

## GLAMS Choir

Come along for a fun evening of music at the GLAMS Choir taster session. Join us at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7 November in St Mary's Church, Great Abington for a sing-along and get to know what we are all about. We sing versions of old and new pop songs as well as more traditional choir repertoire. Ladies of all abilities welcome. For more information email [glamschoir@gmail.com](mailto:glamschoir@gmail.com) (see page 15).



## Operation Christmas Child- Shoe Box Appeal

It is not too late to give to this charity by filling shoeboxes with essential items and gifts for underprivileged children around the world who would not otherwise know the joy of receiving a present at Christmas. They go to ANY child in need. Last year the response from the village was fantastic; it would be great to repeat this.

To make it easier this year you can do one of three things.

1. Fill a shoebox with the items suggested in the leaflet OR found by looking at [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ).
2. Donate items for a shoebox – stationery, hats, gloves, scarves, soap, flannels, comb, small toys like cuddly toy, skipping rope, puzzle, sweets (sell by date at least March 2019) OR
3. Donate some money to use for transport costs or to buy items (each box costs £5 to send so that is the suggested amount).

I have pre-printed shoe boxes and leaflets. The boxes need to be done by 18 November, please. These boxes are delivered to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in tangible way. You can deliver boxes or donated items to me at 20 West Field or to Marilyn (893 214), Rosemary (891 718), Mary (891 083) or Anne (892 275).

Please contact me, Jane Furlow, on 893 232, or at [jane.furlow@gmail.com](mailto:jane.furlow@gmail.com) .

Thank you in anticipation - last year the response was impressive.

## The Partridge Group

Arrangements are well under way to compile various speakers, subjects and dates during January and February 2019, when meetings are planned to take place on Wednesday evenings at the usual times and venues. Details will be posted on the website ([www.theabingtons.org.uk](http://www.theabingtons.org.uk) )

A Partridge (01223 894 640)

## Hildersham Focus

### **Pie and Fizz Quiz – Friday 9 November at Hildersham Village Hall**

Doors open 7pm, start 7.30 pm

Tickets £10 including glass of fizz and hot pie supper.

Please bring your own additional drinks.

To book a table for 6-8 friends or book individually contact Cathy on 01223 892 848

or on line at [catherinemyer43@btinternet.com](mailto:catherinemyer43@btinternet.com)

Proceeds in aid of Hildersham Church repair fund.

### **Biannual Emmaus collection – Tuesday 20 November**

Please bring your items to Hildersham Village Hall from 6.30 to 8pm.

You may feel like de-cluttering your wardrobe even though the weather is still quite summery. However, the autumn colours are heralding the onset of chillier times so if you are in the loft you may find things you no longer want or need but that others may find very useful. Emmaus is very grateful for our biannual collection and will accept clothing, toys, books, homeware, furniture and electrical items (not TVs or computers).

### **Creative Church Day – Sunday 18 November**

This is always a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with children of all ages (plus some enthusiastic parents) creating wonderful things with a Christmas theme.

We have printed, painted, moulded with clay and used the sun to make some beautiful cards, sculptures, ornaments and an absolutely stunning crib scene which is the centrepiece of our decorated Christmas Church.

All children are welcome to join us at 1.30pm in the Village Hall for another happy, creative day which will culminate in a Café Church celebration at 4pm. If you would like to confirm a place at the Creative Church Day please email [amjpalmer@gmail.com](mailto:amjpalmer@gmail.com) All are welcome at the Café Church service.

### **Hildersham Lecture – Friday 23 November at Holy Trinity Church Hildersham**

We are looking forward to welcoming the renowned English poet, singer-songwriter, academic and Anglican priest, Ayodeji Malcolm Guite, who is coming to entertain us with 'Songs and Sonnets', an evening of poetry and music. It is certainly going to be an interesting evening.

Tickets cost £5, the doors will be open from 7.15pm for refreshments prior to the lecture.

### **Village Christmas Lunch**

The next Village Lunch will be on Thursday 6 December at 1pm. Doors open at 12.30pm and tickets cost £4. This Christmas lunch is always popular so make sure to book early by contacting Jill on 893 596 or by email [edheale@btinternet.com](mailto:edheale@btinternet.com)

## **Hildersham Parish Council**

A Quality Parish Council

**The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 13 November at Hildersham Village Hall from 7.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend.**



**Neighbourhood Plan** After a lengthy process with a considerable number of hurdles that needed to be jumped, it looks likely that the Neighbourhood Plan for the former Land Settlement will be going to referendum before Christmas. The external examiner has now delivered his report concluding that, subject to some amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan, it meets all the necessary legal requirements and should proceed to referendum. The examiner's report can be viewed on the SCDC and the Abingtons websites. To comply with national regulations, SCDC will now consider the Examiner's Report and will decide what action to take, including making a formal decision on whether the Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum. When the Neighbourhood Plan does go to referendum a simple majority 'yes' vote will see the Neighbourhood Plan become part of planning policy for the area, whereas a majority 'no' vote will result in the current planning situation continuing and all the hard work will have been wasted.

**Amateur Arboreal Antics** Tree felling can be a dangerous activity if you don't know what you are doing! The Parish Council has been informed of trees being cut down that fell onto a neighbour's land and another one that fell across a road, endangering those passing by. As with most contracts, residents are urged to ensure that tradespeople are suitably skilled and insured when you engage them for an activity. Otherwise you could end up with a large bill and no insurance cover.

**AgriTech Technology Park** The proposal for a major development near Hinxton was refused but has now gone to appeal and will be determined by an inquiry. The Parish Council objected due to the impact on Sawston roundabout and surrounding roads. All the original representations have been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate. If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw previous representations, you should do so at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or by emailing [leanne.palmer@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:leanne.palmer@pins.gsi.gov.uk) or by sending three copies to The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/J, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol BS1 6PN by 12 November 2018. You must quote the appeal reference: APP/W0530/W/18/3210008. All the application documents can be viewed on the South Cambridgeshire District Council website, planning application S/4099/17/OL.

### **Planning:**

S/3243/18/FL. 33 Magna Close. Amended to internal plan and front elevation with the addition of two rooflights. Parish Council recommended refusal.

S/2357/18/FL. 34 South Road. Cart Lodge. Parish Council made no recommendation

S/3403/18/PN. Meadow Brook Farm. Prior notification of Agricultural or Forestry Development (Dutch Barn). Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1106/18/FL. Strawberry Farm, Pampisford Road, 15 dwellings. Parish Council recommended refusal.

### **District Council decisions**

S/3162/18/FL. 5 Moorefield. Single storey extension. Parish Council supported, and District Council approved.

### **Planning Appeal decisions:**

APP/W0530/W/18/3194066. 45 North Road. Change of use from an agricultural building to a dwelling house. Appeal dismissed.

## 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 meeting: Monday 19 November 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](mailto:harper802@btinternet.com) (892 000)

## Abington 10k and Family Fun Run 2018



*Photo by Jonathan Warren*

### The start of the Abington 10k Run

Thank you everyone who took part in or supported the Great Abington Primary School 10k and Family Fun Runs on Sunday 7 October 2018. Over 550 people took part in the 10k or 2k fun run and warm congratulations go to the winners.

10k	1 <sup>st</sup> male	Sam Pederson	35m 5s
10k	1 <sup>st</sup> female	Carla Brown	38m 33s
2k	1 <sup>st</sup> boy	Jorge Agiular-Agon	7mins 2 sec
2k	1 <sup>st</sup> girl	Laura Thompson	7 mins 38sec

Amazingly over £10,000 was raised for the school, including generous sponsorship from local firms. If you would like to be part of the team organising the race please get in touch with Iain Sainsbury or Sally Phipps. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Sally Woodward, Race Secretary

### Poppy Appeal 2018

The appeal starts on Saturday 27 October and runs until Remembrance Day Sunday 11 November. Please give generously when a collector comes to your door and support this worthwhile cause now in its centenary Year. Thank you.

Kay Harman

<b>Date</b>		<b>Venue Abington Institute unless stated</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Page</b>
Thu	1	<b>Abington Walking group</b>	10.00am	18
Fri	2	<b>Low Impact Aerobics Pilates</b>	9.30am	11
			10.45am	12
Sat	3	<b>Scrapbooking Group Concert in Great Abington Church</b>	10.00am	11
			7.30pm	5
Mon	5	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building French conversation Abington Gardening Club</b>	9.30am	11
			1.00pm	
			7.30pm	17
Tue	6	<b>Art Group Table Tennis Match Night</b>	9.30am	
			7.30pm	12
Wed	7	<b>Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class</b>	9.30am	11
			3.15pm	11
Thu	8	<b>Abington Social Cycle</b>	9.30am	12
Fri	9	<b>Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Film Night – doors open Hildersham Pie and Fizz Quiz – Village Hall</b>	9.30am	11
			10.45am	12
			6.15pm	12
			7.00pm	7
Sat	10	<b>Naturewatch</b>	10.30am	18
Mon	12	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building French Conversation Abingtons &amp; Hildersham WI</b>	9.30am	11
			1.00pm	
			7.30pm	16
Tue	13	<b>Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Hildersham Parish Council – Village Hall Reading group –11 Bourn Bridge Rd, Lt Abington Table Tennis practice</b>	9.30am	
			2.00pm	17
			7.30pm	7
			8.00pm	17
			7.30pm	12
Wed	14	<b>Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class</b>	9.30am	11
			3.15pm	11
Fri	16	<b>Low Impact Aerobics Pilates</b>	9.30am	11
			10.45am	12
Sat	17	<b>Abington Walking Group</b>	10.00am	18
Sun	18	<b>Creative Church Day – Hildersham Village Hall</b>	1.30pm	7
Mon	19	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building French Conversation Great Abington Parish Council</b>	9.30am	11
			1.00pm	
			7.15pm	9
Tue	20	<b>Art Group Emmaus collection – Hildersham Village Hall Table Tennis Match Night</b>	9.30am	
			6.30pm	7
			7.30pm	12
Wed	21	<b>Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class</b>	9.30am	11
			3.15pm	11
Thu	22	<b>Abington Lunch</b>	12.45pm	14
Fri	23	<b>Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Film Night – doors open Hildersham Lecture – Hildersham Church</b>	9.30am	11
			10.45am	12
			6.45pm	12
			7.15pm	7
Sat	24	<b>Churches Christmas Fayre</b>	2.30pm	5
Mon	26	<b>Rivercare &amp; litter pick-up – meet at bridge/ford Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b>	9.30am	
			9.30am	11

		<b>French conversation</b> <b>Little Abington Parish Council</b>	1.00pm 7.15pm	15
Tue	27	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Mobile Library</b> <b>Forget-Me-Not Club</b> <b>Scrabble Club</b> <b>Table Tennis Match Night</b>	9.30am a.m. 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	12 17 16 12
Wed	28	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b> <b>Dynamic Dance Class</b>	9.30am 3.15pm	11 11
Fri	30	<b>Low Impact Aerobics</b> <b>Pilates</b> <b>Cricket Club Quiz</b>	9.30am 10.45am 7.30pm	11 12 18

For details of contacts please see inside back cover or articles where indicated.

**Institute bookings:** contact preferably by email: [institute@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:institute@theabingtons.org.uk) or phone 01223 790 711

**Contacts for Café –** Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871 or [gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com](mailto:gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com) and Gill Smith 892 759 or [richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk](mailto:richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk)

**Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute**  
**Opening times in November 2018**

Thursday lunchtimes 11.30am – 1.30pm (1, 8, 15 and 29) Lunch 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Friday mornings 8.45am – 11.00am  
Saturday mornings 10.00am – 12 noon

**Urgent Plea to Cake Makers.** Bronwen desperately needs some help baking cakes for the Institute Café. We take enormous pride in the café and know that the high standards are very much appreciated by the village and visitors. If anyone can spare some time to help with the baking it would be much appreciated. Even if you can only manage a couple of times a month this would ease the pressure on Bronwen.

**Wheelie bin dates for November 2018 (Abingtons and Hildersham)**

<b>Mon 5</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Mon 12</b> <b>Black</b>	<b>Mon 19</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Mon 26</b> <b>Black</b>
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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 at Abington Institute**

Contact Joan 890 629 or email [joangraham72@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:esmewatts@hotmail.com)

**Table Tennis – Tuesdays 7.30pm at Abington Institute (see page 12)**

Contact Raj Sangha on 07803 786 905.

**Abington Pre-school Baby and Toddler Group** This group runs during term time from the Annexe building at the bottom of the school playground; **open on Mondays 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](http://www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk)

## **Film Nights at Abington Institute**

This month **Family Film Night** is on **Friday 9 November**. Doors open **6.15pm**, for 6.30pm. Then we have regular **Film Night** on **Friday 23 November** 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 screening then subscribe for free to our mailing list using the link at <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk> or email an enquiry to [films@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:films@theabingtons.org.uk)

Dianne Dawson (893 101)

## **Table Tennis in November**

### **Dates**

### **Schedule**

6 Nov

No practice

**Match Night** – League match vs NCI 2

13 Nov

Practice 7.30-9.30pm

20 Nov

No practice

**Match Night** – League match vs Camb. Parkside 5

27 Nov

No Practice

**Match Night** – League match vs Camb. Parkside 6

On match nights people are welcome to come and watch from 7.30pm

## **Abington Social Cycling**

We were lucky that the day of our October ride was sunny and warm, if a bit windy. We did a 10-mile ride via Sawston with a great stop at the ex-public loos café! The next ride will be about 10 miles and we will leave the Institute at 9.30am on Thursday 8 November. A pub stop has been requested! Exercise is brilliant therapy. Do join us.

Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871

## **Mobile Library**

The next date will be Tuesday 27 November 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)

## **Christmas Tea – Tuesday 4 December from 2.30pm to 4.30pm or when the cakes run out!**

There will be the usual selection of sandwiches, mince pies and amazing cakes with a Christmas theme. We also hope to persuade the School Choir to come and perform some Christmas songs. Make sure you book the date and come with your friends. Children welcome.

Advance Notice – **Annual Big Breakfast – Saturday 22 December.**

Full details in the December issue.

## **Christmas Flower Workshops – Friday 21 December on the Terrace, Abington Institute**

Sessions at 10am to 12.30pm or 2pm to 4.30pm To find out more please contact Freda Orgee on 01223 891 464 or email [fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk)

## Linton Village College

LVC students have achieved phenomenal sporting successes over the past month with significant wins at county-level football and hockey fixtures. Students are fortunate to benefit from brilliant facilities on which to practise. Having a Sports Centre available to the school community which invests into LVC's amenities is a real, tangible benefit of the village college model.

In recent years, students have profited greatly from the state-of-the-art 4G AstroTurf pitch, access to a high specification fitness studio and are soon to be able to use the resurfaced tennis courts. We are appreciative of the growing numbers of Sports Centre users who directly support LVC's students through their membership. More information about how to join and details about new clubs on offer, including Shimmy Fit, Clubbercise and Walking Football, are available on the website: [www.lintoncommunitysportscentre.co.uk](http://www.lintoncommunitysportscentre.co.uk). Students also benefit from the support of the many volunteers who give their time and expertise freely to enhance education at LVC.

Our annual sponsored walk and its significant amount of fundraising for school facilities is only possible through the work of volunteer stewards and its organisation by the Friends of LVC. We are grateful for the large number of parents/carers who commit to running events.

I've had the privilege of observing our community language mentors in action this month helping our students to learn through the Languages Futures programme. Our Year 9 students are fortunate to be able to engage in authentic conversation in Turkish, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Greek, among other languages, because of community volunteers.

Another significant task force of volunteers is our governing body. We currently have vacancies for community governors. Appointments are on a skills basis to ensure that the team has the requisite spread of knowledge. We are particularly interested to hear from potential governors who have expertise in law, estates and procurement but are essentially keen to recruit committed individuals who are keen to contribute to the strategic leadership of the College. If you are interested in finding out more about the role of a governor please contact the Clerk to the Governing Body, Tracy Coston ([tracy.coston@lvc.org](mailto:tracy.coston@lvc.org)).

Helena Marsh

## Linton Village College Adult Community Learning

### Places still available for the following Autumn Term workshops

#### **Saturday 10 November Adult Workshops 10am–4pm £40**

Autumn Flower Arranging Designs, Indian Cookery for Friends (new menu), Introduction to Mosaics (additional cost of £20 for materials). We are also running a Power Yoga taster from 10am – 11.45 (£15).

#### **Saturday 8 December Adult Workshops**

Fresh Christmas Door Wreath : 10am – 4pm £40

Tai Chi (Chen style) : 10am – 1pm £25

**NEW** this year, we are offering **Family Art Workshops**. Spend a fun morning/afternoon with your children learning a creative skill

**Saturday 8 December 9.30am–12.30 or 1pm–4pm.** £12.50 per adult + £3 per child

Making Christmas Decorations from Recycled Materials

Making Wet Felt Christmas Bunting

For more details or an enrolment form please email [adult.education@lvc.org](mailto:adult.education@lvc.org), tel 01223 891233  
[Ext 303 / 317](http://www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk) or visit our new website [www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk](http://www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk)

Margaret Kiddy & Jenny Logan

Adult Education Department, Linton Village College

## **Around the village**

**Tree:** Please remember to cut back any of your trees that obstruct street lights!

**Speedwatch** We need more volunteers to watch out for speeding traffic. Our presence does act as a deterrent. We report infringements to the police, so that drivers get a warning. Please contact Suzanne Pattinson or the clerk for details.

**A1307** Moving ahead on safety improvements east of Four Went Ways. Late news is that Greater Cambridge Partnership has adopted Strategy 1, a “mass transit” (busway or similar) route from here to Addenbrooke’s.

## **Notes from Parish Council Meeting on 24 September**

**Noise from TWI** Members of the public asked about this. TWI had stated that they had added an additional temporary cooling circuit to the system considered to be the most likely source. However, this had made no detectable improvement for those living closest. A further electrical change to reduce the fans’ rotating velocity (and therefore noise) was expected within a couple of weeks.

It was emphasised that the nuisance is also severe through the winter and it was felt that a major change was needed before next summer. We agreed to press TWI for a full solution. Discussions are ongoing with South Cambs. Environmental Health, which have carried out a series of monitoring trials in the village.

**Old Four Went Ways roundabout** Another person asked about progress on the problems of lorry parking. After the site meeting in April there had initially been some improvement in bin emptying, but this appears to have ceased and the problem is worsening. Some of the lorry parking is dangerous, especially when they overflow onto the adjacent roads, and causes extensive damage to the verges, etc. It was agreed that the situation is unacceptable. We will chase up the district council about the bins and ask our county Highways contact whether there are any changes that could be made to improve the situation with the lorries.

### **Planning:**

- **S/3370/18/FL 19, Bourn Bridge Road** - Two Storey Front and Rear Extensions. Agreed to make no recommendation but to comment on the impact on the street scene.
- **S/3403/18/PN Meadowbrook Farm, Cambridge Road, Great Abington)** - proposed Dutch barn. Agreed to make no comment, as it is prior notification of an agricultural / forestry development and GAPC had considered it.
- **S/4099/17/OL Agritech development near Hinxton.** The developers have appealed against refusal of their proposal: we will consider further comment at our next meeting.
- **S/2697/18/FL 29 West Field.** Single storey side and rear extensions. New flue to woodburning stove and internal alterations. *Approved*
- **S/2666/18/TC 51 High Street.** Trimming of Walnut Tree. *Approved*

**Local Development Plan.** Inspector’s report published. Adoption expected at September district council meeting.

## Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

**Next Meeting: Monday 26 November at 7.15pm**

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

Peter Brunning (Chairman)

tel: 891 960

Email: [pc@brunning.org.uk](mailto:pc@brunning.org.uk)

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk)

tel: 893 332

Email: [clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk](mailto:clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk)

## World River Day September 2018



*Photos by staff at Abington Woods*

We enjoyed; local historical artefacts and artwork in Jeremiah Hall from artists around the country and our local Art Club members, the Scouts served a delicious barbecue, the ladies from St Emmanuel Craft Fayre shared their works in a yurt, the art installations around the woodland were beautiful, volunteers served refreshments and provided tunes, we enjoyed 'River Boy' by a local storyteller and of course the Abington Naturewatch Group inspired our visitors to look more closely at the differences between the trees in the woods and think about what lives in our part of the river.

World River Day is celebrated around the globe. We hope this annual event will continue to grow and evolve here in Abington and look forward to seeing you again next year.

Deborah James

## GLAMS at Abington Woods

This year the ladies of the Great and Little Abington Musical Choir would like to invite you to their traditional Carol Service on Wednesday 19 December at Jeremiah Hall in Abington Woods, from 7pm to 8pm. Seasonal refreshments will be served. More details in the December News.





# Abington Lunch

## Thursday 22 November 2018



Fruit Juice  
**Mediterranean Chicken Casserole with  
Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables**

**Plum and Brioche Bread and Butter Pudding with 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 20 November. Don't forget to tell us if you need a special diet. Doors open at **12.45pm**. Note that the lunch is open to **ALL** Abington and Hildersham residents. **Only £5.**

**Next lunch Thursday 24 January 2019**

### **Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute**

October heralds our annual Members' Evening, when the members take over from the Committee to organise the session. We were asked to wear or bring something Japanese. After the traditional bow and "Konbanwa" greeting we were 'transported' to Japan, as Teresa Patterson showed us lovely slides of her visit at cherry blossom time in April. The festival of Sakura is very important to the Japanese: everyone goes with family and friends to admire and enjoy the beautiful blossom and at night the trees are lit up with lanterns. We travelled from Tokyo to the old capital city of Kyoto by bullet train (spotless, punctual and no mobile phones!) and saw the wondrous Golden Temple (one of 1,600 in this city!); then on to Hiroshima and the memorial in the Peace Park with 220,000 names of those who died as a result of the atomic bomb dropped in 1945. Minor earth tremors occur almost daily in Japan. In Tokyo the Sky Tree, a building 634m. high, can withstand an earthquake magnitude of 7. Sylvia's quiz tested our general knowledge. We were astonished at the population of Tokyo – 35million! The lack of domestic space for cooking and eating means many people go out to eat: vending machines sell hot food items, in fact everything from drinks to knickers! Afterwards, delicious refreshments, including sushi and sake, were served to us before it was time to say "Sayonara" at the end of a lovely evening.

**Monday 12 November - Great Mysteries and Conspiracies** by Revd Dr Nicholas Henderson, an excellent speaker.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

### **Scrabble Club**

The next meeting of the Scrabble Club is on Tuesday 27 November at 7pm in the Institute. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

**Community Oil Order** Many thanks to Rod Willcox who ordered 43,000 litres of oil for delivery in early October. The best price was offered by Conquest, namely 56.595ppl incl. VAT. The next oil order will be in January.

## Forget-Me-Not Club

Christmas will soon be upon us once again and so to help you plan your diaries for December we have listed dates of interest below.

The Committee thank Mr Gordon Hannah for stepping in as a speaker in October due to a last-minute cancellation. Although almost all of us have visited King's College Chapel throughout our lives we were unaware of the quirky details Gordon showed and told us about. Such an interesting and knowledgeable talk – thank you, Gordon.

This month our speakers will be Sally Simmons and Sarah Doig. Sally will test our knowledge on unusual Cambridge Places following her talk on her book *111 Places to Visit in Cambridge*. Sarah, who is a historical author will talk about her book *'We Will Remember Them'*. A fitting talk for a November meeting. Please do join us.

### Dates for November

**Tuesday 13 November – 2pm –** Talk by Sarah Doig (Historical Author) *'We Will Remember Them'*

**Tuesday 27 November – 2pm –** Talk and Quiz – *'Unusual Places in Cambridge'* by Sally Simmons. **Visit from the Parish Nurse**

### Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 4 December –** An invitation from the school to a community performance of The Nativity Play. 2pm in the school. **ALL WELCOME**

**Friday 7 December –** An invitation from Linton Village College to Coffee and Carols 10am – 12noon. Wonderful musical event – not to be missed.

**Tuesday 11 December –** Our Forget-Me-Not Christmas Party.

Anne Hall (Tel.892 275)

## Reading Group

13 November	<i>The Children Act</i> Ian McEwan	Judith Allen
11 December 7.30pm	Mince pies and wine – each give short reading of something either about Christmas or meaningful to you	Liz Obstfeld
8 January 2019	<i>Sugar Money</i> Jane Harris	Lisa Pechey

Please confirm your attendance in November to Judith.

Lisa Pechey

## Abington History Group

As reported last month, the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History presented an award to the Abington History Group for their publication *Great and Little Abington, 1900 to 1930. A time of change*. This award-winning book, which costs £5, can be obtained by contacting Jennifer Hirsh on 01223 893 352 or by email on [jennifer@hirsh.com](mailto:jennifer@hirsh.com). Copies would make ideal Christmas presents – but hurry as stocks are limited.

## Abington Gardening Club

On Monday 5 November at 7.30pm in the Institute Nigel Start will give a talk entitled *'Getting to Grips with Pruning'*. All welcome.

Kay Harman, Secretary (891 730) email: [robandkayharman@gmail.com](mailto:robandkayharman@gmail.com)

## Naturewatch Autumn Meeting

On Saturday 10 November at 10.30am in the Institute, Naturewatch will be reviewing what has been a very difficult season in several aspects. We will have reports of our visits and what has been reported in the Abingtons over the spring, summer and autumn of 2018. We will also discuss the ideal feed to help support garden birds over the winter.



Everyone is welcome and the café will be open for hot drinks and snacks beforehand.

David Farrant

## Abington Cricket Club

Abington 1<sup>st</sup> XI have retained the CCA Invitation Cup.

The club celebrated the season with another very enjoyable annual dinner and awards night at Saffron Walden Golf Club on Saturday 22 September, with over 60 players, members and supporters.

David Pimblett

The Abington Cricket Club Quiz Night will be held at the Institute from 7.30pm on Friday 30 November 2018. Tickets cost £10 including a fish and chip supper (other options available). Tickets are available from club members and the Village Shop.

Colin Godsmark

## Abington Walking Group

Our October walks on lovely autumn days took us to Ugley, where we enjoyed a good walk around the village followed by a good pub lunch.

The Saturday walk was to Fulbourn and Wilbraham.

The November walks will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>.

Do join us for a leisurely and sociable walk of about 5 miles.

All of the 2019 walk dates are now available.

For further information, please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 [robandkayharman@gmail.com](mailto:robandkayharman@gmail.com) or

George Woodley on 891 169 [georgewoodley@talktalk.net](mailto:georgewoodley@talktalk.net)



## 'Dissecting Dementia' Thursday 8 November, 6.30pm-8.00pm at St Mary's Church, High St, Great Abington, CB21 6AA

A discussion with Heidi Allen, *MP for South Cambridgeshire*, Dr Lelane Van de Poel, *Consultant Geriatrician* and Lucy Frost, *Dementia lead Nurse Consultant*

*We will consider how we can care better for those living with dementia? What can we do to help reduce our risks? This is a health awareness event, as part of our Parish Nurse Project.* Please note that this is a free event - No booking required. Refreshments will be available. For more information please contact Cazzy Walshe, [7churches.seven@gmail.com](mailto:7churches.seven@gmail.com) or [keithdday@btinternet.com](mailto:keithdday@btinternet.com) 01223 891527

## Assistance for the Parish Nurse

**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 **25-28 March 2019** in Birmingham. For an application pack and full job description email [7churches.seven@gmail.com](mailto:7churches.seven@gmail.com).

Closing date for applications **Friday 19 December 2018**.

Interviews mid-January. **Appointment to commence 1 April 2019**

## Church Services for November 2018

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Gt. Abington</i> 	<i>Lt. Abington</i> 	<i>Hildersham</i> 	<i>Readings</i>
2 November (Friday)		7.00pm Service of Hope		
4 November	10.45 am UNITED COMMUNION IN BALSHAM			Revelation 7.9-17 Luke 6 20-31
7 November (Wednesday)	10.00am Communion			
11 November Remembrance Sunday			10.45am Remembrance Service	Jonah 3.1-5,10 Mark 1.14-20
18 November		8.00am Communion	4.00pm Café Church	Daniel 12.1-3 Mark 13.1-8
25 November Christ the King	10.45am Communion		9.15am Communion – Prayer Book	Daniel 7.9-10,13-14 John 18.33-37

### Church Flower Rota

	<i>Great Abington</i>	<i>Little Abington</i>	<i>Hildersham</i>
4 November	Carol McCrae	Amanda Marns	Muriel Crampin
11 November	Carol McCrae	Amanda Marns	Muriel Crampin
18 November	Anne Hall and	Charlotte Adams	Anne-Marie Melloy
25 November	Patsy Randall	Charlotte Adams	Anne-Marie Melloy

### 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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