



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Carole McCrae

**After nine years as Chair of the FGMM Club
Anne Hall steps down, April 2019**

Letter from the Editor

We can all rejoice at the opening of the Royal Papworth Hospital on the Addenbrooke's site and wish it every success. However, the Babraham Park and Ride is now full on most days and the parking needs of extra staff, patients and visitors at the new hospital may be the cause. Perhaps we should encourage the planners who want an extra P&R location near Four Went Ways roundabout.

Carers' Week will be marked with a special event at the Institute on 13 June and has much to offer those involved in caring or needing such help. The Community hub meetings at Balsham provide a welcome additional source of support (pages 4, 6).

The Abington and Hildersham churches have recently warmly acknowledged the excellent service and dedication of retiring treasurer and churchwardens (pages 5, 8). The Rector Iain McColl and his team work hard to supply services to all seven churches and are receptive to suggestions for different times of services that might better suit potential members of the congregation (page 5).

'Has Science buried God?' is the thought-provoking title of the first of the lunchtime lectures to be held at the Granta Centre on 28 June (page 13).

The Sawston Fun Run 2019 has raised significant funds for charity and we can congratulate the Courtois family from Abington on their considerable successes in the event. Please note that the annual Abington 10k and Fun Run is scheduled for 6 October and it is not too soon to apply to enter this fundraiser for the PTFA. The Midsummer walk and picnic offer a more leisurely form of exercise (pages 6, 12, 13).

It is good to hear that a new Footpath Group has been set up to help keep existing footpaths open and identify potential new ones (page 7).

In June the PTFA is organising a Mexican style summer fair and Hildersham offers a country fayre (pages 8, 12). The Gardening Club has a monthly visit to interesting gardens, the Bowls Club and social cycling will welcome new members, and there is music aplenty on offer (pages 10-12, 16, 17).

The many and varied activities available in our villages depend on volunteers. Hildersham needs new churchwardens and Trustees for the Village Hall Trust. Offers? Congratulations and thanks to Anne Hall who has just retired from a long and effective leadership of the Forget-Me-Not Club (cover photo and page 17).

Valerie Silvey

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Articles for the July 2019 edition of *The Abingtons and Hildersham News* should be sent to the Editor by Saturday 15 June 2019 at news@theabingtons.org.uk. Photos welcome.

Community Oil Order

Thank you Rod for checking seven oil companies and finding that Goff offered the best price. In early May 50,000 litres were delivered at 48.615ppl incl. VAT. Prices were at an all-time high for the year. Next order to be placed in October.

From the Seven Churches

In the calendar of the traditional Church of England, there is one Sunday that causes the clergy more stress than any other. That Sunday (Trinity Sunday), this year falls on 16 June. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit took nearly four centuries to be clarified. Four centuries of the early church, bishops, archbishops and theologians from all parts of the Roman Empire, debated together.

This is neither the place nor the time for deep theological truths, but do spare a thought for all those who will be writing their sermons in the week beginning 10 June. In the meantime all you need to know is that God is love, an eternal and unchanging love; it is His love that forced us all into existence and gave each of us a guardian angel who watches over us day and night from our birth to the end of our life.

For the last few months, under the leadership of our new Rector, Iain McColl, we have held a United Service on the first Sunday of the month in Holy Trinity, Balsham our largest church for all our seven churches. It begins at 10.30am. There are separate programmes for the children in the Church Institute, and we end with coffee in church, with a chance to talk to each other. On the other Sundays we hold services in all our seven churches, with times and other details appearing in the village magazines (see page 20).

I recommend that you come to experience the United Service, with our choir and our music group sharing the service with our organist.

Very Revd Keith Johnson

Parish Nurse Plus - Carers Week Event at Abington Village Institute, Thursday 13 June, 2–4 pm



Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring. This year the theme is Connecting Carers; something we would very much like to do, as part of Parish Nurse Plus Project.

This event is open to everyone from the Abingtons, Hildersham, Balsham, West Wickham, Weston Colville, West Wrating, and includes people who care for friends and families who live outside our villages. Please come if you can.

It will be an informal event; an opportunity for carers to get together, to share their experiences and any issues that we might be able to help resolve.

Feel free to bring the people you are caring for:

- There will be a space with jigsaws and books for people who do not want to participate in discussions.
- Tea and cakes will be provided.
- If there are any special requirements, please let us know.
- If you would like help with transport, tell us and we will see if we can help.



For any further information, contact: ,
Diana Edwards 01223 290616 or email:
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News from the Pews

Many of us are aware of the growing crisis of the shortage of clergy throughout the UK with the gathering effect of clergy retirements predicted over the next 10 years. The PCC and Revd. Iain are working to address the situation. With 7 churches to serve we have to look together at every possibility in which our communities can continue to worship in their church. Mid-week services are a very possible alternative and are becoming increasingly popular throughout the UK; already we have a Midweek Said Communion Service at 10.45am in Little Abington Church on the first Thursday of the month. 'But I work' we hear you say – Revd. Iain is happy to also hold a Midweek Said Communion Service once a month in the evening. This may be a pleasing alternative to parents who enjoy a family time on Sundays. Please do express your needs to the church wardens.

At the APCM on 29 April a book token was presented to Derek Turnidge as he relinquished his work as church treasurer. During his 25-year stint, which started as treasurer to Little Abington and then to both churches after the amalgamation, there have been numerous and varied financial needs, all of which Derek weathered most admirably. His knowledge of church finances is phenomenal. We are delighted however that he is staying on the PCC. We welcome Tony Orgee on to the PCC as the new treasurer with no doubt continued reassurance and help from Derek.

Space to Be will be held on Wednesday 5 June at 7.30pm 55 Church Lane. We hope to enjoy the joys of an early summer evening. This will be our last session before the summer break. If you would like to come please ring Rosemary on 891 718.

Charity for June – Carers Trust – Carers Trust is a major charity for, with, and about carers. They work to improve support, services and recognition for anyone living with the challenges of caring, unpaid, for a family member or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems. Their vision is that unpaid carers count and can access the help they need to live their lives. See also page 4.

There are charity boxes in both churches – Thank you

Funerals

Brian Norman – The cremation of Brian Norman took place at Cam Valley Crematorium on Tuesday 23 April. Brian was a well known and loved village character always ready with a listening ear. As a teenager he was taken under the wing of Eileen Readman with whom he continued to live until his untimely death.

We offer our condolences and prayers to Eileen, her son Mick and his extended adopted family.

Ann Smith – The funeral of Ann Smith took place in Little Abington Church followed by burial in the churchyard on Monday 20 May. Ann came to the LSA in Abington in the early 60's with her husband Les and two little girls Joanne and Katie. Both Ann and her husband worked for the LSA. Ann worked on various holdings and at the propagating centre. She was always regarded as a hardworking, reliable lady.

We offer our prayers and sincere condolences to her daughters Joanne and Katie

David Lane – The cremation of David Lane (The Potter) took place at Cam Valley Crematorium on Wednesday 22 May. David had lived and worked in Abington for 55 years as a potter. He donated many beautiful pieces to our churches. The Pottery Shop was most certainly a landmark for the Abingtons and will be sorely missed.

We offer our prayers and sincere condolences to David's daughters Christy and Tamara.

Harry Howe – The funeral of Harry Howe took place at Grantchester Village Church on Thursday 23 May, where he was buried in the churchyard with his beloved wife Doris. Although Harry had only lived in Abington for 9 years, he was a very much-loved character. After a spell in hospital last November he spent his final days in a nursing home in Girton. Harry would have been 100 on his next birthday, a celebration he had looked forward to celebrating with his many friends.

We offer our prayers and sincere condolences to his son Richard and daughters Jean and Brenda.

Anne Hall

Granta Vale Community Hub - Thursday 6 June 1.30 – 4.00pm

All are welcome for a cream tea and chat at our monthly Community Hub in the Church Institute in Balsham. We also offer help and advice from the Parish Nurse Project, Reach Community Project and other local organisations.

Steve Jordan 0708 430 057



Little Abington United Reformed Church

We are a friendly group that welcomes all visitors to join us on Sunday mornings for worship and to learn more about God's love for us.

Services in June 2019

2 June 10.15am Mr George Tadrous
9 June 10.15am Revd Elizabeth Caswell
16 June 2.30pm Revd Bruce Waldron (and Holy Communion)
23 June 10.15am Revd Alex Jacob
30 June 10.15am Mrs Maureen Kendall

For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.

David Lane

Christy and Tamara, daughters of David Lane, resident potter at the Abington Pottery since 1964, would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for all the outpouring of good wishes, condolences and help following the extremely sad passing of their beloved father on 3 May 2019. He will be greatly missed by all.

It was greatly comforting and moving to see so many people attending his funeral, wishing to pay their respects to our remarkable father, not only for his contribution to the Abington community, but for all his unique qualities as a human being.



ABINGTON MIDSUMMER WALK AND PICNIC 2019 SATURDAY 22 JUNE

Everyone is invited to join the Walking Group for an easy five-mile stroll to the Roman Road and back with a break half way for your picnic.

By special arrangement we use some private land with permission of the farmers.

Meet at Little Abington church to leave at 6pm and back in the village by 9pm.

To cover insurance there is a charge of £1 per adult with children free and dogs on leads free.

For more information contact Robin Harman on 891 730
or George Woodley on 891 169

Around the village

New parish councillor: We are delighted to welcome Sheila Bolden who was co-opted at our April meeting.

Report from a short Parish Council meeting held on Monday 29 April

Planning applications

S/0963/19/FL 19 Bourn Bridge Road: Front and rear two storey extensions. Neighbours' concerns were noted. Application not supported but not referred to the SCDC Planning Committee.

S/0708/19/FL 31a Cambridge Road: Application withdrawn.

We heard that Huawei proposes to develop the old Spicers site on the Sawston bypass and have held public meetings to present its outline plans.

Annual Parish Meeting held following the council meeting

Steve Jordan reported on developments from the Parish Nurse Project, to which the Parish Council contributes. Tony Orgee gave some feedback on the Abington Future event held in January. Deborah James updated us on what's happening at Abington Woods.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next Meeting: Monday 24 June 2019 Parish Council at 7.15pm

Sheila Bolden (Chairman)

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Genevieve Dalton (Clerk)

tel: 07703
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Email: clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk

The meeting agendas and papers are published on the Abingtons website: www.theabingtons.org.uk

Next meeting at 7.15pm at Abington Institute Monday 22 July

Footpath group

The first footpath meeting took place on 24 April. The footpath group is newly created with the aim of preserving existing footpaths and exploring the possibilities of creating new ones in Little and Great Abington.

Some of the items discussed in the meeting were the lack of a pedestrian path between Moorefield path and Cutting Road, paths around the new development Larkfield and the danger and difficulties of crossing the A1307 by the West Lodge Kennels.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 19 June at 7.30pm, Abington Institute. Please come along to the meeting if you want to get involved or just want to hear what's going on, alternatively contact me, monica@krylander.com, with any ideas or issues regarding walking, cycling or riding around the villages.

Hildersham Focus

Summer Afternoon Violin Recital

Paul Seddon, a Hildersham resident, will be playing in the Church at 3pm on **Saturday 1 June** followed by refreshments at 4pm. Our Childrens' Church Council had a little taster of Paul's beautiful music at the end of their last meeting and were enthralled. Tickets £5, children are free. Tickets at the door or bookable in advance (paul@paulseddon.com) or from Cathy Myer.

Hildersham Country Fayre, 10.30am to 4pm, Sunday 23 June

This promises to be a day of village fun and entertainment at the Hildersham Hall Estate. Look out for posters around the villages.

Hildersham Village Hall Trust – would you like to join the team?

HVHT is a registered charity which leases the Village Hall and adjacent land from the Parish Council. The Trust looks after hall maintenance and refurbishment, takes hall bookings and organises fundraising events. We are a small team of Trustees and would love to hear from anyone interested in being more involved with our much-loved community asset.

Meetings are correctly structured and minuted, but are informal and friendly and held in our own homes at times to suit everyone. It's not a big time commitment since we meet as required, typically 4 or 5 times a year. If you like the sound of this, you can find out more by coming to the Trust AGM on 11 June (see notice below) or by contacting:

Jill Heale, edheale@btinternet.com, 893 596

Helen Humphrys, helen.humphrys@gmail.com, 891 309

Jenny Logan, jenny.logan@btinternet.com, 891 897

Brian Cunningham, bandhcunningham@gmail.com, 893 505

We look forward to hearing from you!

Hildersham Village Hall Trust Annual General Meeting

This will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 11 June at 3pm. It is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.

Hildersham Parish Church Council

Very sadly we said goodbye to Cathy Myer, Keith Day and Andrew Westwood-Bate as Churchwardens and PCC members. The church community acknowledged their love and dedication to the church with a gift for each at the APCM.

Cathy wrote to say 'I really do not have words to say how touched I am by Amanda's kind words, the fabulous flowers and by your generous gift. How much fun I am going to have thinking and planning how to use it. You are the most wonderful group of people to work/play/think and worship with. I have been, and will continue to be, very blessed by your friendship.'

Keith wrote 'Words cannot describe the depth of gratitude and appreciation that I feel for such a generous and kind gift although I am still struggling to think what I have done to deserve it – I have simply just got on with my job as you all do.'

I have been on and off PCCs since I attained the age of qualification to do so and the experiences have been many and varied. Hildersham PCC has been an object lesson in how a small and cohesive group of individuals, committed to promoting the mission of

the Church in their community, can move mountains. Looking back over what has been achieved in the past few years leaves me feeling both proud and humbled to have played a small part in that; I have been privileged to be part of such a team.

Do please offer the whole PCC and the other church friends who have made this gift possible, my most sincere and grateful thanks for such generosity – I shall of course enjoy putting it to good use.'

Hildersham Parish Council **A Quality Parish Council**



Allotment holders were delighted with the reduction in the height of the boundary hedges alongside the allotment, which will enable plots to enjoy more sunshine and for longer during the day. A notice board would be fitted to the allotment barn to improve communication with allotment holders.

The Council solicitors had written to the Charity Commission to seek advice on how the Council should proceed in its aim to use 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. However, to date no reply had been received.

A new slide had been ordered, with a higher specification matting being supplied by the council. The Clerk was to investigate getting the nettles dealt with on the Recreation Ground.

City Deal Funds/Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership - Three possible locations for a Park and Ride site have been identified in Little Abington, including one on Cambridge Road on the right (going to Cambridge) before the large roundabout.

A resident had requested that the grass cuttings be cleared from the paths, as she was concerned about slipping over. A contractor would be contacted to do this. It was hoped that the same contractor could treat the village benches with marine varnish as they were in a poor state. The lack of lighting at the bus shelters was being investigated; the solar panel batteries shouldn't need replacing quite so soon after being supplied.

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9 July 2019 at Hildersham Village Hall from 7.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

Free Musical Instrument Taster Morning, Duxford School, Saturday 22 June

Would you or your child like to play a musical instrument, but you aren't sure which? Would you like to try out several instruments before making your decision?

If so, Duxford Saturday Workshop Taster Morning is for you!

At this event, experienced tutors and players will be on hand to enthuse, encourage and allow you to have a hands on, practical experience of several instruments. They will be able to answer your questions and help you to decide which instrument is the perfect one for you. This is completely free. There is no need to book in advance, you do not have to be a current member of the Music Workshop to come along - so just arrive and have a go! Instruments included in our Taster Morning are: *Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, Guitar and Ukulele.*

When? Saturday morning 22nd June, 2019 from 11.00am-12.15pm

Where? Duxford C of E Primary School, St John's Street, Duxford CB22 4RA.

For further info, see: www.duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk

or email: director@duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk

Hildersham Lambing Sunday Apologies to Amanda Palmer who was not credited with taking the excellent photo on page 8 of the May News. Ed.

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Sat	1	Hildersham Violin Recital – Hildersham church	3.00pm	8
Mon	3	Physio Pilates – four classes, first starts at	10.30am	11
Tue	4	Art Group Table Tennis	10.00am 7.30pm	11
Wed	5	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class Space to Be - 55 Church Lane, Little Abington	9.30am 3.15pm 7.30pm	11 11 5
Thu	6	Abington Walking Group Granta Vale Community Hub – Church Institute, Balsham	10.00am 1.30pm	17 6
Fri	7	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Abington Bowls Club	9.30am 10.45am 2.00pm	11 12 17
Sat	8	Scrapbooking Group	10.00am	11
Mon	10	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Physio Pilates – four classes, first starts at Abington & Hildersham WI	9.30am 10.30am 7.30pm	11 11 16
Tue	11	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Hildersham Village Hall Trust AGM – Village Hall Reading group –6 Chalky Road, Great Abington	10.00am 2.00pm 3.00pm 8.00pm	17 8 17
Wed	12	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class	9.30am 3.15pm	11 11
Thu	13	Social Cycling Carer's Week event	9.30am 2.00pm	12 4, 5
Fri	14	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Abington Bowls Club GAPS Summer Fair - GA school	9.30am 10.45am 2.00pm 4.00pm	11 12 17 12
Mon	17	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Physio Pilates – four classes, first starts at	9.30am 10.15am	11 11
Tue	18	Art Group Table Tennis	10.00am 7.30pm	11
Wed	19	Yoga – course and drop in Abington Gardening Club visit – leave Institute Dynamic Dance Class Footpath Group	9.30am 1.30pm 3.15pm 7.30pm	11 16 11 7
Fri	21	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Abington Bowls Club	9.30am 10.45am 2.00pm	11 12 17
Sat	22	Midsummer Walk – start at Little Abington Church	6.00pm	6
Sun	23	Hildersham Country Fayre - Hildersham Hall Estate	10.30am	8
Mon	24	Rivercare & litter pick-up – meet at bridge/ford Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Physio Pilates – four classes, first starts at French Conversation Little Abington Parish Council	9.30am 9.30am 10.30am 1.00pm 7.15pm	11 11 11 7
Tue	25	Art Group	10.00am	

		Mobile Library	a.m.	12
		Forget-Me-Not Club	2.00pm	17
		Scrabble Club	7.00pm	17
Wed	26	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Dynamic Dance Class	3.15pm	11
Thu	27	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	16
Fri	28	Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	12
		Granta Lunchtime talk – Granta Centre	12 noon	13
		Abington Bowls Club	2.00pm	17

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

Institute bookings: contact preferably by email: institute@theabingtons.org.uk or phone 01223 790 711

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 June 2019

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

NOW ON THE MENU ARE HOMEMADE SAUSAGE ROLLS – VERY YUMMY!

Wheelie bin dates for June 2019 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 3 Green/Blue	Mon 10 Black	Mon 17 Green/Blue	Mon 24 Black
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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 if you would like to drop in and try a class.

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 7.30pm at Abington Institute

Contact Raj Sangha on 07803 786 905.

Physio Pilates – Mondays, Abington Institute

Intermediate 10.30 – 11.30am Advanced 11.45 – 12.45
Beginners 1.00 – 2.00pm Advanced 2.15 – 3.15pm

Contact Christina Heinz cambridgepilates@outlook.com

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

Abington Social Cycling

Three of us set off on 9 May with the aim of a coffee/cake stop at Linton but were thwarted as it was closed! However, we continued and had a good bit of aerobic exercise that made us feel a lot better. We have discovered a very good stop at Copley Hill Café so will aim for that on Thursday 13 June. To join us then please meet at the Institute at 9.30am.

Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871

Mobile Library

The next date will be Tuesday 25 June 2019, 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)

Abington Social Club Pampisford Road

Please note that the next Bingo session will be at 6.30pm on Saturday 6 July.

There will be an Open Mic Night on Friday 26 July.

Cribbage will start again in October.

Tracey Stocks

PTFA

The PTFA has been working very hard fundraising for Great Abington Primary School this term. Class 2 recently earned £128.10 selling delicious treats during their cake sale. Our Inflatables Event proved a great success as many families in the community enjoyed the variety of bouncy castles and tasty BBQ.



A huge welcome to Paula D'Santos, who has graciously stepped forward to take on the role of Trustee within the PTFA. Thank you, Paula! If you would like to be a PTFA Trustee, please contact any member and express your interest.

Our Summer Fair will be held on the Friday 14 June from 4 to 6pm. There will be a hamper raffle, a variety of class stalls and games and wonderful food. GAPS will be providing Face Painting and there will be an exciting sombrero contest. Come and enjoy the community fiesta!

ABINGTON 10K AND FUN RUN **Sunday 6 October 2019**

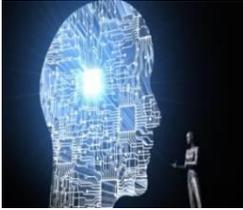
Licensed and insured by UK Athletics, this event is organised by the PTFA and, in 2018, raised over £11,000. There were over 600 runners in 2018 on a fast, flat multi-terrain route based around Granta Park and the roads around Great Abington. Last year the fastest time was 35:05mins and the slowest 1hr 40mins.

Running pushchairs/buggies permitted (but please start at the back).

Medal for all runners in both the 10k and Fun Run.

The start and finish are within Granta Park, at the A11/505 junction.

For online registration go to www.abington10k.com



A new initiative Granta Lunchtime Talks

The first in a series of free quarterly lunchtime talks by eminent academics on science, technology and big theological or philosophical questions.

Has science buried God?

Dr Denis Alexander

Emeritus Fellow of St Edmund's College, Cambridge
Director of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion

Friday 28 June from 12.00 – 13.00

in the Granta Centre, Granta Park

Complimentary buffet provided - all are welcome to attend



Dr Alexander is a past Chairman of the Molecular Immunology Programme and Head of the Laboratory of Lymphocyte Signalling and Development at The Babraham Institute, Cambridge. Prior to that he was at the Imperial Cancer Research Laboratories in London (now Cancer Research UK), and spent 15 years developing university departments and laboratories overseas, latterly as Associate Professor of Biochemistry in the Medical Faculty of the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. He was initially an Open Scholar at Oxford reading Biochemistry, before obtaining a PhD in Neurochemistry at the Institute

Organised by St. Mary's Churches, Abington; part of the Scientists in Congregations initiative.
Funded by the Templeton World Charity Foundation

Abington residents who would like to hear Dr Alexander speak on the subject 'Has Science buried God?' at the Granta Centre on 28 June are advised to enter the park in the right hand lane and tell the security staff that the reason for the visit is to attend the lunch time meeting at the Granta Centre. Turn right at the first roundabout, follow the road and turn left at the second roundabout. At the end of the road turn left and park where you can.

It would also be helpful if you could let Tony Collett know that you are likely to attend. Email tony.collett@talktalk.net

Local Family are stars at Sawston Fun Run

The recent Fun Run attracted the third highest number of participants in its thirty-four history with 1,106 entrants, making it one of the most successful. Amongst the top places in this popular community event, organised by the Rotary Club of Cambridge Sawston, was the Great Abington Courtois family. Son Simon won the short race for school years 1-6; brother Martin came 4th in his category whilst mother Sophie came 2nd and father Vincent 3rd in their categories. Local Rotarian Tony Collett said 'we are highly hopeful of raising another £15,000 for local causes to take the cumulative event total to over £470,000 - all thanks to participants like the Courtois family.'



Parish Council AGM

The AGM was held on 20 May at the Village Institute. At the meeting Emma Pery was co-opted to fill the Casual Vacancy created by the retirement of Gaynor Farrant.

South Cambs. District Council

The new administration at Cambourne has a new Business Plan covering the period to 2024 which can be seen on the SCDC website. www.scambs.gov.uk/businessplan

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Consultation will begin soon on some of the larger scale projects such as a new roundabout at Bartlow Road, Linton, upgrading the Dean Road junction, the new Park and Ride site, locations of new cycle routes, proposed changes to traffic light systems in Linton and new traffic lights at Hildersham crossroads.

Annual Coach Trip

Why not come on the annual coach trip, this year to Hunstanton. The cost will be £5 for adults and £3 for children. The date will be confirmed in the July News.

Planning

For more information on the applications below use the reference given below at :- <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/view-or-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

Parish Council recommendations:

S/0432/19/FL – The Three Tuns – convert and extend outbuildings to dwelling. Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1069/19/FL - 16 Chalky Road – 3-bed bungalow. Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1086/19/FL – Adjacent to 16 Chalky Road, new dwelling. Parish Council recommended refusal.

S/4678/18/FL – 46 North Road, new dwelling. Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1009/19/FL – 6 Chalky Road, new dwelling Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1213/19/RM – Land to rear of Strawberry Farm – reserved matters for S/1433/16/OL, 8 dwellings. Parish Council recommended refusal.

S/1215/19/FL – The Watson Building, 11 Granta Park – refurbishment including external works to entrance area. Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1478/19/RM – Land north of Linton Road – reserved matters for S/3564/17/OL including appearance, layout and scale. Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1567/19/FL – 25 South Road – 3-bed dwelling. Parish Council recommended refusal.

S/1456/19/FL – 16 Magna Close – single storey extension. Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1398/19/FL – 7 Magna Close – single storey extension Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1233/19/OL – 5 Chalky Road – new dwelling. Parish Council recommended approval.

S/3243/19/FL – 33 Magna Close – amend floor plan and add a roof light. Parish Council recommended refusal.

S/4329/18/OL – Wellcome Trust, Hinxton – outline permission for 150,000m² employment space and up to 1,500 dwellings. Parish Council recommended refusal.

APP/W0530/W/18/321008 – S/4099/17/OL – Land east of A1301, south of A505 near Hinxton – Outline permission for AgriTech Technology Park of up to 112,000m² employment space. Parish Council recommended refusal.

District Council outcomes:

S/4808/18/FL – Land adjacent to 16 Chalky Road – new dwelling Parish Council recommended refusal. District Council refused.

S/0560/19 – 45 North Road – conversion of part of cow shed to dwelling. Parish Council recommended refusal. District Council refused.

S/0843/19/PA – 44a North Road – prior approval change of use of agricultural building to dwelling. Parish Council recommended refusal. District Council approved. Parish Council is challenging this approval.

S/1083/19/FL – ARCC Innovations, Newhouse Farm, Pampisford Road – external fire escape. Parish Council recommended approval. District Council approved.

Great Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Village Institute

Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel: 892 647

Planning Committees: Arranged as required when applications are received. See notice board for dates or contact the parish clerk.

Next Parish Council meeting: Monday 15 July at 7.15pm.

There will be an opportunity early in the meeting for members of the public to speak to the council about matters of concern. Agendas and minutes are posted on the Parish Council notice board located at the entrance to Magna Close or available from the parish clerk.

Paula Harper (Clerk): harper802@btinternet.com (892 000)

Linton Scarecrow Festival

“Something for Everyone”

Friday 28 June – Sunday 30 June 2019

Emboldened by the success of our first Scarecrow Festival in Linton last year, we have decided to repeat the venture. There will be a theme this year for the scarecrows – **“Book Characters”** which gives a very wide choice and they will make up the Scarecrow Trail around the village.

We’re really looking forward to welcoming you to this year’s Festival. Follow the Scarecrow trail and collect the names or take part in one of the many other activities. If you would like to have a stall, let us know or just come along and join in the fun!

The weekend starts on Friday 28 June. Between 10am and 11.30am, we’ll show a film especially for children in St Mary’s, Church Lane Linton CB21 4JX and follow it with a picnic. Tickets are just £3. See contact details below. Afterwards, you can collect your trail booklet and start scarecrow-spotting!

On Saturday 29 June we’ll have stalls, a Dog Show, and music. Also, a bar and food, activities for children including Dan Penfold and his zorbs from 1pm and something to suit all tastes. Linton Jazz will be joining us to help things go with a swing.

Sunday 30 June will feature an open-air service on Camping Close and a service of celebration in St Mary’s; pop-up photo studio as well as the annual duck race and teddy jumping, plus more music and stalls and activities for all the family. There will also be a Festival Raffle. For full details please see the trail booklet available over the weekend.

The Festival, organised by St Mary’s, Linton aims to encourage the community to come together for the benefit of all.

If you’d like a stall or need further information, please contact Pam Richardson 890 921. Or follow us on Facebook @LintonScarecrowFestival



Village News on the website

To see the News before the printed copy is available 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.



Abington Lunch

Thursday 27 June 2019



Fruit Juice

Summer Salmon with Seasonal Salad

Strawberry and Raspberry Cream Tart

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 June. 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 July 2019

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

A big thank you to all members, villagers and visitors who supported our very successful cake and plant stall in May.

At our monthly meeting Keyth Rooney came to warn us about sharks - the financial species - and how to avoid paying huge fees to solicitors and lawyers when considering Estate Planning: £4billion was paid to probate solicitors last year for work which can be done in about 20 hours! Most High Street law firms charge percentage fees, which, in our area of high employment and house prices, can be very lucrative. Keyth advised using family and friends to help write wills and powers of attorney, or a fixed fee specialist. A will is not just for older people - it can help to protect children in case of young parents' death or divorce. Funeral plans can be a good idea if you have a terminal illness and survive at least two years, but be sure to shop around and read the small print!

Our President, Janyce, had received a card and certificate in recognition of our 100 year old WI and in June she will be at the NFWI AGM in Bournemouth to vote for two Resolutions: *Don't fear the smear* and *A call against the decline in local bus services*.

Next meeting: Monday 10 June - The Royal Papworth Hospital Trust by Megan Sandford. Visitors and new members always welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Abington Gardening Club

On Wednesday 19 June there is a garden visit to Piercwebbs, 40 Pelham Rd, Clavering, Saffron Walden, CB11 4PQ. We will be leaving the Institute by 1.30pm. Programme of summer garden visits now available, please contact me for further information or if you need a lift.

All welcome

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

Abington Walking Group

Our May Thursday walk was on a delightful day in the Essex countryside around Radwinter.

The Saturday walk had to be cancelled due to lack of walkers.

The June walks start on Thursday 6th with a short walk around Pampisford and Sawston.

The Saturday 22nd walk is our midsummer stroll and picnic to which everyone in Abington and Hildersham is invited – see separate detail on page 6.

For further information, please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 robandkayharman@gmail.com

George Woodley on 891 169 georgewoodley@talktalk.net



Reading Group

11 June	<i>The Other Side of Como</i> Mara G. Fox	Valerie Hefford
9 July	<i>The Choice</i> Edith Eger	Liz Obstfeld
13 August	<i>Daughters of the Night Sky</i> Aimie K Runyan	Sally Turnidge

Please confirm your attendance in June to Valerie.

Lisa Pechey

Forget-Me-Not Club

At the AGM in April I was elected Chair of the Forget-Me-Not Club. It was lovely to see such a good number of members present who came to say a big 'thank you' to Anne Hall for her sterling service since 2010 when she served as Chair. She was presented with beautiful cakes, flowers and a gift token (see cover photo).

Looking forward to June we have two events of interest –

Tuesday 11 June 2pm Decades of Memories

Tuesday 25 June 2pm Strawberry Tea with Quiz

Members and non-members are always welcome at the Forget-Me-Not Club.

Jenny Milns (tel. 890 252)

Scrabble Club

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

Sheena Fraser

ABINGTON BOWLS CLUB

All are welcome to try their hand at bowls. Come along and have a go. Small bowls* for small hands are available so bring the kiddies too. (*About the size of a tangerine)

Every FRIDAY afternoon 2pm – 5pm

Throughout the season there will be **free** bowling for anyone interested. Just turn up. We provide the equipment. Flat soles only, please – no heels or stilettos.

Where Are We? A bit tucked away, it's true, behind a wall topped with a laurel hedge, but easy to find, nonetheless.

Opposite the Bus Stop on the High Street in Little Abington.

Graham Ross

Have you booked a trip abroad or planning to do so?

If you need travel health advice, Granta Medical Practices offer a Travel Clinic.

The first step is to complete a Travel Risk Assessment form so we can assess your risk. This risk assessment form can be downloaded from our website www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk or collected from reception. Please fill it out fully and return it to us no later than 5 weeks before you travel.

Once you have completed and returned the form, we will contact you by phone within one week to let you know if you need to attend for an appointment which we would then advise you to book. At your appointment the recommended vaccines or medications will be given and follow up injections planned. Unfortunately, we cannot see you if you have not completed a Travel Risk Assessment form.

Before your appointment you are advised to go to www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk. Look up your travel destination, print off the information, read it and bring it with you when you attend your appointment.

You can also download our General Travel Advice sheet from our website or collect a copy from reception. For additional information you can visit the following websites: www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk, www.nathnac.org, www.fco.gov.uk/travel.

Please note that some vaccinations are covered by the NHS and some will require payment. The clinician will make this clear when you make the appointment and you will be required to pay before your appointment.

Sandra East, Granta Communications sandra.east@nhs.net

Linton Village College

This time of year is filled with enrichment activities and celebrations in schools. It is also a challenging time for setting budgets and timetabling for the following academic year. In recent times this has become increasingly difficult owing to financial pressures faced by schools. There has been significant press coverage of this issue in recent months.

The march conducted on Parker's Piece, Cambridge in April showed the strength of feeling shared by parent/carers and students about real-terms cuts to money received by schools. Linton Village College, like other schools across the County continues to suffer the inequities of historic funding arrangements. In correspondence shared with the school community as part of the national Worth Less? campaign I have detailed specific issues that we face by not having sufficient funding and the impact that this has on school staffing.

In 2019/2020 LVC will be £174,000 worse off than the promised minimum funding for schools as set out in the National Funding Formula. We will be the equivalent of £360,000 worse off next year than we were in 2010 due to rising costs.

I am very grateful for the support from parents/carers in raising these issues with local MPs. I met the Secretary of State for Education, Damian Hinds, in May to raise my concerns directly on behalf of head teachers who are struggling to balance budgets.

I am also really appreciative of the great work done by the Friends of LVC to fundraise for much-needed improvements to College facilities and resources. This group is not limited to parents of children at the College. Nicola Tudge, Chair of the Friends, welcomes support from volunteers to run events that raise funds for LVC: friends@lvc.org.

Education is a crucial investment in our children and their future. I hope our collective voices will help to provide the pressure that is needed to ensure all schools receive the funding they need and students deserve.

Helena Marsh

Church Services for June 2019

DATE	<i>Gt. Abington</i> 	<i>Lt. Abington</i> 	<i>Hildersham</i> 	Readings
2 nd June	10.30am	United Eucharist	At Balsham	
6 TH June		10.00am Midweek Communion		
9 th June Pentecost	10.45am Communion		9.15am Communion (BCP)	Acts 2.1-21 John 14.8-17
16 th June Trinity Sunday		10.45am Morning Worship	4.00pm Café Church	Proverbs 8. 1-4,22-31 John 16.12-15
23 rd June	10.45am Communion		8.00am Communion (Country Fayre)	1Kings 19.1-4,8-15a Luke 8.26-39
30 th June		10.45am Communion	6.00pm Evensong	2Kings 2.1-2,6-14 Luke 9. 51-end

Church Flower Rota

	<i>Great Abington</i>	<i>Little Abington</i>	<i>Hildersham</i>
2 nd June	Gillian Treanor	Kate Franklin and	Kate Huntsman
9 th June	Gillian Treanor	Mrs Kilcommons	Gwen Cutter
16 th June	Annette Thompson	Freda Orgee	Gwen Cutter
23 rd June	Annette Thompson	Freda Orgee	Amanda Palmer
30 th June	Pat Kennedy	Charlotte Adams	Amanda Palmer

Churchwardens

<i>Hildersham</i>	Vacancy		
<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 Churchwardens

<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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