



# The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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**Little Abington United Reformed Church  
1921 to 2019**

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## Letter from the Editor

This issue of the village News records the very sad news that the United Reformed Church in Little Abington is to close in September after serving the community well for 98 years (pages 3, 5, cover photo). A joint service with Great Abington Church on 25 August reflects a friendly collaboration that may help in future and we wish the URC members well.

The annual Vicarage Garden Party was a success in July. September brings a Harvest Supper and a Harvest Festival to put us in good heart ahead of the autumn, and a new Community Hub is to start in Abington Institute in September (pages 5, 6, 7). There is another thought-provoking science lecture at the Granta Centre on 27 September (page 5).

Classes and club activities start again in September. First the AALGA BBQ, then Film Nights, Reading and Scrabble clubs, the Abington Lunch, Hildersham Tea, Yoga, Pilates, Aerobics, French conversation and much more (pages 10 – 12, 14 – 15).

We have an update on the success of the Parish Nurse project, dates for flu clinics (page 18). May we all stay healthy and, like George Woodley, hope to celebrate being 90 (page 8).

Valerie Silvey

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## Little Abington United Reformed Church

Dear villagers

It is with great sadness that we must inform you of the planned imminent closure of the Little Abington Chapel (URC). This has come about for a number of reasons, including a small and ageing congregation, steep steps that cannot be changed, 'staff' wishing to retire and multiple and expensive building problems. The Nissen hut, formally opened in 1921, has served us well for many years, but the problems are becoming insurmountable.



*Photo by Emma Jones of URC at harvest festival 2018*

Among all the sadness, our friends at the Parish Church have come alongside us, offering all kinds of help, including sharing their building, services and finding homes for our treasured possessions. You are most welcome to join us there.

For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.

## From the Lay Pioneer Minister

The beginning of the new academic year and the associated return of routines always causes me to reflect on the passing of the summer. During August I travelled to Kenya and Ethiopia in my role with Compassion, an international Christian development organisation. I visited Kibera, the largest slum in Africa. It is crammed with tiny homes surrounded by stinking open sewers, with no access to running water or legal electricity. It occurred to me that we could fit 50 such homes into the expanse of the beautiful vicarage garden. The contrast of Kibera with the beautiful, peaceful surroundings of Abington is immense and caused me to reflect on the striking injustice in this world. I feel so privileged to be able to support the most vulnerable families who are impacted by poverty in the developing world through my work with Compassion UK.

I am thankful that my children and I can support families in two developing countries through Compassion's one-to-one child sponsorship programme. We exchange letters, emails and photographs. It is even possible to visit the children we sponsor and share messages of hope and prayers. This has been a huge blessing, especially in providing a valuable lens through which to view our own lives and see the plenty that surrounds us at home. One of the most amazing things for me about being a Christian is the call to reach out our hand to those in need both near and far. When I was in the slums of Kibera, I met such joy and gratitude from each family. They were so pleased that through the sponsorship programme, their children were receiving healthcare and education. All the children follow vocational training or go to university. If you would like to find out more about the work of Compassion, please do get in touch with me. I have already spoken to the café church at West Wrating and I would be delighted to speak to any of the groups who meet in the other villages.

Closer to home, I am excited at three new initiatives in Abington. **On Tuesday 24 September from 2-4pm** in the Abington Institute we will launch our first Community Hub. The focus of our monthly events will be to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to socialise and take a break from the busyness of the day. The Parish Nurse, a representative from Reach and the local Social Navigator will be there for anyone who would like to talk to them. We will be serving free tea and coffee along with freshly baked cakes, so please do come along and say hello (see page 7).

**Dates for your diary: Friday 11 October at Great Abington Church**, the launch of our monthly 'Breathing Space' at Great Abington Church at 12.30pm. This will be an opportunity to find an oasis of calm in the peace and silence of the church space. More details in next month's magazine.

**On Sunday 27 October** we would like to welcome everyone to come and share breakfast together at the first of our monthly Big Sunday Breakfasts at Great Abington Church. Breakfast will be served from 9.15am, followed by an optional condensed service. There will be toys for small children, craft activities and a quiet reflection space.

Jeanine Kennedy

Tel. 01223 893 838 or email [jeaninekenedygv@gmail.com](mailto:jeaninekenedygv@gmail.com)

## Harvest Songs of Praise

Come and celebrate the season of harvest with **Songs of Praise at 10.45am on Sunday 15 September at Little Abington Church**. We are inviting members of our village community to select the hymns and songs which will be interspersed with readings and poems on the theme of Harvest. There will be a children's activity and a crèche. Refreshments will follow the service.



## Granta Lunchtime Talks

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

### 'Live to Work or Work to Live'

Professor Russell Cowburn FRS

Professor of Experimental Physics, Department of Physics, Cambridge University

*'Most scientists are deeply engaged in their work and spend huge numbers of hours in their labs and still turn scientific problems over in their minds when not working. I know this because I am one such scientist!'*

In this talk Professor Cowburn describes a Christian view of work and gives examples of how this influences his professional scientific life.

**Friday 27 September from 12 – 1pm**

in the Granta Centre, Granta Park

*Complimentary buffet provided - all are welcome..*

*To help plan the hospitality please advise [tony.collett@talktalk.net](mailto:tony.collett@talktalk.net) of your intention to attend.*



Prof. Cowburn holds an MA, PhD and ScD in physics from Cambridge University and has held positions at Durham University, Imperial College London and the Université Paris-Sud, France. He leads a large research team within the Cavendish Laboratory, researching nanotechnology, magnetism, electronics and optics. He has had over 60 patents granted and is a frequent invited speaker at international conferences. In 2009 his research was recognised by the European Union by the award of a €2.8 million ERC Investigator Grant, given only to the highest level of international research. Professor Cowburn was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2010.

Organised by St. Mary's Churches, Abington; part of the Scientists in Congregations initiative.  
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Abington residents who would like to hear Dr Cowburn speak at the Granta Centre on 27 September 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 lunchtime 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](mailto:tony.collett@talktalk.net)

## News from the Pews

The PCC would like to thank most sincerely all those who helped, gave gifts and attended the recent successful Garden Fête at the Vicarage. Our thanks also to the host, Jeanine. It was a particularly busy time for her as she was flying off to Kenya the following Monday – thank you, Jeanine.

*Photo by Tony Collett*



Following relative church inactivity during August we now begin to

enter our busy period, and yes, with Christmas in mind too. A meeting was held earlier this month to discuss **Advent Windows** following the huge success of this project in 2018. We are looking for 12 windows in Great and 12 in Little Abington. If you would like to take part, please contact us by e-mail (see below). If you took part last year and would like to join the team again, you are most welcome too. We know so many people enjoyed preparing their windows, as did all of us who had the pleasure of viewing them. **Open Gardens June 2020** will this year be held in Great Abington. If you are a keen gardener and would be willing to invite people into your garden or would like details please contact by e-mail (see below). Gardens large and small are invited to join this ever popular event.

### **Forthcoming Events for your Diary**

**Wednesday 4 September 7.30pm Space to Be** Step aside from the busyness and distractions of life into an oasis of calm, quiet reflection and silence. For further details contact Rosemary on 891 718.

**Harvest Supper Friday 13 September in the Village Institute 7 for 7.30pm** Tickets £10 - Junior children £5. Bring your own drink. Two course traditional Harvest Supper. Tickets available from Churchwardens. Further details contact Marilyn on 893 214.

**Ride and Stride to raise money for your church and Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust. Saturday 14 September 10am – 6pm.** There are sponsorship forms in Great Abington church if you wish to take part by visiting as many local churches as you can by cycle, walking or horseback.

**Harvest Festival Service 10.45am at Little Abington Church, Sunday 15 September.** We look forward to welcoming you at this annual service of thanksgiving (page 5).

**Service in the United Reformed Church Little Abington at 2.30pm Sunday 15 September** Sadly this will be the last service to take place in the chapel as the doors close the following day. Photographs in the chapel of bygone Sunday school children show many recognisable faces of now adult members of our community. It is hoped that the small congregation will now join us in worship on Sundays (see page 3).

**Abington Community Hub in the Village Institute Tuesday 24 September from 2 to 4pm** All are welcome to join in for refreshment (see pages 4, 7).

**Granta Lunchtime Talks 'Work to Live or Live to Work' Friday 27 September 12 noon to 1pm.** For further details contact Tony Collett on 893 447 (see page 5).

**Charity for September – Cambridge Street Pastors** – Friday and Saturday night in Cambridge can be quite a buzz with many pubs and clubs staying open into the small hours with at times thousands of people enjoying the party atmosphere. Drawn from local churches, Street Pastor volunteers patrol the streets in the centre of Cambridge from 10pm to 4am each Friday and Saturday night to help anyone in difficulty, without judgement or discrimination. They also run Nightlite (based in St Columbus Church) providing a safe place for people to wait, recover, find a listening ear or just chill out.

**There are charity boxes in both churches – your support would be gratefully appreciated.**

**Notification was received that Joyce Mellor had passed away.** Some of us remember Joyce on endless walks round the village with Dorrie Linsdell and as housekeeper and friend to Anne Fox Robinson. Her funeral has taken place.

### **Funerals**

**Andrea Webb** sadly passed away on 6 July. Her funeral took place at Cam Valley Crematorium on 7 August when many friends and family gathered to say their farewell to Andrea.

We offer our sincere condolences and prayers to her husband John and sons Graham and Jonno.

**Dr Peter Ward** passed away peacefully, aged 93, after a short illness on Thursday 8 August surrounded by his family. Peter lived in Little Abington for 56 years and was a Parish Councillor and Tree Warden for the village. His funeral took place on Friday 30 August at 2pm at Cam Valley Crematorium in Great Chesterford.

We offer our sincere condolences to his wife Evelyn and family.

**Anne Hall (anneandglynhall@gmail.com)**

**Robin Toates** – We have just heard that Robin Toates sadly passed away on 11 August. His funeral will be at Cambridge Crematorium East Chapel at 11.30am on Monday 2 September, followed by a wake at Arlington Manor Care Home. Donations please to Parkinsons UK.

### **Granta Vale Community Hubs**

Following the success of the Community Hub in Balsham, a new one in Abington will begin on Tuesday 24 September from 2-4pm in the Abington Institute. Anyone from any of the local villages is welcome to come along for free coffee, tea and cakes, and an opportunity to meet and chat with others.

The Community Hub in Balsham will be on Thursday 5 September from 2-4pm in the Church Institute. You are very welcome to come to both events if you would like to do so.

Our Parish Nurse, Claire Gillett, should also be available at most of our upcoming Community Hubs and would be happy to chat with anyone.

Dates of Community Hubs (all from 2pm to 4pm):

Abington: Tuesdays - 24 September; 22 October; 19 November; 17 December

Balsham: Thursdays – 5 September; 3 October; 7 November; 5 December



# Little Abington Parish Council

## Around the village

**Park & Ride feedback:** Thank you for your comments on the proposals for a park & ride site in Little Abington. We are expecting the Greater Cambridge Partnership to open a formal public consultation later this year.

**Fourwentways:** Many thanks to all the residents who pick up litter at Fourwentways (as well as elsewhere). We are aware of concerns about the mess and continue to put pressure on SCDC to enforce the litter-picking obligations of the food outlets in the area. We have spoken to the company wishing to develop the Comfort Café site to express our views on litter and lorry parking. It looks as though its planning application to develop the site will be delayed due to staff vacancies in the planning department.

**Speeding:** Thank you for your comments on priorities for highways improvements. We have agreed to bid for funding for a moveable vehicle speed sign and will hear the outcome in a few months' time.

## Meeting held on Monday 22 July

### Planning application

**S/2336/19/FL 31a Cambridge Rd, Single-storey front porch extension and alterations.** Supported without referral to the SCDC planning committee

### Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

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

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The meeting agendas and papers are published on the Abingtons website: [www.theabingtons.org.uk](http://www.theabingtons.org.uk)

**Next meetings Monday 9 September, Monday 28 October.**

## George Woodley Celebrates his 90th Birthday

To celebrate my 90th birthday I had arranged to hold an Open House day on Saturday 27 July for friends and neighbours, followed by a great party for family on my actual birthday, Sunday 28 July. Owing to events beyond my control, on the night of 17 July, my house was made uninhabitable so all the arrangements had to be changed and the main event was moved to Great Shelford.

Thanks to neighbours and family the Saturday celebration was still able to be held in the garden at 80 High Street. I wish to thank all my friends and neighbours who turned up in spite of the weather, and for all the cards and gifts they brought.

Thank you all. George

## **Hildersham Focus**

### **Tea time**

Hildersham tea time will meet as usual in the village hall at 3pm on Thursday 12 September.

All Hildersham residents and friends are welcome for tea and cake.

### **Hildersham Lectures**

There will be information regarding future lectures next month.

### **Introducing a Silent Space**

Lives are so busy, one could say hectic sometimes, that we may long for a place to go to be quiet, where we can put the pressures of everyday life on one side.

A Silent Space is a time every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 7.30pm at Hildersham Church to enjoy silence, to pray, to reflect or just to unwind from the tangles of our busy lives. Just come in at any time from 7.00 onwards, if only for a few minutes. Whenever you arrive, do feel free to light a candle at the steps of the chancel.

At 7.30pm there is a short break before a service of Night Prayer (Compline) which lasts about 15 minutes.

### **Prayer requests**

Should you wish to request a prayer for someone, a pressing issue, for village or global events there is a pin board and a box of notes in the Prayer Area, beside the church library. All prayers will be included in the Tuesday evening service of Night Prayer at 7.30 pm to which everyone is very welcome.

## **Hildersham Parish Council**

### **A Quality Parish Council**



**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.**

## **Linton District Girl Guides**

Wow! What a difference a year makes, our District's Guides went on a County water and activity weekend in September and an International Jamboree in July. Our Rainbows and Brownies had Revels and Pack holidays. To finish off we had our District Campfire and our fantastic strawberry evening courtesy of Dr and Mrs Bertram.



Our new programme has seen our girls making plant environments, creating windmills, making dens built to sleep in and bivouacking and cooking outdoors. There have also been trips abroad, Duke of Edinburgh awards, 11 BP Challenges awarded and a chief Guide award too, quite an amazing feat.

We are also incredibly proud to have been able to award a 50-year long service award,

We are still looking for new leaders in the district. The smiles and recognition years later when a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide or Ranger is an adult and remembers you is worth millions. We really are an inspirational girl-led organisation.

Thank you so much to all our incredible volunteers and girls for everything they do for Girlguiding in Linton District. We could not do it without you all.

Come and join in the fun and be part of our next generation of girls.

For more information contact Louisa 01223 833 776

<b>Date</b>		<b>Venue Abington Institute unless stated</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Page</b>
Sun	1	<b>AALGA Barbecue</b> – near Linton Road entrance	12. noon	12
Mon	2	<b>Physio Pilates</b> – four classes, first starts at	10.30am	11
Tue	3	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Forget-Me-Not Club</b> <b>Hildersham Parish Council</b> - Village Hall <b>Table Tennis</b>	10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	14 9 11
Wed	4	<b>Yoga</b> – course and drop in <b>Space to Be</b> -55 Church Lane, LA	9.30am 7.30pm	11 6
Thu	5	<b>Abington Walking Group</b> <b>Granta Vale Community Hub</b> –Balsham	10.00am 2.00pm	15 7
Sat	7	<b>Scrapbooking Group</b>	10.00am	11
Mon	9	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> – Pre-school building <b>Physio Pilates</b> - four classes, first starts at <b>French Conversation</b> <b>Little Abington Parish Council</b> <b>Abington &amp; Hildersham WI</b>	9.30am 10.30am 1.00pm 7.15pm 7.30pm	11 11 12 8 14
Tue	10	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Reading Group</b> – 21 Cambridge Road, Lt. Abington <b>Table Tennis</b>	10.00am 8.00pm 7.30pm	15 11
Wed	11	<b>Yoga</b> – course and drop in <b>Footpaths Group</b>	9.30am 7.30pm	11
Thu	12	<b>Social Cycling</b> <b>Hildersham Tea Time</b> – Village Hall	9.30am 3.00pm	12 9
Fri	13	<b>Low Impact Aerobics</b> <b>Pilates</b> <b>Harvest Supper</b>	9.30am 10.45am 7.00pm	11 11 6
Mon	16	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> – Pre-school building <b>Physio Pilates</b> - four classes, first starts at <b>French Conversation</b> <b>Great Abington Parish Council</b> <b>Abington Gardening Club</b>	9.30am 10.30am 1.00pm 7.15pm 7.30pm	11 11 12 13 15
Tue	17	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Forget-Me-Not Club</b> <b>Table Tennis</b>	10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm	14 11
Wed	18	<b>Yoga</b> – course and drop in	9.30am	11
Fri	20	<b>Low Impact Aerobics</b> <b>Pilates</b> <b>Film Night</b> (see poster for details)	9.30am 10.45am	11 11 12
Sat	21	<b>Abington Walking Group</b>	10.00am	15
Mon	23	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> – Pre-school building <b>French Conversation</b>	9.30am 1.00pm	11 12
Tue	24	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Mobile Library</b> <b>Abington Community Hub</b> <b>Scrabble Club</b> <b>Table Tennis</b>	10.00am a.m. 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	12 7 15 11
Wed	25	<b>Yoga</b> – course and drop in	9.30am	11
Thu	26	<b>Abington Lunch</b>	12.45pm	14

Fri	27	<b>Low Impact Aerobics</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Pilates</b>	10.45am	11
		<b>Granta Lunchtime Talk – Granta Centre</b>	12noon	5
Mon	30	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Rivercare &amp; litter pick-up – meet at bridge/ford</b>	10.00am	
		<b>French Conversation</b>	1.00pm	12

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

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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 September 2019

Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am – 1.30pm (5, 12, 19) Lunch 26 <sup>th</sup>
Friday mornings	8.45am – 11.00am
Saturday mornings	10.00am – 12 noon

### Wheelie bin dates for September 2019 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

<b>Mon 2</b>	<b>Mon 9</b>	<b>Mon 16</b>	<b>Mon 23</b>	<b>Mon 30</b>
<b>Black</b>	<b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Black</b>

### Contacts for activities

**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) 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk)

## Abington Social Cycling

We are starting again on Thursday 12 September, meeting at the Institute at 9.30am. See you then. Remember fresh air and exercise is good for you.

Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871

## Film Nights at Abington Institute

The Institute holds a Film Night on various dates through the year. Everyone is welcome. Look out for the poster in the Institute for details.

To receive notification by email approximately two weeks before a screening join our mailing list at <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk/> or email an enquiry to [films@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:films@theabingtons.org.uk) .

## Mobile Library

The next date will be Tuesday 24 September 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)

## 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.

## French Conversation Group

The French Conversation Group will resume earlier in September this year and will not meet during the school half term in October. First session back is at 1pm on Monday 9 September in the small meeting room at the Institute. The format will be much the same except that we shall refer to *La Vie Outre Manche* to keep us up to date with current issues. We think we have discovered a few best-selling novels that should prove exciting. Yet the start of each session, our exchange of everyday events, both personal and general, is the most rewarding of all our work.

If you have ever thought of joining us September is the best time. We want to retain what we know but also enhance our ability to understand and use new vocabulary essential to any discussion.

Rachel Haining

## Introducing LALA – a new group for Linton and surrounding villages.

LALA stands for Linton Area Learning Alliance and offers a 10-week course on Tuesday mornings in Linton Village Hall from 10 – 11.45am. This session Honor Ridout will talk about 'Working Lives' – looking at how the toil of our ancestors in farms and factories, in homes, mines, shops and at sea, throughout the country, has shaped our physical and social environment. We will examine their struggles and achievements through contemporary sources, their own accounts, legislation, etc., and also using paintings and photographs.

The autumn course starts on 1 October and costs just £50 including refreshments. LALA aims to provide an interesting topic from a high-quality tutor to exercise our minds as well as being a social occasion to meet friends old and new. This course is instead of the usual WEA course on Tuesday mornings.

For more information please contact Sue Mudge: 01223 892 737.

## VE Day

As you may already know the May Day Bank Holiday next year will be on Friday 8 May, rather than the usual Monday, to fit in with the VE Day anniversary. Watch this space for events which are at an early stage of planning.

## Footways

We are working on a long-term plan to establish three sections of pedestrian footway. The first along Pampisford Road from Moorefield to Cutting Road, the second from Cutting Road to Granta Park, and thirdly Granta Park to the river bridge on Newmarket Road. Once achieved this would provide a complete link. It would also help those walking to and from Granta Park. Clearly it will be expensive, and we will be looking for support from various bodies to achieve this.

## Green Initiatives

SCDC and the City Council are investigating the cost of switching its fleet of bin lorries to electric powered vehicles. The current fleet of 50 bin lorries and 18 street sweepers costs around £46,000 each month to refuel. The cost of changing to electric powered vehicles is high and the two councils are looking into how best this might be achieved.

SCDC are also planning to go paperless, which should happen later this year.

## Love Where You Live\*

Did you know hedgerows can play a significant role in reducing the rate of climate change, through carbon storage, and through the provision of firewood, a renewable fuel? A new hedgerow may store 600 – 800 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent per year per km, for up to 20 years.

\* A new occasional column highlighting points of environmental interest in our villages

## Planning

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

### **Parish Council recommendations:**

S/0948/18/FL – 35 South Road, Erection of new dwelling

Parish Council recommended approval.

S/2235/19/LB – 109 High Street, Internal and external works

Parish Council recommended approval.

S/2505/19/FL – ARCC Innovations, Pampisford Rd. Create 4 studio pavilions for start-up companies, relocate oak-framed barn, car parking etc.

Parish Council recommended refusal.

### **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](mailto:harper802@btinternet.com) (892 000)



# Abington Lunch

## Thursday 26 September 2019



Fruit Juice

**Cottage Pie and Seasonal Vegetables**

**Apple Meringue Pie and Cream**

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 24 September. Don't forget to tell us if you need a special diet. Doors open at **12.45pm**. Note that the lunch is open to **ALL** Abington and Hildersham residents. **Only £5.**

**Next lunch Thursday 24 October 2019**

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

We celebrated our centenary in August with a coach trip to Tiptree Jams, Essex. We had a tour of the farm by tractor-drawn trailer to visit the orchards of mulberry, quince, medlar, plum and damson trees and the longest poly-tunnels we'd ever seen, full of strawberry plants grown on 'tables' – long narrow troughs at chest height for easy culture and picking. The famous Little Scarlet is an alpine strawberry unique to Tiptree. Four hundred workers come from Romania, Bulgaria and Poland to pick the produce and live in modern accommodation with its own social centre. An enormous freezer block keeps fruit at -28°C for jamming later. The farm is run on LEAF principles to manage energy use, waste, water and soil.

Delicious cream teas awaited us after the tour, then a visit to the fascinating museum to learn more about the history of Tiptree and the Wilkin family. The shop tempted us with preserves, honey, gin, fresh strawberries, candles and gift items to take home: the WI is not just about jam and Jerusalem, you know!

**Next meeting: Monday 9 September 7.30pm - Straw plaiting by Sandra Barker - demonstration.** New members and visitors always welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

### **Forget-Me-Not Club**

We look forward to meeting members old and new after our August summer break. The programme for September consists of:

Tuesday, 3 September, 2pm – An entertaining musical quiz with Marion Macintyre. Our afternoon refreshments will be cheese and biscuits.

Tuesday, 17 September, 2pm – Steve Jordan will be giving a talk on his travel experiences in Myanmar.

Jenny Milns (tel.890252)

**Community Oil Order** Rod will take orders from 16 to 20 September, for oil delivery in the first week of October. He will need name, address, postcode, phone number, quantity of oil needed. Contact [rodwillcox@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rodwillcox@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 07767 686 351.

## Reading Group

10 September	<i>Three Daughters of Eve</i> Elif Shafak	Sylvia Gilmour
8 October	<i>Painter to the King</i> Amy Sackville	Joan Graham
12 November	<i>Where My Heart Used to Beat</i> Sebastian Faulks	Judith Allen (to be confirmed)

Please confirm your attendance in September to Sylvia.

Lisa Pechey

## Scrabble Club

The next meeting of the Scrabble Club is on Tuesday 24 September at 7pm in the Institute. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

## Abington Gardening Club

On Monday 16 September at 7.30pm in the Institute there is a social evening, courtesy of the Committee, preceded by the Annual General Meeting.

All welcome

Kay Harman, Secretary

Tel 891 730 email: [robandkayharman@gmail.com](mailto:robandkayharman@gmail.com)

## Abington Walking Group

Our September walks are on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>.

We will be having a pub lunch in October. Watch this space !

We really need more walkers joining us – meeting at the Institute at 10am and sharing transport to the walk venue. Anyone outside the village is welcome to join us for a very sociable stroll of about 5 miles. :

For further information, please contact:

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

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

## Cambridge Past, Present and Future (PPF)

The following walks are organised by PPF in September.

### **Coton Countryside Walk: Great St Mary's–The Backs–West Fields–Coton Reserve on Saturday 7 September: 10am to 3pm**

Sociable and flat walk from Great St Mary's Church in Cambridge city centre via the West Fields, past the striking architecture of the University's West Cambridge site, into the Coton Countryside Reserve, returning via the University's Sidgwick site in Newnham to the city centre. Free event but donations appreciated. The walk is around 6.5 miles long. Meeting point is in front of Great St Mary's Church, CB2 3PQ.

### **Walk for Parkinson's UK Saturday 28 September: 11am start**

Join Parkinson's UK, for a friendly fundraising charity walk around wonderful Wandlebury Park. 1.5 miles, or a 4.5-mile route. Registration £12 for adults/under 16s £5. Registration 10am. **For further information and registration:** visit [parkinsons.org.uk/events/walk-parkinsons-wandlebury-country-park](http://parkinsons.org.uk/events/walk-parkinsons-wandlebury-country-park)

## **Linton Village College**

The start of the new academic year marks a time of change for our young people. Some of the summer holiday highlights include celebrating students' GCSE results and recognising LVC alumni's post-16 successes.

One of my favourite tasks over the break is the privilege of reading letters penned by our next cohort of students. Responding to 180 soon-to-be Year 7s is a great means of starting to get to know the newest additions to our College community.

Returning to school in September comes with a number of physical changes too, aside from the customary growth spurts and fresh uniform and stationery. Thanks to much-needed and long-awaited capital funding from the government, LVC's site has benefited from improvements to its safeguarding infrastructure over the holiday. This includes the installation of CCTV cameras and additional gating.

The College remains a community facility with access for village users but the new site security measures, which are already standard in most other secondary schools, will enable us to manage our large, open grounds more effectively, keeping the buildings and people within them more secure.

Helena Marsh

## **County & District Council reports**

### **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 and keep abreast of the process, as the changes to the road will be here forever. <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambridge-south-east/cambridge-south-east-llf/>

### **Fly Tipping**

The District Council, in conjunction with other local authorities, has launched a campaign against fly tipping, this is aptly called S.C.R.A.P. This new scheme included running a mock fly tip at Milton Park & Ride to test public and Council response. You can read more, as well as watch the video, on the S. Cambs. website - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/fly-tipping-footage-released-as-council-launches-campaign-to-tackle-the-problem/>

### **Light Blue Fibre**

Cambridge University and the County Council have joined forces to attempt to attract fibre networks to expand Cambridgeshire's digital infrastructure. They have started up a new company called Light Blue Fibre. Essentially they are open to leasing their fibre network cables out commercially, as between the two organisations, they have over 100km of existing ducting and fibre.

### **Social Workers**

The County Council has launched a campaign to attempt to recruit more social workers in Cambridgeshire. The campaign includes honest interviews with current social workers and their experiences of working for the Council. More information can be found at - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/jobs-&-volunteering/we-love-social-workers/children-s-social-worker-vacancies/>

### **Street Lights**

Parish Councils have been contacted about a change in street light charging. The County Council used to buy the electricity for street lights in your parishes, then charged for this service, with an admin fee on top. They are now passing this responsibility onto Parish Councils, so there is now an opportunity to broker a better deal than the County Council had. Some villages in the county have clubbed together and purchased a group deal with a supplier, generating a saving overall. I have a good contact at the County Council if there are any questions on this.

**Report from Councillors Henry Batchelor (CCC) and John Batchelor (SCDC)**

## Hear here: patients want to be listened to.

Patients in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough want to be listened to by health professionals – especially those with long-term conditions who are often experts in their own health.

A new report from Healthwatch into people's views on improving local NHS services shows that good communication is really important to people. People want health professionals to acknowledge their own knowledge and experience about their condition and to listen.

“Please be honest about what the options are and do not use clinical expressions when talking to a patient. Encourage the patient to ask questions if they do not understand.”

Eight hundred people across the region gave their views to Healthwatch. Most want face-to-face meetings and they also want emails and letters about their health in simple, plain English with no complicated medical jargon.

### Share your views too

Like to give your views on local NHS services? Healthwatch, the independent champion for people using health and social care services, wants to hear from you.

### Need information about health or care services?

Healthwatch can help you find:

- Health or care services near to you
- What to do if you have a concern or complaint
- Organisations that can give you help or advice

### Get in touch

- Via our websites (please select most appropriate)
  - <https://www.healthwatchpeterborough.co.uk/feedback-on-care/>
  - <http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/content/have-your-say>
- Call us on 0330 355 1285 (local call number)
- Email us at: [enquiries@healthwatchcambspboro.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchcambspboro.co.uk)

Read more about the **What would you do? report** on the [Healthwatch Peterborough website](#) or the [Healthwatch Cambridgeshire website](#).

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT OR TO SING IN A CHOIR?

**Duxford Saturday Workshop** holds group tuition sessions where adults and children from Year Five onwards can learn to play an instrument. There is also a junior music group for children from Year 1 upwards, as well as classes for adult beginners and groups both for improvers and for competent players.

Workshop's members include adults who have always wanted to learn an instrument but haven't had the opportunity, alongside those who 'haven't played for donkeys' years.'

In addition to the tuition classes, there are also ensembles ranging from recorders, strings, jazz and wind bands to folk fiddlers, an adults' community choir and a full orchestra.

A registered charity, Workshop is all about learning and performing together in an enjoyable and supportive environment. Indeed, some of our members find it so enjoyable that they have been coming along since the last century! So do come and find out why – and see what **you** can achieve! Even if you don't have an instrument of your own, don't panic – we have a collection of instruments for rental on very reasonable terms so will be happy to help you out if we can.

**Registration for the 2019/20 Workshop year is on Saturday 7 September, from 10–11.30am** at Duxford School, St John's Street, Duxford, and term begins at 9.30am on Saturday, 14 September. For more information, please see the Workshop website at <http://duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk>.

*Peter Howarth, Duxford Workshop Management Team*

## Update on the Parish Nurse and Parish Nurse Plus

Many of you are aware of the very successful Parish Nurse Project that was successfully established in our villages in 2015, and of course some of you will have come into contact with Claire Gillett, our current Parish Nurse.

During that time the project has evolved to the point where we now have two Community Workers, Steve Jordan and Jacqueline Douglas, who complement and support the work that Claire does, as well as facilitating the Community Hub which has been running for the past few months in Balsham and the Abington Community Hub which will start in September. These community hubs aim to serve all the villages communities and are supported by many people living in our villages (see pages 4, 7).

Claire currently works three days a week, but as from September will be reducing her days to two, (Tuesday and Thursday). This change does not represent a reduction in the Parish Nurse Plus service in total but rather reflects and accords with the stated intention of the project to enable the Community and other bodies to become self -sufficient and assume the non-clinical aspects of Claire's work which currently occupy a significant proportion of her time.

Keith Day, Chairman – Parish Nurse Management Committee

## **GRANTA** Medical Practices

### Flu vaccination clinics 2019

Granta Medical Practices have pleasure in announcing their 2019 flu clinics, as follows:-

#### **Saturday 5 October (morning)**

Linton Health Centre (CB21 4JS)

Barley Surgery (SG8 8HY)

#### **Saturday 12 October (morning)**

Sawston Health Centre (CB22 3HU)

Shelford Medical Practice (CB22 5FY)

#### **Saturday 19 October (morning)**

Linton Health Centre (CB21 4JS)

Sawston Health Centre (CB22 3HU)

#### **Saturday 26 October (morning)**

Shelford Medical Practice (CB22 5FY)

Barley Surgery (SG8 8HY)

In addition, this year we will also be offering weekday clinics at all of our surgeries – please speak to our reception team for more details.

Granta patients can go to any of our surgeries to have their vaccination.

### Private flu vaccinations

If you would like a flu vaccination but are not eligible for the free vaccination we also offer a private service via Granta Pharmacy for Granta patients. This is by far the easiest way of getting your private vaccination as we already have your medical records and there are no forms to fill in. Simply ring and book an appointment at any Granta surgery and pay on the day (£12.99).

If you have any queries, or if you are unsure if you are eligible for a free vaccination, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our reception team.

Sandra East, Granta Communications tel.0300 234 5555, [sandra.east@nhs.net](mailto:sandra.east@nhs.net)

### 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](http://www.theabingtons.org.uk/news) and follow the link to the pdf for the month you want.

## Village organisations

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Abington Institute – Chairman	Bernie Talbot	892 647
Abington Institute – Bookings	Dianne Dawson	790 711
Abington and Hildersham WI	Marianne Perry	893 956
Abington Allotment Assoc. (AALGA)	Brian Hayden-Smith	894 046
Abington Gardening Club	Kay Harman	891 730
Abington History Group	Jennifer Hirsh	893 352
The Abington Group (Ladies)	Freda Orgee	891 464
Forget-Me-Not Club	Jennifer Milns	890 252
Helping Hands	Helen Pimblett	891 746
Art Group	Lois Bull	893 491
French Conversation	Rachel Haining/ Judy Davies	892 004 890 286
Italian	Rachel Haining	892 004
Naturewatch	David Farrant	892 871
Reading Group	Lisa Pechey	894 993
Scrabble Club	Sheena Fraser	893 336
Abington Walking Group	Robin Harman, George Woodley	891 730 891 169
Baby and Family Yoga	Jeffi Humphris	07931 790 591
Yoga	Joan Graham	890 629
<b>Sport and Youth Activities</b>		
Abington Cricket Club	David Pimblett	891 746
Abington United Football Club	Denis Tiplady	290 646
Abington Aztecs (Football)	Malcolm Peters	07860 863 723
Abington Bowls Club	Graham Ross	891 564
Abington Social Club	Christine Hammond Rick Stock	891 777 07768 707 567
Keep Fit	Gill Dowden	893 533
Abington Out-of-School (GAPS)	Georgi Blyth	07851 933 451
Abington School PTFA (Chair)	Cory Rivers	07964 191 698
Abington Pre-school (all day)	Angela Lindsay	07974 051 871
Abington Pre-school		894 246
Abington Scouts, Cubs and Beavers	Ruth Beach	894 461
Linton Netball Club	Bridget Savill Angela Bridgeman	07972 598 668 07729 879 300

## Church Services for September 2019

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
1 <sup>st</sup> September	<u>10.45am</u>	<u>United Eucharist</u> 6.00pm Evensong	<u>at Balsham</u>	
Every Tuesday			7.00pm 'Silent Space' and 7.30 pm Compline	
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> September		9.30am Communion		
8 <sup>th</sup> September	10.45am Communion		9.15am Communion	Jeremiah 18.1-11 Luke 14.25-33
15 <sup>th</sup> September		10.45am Harvest Songs of Praise	4.00pm Harvest Café Church	Jeremiah 4.11-12,22-28 Luke 15.1-10
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	10.45am Communion		6.00pm Evensong	Jeremiah 8.18-9.1 Luke 16.1-13
29 <sup>th</sup> September		10.45am Morning Worship	9.15am Morning Worship	Genesis 28.10-17 John 1.47-end

### Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Anne Hall & Patsy Randall	Mary Miles and	Kirsten Newble
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Betsy Gutteridge and	Sue Fordham	Kirsten Newble
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Maureen Thompson	Lesley Crisp and	Harvest – all help please
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Anne Hall	Rosemary Mead	Andrew Westwood Bate
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Anne Hall & Patsy Randall	June Waring/Marilyn Broadhurst	Andrew Westwood Bate

### Churchwardens

Great Abington	Tony Collett	23 Meadow Walk, Great Abington	893447
Little Abington	Graham Ross	41 Church Lane, Little Abington	891564

### Assistant Church Wardens

Great Abington	Anne Hall	12 Magna Close, Great Abington	892275
	Patsy Randall	77 High Street, Great Abington	07765 345 714
Little Abington	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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