



# The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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*Photo by Annette Shortell*

**Abington's Second Repair Café, Saturday 27 October 2018  
James and Emily Lawrence fix the Christmas lights**

## Letter from the Editor

The second Abington Repair Café involved 13 repairers taking care of 87 items and there was a high degree of satisfaction with the end results. The cover photo and those on page 13 illustrate the range of activity. The event was rated a huge success and requests made for another. Congratulations and thanks to the organisers, the repairers, and to the Café for providing a happy social occasion.

Several national and local events have reminded us of the tragedy of the 1914-1918 war. The concert on 3 November, the Poppy Appeal, the Cubs and Beavers learning about local people who died in the war, all made us appreciate the sacrifice of so many killed or wounded in wars, and count our blessings for recent more peaceful times (pages 4, 5, 6).

Many thanks to all who contributed items for Christmas shoeboxes and helped to fill them for distribution to impoverished families (pages 6, 17).

The three Parish Councils (pages 8, 9, 14-15) report important discussions on planning and building matters, improvements to the A1307 expected very soon, the continued listing of the Pear Tree pub as an Asset of Community Value and the need to take part in consultations on future parish plans. There is a vacancy on each of the Little Abington and Hildersham Parish Councils. If you could act as a councillor please contact the parish clerks.

There is an advertisement for an Assistant for the Parish Nurse on page 7. Granta Medical Practices have sent us contact details and Christmas opening times (page 18).

The cold start to 2018, the anxious wait for rain, the hot summer months, cooler days and autumn colours are suddenly culminating in a race to Christmas and the New Year. The December diary is full of special events. Christmas lunch, tea and the Annual Big Breakfast, are listed for the Abingtons and Hildersham (pages 8, 10, 12). Carols will be sung and crib and Christingle services held to engage residents of all ages (pages 5, 6, 11).

There will be no mobile library until 22 January, no Abington Lunch, no Scrabble and reduced meetings for many of our local clubs in December. But 2019 will see a resumption of everything and I should point out that Abington groups welcome Hildersham residents who want to join them; all you need to do is to contact the organisers (page 19).

As ever, my sincere thanks go to all those volunteers who organise local events and contribute information to this publication, and to the proof readers, to Pat Wallman and the distributors of copies through letter boxes, and especially to the Print Room at TWI for an excellent, timely, printing service.

Very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

Valerie Silvey

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## From the Seven Churches

As December sweeps in with a fanfare of Christmas cards, carols, mince pies and mulled wine, diaries may be swiftly filled with festive occasions. As I look at my calendar, I see a multitude of Christmas activities for our children, Christingles and carol services in abundance, and carefully planned gatherings of friends and family. It suggests a whirligig of busy activity.

Yet, as calendars on walls, wreaths on doors and candles in homes and churches might remind us, December is also the time of Advent, an ancient season focused on waiting for Christmas. In an age of instant messaging, four weeks dedicated to waiting may seem incongruous. Yet perhaps this underlines its importance. Rather than rushing ahead to begin Christmas early, it encourages us to savour this time and prepare ourselves well to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Advent, then, may challenge an often-frenetic pace in life. It seems to say: pause; notice; give thanks. It suggests, as R S Thomas put it in his famous poem '*Kneeling*', that 'the meaning is in the waiting', and prompts us to live with attentive gratitude in the present, not always striving for the next goal.

Advent is also a time when we are encouraged to recognise signs of God in our midst. We are invited to recall that Jesus showed us God who is deeply involved with our world: creating, liberating, healing, raising from the dead and saving. In re-encountering the story of the birth of Jesus, we may be attentive to the presence of the risen Christ in our lives today.

As we then light candles, re-visit favourite carols, and share festive occasions, we also have the opportunity to pause and wait; to notice all that is good and sacred in our lives, and practise living with prayerful thanksgiving. For Advent beckons us into the depths of life and points towards the presence of the one who is *Emmanuel*, God with us.

Revd Iain McColl

## Concert to celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWI

On 3 November 2018 the first part of the Cambridge Chord Company concert reflected the grim and tragic days of the Great War, and then put smiles on the faces of the audience with songs to celebrate the end of the conflict and to look forward with hope.



During the interval, Audrey Bugg, who has been a tower of strength in her support for the Abington Churches for sixty years, was presented with a personal letter of appreciation sent by Bishop Stephen – and congratulated on her forthcoming 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

(Photos: Chord Company by Valerie Silvey; Bishop and Audrey by Tony Collett)

## Little Abington United Reformed Church

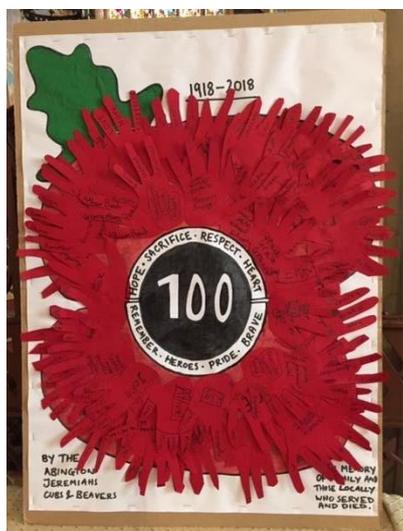
We are looking forward to welcoming friends from St Mary's Churches Abington on 23 December for a joint Christmas Service at URC.

### Services in December

2 December	10.15am	Mrs Penny Flynn
9 December	10.15am	Mr Jacob Bali
16 December	2.30pm	Revd Bruce Waldron (Holy Communion)
23 December	10.15am	Jacob Bali & Alistair Collen, Joint Christmas service with St Mary's churches
30 December	10.15am	Dr Janet Bottoms

We wish you all a blessed Christmas.

For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.



### The Abington Jeremiah Cubs and Beavers

This poster was designed by the Cubs and Beavers. It was made over two sessions. The children learned about the role of the Scouting Movement during WWI.

The poppies were made by drawing round their hands and each one has the name of someone from Great or Little Abington or Hildersham whose name is on the war memorials in the churches, or someone from their own family who died during the war.

### Poppy Appeal 2018

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Poppy Appeal this year. You raised the magnificent sum of over £2,944 with a little bit more to come in. My thanks go to all the collectors for their hard work and to the local businesses for their support. Especial thanks go to Marilyn Broadhurst and Derek Turnidge for counting the cash.

Kay Harman, Poppy Appeal Organiser, Babraham, Hildersham & Abingtons

### Balsham Singers

The Balsham Singers' Christmas Concert will be held at 7.30pm on Saturday 15 December in Holy Trinity Church, Balsham. The programme is a mix of seasonal and secular music with something for everyone to enjoy.

What better way to start Christmas? Tickets costing £10 can be purchased from Balsham and Abington Post Offices and from members of the choir. For further information phone Lesley on 891 141.

### Balsham Christmas Market

#### Prince Memorial, Saturday 8 December from 2pm to 4pm

There will be fabulous food and beverage stalls, festive gifts, Christmas decorations, tombola, hot drinks, mulled wine and mince pies.

Pick up some unique, luxurious, locally made gifts for Christmas.

## News from the Pews

Apart from the true religious meaning of Advent it can also be a time when we stop and reflect about the waiting times in our lives. We all need an 'Advent Time' in our busy lives, sometimes finding peace and quiet is difficult. Both of our churches are open daily – a place where everyone is welcome for a time of solitude and peace.

Members of the PCC and friends of our churches are now amidst one of the busiest times on the church calendar. The concert celebrating the end of WW1 with Cambridge Chord was a resounding success, the Christmas Fayre attracted a good number of the community whom we wish to thank for their generous support, and to all the helpers on the day, both events raising much needed money for the upkeep of our churches.

The sale of the Village Scenes Christmas Cards is going extremely well. They are available from the café on Friday and Saturday morning or from any of the assistant Church Wardens. We are excited about the new venture of Advent Windows and hope you are able to support this event. The children will, for sure, enjoy viewing the windows each day. The event was set primarily with the view to children having an opportunity/excuse to get out and about after school during the lead up to Christmas. Woodturner, Glyn Hall is having an 'Open Studio Weekend' where his workshop will be open along with an opportunity to purchase some unique Christmas presents. 10% of sales will go to our churches.

Our ever-popular Christingle and Crib services for children and all ages will also take place. For the Crib service children are invited to come dressed as a character from the nativity scene - a time for children to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

### Dates for your Diary

Saturday 1 Dec. – The Launch of Advent Windows – details of the trail programmes are available in the Post Office, £3.

Sunday 2 Dec. – Joint Service in Balsham Church

Wednesday 5 Dec. – Midweek Communion in Gt. Abington Church 10am

Sat 8 & Sun 9 Dec. – Glyn Hall 'Open Studio Weekend' 12 Magna Close

Sunday 9 Dec. – Christingle Service Gt. Abington Church, 3.30pm to make Christingles for 4pm service

Sunday 16 Dec. – Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Gt. Abington Church 6.30pm

Wednesday 19 Dec. – The Glam Choir, Christmas Carols in Abington Woods 7 to 8pm

Sunday 23 Dec. – Joint Christmas Service at the United Reformed Church Lt. Abington 10.15am. All Welcome

Christmas Eve – Crib Service in Lt Abington Church 10.30am

Christmas Eve – Midnight Mass, Lt. Abington Church 11.30pm

Christmas Day – Holy Communion, Gt. Abington Church 9.15am

Sunday 30 Dec. – Joint Service in Balsham Church at 10.45am

**Charity for December – The Children's Society** Right now in Britain there are children and young people who feel scared, unloved and unable to cope. The Children's Society works with these young people step by step, for as long as it takes. **They Listen, Support and Act.** We all need to support these children **Because no child should feel alone.** Toys left over from the Christmas Fayre are taken to The Children's Society shop in Sawston. Please support this charity either by giving at the Christingle service or leaving money in the charity boxes in both churches – **Thank you.**

Anne Hall



**BEAVERS**



**Jeremiahs**

Dear residents of Little Abington and the Three Tuns Pub,  
I would like to thank those of you who were kind enough on Hallowe'en to open your doors to the Abington Jeremiah's Beaver Scout Group when we came around. This year we decided to go Guising – the Scottish version of trick or treating where you have to perform a song or poem before receiving any treats. This helped our youngest scout members to learn to 'give' something rather than just assuming they would automatically get sweets!  
Many thanks for listening to our singing and being so kind to the children and generously offering sweets when we performed for you.

Ruth and the Beavers Team.

### **Messy Church at Abington Institute on 28 October.**

We were overwhelmed with the generous response of gifts for the Link to Hope shoebox appeal and would like to thank everyone who contributed. The children who came to the Messy Church shoebox party in Abington Institute filled 27 shoeboxes with presents and household goods for impoverished, marginalised families in Eastern Europe. The children also made Christmas cards and personal gifts for the children. It was a wonderful afternoon and we are grateful to everyone who came, helped and contributed. I



would also like to thank Maureen Harper and all the ladies who knitted hats and scarves for the families. We were delighted to end the afternoon with a delicious supper.

Rosemary Mead

### **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 14 December 2018**.

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

## Hildersham Focus

### Village Lunch

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

**It's Teatime too.** 13 December at 3pm at Hildersham Village Hall.

Tea and festive teatime treats.

### **Café Church Hildersham 4pm on 18 December**

'The Church has become an Advent Calendar'. Come and open the doors. Tea and cake (possibly the odd mince pie) will be served at the beginning of the service.

### **Candlelit Service of Nine Lessons and Carols Holy Trinity Church Hildersham at 3pm on 23 December.**

Begin your Christmas Festivities singing carols in the beauty of our candlelit church including a children's presentation.

## Hildersham Parish Council

A Quality Parish Council

### **Report on the Hildersham Parish Council meeting held on 13 November 2018.**



Councillors are pleased with the allotment's new perimeter fence which should be completed in the next few weeks. The Clerk was awaiting a response from a local landowner concerning a reduction in the size of a large hedge that was shading some allotment plots at the edge of the site. The council has decided that it would be helpful to erect a small notice board on the barn to communicate with allotment holders. An increase in the annual allotment rent was agreed; bills will be sent out in the next week or so.

The council has received legal advice on how to proceed on investigating the possibility of using part of the South Holding to build a few houses, including some for local people, as well as erecting a new village hall on the land. Councillors will need to apply to the Charity Commission on how to proceed, but it is likely that a new Trust for the land will have to be created.

It was decided that the costs quoted to clear the ditch were too high and that the work required to clear the boundary ditch was too onerous to make the project worthwhile. A councillor highlighted that the water table in the field was so high, that clearing the ditch was unlikely to improve drainage in this field.

A new Asset of Community Value listing has been granted to the Pear Tree pub for a further five years. The effect is that the owner must not enter into a relevant disposal of the property unless certain conditions are met. For full details please view link: [www.scams.gov.uk/community/community-rights/assets-of-community-value](http://www.scams.gov.uk/community/community-rights/assets-of-community-value).

Would you like to get more involved in community life? Why not join your village parish council? There is still one vacancy 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 8 January at Hildersham Village Hall from 7.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend.**

### **Around the village**

**Speedwatch:** Our small team continues to watch out for speeding traffic on Cambridge Road, High Street and Bourn Bridge Road. Many of our hour-long sessions result in just one or two offences so could it be that our work is having some effect? We do need more people to join our team - please contact Suzanne by email ([suzpattinson@freebie.net](mailto:suzpattinson@freebie.net)) if you can offer just one or two hours a month.

**A1307 improvements:** Expect to see changes from Fourwentways to Haverhill starting before March 2020 (see page 14).

### **Notes from meeting on 22 October**

**Vacancy:** Following the resignation of Sally Simmons (who always used to write this report), and no sign of a successor, the parish council can now co-opt someone. That means there's not an election so please come forward and contact the clerk if you'd like to have some influence on local affairs.

**Noise from Granta Park:** Members of the public reported that no improvements had yet been made since the last meeting. TWI has made a change to the system, but with no significant effect, and is working with SCDC's Environmental Health team. It was felt that TWI seem to overlook the importance of maintaining good public relations with villagers.

### **Planning**

**S/3476/18/FL** Fourwentways petrol station. Installation of two electric vehicle chargers and formation of new surfaced bays. Recommended that it should be discussed by SCDC's planning committee and also seen as an opportunity to remind them of the problems with lorry parking and public health hazards.

**S/3609/18/FL** 36a Church Lane. This is an extension of existing planning permission for demolition, extension and re-modelling of existing dwelling. Supported.

**S/3818/18/FL** 10 High Street. Single storey front porch, single storey rear extension, change of French windows and Juliet balcony, installation of high-level glazing on north elevation. Supported.

**S/3903/18/TC** 10 High Street. Tree works in conservation area. No objections and pleased with intention to plant something more suitable for the location.

**Local development plan:** Engagement with parish councils for the next one will start in the spring. There will be another Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. (Also see page 15)

### **Little Abington Parish Council Meetings**

Abington Institute, High Street

**Next Meeting: Monday 28 January at 7.15pm**

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

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Genevieve Dalton (Clerk)

tel: 893 332

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

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Sat	1	<b>Scrapbooking Group</b>	10.00am	11
Mon	3	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		<b>French conversation</b>	1.00pm	
		<b>Abington Gardening Club</b>	7.30pm	17
Tue	4	<b>Art Group</b>	9.30am	
		<b>FGMN at Abington School</b>	2.00pm	17
		<b>Christmas Tea – Jeremiah’s Cafe</b>	2.30pm	12
		<b>Table Tennis practice</b>	7.30pm	11
Wed	5	<b>Yoga</b> – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		<b>Dynamic Dance Class</b>	3.15pm	11
Thu	6	<b>Abington Walking Group</b>	10.00am	16
		<b>Hildersham Village Lunch</b> - Village Hall	1.00pm	8
Fri	7	<b>Low Impact Aerobics</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>FGMN at Linton Village College</b>	10.00am	17
		<b>Pilates</b>	10.45am	11
		<b>Film Night</b> – doors open	6.45pm	11
Mon	10	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		<b>Abingtons &amp; Hildersham WI</b> – Gog Magog Golf Club	7.00pm	16
Tue	11	<b>Art Group</b>	9.30am	
		<b>Forget-Me-Not Club</b> - Christmas Party	1.30pm	17
		<b>Reading group</b> – 31 West Field, Lt Abington	7.30pm	16
		<b>Table Tennis Match night</b>	7.30pm	11
Wed	12	<b>Yoga</b> – course and drop in	9.30am	11
Thu	13	<b>Social Cycling</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Hildersham Christmas Tea</b> – Village Hall	3.00pm	8
Mon	17	<b>Baby and Toddler Group</b> -Pre-school building	9.30am	11
Wed	19	<b>GLAMS Carols</b> – Jeremiah Hall, Abington Woods	7.00pm	12
Fri	21	<b>Flower Workshops</b>	10am & 2pm	12
Sat	22	<b>Abington Walking Group</b>	10.00am	16
		<b>Christmas Big Breakfast</b>	10.00am	12
Wed	26	<b>Boxing Day Walk</b>	10.00am	16
Mon	31	<b>Rivercare and litter pick-up</b> meet at bridge/ford	9.30am	

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 December 2018**

Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am – 1.30pm (6, 13, 20)	No Abington Lunch
Friday mornings	8.45am – 11.00am	
Saturday mornings	10.00am – 12 noon	

**The café will close after the Big Breakfast on 22 December and will re-open Thursday 10 January 2019**

## Wheelie bin dates for December 2018 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

<b>Mon 3</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Mon 10</b> <b>Black</b>	<b>Mon 17</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Mon 24</b> <b>Black</b>	<b>Mon 31</b> <b>Blue</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 **Film Night is on Friday 7 December**. Doors open **6.45pm** for **7pm** film.

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 December

#### Dates

#### Schedule

4 Dec

Practice 7.30-9.30pm

11 Dec

No practice

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

18, 25 Dec

Holidays

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

### Social Cycling

We had a very enjoyable ride to the Arthur Rank Hospice café via the Babraham Institute and A1307 cycleway and home via Stapleford and Sawston.

The next one will be Thursday 13 December leaving the Institute at 9.30am sharp.

Gaynor 07817 517 871

### Mobile Library

**There will be no Mobile Library in the Abingtons and Hildersham in December. The next library day will be Tuesday 22 January 2019.**

# **CHRISTMAS SPECIALS**

## **JEREMIAH'S CAFE**

### **CHRISTMAS TEA**

TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER

2.30pm to 4.30pm

DO COME AND JOIN US FOR AFTERNOON TEA WITH A SELECTION OF TASTY SANDWICHES, MINCE PIE OR SAUSAGE ROLL, AND A CHOICE OF DELICIOUS CAKES WITH A CHRISTMAS THEME, WITH A POT OF TEA.

EVERYONE WELCOME, NO NEED TO BOOK. INCLUSIVE PRICE £5 for everyone.

Please pay at the door.

### **ANNUAL BIG BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY 22 DECEMBER

10.00 AM TO 12 NOON

Make a note of the date and watch for adverts giving more details. Essentially a choice of five breakfast items with a mug of tea/coffee for just £5. No better way to start your Christmas celebrations!

### **Christmas Flower Workshops – Friday 21 December, 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)

### **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.

### **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)

### **FIREWORKS**

Please can I remind people that fireworks must not be set off near livestock or horses in fields or close to buildings housing livestock. We have just managed to help vulnerable livestock over the early November bonfire period and would like to draw attention to the distress fireworks cause as no doubt there will be New Year celebrations.

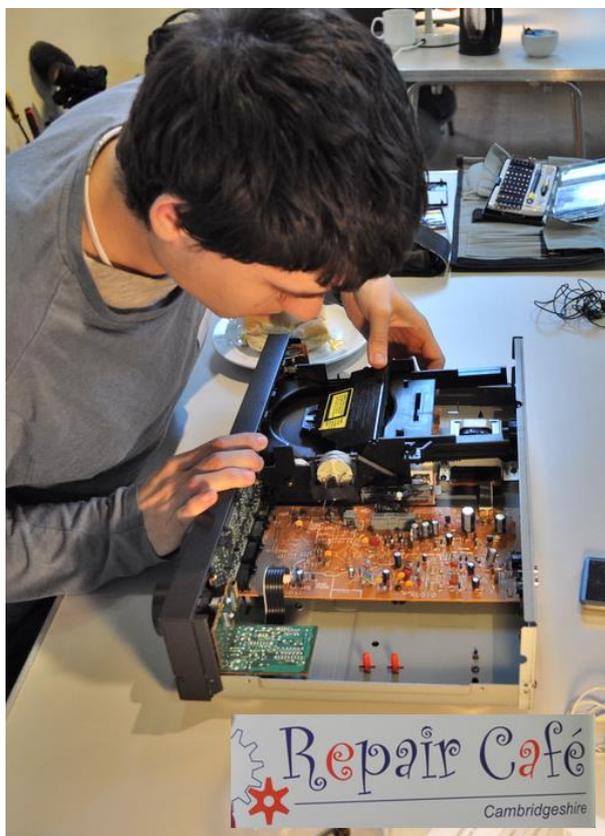
Under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 it is an offence to cause any unnecessary suffering to any captive or domestic animal. The offence carries a fine of up to £20,000 and/or a prison term of up to six months. This act does not specifically mention fireworks as a cause of suffering, but The Fireworks Act 2003, Regulation 7 of the Fireworks Regulations 2004 imposes a curfew on when fireworks can be let off in England and Wales. There is also support from the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Please remember all animals.

Gaynor Farrant

## A-binningnot Repair Café success

We hope that readers will excuse the tortured heading, but do not bin it if it can be fixed is the principle of Repair Cafés, and the numbers at Abington's second such Café showed that it's a principle that has caught on big-time. Held at the Institute on the morning of 27 October, this year's Café saw a massive 87 items brought in for a free repair compared with 30 last year.



The team of 13 expert repairers was able to wholly or partly repair 75% of these items, which included books, necklaces, kettles, secateurs, a strimmer, bikes, clocks, trousers, a camera, a bread-maker, shirts, ornamental ceramics and a radio. The repairers were a mix of Abington residents and others from further afield already involved in the Repair Café movement, who together were able to deal with the high demand.

Feedback forms completed by people bringing in a repair item showed a great deal of satisfaction with individual repairs, whether successful or not, and with the event as a social occasion. As part of this the Jeremiah's Café team did sterling work looking after a large number of customers, while also keeping the repairers regularly refuelled.

Colette Hakonen was delighted when her damaged tile, made in 2002 by a former 5-year old pupil, was repaired. It reads 'You are a beautiful teacher. From Rowan' (see photo on right).



The village team involved in organising the Café were Peter Brunning, Bernie Talbot, John Ellis and Richard Smith, with the support of Cambridge Carbon Footprint. Thoughts will now turn to the timing of Abington's next Repair Café. Meanwhile, for information on other Cafés in South Cambs. readers should go to the Cambridge Carbon Footprint website. ( Photos by Annette Shortell.)

## Neighbourhood Plan

If you are a resident of the former land settlement and you are on the electoral roll you will have received your polling card for the referendum. The referendum will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> and it will be a simple choice, do you support the Neighbourhood Plan – Yes or No. The count will take place at the Institute as soon as the voting ends and the referendum will be decided by a simple majority. This plan has taken the working party three years to develop and we would urge everyone to vote. A majority Yes vote will result in the Neighbourhood Plan being ‘made’ and therefore the planning policy for the NP area for the next few years.

### A1307

Improvements for the road are in the pipeline. There have been a lot of consultation events and the following improvements are scheduled for this financial year.

Extra cycle racks at Babraham Park and Ride. Alterations to the dual carriageway going towards Linton approaching Dalehead foods, and then beyond, one lane will become a dedicated bus lane. The traffic lights at Linton Village College will be upgraded into intelligent traffic lights which can sense the volume of the traffic flow.

## Planning

### Parish Council Recommendations

**S/3272/18/FL** – Granta Park, McClintock Building – change of use from Café to B1 (office). Parish Council (PC) recommended approval.

**S/0407/18/VC** – Granta Park – variation of condition 16 (trees) to planning permission S/1109/15/FL (retrospective). PC recommended approval.

**S/3906/16/AD** – The Watson Building, Granta Park – non-illuminated sign. PC recommended approval.

**S/4090/18/FL** – 21 South Road – change of use of barn and land to provide a dog day care facility. PC recommended refusal.

**S/3762/18/FL** – 50 Mortlock Gardens – demolish single storey and build a two-storey side/rear extension. PC recommended approval.

**S/3755/18/FL** – 26 South Road – construct a dwelling. PC recommended approval.

### District Council decisions

**S/1106/18/FL** – Land at the rear of Strawberry Farm – full planning permission for 15 dwellings. PC recommended refusal. South Cambs. District Council (SCDC) refused.

**S/2357/18/FL** – 34 South Road – Cart Lodge. PC made no recommendation. SCDC approved.

**S/3243/18/FL** – 33 Magna Close. Amended plans with the addition of two rooflights. PC recommended refusal. SCDC approved.

**S/3403/18/PN** – Meadow Brook Farm – Prior notification of Agricultural or Forestry Development – Dutch Barn. PC recommended approval. SCDC approved.

**S/2407/18/FL** – Strawberry Farm House, 3 Pampisford Road – two storey extension. PC recommended approval. SCDC approved.

**S/1921/18/DC** – Proposed 45 dwellings on the Linton Road – Discharge of conditions 16 (Surface water drainage) and 17 (Foul water drainage) for permission S/3543/16/FL. PC made no recommendation. SCDC approved.

**S/2505/18/FL** – 57 North Road-single storey extension. PC recommended approval. SCDC approved.

**S/3031/18/FL** – 92 High Street – internal alterations and additional windows and doors. PC recommended approval. SCDC approved.

**S/2544/18/FL** – ARCC Innovations, New House Farm – extension to offices to provide cafeteria, reception and waiting area. PC recommended approval. SCDC approved.

## Date for your Diary

In 2004 the village developed a Parish Plan which, amongst other things, gave a list of things that we hoped to do in the Abingtons. If you haven't seen it you can find it on the village website <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk/parish-councils/parish-plan/>

We would now like to consult on what items you would like to have in a new plan, which will cover the next 5 years or so, to make the Abingtons an even better place. Please come and talk to the Parish Councils in the afternoon on Saturday 12 January at the Village Institute. Refreshments will be available.

### 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 21 January 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)

## News from Linton Village College

November marked an important anniversary of remembrance. The playing of The Last Post from the College roof was a poignant moment and two LVC students contributed to the Armistice church service at Linton.

The month has also marked other events in which to focus on being reflective and caring with Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need fundraising. Students wore odd socks and Pudsey ears to support charitable causes and raise awareness of children's welfare and wellbeing.

It's also a time when we invite past members of the College back for a Presentation evening to celebrate their time at LVC, awarding GCSE certificates and prizes to recognise their achievements. Aside from catching up with past students, it's a lovely opportunity to listen to their tutors speaking fondly about their memories and highlights of their form group, reflecting on time spent together and relationships built. A school reunion for LVC alumni also took place in the school hall – it is great to see past students booking the College for important events.

Bottisham Village College, another one of the early examples of Henry Morris' vision for community education, recently celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Part of the celebrations involved their students visiting LVC for their commemorative 'Project 80'. They explored the similarities in our Art Deco architecture as well as the more modern buildings as they formally opened their new Morris Wing. We featured in the video screened at their anniversary event.

What happens inside school buildings is more important than the buildings themselves. However, Henry Morris believed in the importance of schools' architecture to inspire and support learning. We are fortunate to benefit from some beautiful spaces at LVC. We are also keen to bid for funds to make improvements to dilapidated parts, including ageing mobile classrooms. We are bidding for capital improvement monies from the government to enable us to update and improve our facilities, but need to invest ourselves. If any community members would be able to support with philanthropic financial donations or fundraising to support with this venture then please do get in touch with Mr Darby, Deputy Principal.

Helena Marsh, Principal

## Scrabble Club

There is no meeting of the Scrabble Club in December. Next meeting is on Tuesday 22 January at 7pm in the Institute when new members will be made very welcome. We wish all readers a very happy Christmas and healthy New Year.

Sheena Fraser

## Reading Group

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
12 February	<i>This is Going to Hurt</i> Adam Kay	Dinah Brooks

Please confirm your attendance in December to Liz.

Lisa Pechey

## Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

We welcomed back to our November meeting Revd. Dr Nicholas Henderson, who gave an insightful & entertaining talk accompanied by musical soundtracks from Barry Manilow & science fiction films. The Bermuda Triangle has become notorious for the number of ships & planes which mysteriously disappear there. Scientists have several theories: fog - distorting time & spatial awareness; air bombing - causing sudden violent storms; changes in magnetic polarity making compasses malfunction; methane below the ocean floor bubbling up & suddenly exploding to leave deep craters. However, given the size of the area (1.5million sq. miles) and the huge amount of sea and airborne traffic travelling within it, it should not be surprising that accidents happen fairly regularly. And was the space race just a conspiracy created in a film studio or did Neil Armstrong really walk on the moon? Were the Apollo landings an elaborate hoax? Who knows? After all, we see the man in the moon, but the Japanese see a rabbit!

**Monday 10 December 7 for 7.30pm** Christmas Party at the Gog Magog Golf Club.

Marilyn Broadhurst

## Abington Walking Group

Our November walk took us to Balsham and West Wrating on a very unusual day for us – very wet! The Saturday walk from Babraham to the Roman Road made up for the wet day – a beautiful Autumn day with clear blue skies.



In December we have 3 walks – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and our usual Boxing Day walk from the village.

Our attendance of late has been excellent but we always look for more walkers – we are not exclusive to Abington residents and welcome regulars from other villages – particularly Hildersham. 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)

## Forget-Me-Not Club

The flu Injections were a huge benefit and indeed success for club members. Our sincere thanks go to the Granta Practice for allowing and organising the procedure and indeed to the friendly and patient nurses. We sincerely hope they can organise the same in 2019.

We only have one meeting in December when we will be entertained by the choir from the school with their teacher Glenis Todd. Glenis will also entertain us with a selection of Christmas songs.

Jane Furlow extends sincere thanks to those who brought in presents for the Christmas Boxes scheme.

Dates for next year's meetings have already been completed to June when we will enjoy some humorous, some informative and some more serious speakers along with some fun quizzes. We hope our interesting and friendly club will entice new members to join in the New Year.

Please note we will meet at 1.30pm for the Christmas Party; this will allow an earlier getaway in view of the darker evenings in December.

### Dates for December

**Tuesday 4 December** – Community Performance of the School Nativity Play in the school hall at 2pm

**Friday 7 December** – Coffee and Carols at Linton College 10am to 12 noon  
(Booking Essential)

**Tuesday 11 December** – 1.30pm **START**, Christmas Party.

**A new cake rota for 2019 will be compiled over the Christmas period – please notify Anne by e-mail or phone whether or not you wish to continue.**  
[anneandglynhall@gmail.com](mailto:anneandglynhall@gmail.com)

**Judy, Margaret, Joan, Jenny, Pat, Carol, Mary and Anne wish all of the Forget-Me-Not Club members and our wonderful Cake Bakers a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 8 January.**

Anne Hall (Tel.892 275)

## Abington Gardening Club

On Monday 3 December at 7.30pm in the Institute Andrew Sankey will give a talk entitled 'Six of the Best Gardens'. There will be a Christmas raffle with the proceeds going to charity, please remember to bring a wrapped raffle prize.

All welcome. Annual membership £8, visitors £3

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



## Abington Lunch



wishes everybody a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Our next lunch will be on  
**Thursday 24 January 2019**  
More details will be in the January News.

# GRANTA Medical Practices

## New Telephone Number

Great News! We've got a new FREEPHONE telephone number **0300 234 5555**. You can contact the Sawston, Linton, Barley, Market Hill and Shelford surgeries via this one number and it's free to call from mobile 'phones and landlines. The individual surgery numbers will continue to work for the next few months.

## Holiday Season Opening Times

Granta Medical Practices will be open at the following times over the holiday season:-

<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>OPEN 8am-6pm</b>
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Closed
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Closed
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>OPEN 8am-6pm</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>OPEN 8am-6pm</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>OPEN 8am-6pm</b>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>OPEN 8am-6pm</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019	Closed
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>OPEN 8am-6pm</b>

Please go to [www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk](http://www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk) for opening times for our pharmacies, dispensaries and for details about our extended hours.

**Alternative Services** When your local surgery is closed, there are GPs on call at the Urgent Care Centre based at Addenbrookes. If you need to be seen by a doctor or nurse, or need advice while your surgery is closed, please call 111. This service operates between 6pm and 8am on weekdays and 24 hours at weekends and on Bank Holidays. It is free to call from mobile 'phones and landlines. Your condition will be assessed over the 'phone and if they think you need to be seen by a health professional, they will refer you to the out-of-hours GP service.

**Home Help** You can treat many minor winter illnesses such as colds and coughs, sore throats, and upset stomachs easily at home. Make sure you are stocked up with winter health essentials such as pain relief (paracetamol), cough and sore throat remedies, a first aid kit, upset stomach treatment, rehydration treatment, and heartburn / indigestion treatment. Having these winter essentials at hand will not only save you time and help you to feel better quicker, but help save the NHS much needed resources.

Your local pharmacist can also offer you advice and guidance on the best treatment for you – and no appointment is needed. Pharmacists are available on every high street and in supermarkets with many open evenings and weekends.

**Repeat Prescriptions** Please ensure you have enough medication to cover the holiday period. Ordering what you need in good time is the most stress-free approach for all, allowing **2 CLEAR working days** from making your request to collecting the prescriptions.

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## Church Services for December 2018

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	10.45am United Communion in Balsham			Jeremiah 33.14-16 Luke 21. 25-36
5 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am mid-week Communion			Isaiah 25 6-10 Mathew 15 29-37
9 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00pm Christingle	10.45am Communion	6.00pm Evensong	Baruch 5 Luke 3.1-6
16 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm Carol Service		4.00pm Café Church	Zephaniah 3.14-end Luke 3. 7-18
23 <sup>rd</sup> December		10.15am Joint Carol Service at URC	3.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols	
24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve		10.30am Crib Service 11.30pm Communion		Isaiah 9. 2-7 Luke 2.1-14
25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	9.15am Communion		9.15am Communion	Hebrews 1.1-4 John 1.1-14
30 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am Morning Worship	10.45am United Communion in Balsham		1Samuel 2.18-20,26 Luke 2. 41-end

### Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
2 <sup>nd</sup> / 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent no flowers	Helen Rogers (clean only)	Advent no flowers
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent no flowers	Marilyn Broadhurst (clean)	Advent no flowers
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Anne and Patsy	All help please	All help please
30 <sup>th</sup> December	Anne and Patsy	Marilyn Broadhurst	Kirsten Newble

### Churchwardens

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

### Assistant Church Wardens

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

### Parish Nurse

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