



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Jenny Logsdon

WI members get to grips with straw plaiting

Letter from the Editor

Thanksgiving for the bountiful supply of food available to us was expressed at an enjoyable harvest supper and joyful harvest festival (pages 4, 5). In contrast I hear that food banks are unable to keep up with the demand for help from increasing numbers of people referred to them, so please donate items of non-perishable food to the collection points in the Institute and all our churches.

At the final service held in the Little Abington United Reformed Church worshippers from this and other URCs and from the Abington St Marys gave thanks for the valuable contribution this church has made to the village for decades (page 7).

The churches provide places and events that bring people together, and this is extending well beyond the Sunday services (page 20). There will be the second Community hub meeting at Abington on 22 October and don't miss the first monthly Big Breakfast on Sunday 27 October (page 5).

The annual Poppy Appeal starts at the end of October and more collectors are needed (page 6). This is also the time to collect gifts to include in shoeboxes sent to children who would not otherwise receive Christmas presents. Can you help? Page 7.

The Abington 10K and Fun Run, organised by the PTFA, is on 6 October. Good luck to all who have entered. If running is not your thing how about joining the Walking Group, the Gardening Club, play scrabble or indeed join the GLAMs choir? (Pages 6, 12, 17)

Work to improve the A1307 will be done between now and December and will cause some disruption (page 18). We are reminded that we should respond to the consultation brochure on potential Park and Ride sites in our area (pages 7, 8, 14, 18). Volunteers are needed to join the Speedwatch team – interesting and not arduous (page 14).

It was good to receive an end-of-season report from the Bowls Club (page 17).

Many thanks to Rod Willcox who has ordered 48,000 litres of domestic fuel oil that should be delivered in the first week of October.

British Summer Time ends on 27 October when the clocks go BACK ONE HOUR.

Valerie Silvey

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

Apologies to those who received their copies of the September News a bit later than expected. The folding and stapling machine at TWI broke down and although it was fixed very swiftly it was not possible to complete everything on Friday 30 August. Pat Wallman took all the copies, completed or not, and manually stapled and folded a high proportion of them. We owe Pat the warmest thanks for that, and welcome the news that the TWI equipment is in fine fettle now. Ed.

From the Seven Churches

I've been reminded many times over the past month how gratitude and thanksgiving are central to our lives. A few weeks ago I baptized a child in Great Abington church and it was such a joy to share with the child's family and friends this thanksgiving for life and the gift of the Holy Spirit. More recently I attended a family funeral in Pembrokeshire and experienced how mourning and thanksgiving can become deeply intermingled. This thanksgiving may then spill over into reflecting on our priorities in life, reminding us how important it is to give thanks for each day, for family and friends and for all the blessings of life, amidst its sorrows and joys.

Many Harvest thanksgiving services and suppers have also been enjoyed over the past month. Here we praise God as the one who gives and seek to respond with generosity. Thanksgiving, however, is actually at the heart of any Christian worship. We hear scriptures and bless and share bread and wine with thanksgiving. Holy Communion reminds us that even under the shadow of the last supper, when Jesus anticipates clearly his suffering and death, he still gives thanks. It's no wonder, then, that thanksgiving permeates our prayer. Anne Lamott, the contemporary American novelist, said prayers are often, at their heart, a mixture of: help, sorry, thanks and wow!

Thanksgiving is indeed a deeply human need which shapes the way we see the world around us and treat others. Harvest thanksgiving encourages this to overflow into the rest of life so that it may give us the energy and vision for thanksgiving in all things, for making a connection between human experience and the divine.

*Photo by Emma Jones
Harvest festival at Little Abington Church*



This does not mean we look at situations of suffering and simply pass on, expecting nothing to change, but in the joys and sorrows of life, in the depths of a person or situation, we may still recognise God the giver and allow gratitude, repentance and new life to well up from that point. In doing so we may see people, places and things charged with depth and look to treat them with both reverence and care.

Revd Iain McColl

Harvest Supper

Around 50 parishioners (including a table full of children) gathered at the Institute on 13 September to enjoy a delicious Harvest Supper of ham and salads and fruit pies and crumbles. Jeanine Kennedy spoke about her recent trip to Africa and the charity she is supporting: compassionuk.org - some of the proceeds of the evening were donated to it.

Entertainment was provided by the Ross family with son Sam providing the musical element on his ukulele, including his own wonderful bluesy arrangement of "Some Enchanted Evening" and, and father Graham recited a poem of nautical nonsense, aided by some of the children holding pictures to illustrate it! See page 5.

Emma Jones



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.

News from the Pews

Many thanks to all who helped to make the Harvest Supper such a huge success. Along with the amazing supper Jeanine gave a heartfelt talk on her recent visit to Ethiopia. Sam Ross gave us some admirable entertainment on his ukulele which ended with a well-deserved standing ovation. Not to be outdone his father Graham followed with a hilarious recital of *The Yarn of the 'Nancy Bell'* from Gilbert and Sullivan again receiving a rapturous applause. A most enjoyable evening was had by all.

There are still a few spaces for anyone wishing to take part in Advent Windows, please do email us on anneandglynhall@gmail.com.

Dates for October

Space to Be Wednesday 2 October – 7.30pm An oasis for relaxation and silent contemplation. Meet at Rosemary's house, 55 Church Lane. New members always welcome. For further details ring Rosemary on 891 718.

The launch of Breathing Space Friday 11 October – 12.30pm This will be an opportunity to find an oasis of calm in the peace and silence of Great Abington Church.

Abington Community Hub Tuesday 22 October – 2 to 4pm An opportunity for people of all ages to socialise and take a break from the busyness of the day. Free tea and cakes/biscuits will be provided. The place to be if you are lonely.

The launch of 'Big Sunday Breakfast' Sunday 27 October – 9.15am You are welcome to join us in Great Abington Church for breakfast before an optional condensed service. There will be toys for small children, craft activities and a quiet reflection space. Do join us on this new venture.

Charity for October – Emmaus. The first Emmaus community opened in 1992 and there are now 29 communities spread across the UK. Among their values Emmaus endeavour to 'value and respect every person', 'demonstrate solidarity and support those in need' and 'work to live and give'. Maybe something we could all adhere to in our daily lives too.

There are charity boxes in both our churches.

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY – SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER – CONCERT IN GREAT ABINGTON CHURCH 7PM

A celebration evening of music from local musicians and friends, also featuring 'The Glams Choir'. A real eclectic mix! (Not to be missed)

Funeral

The funeral of Robin Peter Toates took place at Cambridge Crematorium on 2 September following his passing on 11 August. Robin was the husband of the late Sue Toates who passed away earlier this year. Both Robin and Sue are sorely missed in our community. Our condolences are offered to their extended families.

Baptism

The Baptism of George Bradley James Morris took place in Great Abington Church on Sunday 1 September. George is the son of Emma and Bradley who live in Mortlock Gardens. A large family gathering enjoyed the occasion which was followed by a tea party in the church. We welcome George into the family of the church.

Anne Hall (anneandglynhall@gmail.com)

Thank you from the Toates family

The families of the late Susan and Robin Toates would like to thank everybody who supported them towards the end of their lives. They had a fine and loyal group of friends. We miss them greatly and take comfort from their determination and courage to live life to the full.

Evelyn Fryer

Granta Vale Community Hubs - *Friendship, Community and Care*

Balsham Church Institute, Church Lane, Balsham CB21 4DS from 2 to 4pm on Thursday 3 October.

Abington Institute, 66 High Street, Great Abington CB21 6AB from 2 to 4pm on Tuesday 22 October.

The Parish Nurse will be there as well as a representative from REACH and other services.

Steve Jordan 0708 430 057

Abington Pre-School needs you!

Could you help out with our fundraising team? We

are looking for volunteers to help with and arrange our fundraising this year, starting with the refreshments stall at the Abington 10k and FunRun on October 6th. We also have a Halloween Disco and Christmas fundraising coming up this term. Please contact Ruth or Louise on 01223 894 246 or email preschoolabington@gmail.com



Cakes needed. Budding bakers are needed to donate cakes/cupcakes/cookies for the refreshment stall for the Abington 10k on 6 October.

Please ring 01223 894 246 if you are able to bake for us.

Secretary and trustees needed for Abington Pre-School and Abington Community Out of School Club Committee.

If you have time to spare to join our committee (meetings are every half term in the evenings), we would welcome members of our community to help us.

If you would like more information please contact the office on 01223 894 246

Great Abington PTFA

We have some exciting upcoming events in October. Our annual Great Abington 10K and Fun Run will take place on Sunday 6 October 2019. It is a wonderful community event and great fun for the whole family. All children can participate in the fancy dress competition and win a prize for the best costume. The Annexe at Granta Park will be selling cakes and refreshments to replenish participants.

On Friday 11 October 2019, Great Abington PTFA will be hosting a welcome bingo event for all new and returning parents, staff and pupils. There will be a tuck shop and bar for refreshments. Bring your own dabbers please!

POPPY APPEAL 2019

The appeal starts on Saturday 26 October and runs until Remembrance Day on Sunday 10 November. I urge you to please give generously when a collector calls at your house and support this very worthwhile cause.

I need some new collectors this year so I appeal to anyone wishing to volunteer for a couple of hours to contact me.

Kay Harman, tel : 891730, email: robandkayharman@gmail.com

Poppy Appeal Organiser,

Babraham, Hildersham and Abingtons

Little Abington United Reformed Church

On Sunday 15 September the final service was held in the Little Abington United Reformed Church, when regular worshippers were joined by friends from other URCs and from the St Mary's churches in Great and Little Abington, to give thanks for the support to the community provided by this URC for over 100 years. The congregation will find a welcome at URCs in neighbouring villages and indeed at the local parish churches.



Photo It to rt Lynne Riecanaky, David Rose(organist) and Revd Bruce Waldron

Valerie Silvey



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

If you would like to help now is the time to take part in this venture by filling shoeboxes which are given to underprivileged children in many parts of the world to show God's love in a tangible way. They go to ANY child in need. Over the last few years there has been a great response from the villages.

You can do one of three things.

1. Fill a shoebox with the items suggested in the leaflet OR found by looking at samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ.
2. Donate items for a shoebox – stationery, hats, gloves, scarves, soap, flannels, comb, small toys like cuddly toy, skipping rope, puzzles (sorry no sweets or toothpaste, because of border restrictions), OR
3. Donate some money to use for transport costs or for me to buy items. The suggested amount per box is £5 but any contribution is welcome.

I have pre-printed shoe boxes and leaflets. The boxes need to be completed by 17 November, please, and donated items given to me by 10 November. You can deliver boxes or donated items to me at 20 West Field.

Please contact me, Jane Furlow, on 893 232, or at jane.furlow@gmail.com.

Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

Cambridge South East – Better Transport Project

We have all received a brochure which outlines proposals for a new transport hub near the A11/A1307/A505 and for a new public transport route and new walking, cycling and horse riding links. This is part of a public consultation and it is very important that we study the proposals and respond to the survey by midday on 4 November when the consultation will close. See also pages 8, 14, 18.

There will be an opportunity to see the proposals and meet the project team at the Abington Institute from 5.30pm to 7.30pm on Monday 21 October.

Little Abington Parish Council

Around the village

A1307 improvements: Work on the bus lane between Dalehead Foods and Linton has just started and will continue until December. So do expect delays but the outcome will be a much improved cycleway.

New travel hub: You should have received the consultation brochure on the three options for the park and ride site close to Fourwentways. You can respond by filling in a questionnaire at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/CambridgeSE by Monday 4 November.

Cambridge Ice Arena: This is now open, offering public skating, ice hockey, curling, figure skating, learn to skate and birthday parties. It is a cashless facility, so you need to book online beforehand. It is part-funded by South Cambridgeshire District Council so do make use of this local facility.

Meeting held on Monday 9 September

Fourwentways

It was noted that the litter around Fourwentways is getting worse and the food outlets are not even picking up litter on their own site. The SCDC Enforcement Officer has visited and is to monitor the litter-picking obligations. The owners of the Comfort Café site were given until 13 September to tidy up, after which SCDC will consider making a Section 215 order which will oblige them to tidy up the site.

Planning applications

S/4329/18/OL Wellcome Trust Genome Campus, Hinxton. An amendment to the original application for an extension to the existing site, plus housing and amenities. Recommended refusal on the grounds of over-development, concerns about more traffic on neighbouring A roads and lack of demand for housing.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next Meeting: Monday 28 October 2019 Parish Council at 7.15pm

Sheila Bolden (Chairman)

tel: 07754
659929

Email: shelen@btinternet.com

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk)

tel: 07703
486562

Email: clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk

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

Next meetings Monday 28 October, 25 November.

Footpath group

Next footpath meeting will take place at 7.30pm on 13 November in the Institute. Contact me at monica@krylander.com if there is anything you would like to bring to our attention or come along to the meeting.

You recently received the Cambridge South East Transport, Better Public Transportation Project booklet through your letter boxes. It includes a survey that you can fill in online. This is a good opportunity to have a say about the proposed plans and matters that concern our village. Closing date for the survey is on 4 November.

Monica Krylander

Hildersham Focus

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 7pm 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.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 8 November - Pie and Fizz Quiz in Hildersham Village Hall

You will be able to book a table for 6-8 friends or book individually.

Sunday 27 November - Creative Church Day

Always a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with children of all ages - and some enthusiastic parents - creating wonderful things with a Christmas theme.

More details of both events in the November *News*.

Contact for more information Kate Huntsman on 01223 864 862.

Hildersham Parish Council

A Quality Parish Council



Report on the Hildersham Parish Council meeting held on 3 September 2019.

After many years of very active involvement on the Parish Council, John Myers has decided to step down as a councillor. His thorough approach to matters and his fair-mindedness have been a great benefit to the Council. John was thanked for all his dedicated work as a Parish Councillor and he will be much missed. However, he has generously agreed to continue serving as a councillor until a volunteer can be found to replace him. Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council can speak to an existing councillor or contact the Clerk for more information.

The Parish Councillors plan to meet with their solicitors to discuss the best way to set up Trusts to manage the land it administers, including the South Holding which the council has been investigating as a possible location for building a small number of houses, some of which would be for local people.

Councillors were pleased that the solar-powered lights fitted to the two bus shelters were repaired so quickly and in plenty of time to ensure that bus users should have plenty of light when the dark evenings draw in.

The management of the electricity supply to the pedestrian lights in the village will be transferred to the Parish Council. The Clerk is working with other local councils to get the best deal possible for the village.

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12 November 2019 at Hildersham Village Hall from 7.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Tue	1	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club – Fish and chip lunch Table Tennis	10.00am 1.00pm 7.30pm	16 11
Wed	2	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class Space to Be -55 Church Lane, LA	9.30am 3.15pm 7.30pm	11 11 5
Thu	3	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
Fri	4	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am 10.45am	11 11
Sat	5	Scrapbooking Group	10.00am	11
Sun	6	Abington 10K and Fun Run – Granta Park	10.30am	6
Mon	7	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Physio Pilates - four classes, first starts at French Conversation Abington Gardening Club	9.30am 10.30am 1.00pm 7.30pm	11 11 12 17
Tue	8	Art Group Reading Group –38 High Street, Little Abington Table Tennis	10.00am 8.00pm 7.30pm	17 11
Wed	9	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class	9.30am 3.15pm	11 11
Thu	10	Social Cycling	9.30am	12
Fri	11	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Breathing Space – Great Abington Church	9.30am 10.45am 12.30pm	11 11 5
Mon	14	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Physio Pilates - four classes, first starts at French Conversation Abington & Hildersham WI	9.30am 10.30am 1.00pm 7.30pm	11 11 12 16
Tue	15	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Table Tennis	10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm	16 11
Wed	16	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
Fri	18	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Film Night (see poster for details)	9.30am 10.45am	11 11 12
Sat	19	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
Mon	21	Physio Pilates - four classes, first starts at	10.30am	11
Tue	22	Art Group Mobile Library Abington Community Hub Scrabble Club Table Tennis	10.00am a.m. 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	12 6 17 11
Wed	23	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
Thu	24	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	16
Sun	27	Summer Time ends; clocks go BACK one hour Big Breakfast – Great Abington Church	9.15am	5
Mon	28	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Rivercare & litter pick-up – meet at bridge/ford	9.30am 10.00am	11

		French Conversation Little Abington Parish Council	1.00pm 7.15pm	12 8
Tue	29	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club – Halloween lunch Table Tennis	10.00am 1.00pm 7.30pm	16 11
Wed	30	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class	9.30am 3.15pm	11 11

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 October 2019**

Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am – 1.30pm (3, 10, 17) Lunch 24 th
Friday mornings	8.45am – 11.00am
Saturday mornings	10.00am – 12 noon

Wheellie bin dates for October 2019 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 7 Green/Blue	Mon 14 Black	Mon 21 Green/Blue	Mon 28 Black
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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 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

We are starting again on Thursday 10 October, meeting at the Institute at 9.30am. See you there. 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 .

Mobile Library

The next date will be Tuesday 22 October 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)

French Conversation Group at 1pm on Mondays

Sessions are held in the small meeting room at the Institute. The start of each session, our exchange of everyday events, both personal and general, is the most rewarding of all our work. We aim to retain what we know but also enhance our ability to understand and use new vocabulary essential to any discussion.

Rachel Haining

GLAMS Choir

This women's choir for singers of all abilities meets at Great Abington Church on Wednesday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Come and join us. For more information email glamschoir@gmail.com



AALGA Annual BBQ

There was wonderful weather, but not too hot, for the barbecue held on Sunday 1 September. It was well-attended and a good number of non-allotment people came as well as families, creating a lovely atmosphere.

Brian Hayden-Smith

Photo by David Milns

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 10.00 – 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. The autumn course starts on 1 October and costs just £50 including refreshments. This course is instead of the usual WEA course on Tuesday mornings. For more information please contact Sue Mudge: 01223 892 737.

British Summer Time ends on Sunday 27 October. Clocks go BACK one hour.

Linton Village College

October is an important month for the College as we open our doors to prospective parents/carers on Thursday 3 October for our Open Evening and a series of Open Mornings the following week. It is a great opportunity to share the College with future students and give Year 6s an insight into learning at LVC. I am always so impressed by the numbers of student ambassadors from existing year groups who are keen to showcase their school and proud to show families around the site.

A number of local secondary schools share the same date for their Open Evenings. There is a tradition of maintaining this arrangement in recognition of our different catchment areas. While an emphasis on parental choice and school league tables are designed to pitch schools against each other, Village College head teachers do not consider our schools to be in competition with each other – we all aim to provide an exceptional standard of education for our respective local communities.

The opportunity to collaborate and be part of a strong network of local schools has been at the heart of a strategic decision made by LVC's education trust, CHET, in recent weeks. The Trust's Board have voted to join with another local Multi Academy Trust in order to achieve greater benefits for existing CHET schools.

Anglian Learning Trust has been chosen as a prospective partner. Currently comprising four secondary schools (Bottisham, Sawston and Bassingbourn Village Colleges and Netherhall School and Sixth Form) and three primary schools (Bottisham, Fen Ditton and Stapleford) this is an exciting way to strengthen relationships with schools that share our fundamental educational values.

LVC students will benefit from the opportunities that arise from this venture including staff professional development, access to specialist central services and financial savings. We would continue to be part of an organisation that values community-focused education with each school retaining its own unique identity and local leadership and governance arrangements.

Stakeholder consultation events will be advertised by the College and CHET Primary Schools in due course in order to be able to gather community views and address any questions about the Trust's proposal.

Helena Marsh

Linton Village College

Open Evening 5.30-8.30pm on Thursday 3 October 2019

You will be able to explore the College site, meet and talk to students and staff members, discover our purpose-built classrooms, laboratories and studios, listen to some of our musical ensembles perform and rehearse, watch subject demonstrations and try your hand at a number of practical activities.

No booking is required, just make your way to Reception where you will be warmly welcomed. Bookings will also be taken for our Open Morning tours.

Help Save 1st Linton Brownies

Take a break from your regular routine and help inspire the women of tomorrow, just by being you. It's fun and rewarding.

We need more adult help at 1st Linton Brownies or the unit will close

For more information about Linton Brownies contact Louisa on

louisapowell@hotmail.co.uk or call her on 01223 833 776 / 07711614328

More information on Girlguiding can be found at www.girlguiding.org.uk

We really need your help.



Community Speedwatch

Extra Community Speedwatch volunteers needed. If you can spare a few hours each month you could help fulfil this important activity that helps to keep our village safe for all road users, please contact Paula Harper.

Hedge cutting

There are quite a lot of hedges and trees around the village that encroach onto footways or highways. Please check your hedge to make sure it does not create difficulties for road or footway users. Property owners will be contacted by the Parish Council where issues have been brought to their attention.

Respect for others

We would like to remind everyone that they should not berate fellow parishioners who are innocently going about their business, walking their dogs etc.. A few incidents have been reported recently which were very worrying.

In the Fight against Crime

On 5 November GAPC and representatives from neighbouring Parish Councils are meeting with our Police and Crime Commissioner. Please email Paula Harper our Parish Clerk harper802@btinternet.com with any concerns you would like us to raise.

Road Improvements

Important Cambridge South East Transport public consultation is now open.

Have your say on:

- * a new travel hub near the A11/A1307/A505
- * a new public transport route
- * new walking, cycling and horse-riding links.

This will impact all of us in the Abingtons so make sure you have your say and complete the survey online at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/CambridgeSE. The consultation closes at midday on 4 November 2019.

Meanwhile, the next upgrades of the A1307 improvements are imminent. The new bus lane leading into Linton from Dalehead Foods is commencing on 23 September and running until early December. Whilst works are on-going the left-hand lane will be closed and the right-hand lane will have a 40mph reduction in place. Expect delays.

Green Initiatives: Zero Carbon Communities Grant

South Cambridgeshire's community groups can now bid for a share of just over £91,000 from a new fund that aims to help the district shift towards a cleaner, greener future. Local groups can bid for cash to spend on ambitious projects that reduce carbon emissions and reliance on fossil fuels, spread awareness and promote behaviour change towards low carbon lifestyles. Grants between £1,000 and £15,000 are available. GAPC is exploring the possibility of putting in a bid for a contribution towards the cost of a shared electric vehicle for villagers' use. Community engagement forms a key part of the application's chance of success so we'll be looking at ways of involving everybody. The deadline to submit bids is 31 October 2019. Please email emma.pery@gmail.com with any ideas or suggestions.

For more info check out: <https://www.scams.gov.uk/bid-now-for-cash-to-spend-on-zero-carbon-community-projects/>

Planning

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

Parish Council recommendations:

S/2693/19/FL 23 South Road, two-storey, three-bedroom house. Parish Council recommended approval, and asked SCDC Planners to rescind the earlier planning approval (S/0423/19/FL) for a similar dwelling on this site.

S/2844/19/FL Illumina Centre, Granta Park – installation of temporary external cold storage unit. Parish Council recommended refusal.

District Council Outcomes:

S/1276/19/FL 33a Magna Close – Amendment to floor plan and side elevation approved under S/3243/18/FL to add one roof light. Additional roof light is to be permanently fixed shut. Parish Council recommended refusal 16.05.19.

District Council approved 16.08.19

Great Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Village Institute

Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel: 892 647

Planning Committees: These are arranged as required when applications are received. See notice board for dates or contact the Parish Clerk.

Next Parish Council meeting: Monday 18 November 2019 at 7.15pm

There will be an opportunity at the start of the meeting for members of the public to speak to the council about matters of concern. Notices, 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)

GRANTA Medical Practices

Appointment Availability & Continuity of Care

We understand that continuity of care and appointment accessibility are of paramount importance to our patients and we are continuously looking at how we can improve our offering across all five sites, as demand increases.

Appointment and continuity problems are not unique to Granta, nor are they due to the mergers we have undertaken. These are National problems, many surgeries in our area have stopped offering routine appointments altogether, instead opting for doctors to triage every single patient before they are offered an appointment. This is not the route we wish to take.

Patients with urgent problems will always be seen on the day in our Rapid Access clinics. Barley and Market Hill sites can appear to offer more routine appointments as, due to their limited capacity, appointments are released daily, rather than 6-weekly at Sawston, Linton and Shelford.

We are constantly reviewing our appointments system to get the best balance between urgent-on-the-day and routine appointments across all sites, and are about to start a project with our PPG around continuity of care and what this means to our patients. If you would like to join our PPG (Patient Participation Group) please email ppg.grantamedicalpractices@nhs.net

Our five sites additionally offer telephone appointments and we also run early morning and late evening clinics at various sites (please check our website for details).

All of our patients are welcome to go to any of the five Granta sites.

Thank you to our patients who have taken the time to give us feedback. All comments are taken very seriously and contribute to how we shape and improve our services in the future.

Sandra East, Granta Communications T. 0300 234 5555, @ sandra.east@nhs.net



Abington Lunch Thursday 24 October 2019



Fruit Juice

**Roast Pork with Apple Sauce, Yorkshire Pudding
Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables**

Pear Surprise and Custard

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 22 October. 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 28 November 2019

Abington and Hildersham Women's Institute

For our September meeting we chose a harvest theme and invited Sandra Barker, a working village Basketmaker and Chairseater and one of only six Yeoman members of the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers. Sandra lives in Ashwell, where the traditional industry of straw plaiting thrived in the 19th century, supplying local needs and also the hatters of Luton. Children were taught how to plait the long pliable straw from an early age and were thus able to supplement the household income. Sandra taught us the craft too, and we had fun trying it out with her encouragement and enthusiasm, but our efforts were far from saleable!



Photo by Sylvia Russell

We were pleased to welcome two new members from Hildersham and Linton.

Next meeting: Monday 14 October - Boxworth Botanicals with Angela Deavall.

Visitors and new members always welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Forget-Me-Not Club

The programme for October is as follows:

Tuesday, 1 October, 1pm – our annual fish and chip lunch for those who have pre - ordered. The speaker that afternoon will be Geoff Heathcock talking about The Lifeboat Charity.

Tuesday, 15 October, 2pm – Tina Hickey talks about the work of the Women`s Refuge.

Tuesday, 29 October, 1pm – Halloween will be celebrated with a jacket potato lunch and a “Station Quiz.”

New members are always welcome.

Jenny Milns (tel.890 252)

Scrabble Club

The next meeting of the Scrabble Club is at 7pm on Tuesday 22 October in the Institute.
New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

Reading Group

8 October	<i>Painter to the King</i> Amy Sackville	Joan Graham Venue to be confirmed
12 November	<i>Where my Heart used to Beat</i> Sebastian Faulks	Judith Allen (to be confirmed)
10 December	Christmas social – all to bring contributions towards a buffet supper	Diana Wingfield

Please confirm your attendance in October to Joan.

Lisa Pechey

Abington Gardening Club

On Monday 7 October at 7.30pm, in the Institute, George Thorpe will give a talk entitled 'Trinity College Gardens'. All welcome

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

Abington Walking Group

Our October walks are on Thursday 3rd when we will be including a pub lunch – do join us. The Saturday walk is on 19th.

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. Dogs welcome.



For further information, please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 robandkayharman@gmail.com

George Woodley on 07733167341 georgewoodley@talktalk.net

Abington Bowls Club (ABC)

ABC enters teams in two leagues, the Cambridge & District (the main one) and the Business House. As those of you will know who keep an eye on the Results Board hanging on the wall outside the Bowling Green in Little Abington (wins or losses are indicated by a large smiley face or sad face drawn on a pizza base) we have had a middling season in C&D League 5: - P14 W6 L8, ending in 4th place.

But we are a socially-minded club and team selection is made so as to give all members an equal number of games. We strive to win but do not mourn overmuch at defeat.

In June we lost two matches to rain. Normally we play whatever the weather (and sneer at fragile cricketers who run for cover when things get a little damp or cold) but our greenkeeper, Roy Mallows, was worried about damage to the green so we re-arranged.

In the BH League, Abington A came 3rd in League 1 (P12 W8) while Abington B was 11th in League 2.

As well as the team matches, individual county wide competitions run throughout the season and an Abington pairing of Graham Gentle and Roy Mallows won the BH 2-4-2 Cup this year, so well done to them.

We are winding down for the season but bowls continues indoors in Saffron Walden and in Chesterton.

Graham Ross

County and District Council reports

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

A1307 The next upgrades of the A1307 improvements are beginning this month. The new bus lane leading into Linton from Dalehead Foods is commencing on 16 September and running until early December. Whilst the work is happening the left-hand lane will be closed and the right-hand lane will have a 40mph reduction in place, this could cause some delays, so plan ahead. The works will also include the upgrading of the foot/cycle path running alongside the road, some surfacing on the central reservation and the permanent altering of the speed limits to 40 and 50mph respectively.

There is also a briefing on the forthcoming consultations relating to the A1307 scheduled for Wednesday 11th. It is by invitation only, so is not a public meeting.

Household Details South Cambs. have to ask people annually for their updated household details (should there be any changes); they do this via letter. The council is urging people to pre-emptively respond online to this, so they don't have to send out a paper letter, which carries a cost, both financial and environmental. If possible do urge those who have not responded to do so online here <https://www.householdresponse.com/Home/Welcome>

Ice Rink As previously reported, the ice rink in Cambridge, next to the Newmarket Road Park and Ride site, was built using a loan from various parties, including the District Council. The work is now complete and the ice rink opened to the public over the August bank holiday weekend. Do use it, as the District Council would like their loan repaid ASAP! Tickets can be booked here -

<https://better.legendonlineservices.co.uk/enterprise/onlineticketing/browse>

Brexit Hate to say the 'B' word, but leaving the EU is looking ever more likely and businesses and people in our area do need to prepare for it. The Chamber of Commerce has a Brexit Hub on its website which is updated daily and is very useful. The Combined Authority will be running a series of meetings, through its subsidiary body 'Signpost2grow', called Brexit Basics. Businesses in our area should be encouraged to engage with this, to ensure they are prepared, should we leave the EU.

It will affect some of our 'ports' too. As Cambridge and Duxford airports are classed as such, following Brexit each will have to be manned by a Brexit Officer, who has to check food coming into the country, which is not permitted by our laws. The costs of this will be borne by the tax payer.

Finally, if an EU citizen has not applied for Settled Status yet do encourage them to do this now. Information can be found on government websites, and soon on the District Councils website too.

GCSE Results Well done to Linton Village College which has kept up their high standards in this year's GCSEs, with 76% of students achieving grade 4 or better with English and Maths, and 53% getting grade 5 and above. This is a significant improvement on last year.

School Places Parents applying for primary and secondary school places for their children now have slightly longer to do so, as the County has extended the window. The applications will open, as usual, on 12 September but will run until 31 October for secondary places and till 15 January for primary places.

GRANTA Medical Practices - Flu vaccination clinics 2019

Saturday 5 October (morning)

Linton Health Centre (CB21 4JS)
Barley Surgery (SG8 8HY)

Saturday 19 October (morning)

Linton Health Centre (CB21 4JS)
Sawston Health Centre (CB22 3HU)

Sandra East, Granta Communications tel.0300 234 5555, sandra.east@nhs.net

Saturday 12 October (morning)

Sawston Health Centre (CB22 3HU)
Shelford Medical Practice (CB22 5FY)

Saturday 26 October (morning)

Shelford Medical Practice (CB22 5FY)
Barley Surgery (SG8 8HY)

Church Services for October 2019

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
Every Tuesday			7.00pm 'Silent Space' and 7.30pm Compline	
Thursday 3 October		9.30am Communion		
6 October	10.45am	United Eucharist 6.00pm Evensong	At Balsham	Lamentations 1.1-6 Luke 17. 5-10
13 October	10.45am Communion		9.15am Communion	Jeremiah 29, 1,4-7 Luke 17. 11-19
20 October		10.45am Morning Worship	4.00pm Café Church	Jeremiah 31. 27-34 Luke 18. 1-18
27 October Bible Sunday	8.00am Communion 9.00am Big Breakfast and Café Church		6.00pm Evensong	Isaiah 45. 22-end Luke 4. 16-24

Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
6 October	Anne Hall and	Carola Wolverson	Jenny Logan
13 October	Patsy Randall	Carola Wolverson	Jenny Logan
20 October	Gill Talbot	Judy Davies and	Jeanette Long
27 October	Gill Talbot	Sally Ellis	Jeanette Long

Churchwardens

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

Assistant Church Wardens

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

Parish Nurse

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