



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by A Merryweather

Parasol mushrooms in Granta Park October 2019
(see Naturewatch report on page 17)

Letter from the Editor

The extraordinary weather that has characterised much of this year continued in October, bringing a great deal of rain which gardeners welcomed, but it made for wet running conditions for the 10k and Fun Run. Nevertheless, this popular annual fundraising event was a great success (page 7). Naturewatch members meet on 16 November to review the season's impact on both flora and fauna as reflected in the Naturewatch blog (page 17).

We are lucky to have a dedicated group of volunteers who meet every month to keep the river in good order, including clearing litter. It is good to read of scouts and the students from the Cambridge International School litter-picking. Hildersham churchyard is destined for tidying on 9 November. Please help if you can (pages 7, 8, 9).

Abington scouts, cubs and beavers, and GAPS and the PTFA all rely on volunteers to keep these very effective community organisations thriving and each makes a plea for more help in this issue (page 7).

The Mother Teresa knitting group has once again reported that a colossal quantity of garments and blankets were knitted during this last year and donated to a range of good causes, including the Shoe Box Appeal for Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children around the world (pages 6, 7). At this time of year our churches also collect gifts to be sent to refugee children and others in foster homes. Details are on page 6.

In addition to the expected Sunday church services (page 20) there are new arrangements for quiet periods of reflection in the churches and for social activities. The Community hubs are well attended and valuable meeting places. There will be a concert and the second Breakfast Café Church in Great Abington Church (2, 24 November), and a Creative Workshop at Hildersham (17 November). And of course singers are sought for the Christmas Choir. (See pages 4, 5, 9).

There are to be quizzes organised by the Abington Cricket Club and Hildersham in addition to the wide range of club events and classes (pages 10-12). In December we can look forward to another of the Scientist in the Community lectures at Granta Centre and the annual churches' Christmas Fair.

Meanwhile please be considerate to neighbours if you are having a bonfire and be extra vigilant about safety of children and pets where fireworks are concerned.

The public consultation on the proposals for future transport, including a Park and Ride site in the Abingtons, ends at midday on 4 November. It is **urgent** that we respond to the proposals by that time (page 13).

Valerie Silvey

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Photos welcome.

From the Seven Churches True Riches

There is a story of a pickpocket thief who stole only the most exquisite gems. He would hang around the diamond district of Hatton Garden and observe the merchants as they came and went, so he could pick their pockets. One day the thief became very excited as he discovered a particular merchant had an extremely rare and expensive diamond. The thief followed the merchant onto a train and got into the same compartment. He spent the entire journey trying to pick the merchant's pocket, to steal the precious diamond. When the diamond merchant got off the train, the pickpocket followed. Frustrated as he was, he approached the merchant and asked how he had hidden the diamond from him. Well, I saw you watching me in the diamond district, and I suspected you were a pickpocket. So I hid the diamond where you would be least likely find it – in your pocket; at which point the merchant reached into the thief's pocket and pulled it out.

The story speaks of the treasure we have hidden in our own hearts. We are forever looking for it, and sometimes we discover that it's been in our pocket all along.

It is easy in our modern life to find ourselves running around in circles trying to achieve our dreams and expectations. Sometimes we need to pause and consider a better way forward.

You may be thinking of ways of being still, allowing time to be calm, time to listen and reflect, time to appreciate the good things in life and to be thankful. It's not unusual to have a thankful heart, even a sense of God's love. It's not unusual to want to sit quietly somewhere, perhaps in a church, to be still and listen.

Over the past few months I have been taking a simple service of Compline evening prayer. A growing number of people have come to enjoy this time of candle lit reflection and choral music. At the moment we meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm at St Mary's Weston Colville and will meet twice a month from January. If you are nearer Hildersham church, there is a thirty minute meditation every Tuesday at 7pm followed by Compline. At Great Abington church there will be a time of shared silence, 12 noon until 1pm beginning on Friday 18 October and on the third Friday of every month thereafter.

With such a growing need for reflective calm in our church settings, you may well discover that your true riches are closer to home than you realised.

Steven Wheeler

Christmas Choir

A warm invitation to everyone who enjoys singing and would like to become a member of the Christmas Choir at the Carol Service at Great Abington Church at 6.30pm on 22 December.

Weekly practices will be held in Abington Primary School hall each Friday from 7.00 – 8.30pm, beginning on Friday 1 November.

Any queries about the choir, please contact Glenis Todd 07710494834.

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

Thursday 7 November 2-4pm at Balsham Church Institute, Church Lane, CB21 4DS

Tuesday 19 November 2-4pm at Abington Institute, 66 High Street, CB21 6AB

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

Steve Jordan, Community Worker 07508 430057, or 7churches@community.gmail.com

News from the Pews

There are some exciting changes and new ventures taking place within our churches and we urge members of our community to take part, not only as a way of raising much needed funds but as an opportunity to join new forms of worship.

Those taking part in the repeat of the Advent Windows project are now busy working on their individual ideas; programmes will be available in mid-November at the Village Shop and from Church Wardens. The fund-raising team are working on the 'new style' Christmas Fayre, now named 'St Nicholas Fair' with new attractions. The concert with the Glam Choir and Friends is in readiness with some tickets still available. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Following the closure of the United Reformed Church the PCC wish to thank its members for the kind offer of their chairs which have been received with enormous gratitude.

Dates for November

Service of Hope on All Souls Day - Saturday 2 November – 4pm at Little Abington Church. November is traditionally a time for acts of remembrance, although we are aware that we remember our loved ones who have died every day. There will be the opportunity for quiet reflection with music and poetry, as we remember those whom we have lost in our families and community. We will be lighting a candle and placing a flower in memory of each person who has died. The service will be followed by refreshments.

Concert - The Glam Choir and Friends – 7pm on Saturday 2 November at Great Abington Church. Tickets available in the Village Shop and from Church Wardens. A celebration evening of music from local musicians and friends – a real eclectic mix!

Space to Be – Wednesday 6 November at 7.30pm at 55, Church Lane. An oasis of calm in our busy lives. If you would like further information about these sessions, please ring Rosemary Mead on 891 718.

Service for Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 10 November at 10.45am at Great Abington Church. Do join us in remembrance of those in our community and all service men and women who gave their lives to give us the freedom we enjoy today.

Breathing Space – Friday 22 November 12 noon at Great Abington Church. A chance for stillness amongst the busyness of life.

Abington Community Hub – Tuesday 19 November, 2pm to 4pm in the Village Institute. Do 'pop' in for free refreshment and chats. An opportunity for people of all ages to socialise and take a break from the busyness of the day. Families and children welcome (craft available for children). The place to be if you feel lonely or want to make new friends.

Breakfast Café Church – Sunday 24 November, 9am at Great Abington Church. This is our second Breakfast Café Church when you are welcome to join us for breakfast, and then if you wish, stay on for café church where you can enjoy the crafts and places for reflection on the theme of Peace. All ages welcome.

Charity for November: The Earl Haig Fund – The Earl Haig Fund is a charity set up in 1921 by Field Marshal Douglas Haig, 1st Earl Haig to assist ex-service men. The fund continues to support veterans from all conflicts and other military actions involving British Armed Forces up to the present day. **There are charity boxes in both churches.**

Rosemary writes - Christmas Presents for Children in Care It is impossible to watch or listen to the news and not be moved by the continuing plight of refugee children and children who are homeless or in care. Therefore, as we approach Christmas, we will be collecting presents for the unaccompanied refugee children who are in foster care, or in the care of social services in South Cambridgeshire, as well as children in emergency foster care and children in the Women's Refuge in Bury St Edmunds.

We will be collecting these gifts at the **Christingle Service on Sunday 8 December**. If you would like to donate a gift, please would you wrap your present and write a label saying whether it is for a boy or girl and an approximate age. For more details please ring Rosemary Mead – 891 718

Burial The burial of Brigid Isidora Lawton took place on Friday 18 September in Little Abington Churchyard following a service at Our Lady of Lourdes in Sawston. Isidora lived on the LSA for many years before moving to Pampisford Road following the passing of her husband Jeremiah. She had also worked as a dinnertime helper at the primary school. She was 90 years of age.

We offer our sincere condolences to her children Tim, Mari, Sheila, Mal, Angie, Jed and her extended family.

Installation of Plaque in Garden of Remembrance A plaque was installed in memory of Charles Gordon Fuller and his wife Kathleen Francis. They had lived and worked for the LSA for many years before retiring to Mortlock Gardens.

Interment of Ashes The ashes of Dorothy Beatrice Hall were interred along with those of her husband Norman Victor. They had lived in Great Abington High Street for many years.

Anne Hall

Mother Teresa Co-Workers

Our knitting group has had a productive eighteen months. Since March 2018 we have delivered nine sacks of cot blankets, baby jackets and hats to the **Rosie Neo Natal Unit**; we have sent 33 sacks of blankets and children's clothes to **Knit for Peace**, which is based in London, and which delivers knitted goods to Homes for the Elderly, Mother and Baby refuges and hospitals in UK and Syria; we have sent five sacks of donated teenage jeans and shirts, as well as 32 large blankets, to **Hope and Aid Direct**, which takes goods and blankets overland to refugee camps in Lesbos and other Greek islands. The most recent convoy went at the end of October.

Last Christmas, we supplied Abington **Shoe Box Appeal** with children's hats and scarves, and will do the same this Christmas (see page 8).

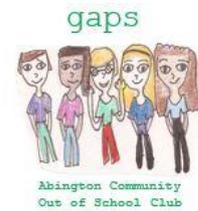
In March, 2018 and March, 2019 we sent a total of 156 jumpers for children up to six years old, to the **Holy Family Crèche** in Bethlehem, which takes in abandoned children from all creeds.

We would like to thank the many people who knit at home for us, and who have supported us financially and with donations of wool. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at Chalklands Community Room, Linton.

More information from Maureen Harper, telephone 01223 891 696

GAPS (Abington Community out of School Club)

We are looking for staff and volunteers to help out at our busy before/after school club for a few hours a week, primarily on a Wednesday afternoon. We look after children from aged 2-11 for breakfast club and after school club.



If you think you have time and would like to join our great team at GAPS please ring 01223 894 246 or email abingtonannexesecretary@gmail.com for more information. All staff and volunteers will have to complete and receive a satisfactory enhanced DBS check.

Abington Community out of School Club Charity No: 1075808 Ofsted No: 221689

Great Abington PTFA Update

On Sunday 6 October we held our annual Abington 10K and Fun Run. It was a huge success, despite the weather, and we are grateful for all your efforts and patience. This is our largest fundraising event and it did not disappoint as we raised approximately £8,000 for the school. Thanks again to all school staff, parents, pupils, friends and neighbours who helped or ran. We couldn't hold this event without you!

Our Welcome Bingo event, held on 11 October, was also a great success. Over eighty parents and pupils participated and won a variety of prizes and sweets. Thank you for joining us and we hope you had fun. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Graham Kennedy for his excellent bingo-calling skills.

Lastly, our AGM will be held on Thursday 7 November 2019. We will be discussing what we are planning to spend funds on this year as well as celebrating our fundraising efforts for last year through the Chair and Treasurer's reports. All PTFA members welcome. .

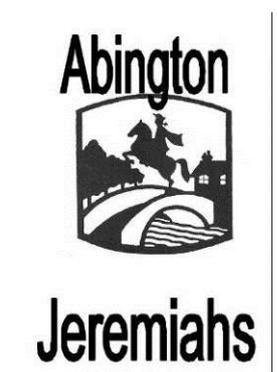
Abington Jeremiahs

Since September Abington Jeremiahs' Scouts, Cubs and Beavers have been working towards community help and local issues.

Beavers and Cubs have donated food to Haverhill Food Bank, talking about the needs of various members of our communities. We also celebrated World Vegetarian Day with making and tasting vegetarian foods and Poetry Day UK with writing Odes to a vegetable!

Scouts (Abington and Balsham) are tackling a local issue by organising and taking part in a litter pick on the Old Newmarket Road by Fourwentways. They also enjoyed a lovely, if rather wet, walk up to Park Farm and have a night hike planned for later in the term from Weston Colville to Balsham with a sleepover in the Scout HQ.

If you would like your child to join scouts, cubs or beavers, or you would like to help out as an adult volunteer, please contact Ruth Beach scouts@abingtonjeremiahs.org.uk or phone 01223 894 461.



Poppy Appeal 2019 The appeal starts on Saturday 26 October and runs until Remembrance Day on Sunday 10 November. Please give generously when a collector calls at your house and support this very worthwhile cause.

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

Little Abington Parish Council

Around the village

Litter-picking: The parish council has some litter-picking equipment that we are more than happy to lend out to individuals or groups. Recently the scouts borrowed it and collected 15 bags of rubbish. The students at CIS have also done some litter-picking on Bourn Bridge Road. If you are interested in helping us keep the village litter-free, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk, Genevieve Dalton, at clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk

Garden bonfires: This may be the season for bonfires but please be considerate to your neighbours (and their washing). You could agree with your neighbours when best to have a bonfire or even do it in the early evening.

Comfort Café: Many of you will be pleased to hear that the district council has instructed the owners of the site to tidy it up. Let's see what happens...

Our monthly meeting was held in early September which was reported on in the October issue of the *News*.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next Meeting: Monday 25 November 2019 Parish Council at 7.15pm

Sheila Bolden (Chairman) tel: 07754 Email: shelen@btinternet.com
659929

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk) tel: 07703 Email: clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk
486562

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

Next meeting Monday 25 November.

Reminder! Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

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..



Please:-

1. Fill a shoebox with the items suggested 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 .

Hildersham Focus

Creative Café Church at 1.30pm on 17 November in the Village Hall

Workshop - Come and learn how to make a beautiful hard back book using traditional techniques and materials. This could become a photo album, a sketch book, a novel, a poetry anthology, a recipe book for all your favourite bake-offs, or.....

Followed by refreshments and, if you would like to stay, from 4 to 5pm Café Church. Think of a world without any books.

To book a place email Amanda on amjpalmer@gmail.com.

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

Glass of fizz on arrival and questions begin at 7.30pm.

Raffle during supper (vegetarian option available). Prizes for the winning team.

Teams of 8. If you would like to join a team please let us know when you book.

To book a table please email Amanda on amjpalmer@gmail.com.

Rakes at the ready for a churchyard tidy

Come and join us to blow the cobwebs away by helping to tidy the Churchyard from 9.30 to 11.30am on Saturday 9 November.

Be rewarded for your efforts with coffee and cake.

Village Lunch at 1pm on Thursday 12 December. Doors open at 12.30pm and tickets cost £4. The Christmas Lunch is always popular so make sure to book early by contacting Jill on 893 596 or edheale@btinternet.com.

NEW ZIGZAG PILATES CLASSES STARTING NOVEMBER,

SOME WITHOUT FLOOR EXERCISES!



Zigzag Pilates runs busy classes for men and women in the tranquil setting of Hildersham Village Hall. Classes are held on Wednesday 5.45 pm, 7 pm, Friday morning 10.15 am, 11.30 am and new classes on a Tuesday morning 9.30 am and 10.45 am. Some of these classes are perfect for more mature learners.

One of the new Tuesday sessions will be a general Pilates class and the other a standing and seated Pilates class (so no need to get down to the floor).

Each hour-long session costs £9 (excluding the slightly shorter Tuesday standing and seated session which costs £7.50) which are booked in a block each term.

The Pilates exercise system was developed by a German prisoner to rehabilitate injured soldiers and is now used by all types of people from wheelchair users to premier league footballers. Try Pilates to improve your health, fitness, and wellbeing.

Do you notice that you are getting more aches and pains or do you just want to get a little fitter? Pilates may be your answer.

Please get in touch if you would like to give Pilates a try. Email Rachel@zigzagpilates.co.uk or call 07905 105 081 and visit www.zigzagpilates.co.uk to find out more.

Hildersham Parish Council

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
Fri	1	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am	12
			10.45am	12
Sat	2	Scrapbooking Group Concert in Great Abington Church	10.00am	11
			7.00pm	5
Mon	4	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Physio Pilates – four classes, first starts at French Conversation Abington Gardening Club	9.30am	12
			10.30am	11
			1.00pm	
			7.30pm	17
Tue	5	Art Group	10.00am	
Wed	6	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class Space to Be -55 Church Lane, Lt. Abington	9.30am	11
			3.15pm	11
			7.30pm	5
Thu	7	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
Fri	8	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Pie and Fizz Quiz – Hildersham Village Hall Film Night (see poster)	9.30am	12
			10.45am	12
			7.30pm	9
			Evng.	12
Sat	9	Hildersham Churchyard tidy up	9.30am	9
Mon	11	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Physio Pilates – four classes, first starts at French Conversation Abington & Hildersham WI	9.30am	12
			10.30am	11
			1.00pm	
			7.30pm	16
Tue	12	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Table Tennis Hildersham Parish Council – Village Hall Reading Group –11 Bourn Bridge Rd, Lt. Abington	10.00am	
			2.00pm	16
			7.30pm	11
			7.30pm	9
			8.00pm	17
Wed	13	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class Footpath Group	9.30am	11
			3.15pm	11
			7.30pm	12
Thu	14	Social Cycling	9.30am	12
Fri	15	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am	12
			10.45am	12
Sat	16	Abington Naturewatch Autumn Meeting	10.30am	17
Sun	17	Creative Church Day- Hildersham Village Hall	1.30pm	8
Mon	18	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Physio Pilates – four classes, first starts at French Conversation Great Abington Parish Council	9.30am	12
			10.30am	11
			1.00pm	
			7.15pm	13
Tue	19	Art Group Community Hub Table Tennis	10.00am	
			2.00pm	4
			7.30pm	11
Wed	20	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class	9.30am	11
			3.15pm	11
Fri	22	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Breathing Space – Great Abington Church	9.30am	12
			10.45am	12
			12noon	5
Sat	23	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17

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

On Thursday 10 October six of us enjoyed a windy ride to Sawston, Stapleford and on to Magog with a stop for well-earned refreshment at Copley Hill café. Join us for the next ride on Thursday 14 November starting from 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 26 November 2019, times as follows:

Little Abington	West Field	10.00–10.30am
Great Abington	North Road	10.40–11.10am
	Magna Close	11.20am–12.10pm
	The Shop	12.15–12.35pm
Hildersham	End of Beech Lane	12.45–1.00pm (near phone box)

Abington Cricket Club quiz night.

Friday 30 November, 7.30pm start in the Abington Institute.

£10.00 a ticket, which includes Fish and chip supper (other options available).

Tickets from club members and the Village Shop.

Max 8 in a team and bring your own drinks.

Colin Godsmark

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

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.

Urgent reminder for...

- 4 November Cambridge South East Transport public consultation closes. This includes proposals for a Park & Ride scheme right on our doorstep and will really affect us in the Abingtons, so have your say online at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/CambridgeSE.

Recreation Ground outdoor gym

A safety notice for parents/carers: the outdoor gym equipment is not intended for, and could cause injury to, younger users. It is intended for use by adults and children above 12 years of age.

Parish Council meetings

Parish council meetings are open to the public and indeed residents are warmly welcome to attend. The more engagement we have in our community, the better our Parish Council can serve all. However, it is a matter of governance, with legal implications, that there can be no discussion at the meeting on a matter for which there has been no prior notice on the agenda. For this reason, to date the public contribution to the meeting has been limited to the Open Forum, where residents are invited to speak on any matter concerning them, which is then noted and, if necessary, put on the agenda for the next PC meeting. If residents wish to comment on matters that are raised during the meeting, governance rules do not permit them to interrupt the meeting, but GAPC will be trialling the inclusion of a final agenda item, namely, *'To receive brief comments from parishioners on items discussed during the meeting and suggested items for future meetings.'* We hope that this will allow all present at the meeting to feel heard and to contribute constructively to the meeting without infringing protocol.

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/>

S/2154/19/FL - 45, North Road - Demolition of barn and part conversion of adjacent barn to four-bedroom dwelling house. Parish Council recommended refusal. District Council approved.

S/1478/19/RM – Laragh House Development, land north of Linton Road, Approval of matters reserved for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline planning permission S/3564/17/OL for the construction of up to 13 dwellings. Parish Council recommended approval. District Council approved.

Great Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Village Institute

Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel: 892 647

Planning Committees: Arranged as required when applications are received. See noticeboard for dates or contact the Parish Clerk.

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

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

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

Linton Village College

Our annual sponsored walk is a real highlight of the autumn term. It is great to see the College community come together to raise much-needed funds for The Friends of LVC and to enjoy a morning together engaging in exercise in the fresh air amongst our beautiful surroundings. This tradition marks the end of the first half term and an important date in The Friends' fundraising calendar. Anyone wishing to support LVC and top up the sponsorship from the sponsored walk can do so via this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/linton-village-college40>.

LVC is grateful for the support of a team of committed parents/carers and members of the community that give up their time freely to volunteer for The Friends of LVC. Last year The Friends raised over £7000 for the College which was invested in improving catering facilities and purchasing new sports and IT equipment, amongst other things. Students at the College benefit hugely from the investment made to improve their learning environment and facilities. With significantly depleted financial resources for schools it has become even more crucial to have this important source of additional funding.

The next event is Linton Fireworks. The Friends contribute to the stewarding which raises money for the College. We'll also soon be advertising the Christmas raffle and activities for the spring term.

The Friends are always keen to recruit new members and involvement is not onerous. Your ability to assist with an event or contribute to once a term committee meetings would be a great help. Supporting activities such as quiz nights, school productions and the Year 11 Ball also provide social opportunities for those involved. Anyone who is keen to contribute by supporting the College through The Friends can get in touch with the Chair, Nicola Tudge, by email friends@lvc.org or leave a message with the College reception team.

Helena Marsh

Scientists in the Community

The third in this series of talks at the Granta Centre is planned for Friday 13 December at 12 noon. The speaker, another eminent scientist, is Keith Fox, Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Southampton and Associate Director of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. His talk, entitled 'A Hope for Christmas?' will explore Christian responses to some of the recent advances in genetic modification and ask what is it that makes us human? Are we more than the sum of our genes, and does science answer all life's important questions?

Tony Collett

Christmas Floral Workshops with Freda Orgee

Christmas Door Wreath or Advent Wreath:

Parent/grandparent & child/grandchild are welcome at the evening session.

Wednesday 4 December 2019 from 6.30pm to 9pm or Thursday 5 December 2019 from 10am to 12.30pm. The Terrace Abington Village Institute

To register your interest or to find out more please get in touch on 01223 891464 or email fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk

The Snow Queen by Hans C Anderson

At Weston Colville St Marys Church

Sunday 15 December at 2pm

Brought to you by the professional touring company This is My Theatre

Tickets available online from <https://www.thisismytheatre.com/thesnow-queen>

European Day of Languages with Bake Off/Macmillan Coffee Morning

Last Thursday (26 September), CIS celebrated 'European Day of Languages' and, while in the festive mood, took the opportunity to run not only a European bake-off, but also invite students, parents, guardians and staff to enjoy the sweet treats at their Macmillan Coffee Morning, in order to raise money for their great cause. The cakes, pastries, dumplings, tarts, and cupcakes represented the countries the students come from – Argentina, China, Italy, France, Mexico, UK, Netherlands, Israel, South Africa and more. After much deliberation, and enjoyable tasting, staff judges decided that the winner of the CIS '2019 European Bake Off' was Sofia (Year 7), with her superb Tarte aux Pommes! Parents also enjoyed socialising with each other and getting to taste the variety of treats on offer. Head of Languages, Mrs Linda Mamouni commented, "For a small school, it is amazing to see the level of support for such a great cause. The school collected nearly £300, which will all go to Macmillan. Sincere thanks to our parents who supported this event."



The language activities continued with a picture bingo race, talking about noises in different languages and learning tongue-twisters in French, Spanish and Italian. Using hilarious props, they presented their tongue-twister TV shows, with prizes going to the best ones. Students who were feeling a bit more artistic attempted the national EDL T-Shirt Contest and those who enjoyed a mental challenge joined in the EDL Quizlet - a series of quizzes on European flags, key facts about the EU, as well as words in different languages. A creative writing activity in multiple languages on the theme 'a magical trip', completed the activity options.

Headteacher, Joel Dixon, said "All in all, this event reflects the ethos and heart of what CIS is about: enjoyment in learning, supporting charitable work, engaging with the wider world, building community with parents, and celebrating our diversity."

St Nicholas Christmas Fair 3pm to 6pm on Friday 6 December 2019
Venue – the Abington Institute
For more details see free programme with this November News.



Abington Lunch

Thursday 28 November 2019



Fruit Juice

**Chicken Casserole with Mashed Potato
Seasonal Vegetables**

Fruit Cobbler 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 26 November. 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 23 January 2020

Abington and Hildersham Women's Institute

In October, Angela Deavall of Boxworth Botanicals, a family business, came to tell us about their natural products which contain no artificial chemicals: no parabens, no sulphate and definitely no palm oil. Angela developed simple lotions and creams with organic essential oils for use at home and for the body. Many essential oils not only smell beautiful (rose, jasmine, neroli) but are also healing (arnica, calendula, echinacea) and antiseptic (tea tree, lemon and frankincense). Use rosehip oil for stretch marks, geranium for menopausal symptoms, clary sage for PMT, and rosemary for focus when studying or long distance driving. Angela encouraged us to stop using shop-bought fragranced candles, reed diffusers and kitchen cleaning sprays which are full of harmful chemicals but rather to make our own, using essential oils to scent rooms; bicarb, vinegar and lemon as effective cleaning agents. We enjoyed sampling the products, all of which come in recycled or recyclable containers.

Next meeting: Monday 11 November: Members' Evening - always a good evening with surprise speaker and great food!

Visitors and new members always welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Forget-Me-Not Club

The programme for November is as follows:

Tuesday, 12 November, 2pm - A talk on Benefits Advice by Paul Finch

Tuesday, 26 November, 2pm - We will be entertained with songs and a guitar featuring Bob Croft.

Members new and old are always welcome.

Jenny Milns (tel.890 252)

Scrabble Club

The next meeting of the Scrabble Club is at 7pm on Tuesday 26 November in the Institute. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

Reading Group

12 November	<i>Where my Heart used to Beat</i> Sebastian Faulks	Judith Allen
10 December at 7pm	Christmas social – all to bring contributions towards a buffet supper	Diana Wingfield
14 January	<i>Out of the Woods, but not Over the Hill</i> Gervase Phinn	Dinah Brooks

Please confirm your attendance in November to Judith.

Lisa Pechey

Abington Gardening Club

On Monday 4 November at 7.30pm in the Institute Nigel Start will give a talk entitled 'Gardening by the Moon using Biodynamic Method'.

All welcome.

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

Abington Walking Group

Our November walks are on Thursday 7th and Saturday 23rd.

The 2020 walk dates for your diaries are now available.



We really would welcome more walkers – and their dogs – joining us.

We meet at the Institute at 10am and share 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

George Woodley on 07733 167 341 georgewoodley@talktalk.net



Naturewatch Autumn Meeting_

At 10.30am on Saturday 16 November we have our Autumn Naturewatch Meeting in the village Institute. We will review what has been a difficult spring and summer with very dry weather and low river flows. However, we have also had highlights such as the invasion of Painted Ladies and some interesting visits.

Some spectacular parasol mushrooms were seen in Granta Park in October (see cover photo).

Check out the blog at <http://abington-naturewatch.blogspot.com>.

Everyone is welcome at what will be a very interesting meeting and the café will be open beforehand.

David Farrant

County and District Council reports

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

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As you will have seen the changes to the road are well underway. Keep tabs on the GCP's website as they advise of the upcoming consultations on the forthcoming changes. After the work is finished on the bus lane and improved footpath, the next phase will include adding traffic signals to the top of Linton and Hildersham High Streets and changing the pedestrian crossing points.

Zero Carbon Grant

As previously reported, SCDC has a new grant with £91,000 available for community groups to bid into. Grants are between £1,000 and £5,000 per group. Full criteria on what can be bid for can be seen here - <https://www.scams.gov.uk/bid-now-for-cash-to-spend-on-zero-carbon-community-projects/>

Highways Open Days

The popular annual Highways depot open days are coming up soon, an email will be sent around parish clerks advising of the date that the Whittlesford depot is open for visitors.

Community Chest

South Cambs. Community Chest Grant has had a top up of £49,000, so do encourage community groups to bid into it - <https://www.scams.gov.uk/communitychest>

5-Year Land Supply Consultation

The District Council is currently consulting on their 5-year land supply calculations. Full information and consultation response area can be found here - <https://www.scams.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-and-neighbourhood-planning/annual-monitoring-report/>

Recycling Centres E Permit Scheme

Anyone visiting one of Cambridgeshire's household recycling centres with a van or trailer will now need a free e permit to be able to dump. The permit limits people to 12 visits per year. Contact <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/hrc-permits>

Bartlow Road, Linton Planning Application

We are expecting the Reserved Matters (detailed planning application) for 55 houses to come to the South Cambs. Planning Committee on Wednesday 13 November. This is a public meeting, so, if you have an interest, do please come along. Watch South Cambs. website for details nearer the time.

Cambridge Past, Present and Future (PPF)

Weekly Healthy Walking Every Thursday throughout the year: 10am and 10.30am start

We have an enthusiastic group of trained volunteers who lead our two, weekly *Walking for Health* walks at Wandlebury. The first is slightly faster while the second is more leisurely, accommodating people who are not so fit or are newcomers to the group. Each walk lasts around 30 minutes and covers about 1.5 miles. With the slower second walk, we offer a shortcut back to the base if needed. This social group meets all year round at 10am every Thursday morning, with the slower walk starting at 10.30am. Walks are well-attended, with 50-60 people joining most weeks. Some people like it so much they do both walks! Teas and coffees are available afterwards.

NB: Free of charge and no need to book. If you want to take part for the first time then please arrive 10 minutes early to register. The meeting point is the Stables Education Centre. Donations towards the upkeep of the park are always welcome.

Directions: Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, members free. **For more information:** email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

Church Services for November 2019

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
2 nd November		4.00pm Service of Hope		
3 rd November	10.30am	United Eucharist 4.00pm Evensong	at Balsham	Daniel 7.1-3,15-18. Luke 6.20-31
7 th November		9.30 am Communion		
10 th November Remembrance Sunday	10.45am Remembrance Day Service		9.15am Communion	Job 19.23-27a Luke 20.27-38
17 th November		10.45am Communion	4.00pm Café Church	Malachi 4.1-2a Luke 21.5-19
24 th November	9.00am Breakfast and Café Church	8.00am Communion	6.00pm Evensong	Jeremiah 23.1-6 Luke 23.33-43

Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
3 rd November	Patsy Randall	Freda Orgee	Muriel Crampin
10 th November	Carole McCrae	Freda Orgee	Muriel Crampin
17 th November	Remembrance Sunday	Kate Franklin and	Anne-Marie Melloy
24 th November	Carole McCrae	Lucy Ward	Anne-Marie Melloy

Churchwardens

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

Assistant Churchwardens

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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