



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Valerie Silvey

Champion Red Poll bull – the star performer at the Hildersham Country Fayre on Saturday 23 June 2019

Letter from the Editor

The first Country Fayre organised at Hildersham on 23 June was hugely successful in its diversity of activities and sheer fun. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make this happen (cover photo, and pages 8, 9).

The PTFA was busy in July arranging musical events, a cluster run and bake sale. As part of the fundraising activities the annual golf competition took place at Gog Magog Golf Course and the ‘nineteenth hole’ and prize-giving was at the Three Tuns. Well done Alan Cooke who organised it and thanks to all who took part (page 14).

Also on the golf trail were the Thomson family of Great Abington who played golf in memory of head of the family and long-term resident, Alan Thomson.

The WI outing to the Balsham Musical Maze Garden was a rare delight. The next WI outing, this time with a culinary flavour, will be on 19 August. See page 15.

Many of our classes and clubs take a break in August but expect to start again in September. However, there will still be meetings of the Reading and Walking Groups, Scrabble and Bowls. The Community Hub offers tea and friendly chat and Jeremiah’s Café is open, including providing the monthly lunch on Thursday 22 August. Don’t forget the village coach trip to Hunstanton on 30 August. See pages 5, 10, 11, 12.

The Parish Councils report on many interesting planning proposals and highlight the need to get involved with proposed improvements to the A1307. Despite the lack of rain there has been considerable recent growth of hedges and trees, some of it overhanging pavements and obscuring signs, and owners are reminded of their responsibility to keep the growth in check. The GACP cites regulations regarding hedges and this includes information about high hedges that cause disputes between neighbours. (Pages 7, 8, 12).

Helpers are needed to collect prescribed items from Linton Health Centre and deliver them to Abington Stores. Could you do this? See page 5.

In June four cyclists, one living with dementia and riding a penny farthing, stopped at the village shop while undertaking a four counties ride on behalf of the charity Young Dementia UK. People diagnosed with dementia while at a young age apparently find it especially difficult to get support and it is inspiring to hear of this charity which seeks to remedy the situation (page 6).

We live in challenging times. Make the most of the holidays.

Valerie Silvey

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From the Lay Pioneer Minister

I am so thankful to be settled now into the vicarage in Little Abington and so appreciative of the warm welcome we have received. We are enjoying the daily rhythm of village life and loving the increasing familiarity of friendly faces to pass the time of day with as we walk our dog Freddie.

I am keen to learn about our villages and have thoroughly enjoyed supporting the team serving the Abington Lunches as well as volunteering at the Great Abington School Fête. I am also really thrilled that we will be hosting a Community Hub in the Abington Institute on Tuesday 24 September between 2pm and 4pm. This will be a chance to share free tea, coffee and cake together, as well as meet with our Parish Nurse and other representatives from community organisations. It's also an opportunity to take a break if you wish from the hectic nature of life either side of the school run. We will be serving refreshments from both the terrace and the main hall, so please do stop by and say hello if you can.

Part of my focus as a Lay Pioneer Minister has been to support our churches in providing more spaces for people to enquire about and connect with Jesus. I am really enjoying our diverse Café Church services which we hold in Hildersham, Balsham and West Wrating at 4pm on Sundays. This, like the Hub, also involves delicious cakes and coffee as well as a chance to meet others and consider questions about life and faith. In the autumn, inspired by the 'Space to be' reflection group which will continue to run on Wednesday evenings led by Rosemary Mead, we will have a new mid-week lunchtime group providing a space for meditation in Great Abington Church. To find out more about any of these services or groups please do get in touch.

Jeanine Kennedy

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News from the Pews

August is in general a quiet month in our community due to holidays. Our churches, however, continue with weekly services throughout this time and many people enjoy a visit to the churches for a time of peace, prayer and reflection. Both churches offer the ability to leave personal written prayers at their prayer tables which are read during services. You do not have to put any names to your prayers if you prefer not to. Please do feel free to use this facility.

The talk at Granta Park by Dr. Denis Alexander was extremely interesting and fuelled with 'food for thought'. Around 50 people of all ages and denominations attended. The next talk will be on Friday 27 September, 'Live to Work or Work to Live', by Professor Russell Cowburn FRS, a Christian who is known for giving lively and accessible talks on science and faith. If you wish to join us on this day please contact Tony Collett on 893 447 to book. See page 5.

Please see back page for Church Service details

Marriage

On Saturday 29 June the marriage took place between Timothy Miles and Rachel Illsley at Little Abington Church. A beautiful summer day for the country wedding and a reception held in the garden of the bridegroom's parents' home – Mary and Peter. We offer our prayers to Tim and Rachel for their continued happiness.

Anne Hall

Granta Vale Community Hub Thursday 1 August 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

Whether you are a visitor or a resident you would be most welcome to join us at one of our friendly worship services – just check the time and place.

Services in August 2019

4 August 10.15am Mr John Luke
11 August 10.15am Mrs Penny Flyn
18 August 2.30pm Revd Bruce Waldron (and Holy Communion)
25 August 10.45am United service at St Mary's Church, Great Abington
For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.

Scientists in the Community

A top UK scientist is coming to Granta Park on 27 September to speak at the second of the quarterly lunchtime talks on science, technology and big theological or philosophical questions.

Following the well-attended first talk by Dr. Denis Alexander, past Head of the Laboratory of Lymphocyte Signalling and Development at The Babraham Institute, who explained his reasoning as to why his Christian faith is totally compatible with his scientific knowledge, we will be welcoming Prof. Russell Cowburn FRS. He is Professor of Experimental Physics at the University of Cambridge; he leads a large research team within the Cavendish Laboratory. He will be speaking on the subject of '**Live to Work or Work to Live.**' He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2010, at the extremely young age of 39. He is a Christian and is well known for giving lively and accessible talks on science and faith. He has appeared on BBC's The Big Questions show. The talk will be at 12 noon at the Granta Centre - details will be in the September edition of *Abingtons and Hildersham News*.



Tony Collett

Ask a busy person!

We are looking for an extra volunteer or two to help with the prescription run from Linton Surgery to Abington Stores. On the principle that 'If you want something done ask a busy person' we are looking for busy people to go onto the rota. This would involve, when it's your week, going over to Linton three times, Monday, Wednesday and Friday to pick up the bag and return it to the shop. Your occasional weeks would depend on what fits with your busy diary.

If you can help, please contact Christine Talbot on 01223 892 647 or via email at christine810@btinternet.com.

Flu Clinics 2019/20

Granta Medical Practices are pleased to announce that they will be offering a complete flu vaccination service this year, with clinics being scheduled for October 2019. The Department of Health have assured us that there will be no delivery problems, and this year we will be using a highly effective quadrivalent influenza vaccine. The clinic dates will be announced shortly and there will be clinics run at all Granta sites.

Patients eligible for flu vaccinations include:

- Anyone 6 months of age up to and including 64 years of age if they are in an “at risk” group, e.g. asthma, COPD, chronic heart problems, diabetes. If you are unsure if you fit into an “at risk” group don’t hesitate to ask.
- All patients 65 years and above, or who will be by 31/01/20.
- All children from the ages of 2 to 10 years of age. Those children who are in primary school education will receive their vaccination at school.
- All pregnant women.
- Those in long stay residential care homes.
- Those who are carers.
- Those who are in close contact with immunocompromised individuals.
- Those with a learning disability.

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

Tel: 0300 234 5555

Cyclists for Young Dementia UK arrive in Abington

Peter Berry, diagnosed with dementia four years ago, stopped at Abington on 24 June while on the Four Counties Cycle Challenge for Young Dementia UK. Peter, riding his penny farthing, and his three companions (on ordinary bikes) cycled almost 300 miles over six days, taking in Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Lincolnshire to raise awareness of, and funds for, their charity.

Young Dementia UK supports people affected by young onset dementia between the ages of 30 and 65, and their family members. The charity provides one-to-one support, social groups and information, along with campaigning for change through the YoungDementia Network. For more information visit www.youngdementiauk.org



The Just Giving page will be open until September

<https://ukvirginmoneygiving.com/PeterBerryFourCounties>

Little Abington Parish Council

Around the village

Pavements: Over the summer please cut back foliage overhanging pavements, and in particular any that obscures signposts and lighting. Please also avoid parking on pavements as it makes it difficult or impossible for wheelchairs and pushchairs to pass.

Considerate driving: It's the time of year when the verges along Bourn Bridge Road make the road narrower than normal so please drive slowly and carefully when passing oncoming traffic.

Meeting held on Monday 24 June

Planning applications

S/2000/19/FL 27 Cambridge Road, to demolish existing house and build 3 new houses: Planning permission originally granted in 2016 had lapsed in June. No apparent changes, so recommended.

S/1388/19/FL Bancroft Farm, Church Lane, to erect 6 dwellings and change of use and conversion of 2 agricultural barns to office space following the demolition of agricultural buildings and removal of hardstanding and associated work: Opposed development on various counts (including building on protected land, parking and access for business units and unsuitable materials for houses). Application since withdrawn.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next Meeting: Monday 9 September 2019 Parish Council at 7.15pm

Sheila Bolden (Chairman) tel: 07754 Email: shelen@btinternet.com

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Genevieve Dalton (Clerk) tel: 07703 186562 Email: clerk@littleabington.cba.uk

meeting agendas and papers are published on the Abingtons

www.theabingtons.org.uk

No meeting in August. Next meeting

Footpath group

The second meeting took place on 19 June. We are continuing to explore and investigate ways to improve the access in and around Granta Park. Other items on the agenda were footpaths by the new development, the Orchard (Larkfield), crossing the A1307 by the kennels, footpaths around the suggested new development in Little Abington, documentation of walks in and around the village and investigation of terminated right of way near the top of Chalky Road.

Next meeting at 7.30pm on 11 September

Please feel free to come along, everybody is welcome.
Monica Krylander monica@krylander.com"

Hildersham Focus

Hildersham Jam Stall's summer donation to EACH

We donate to EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices) twice a year: in the summer and at Christmas. This year's summer donation of £320 was a magnificent £100 more than that of July 2018.

Thank you so much to everyone who supports the charity by buying from the stall donating produce, jars and fabric and making lid covers. As always, we welcome donations of homemade preserves and would be pleased to receive produce from your gardens or allotments. With the summer fruit season in full swing, we could look forward to lots of lovely jam in the autumn!

For further information or to offer help, please contact Jill on 893596, or email edheale@btinternet.com

After much discussion and debate at our last meeting, Hildersham Children's Church Council has chosen EACH as their charity for the proceeds of Paul Seddon's Violin recital.

Our next Café Church will be at 4pm on 18 August with Desert Island 'Songs of Praise'. The congregation will join together in singing their chosen hymns.

Hildersham Country Fayre

On Saturday 23 June Hildersham had the pleasure of welcoming people to the first Hildersham Country Fayre to raise funds for Hildersham Church. A small, dedicated team of Rachel Clay, Kate Huntsman, Mark Huntsman, Jeanette Long, Anne-Marie Melloy, Andrew Rouse and Sarah and Julian Tunnicliffe had been working and preparing for it for many months.

The day began at 8am with a Service of Holy Communion on the field led by the Revd. Iain McColl.



Photos by Valerie Silvey (sheep shearing) and Emma Jones (spinning)

The Fayre took place in the grounds of Hildersham Hall with all you could expect from an event such as this: sheep-shearing; spinning and weaving the shorn fleeces, gun-dog scurry, fly-fishing demonstration, a dog show as well as stalls and side-shows. Arena events ran throughout the day: working sheep dogs, a parade of vintage vehicles, dogs set to chase the dummy bunny, a parade of miniature donkeys. But for most people the highlight was the magnificent Red Poll bull from Little Linton (see cover picture), and finally a tug of war

Tennessee Twins and the GLAMS Choir provided musical enjoyment for the crowds as they wandered around the Fayre.

This was one of the most enjoyable events to take place in Hildersham, wonderfully planned and executed, and we can't wait to have another.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this day such a success.



Photo by Emma Jones – Amy Rouse rounding up sheep.

Hildersham Parish Council

A Quality Parish Council

Report on the Parish Council meeting held on 9 July 2019.

A noticeboard has been installed on the allotment barn to enable the Parish Council to communicate with allotments holders. The council plans to hold a meeting with them to encourage people to get more involved in improving the location and its facilities, by forming a group to feedback comments/improvements needed to the council. The meeting will be held in late July/August; please check the noticeboard for timings.



The council's solicitors finally received a reply from the Charity Commission about how it should proceed in its aim to use part of the South Holding to build a few houses and a new village hall. Further legal advice will be required before the council forms a Trust to manage the land. Advice will be sought from SCDC planning department about whether the plans to build on this site are likely to be approved.

The new slide has been installed and seems to be a great success with local children. There was a vote of thanks to Rob Clay for all the work and time he gave to get the slide and safety mat installed. The Clerk was awaiting a reply on when the nettles would be cut down on the Recreation Ground.

A contractor has agreed to sweep the paths through the village, which should clear away any remaining grass cuttings from the paths. The same contractor will be treating the village benches with marine varnish in the next few weeks.

After councillors checked the lighting at the bus shelters, it seems there may be a fault with the solar panel batteries. The suppliers will be asked to fix the problem.

Please note that the September Parish Council will meet a week earlier on 3rd September.

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 3 September 2019 at Hildersham Village Hall from 7.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Thu	1	Abington Walking Group Granta Vale Community Hub – Church Institute, Balsham	10.00am 1.30pm	16 5
Fri	2	Abington Bowls Club	2.00pm	11
Fri	9	Abington Bowls Club	2.00pm	11
Tue	13	Reading group – 23 Cambridge Road, Little Abington	8.00pm	16
Fri	16	Abington Bowls Club	2.00pm	11
Mon	19	WI outing to Tiptree Jams – leave Institute at	12.30pm	15
Thu	22	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	15
Fri	23	Abington Bowls Club	2.00pm	11
Sat	24	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	16
Tue	27	Rivercare & litter pick-up – meet at bridge/ford Mobile library Scrabble Club	9.30am a.m. 7.00pm	11 16
Fri	30	Coach trip to Hunstanton –leave Magna Close Leave from bus stop Little Abington	9.00am 9.15am	12

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

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and Gill Smith 892 759 or richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk

Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

Opening times in August 2019

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

Wheelie bin dates for August 2019 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 5	Mon 12	Mon 19	Tue 27
Black	Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue

Contacts for activities, starting again in September

Scrapbooking Group – We meet one Saturday of every month and welcome you to take a look any time and ask questions.

Yoga – Wednesdays 9.30am 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 11.45am – 12.45pm

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

As so many people are away in August we will start again on Thursday 11 September.

Remember fresh air and exercise are good for you so enjoy the rest of the summer.

Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871

Mobile Library

The next date will be Tuesday 27 August 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 Bowls Club

All are welcome to try their hand at bowls **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

AALGA Summer BBQ – a date for your diary

The Allotment Association's annual site barbecue will be held from 12 noon to 1.30pm on Sunday 1 September 2019 near the Linton Road entrance. Veggie options available. Allotment holders, villagers, families and friends are all welcome to attend. Just turn up on the day.

Holiday Walks with Cambridge Past, Present and Future

Walk with a Warden at Wandlebury - Saturday 3 August: 2.30pm to 4pm

A gentle guided walk with one of our wardens. Free, meet at the noticeboard in the Wandlebury Country Park car park. Suitable for ages 8+.

Iron Age Walk - Wednesday 28 August: 10.30am to 12pm

Gentle warden-led guided walk around Wandlebury to discover some of the history of the remains of the circular Iron Age fort. Suitable for the whole family. Meet at the Wandlebury Park noticeboard next to the car park.

Wandlebury Country Park, CB22 3AE. enquiries@cambridgeppf.org or phone 01223 243 830

Annual Coach Trip Hunstanton here we come! The date for this has now been confirmed as Friday 30 August 2019. £5 for adults, £3 for children. We leave Magna Close at 9.00am and the bus stop in Little Abington at approx 9.15am, returning from Hunstanton at 4.00pm. Residents of the Abingtons, of all ages, are welcome.

South Cambs. District Council The District Council have been without a permanent Chief Executive for the last few months. Liz Watts has recently accepted the role. She has over 20 years' experience in public and not-for-profit sectors. One of her targets is to increase officer responsiveness.

A1307 The next public involvement stages of the A1307 LLF (Local Liaison Forum) have started up again, and they are a good opportunity for members of the public to become involved in the process. Please do engage in the process as the changes to the road will be here to stay. https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambridge_south_east/cambridge-south-east-lif/

Hedges and Hedgerows Hedges are a vital part of Britain's ecosystem, providing habitat for many native species of flora and fauna. They also prevent soil erosion, reduce flooding and are a beautiful feature of our countryside. And residential hedges are among the most common sources of neighbour disputes. If you own an evergreen or semi-evergreen hedge, please be aware of its impact on your neighbours, and keep it reasonably trimmed. Try to resolve any high hedges disputes informally as **SCDC currently charges £450 to consider high hedge complaints.**

Hedges that are covered by the High Hedges legislation must:

- be wholly or predominantly evergreen or semi-evergreen.
- consist of a line of two or more trees or shrubs
- be at least 2m in height from natural ground level at the point from which the hedge is growing.
- form a barrier to light or access.
- adversely affect your enjoyment of your property by virtue of its height.

For more information, please see <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/natural-historic-and-built-environment/natural-environment/trees-hedgerows/high-hedges/>.

Hedgerow Regulations 1997 prohibit the removal of most countryside hedgerows (or parts of them) without first notifying the local planning authority. If you notice that an agricultural (not residential) hedge is being grubbed out – or a gap of 20m in length or more is being inserted in a hedgerow - South Cambs. would like to know.

(With thanks to Miriam Hill, Trees Officer, SCDC, for a fascinating Tree Wardens event.)

Rail Services The message from GTR is not to travel on trains at the August Bank Holiday weekend. The tracks between Cambridge and King's Cross need untangling so they envisage lots of bus replacement services.

Our nearest Children's Centre Linton Children's Centre significantly reduced its services last year. The next closest physical centre to Abington is now Sawston. South Cambs DC are asking for local feedback on any services that are needed that have been removed. If you have been affected, make sure and have your say by emailing our local district councillor, Henry Batchelor, on Cllr.Batchelor@councillor.online

Planning

The planning department at the District Council is currently running at a high vacancy rate. There is a national shortage of planners. Efforts are in hand to increase recruitment, but some applications have failed to meet target deadlines and planning officers haven't been able to come out to site as often as they would like.

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/1643/19/OL – Land adjacent to 48 North Road - all matters reserved for a new dwelling
Parish Council recommended refusal.

S/1478/19/FL – Laragh House Development, land north of Linton Road – reserve matters for approval of plan S/3564/17/OL - including appearance, landscaping, layout and scale
Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1567/19/FL – 25 South Road - 3 bed dwelling adjacent to piggery.

Parish Council recommended refusal.

S/1398/19/FL – 7 Magna Close – single storey side extension

Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1276/19/FL – 33 Magna Close - amended floor plan, side elevation & 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.

Appeal – APP/W0530/W/18/321008-S/4099/17/OL – Land east of A1301, near Hinxton – outline permission for AgriTech Park with up to 112,000m² of employment space.

Parish Council recommended refusal again on 16.05.19

District Council Outcomes:

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

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

S/0843/19/FL – 44a North Road, prior approval change of use of agricultural building to dwelling – ecological report for info only. Parish Council recommended refusal. District Council approved.

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

S/0545/19/OL – 34 South Road – outline permission for dwelling and all matters reserved. Parish Council recommended refusal. District Council approved.

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

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

S/1009/19/FL – Land adjacent 6 Chalky Road – new dwelling. 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 noticeboard for dates or contact the parish clerk.

Next Parish Council meeting: Monday 16 September at 7.15pm.

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

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

Alan Thomson Memorial Golf Day



Annette Thomson lives at Corner Thatch, High Street, Great Abington, the family home for 37 years. Since Alan Thomson passed away in 2014 the family has held an annual memorial golf day in his honour. This year's winner was grandson James, second on the right in the photograph above, which includes five sons, and some of the wives and grandchildren.

Abington 2019 Golf competition, Friday 12 July 2019

25 of our intrepid golfers took to the Wandlebury Hills to contest this year's event. The threatened rain showers fortunately passed us by, so the match was played out on a warm humid afternoon. The Wandlebury Course proved to be a proper test and was energy-sapping enough to affect the back nine scores. No surprise then the Men's contest was won by 21 year old Cameron Izzard with an amazing 41 Stableford points. He kept his card as a souvenir of his best ever round. The Ladies championship was very closely fought and was awarded to Pat Kennedy with 36 points on countback from last year's winner Amanda Marns.

The Izzards also took the nearest the pin (Cameron) and the longest drive (Paul) competitions. New for this year was a putting contest which Rob Geen won with only 15 putts for nine holes.

The players then met in The Three Tuns for a celebration meal and prize giving. The event was in aid of Great Abington PTFA and raised £250. Cory Rivers (Chair) and Guy Underwood (Head) were present to thank the group for their efforts and especially the Gog Magog Golf Club members for their support in hosting this year's event.



Alan Cooke



Abington Lunch

Thursday 22 August 2019



Fruit Juice

**Savoury Tart served with
Summer Vegetables and New Potatoes**

Stone Fruits Roasted with Maple Syrup

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

Next lunch Thursday 26 September 2019

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

July is the usual month for our annual garden party but this centenary year we visited the amazing Music Maze Garden in Balsham.

We followed Jim and Hilary Potter on a tour through



the maze, up the meadow mound, around the duck pond, into the orchard, past the eco-house, along the flower borders, between the raised vegetable beds and ended with tea and cake on the terrace. We were very impressed with the design of the garden and with Hilary's collection of unusual plants.

Their garden will be open on 3-4th August in aid of Arthur Rank Hospice at Home - well worth a visit! *(Photo by Annette Shortell)*

Next meeting: Monday 19 August - Summer Coach Outing to Tiptree Jams - tour of farm and museum visit. Please bring £5 for cream tea. Coach departs from Village Institute 12.30pm.

Visitors and new members always welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Reading Group

13 August	<i>Daughters of the Night Sky</i> Aimie K. Runyan	Sally Turnidge
10 September	<i>Three Daughters of Eve</i> Elif Shafak	Sylvia Gilmour
8 October	<i>Painter to the King</i> Amy Sackville	Joan Graham

Please confirm your attendance in August to Sally.

Lisa Pechey

Abington Walking Group

Saturday 22 June was the date for the midsummer walk and picnic along the Roman Road which was much enjoyed by 22 walkers.



Photo by Robin Harman

Abington Walking Group pause during the Midsummer Walk on a fine sunny evening Saturday 22 June 2019

Our August walks are on Thursday 1st and Saturday 24th.

For further information, please contact:

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Scrabble Club

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

Sheena Fraser

Linton Village College

Learning to become more responsible and independent is a key part of adolescence. We welcomed our new cohort of 180 Year 6 students to Linton Village College at the start of July for their induction programme. It was great to see how much confidence they developed over the two days with us. Initial anxieties about navigating a larger school, managing new catering arrangements and acclimatising to different learning environments and lessons were soon allayed.

In my introductory assembly to parents/carers I spoke about how similar the emotions of fear and excitement are. The adrenaline rush that comes from experiencing a thrilling challenge can be very close to the daunting sensation of being out of your comfort zone.

Our older students also have the opportunity to broaden their horizons and engage in new adventures. A group of our outgoing Year 11 students have ventured on a trip of a lifetime through a Camps International expedition to Kenya. Their month in Africa will involve community volunteering as well and immersing themselves in the local culture and landscape. Meanwhile other LVC students have performed on the Symphonic Wind Orchestra tour in Lake Garda, Italy, and many have benefited from an enriching Geography excursion to Snowdon.

The risk assessments that I read and sign off for various extra-curricular opportunities highlight the dangers inherent in adventurous activities. However, managing risk in a safe and controlled manner is an integral part of growing up. The many enrichment events that we offer at LVC provide students with the ability to learn how to do this with the support of responsible adults.

Our recent PSHE day at Linton Village College focused on many aspects of healthy lifestyles including topics such as developing relationships, managing conflict, careers planning and team building. Students were fortunate to benefit from the expertise of external speakers, including local specialist charitable organisations and the community police. Sergeant Priestley also led a drugs education information evening, for parents/carers, which was well attended, providing an overview of the County Lines phenomenon and equipping attendees with an understanding of the risks associated with this drug distribution model and how to report information to www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-a-crime.

Helena Marsh

Adult Education at Linton Village College New Course programme

You will soon be receiving a copy of our new brochure through your door, detailing the Adult Education courses and workshops which will be on offer at Linton Village College from September 2019.

We have an exciting range of craft, language and vocational courses for you to explore including Silver Jewellery making, Woodwork, Tai Chi, Aromatherapy and an Introduction to Basic Maths to name just a few.

Our extensive programme of Saturday workshops has something for everyone, from Sketchbook workshops, CV Writing & Employability Skills, Indian Cookery and Floristry to hands-on Family Workshops which can be enjoyed with your children / grandchildren.

Look out for the new brochure dropping through your door or browse the website at www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk

For more information please call 01223 891233 ext 303 / 317

Ready, set, summer with Cambridge Past, Present and Future (CambridgePPF)

CambridgePPF has planned a fun-packed schedule of summer holiday events.

Painting and Drawing *En Plein Air*

Saturday 3, 10, 17 August: 9am to 2pm

Connect with the natural beauty of the local landscape on this unique drawing and painting workshop hosted by professional treescape artist Debbie Baxter. Wandlebury Country Park, £60 per person per day. To book email debbiebaxterart@yahoo.co.uk

Hinxton Watermill Open Day

Sunday 4 August: 2.30pm to 5.30pm

See the mill in action, riverside walk and 'Where's Ratty?' game for children. **NB:** CambridgePPF members can visit for free. For non-members entry is £3 for adults, £1 for children. No need to book. Mill Lane, Hinxton CB10 1RD

Holiday Bushcraft (5-12 years)

5,6,7,12,13,14,19,20,21 Aug & 3,4 Sept : 8.30am to 4pm

Holiday Bushcraft at Wandlebury is designed for children ages 5-12 and is run by experienced, qualified teachers from the outdoor learning experience group, Wild Thyme & Embers. All basic bushcraft techniques suitable for this age range will be taught. Booking essential; www.wildthymeandembers.co.uk Wandlebury Country Park, CB22 3AE.

Go Bats at Wandlebury

Friday 9 August: 8.30pm to 10pm

A guided walk at dusk to look for bats, use a bat detector and learn more about these fascinating creatures. Free, for ages 9+. Bring a torch and remember it gets cooler after dark. Meet at the noticeboard in the Wandlebury Country Park car park.

Teddy Bear Adventures with Vital Spark Theatre

Thursday 15 August: 1pm to 2pm or 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Bring your own teddy and join Vital Spark for an accompanied family workshop, packed full of teddy adventures! The Stable Rooms, Wandlebury Country Park. £8 per child. For 2-8 year old accompanied children. Booking essential, email katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org

Story Hunters with Vital Spark Theatre

Friday 16 August: 10am to 4pm

Imaginations will run wild on the hunt for super stories with this creative holiday workshop at Wandlebury. Booking essential, email katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org Ages 5-12 year olds unaccompanied, £35 per child.

Wild Bedtime Stories with Vital Spark

Friday 16 August: 5pm to 6.30pm

Wear your pyjamas, dressing gowns, onesies (and probably wellies!); bring your favourite teddy if you wish. **NB:** Booking essential, email katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org

Children must be accompanied. Dress for the weather. Held in the Stable Rooms, Wandlebury Country Park, CB22 3AE. £6 per child, includes hot chocolate.

Bourn Windmill Open Day and Teas

Sunday 18 August: 2pm to 4pm

Guided tours; have a go at turning the mill and teas/cakes. No need to book. Off Caxton Road, Bourn CB23 2SU.

Cambridge Past, Present and Future (PPF) Wandlebury Ring, CB22 3AE

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Church Services for August 2019

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Gt. Abington</i> 	<i>Lt. Abington</i> 	<i>Hildersham</i> 	<i>Readings</i>
1 August (Thursday)		9.30am Communion		Exodus 40.16- 21,34-end Matthew 13.47-53
4 August	10.30am United Eucharist at Balsham			Hosea 11.1-11 Luke 12.13-21
11 August	10.45am Communion		9.15am Communion	Isaiah 1.1,10-20 Luke 12.32-40
18 August		10.45am Morning Worship	4.00pm Café Church	Isaiah 5.1-7 Luke 12.49-56
25 August	10.45am Communion-joint service with URC		6.00pm Evensong	Jeremiah 1.4-10 Luke 13.10-17

Church Flower Rota

	<i>Great Abington</i>	<i>Little Abington</i>	<i>Hildersham</i>
4 August	Lucy Ward	Lucy Ward	Cathy Myer
11 August	Lucy Ward	Lucy Ward	Cathy Myer
18 August	Sarah Barron	Kay Harman and	Jean Morton
25 August	Sarah Barron	Amanda Marns	Jean Morton

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

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<i>Great Abington</i>	Anne Hall	12 Magna Close, Great Abington	892275
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<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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