



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Abington 10k and Fun Run in Granta Park October 2019

Letter from the Editor

As the cover photo shows, there was no shortage of runners in the Abington Fun Run on 6 October, nor in the 10k Run. This PTFA fundraiser was a success and thanks are due to all who participated, with special congratulations to the race winners (page 7).

The Service of Remembrance was well attended, with welcome participation by scouts, cubs and beavers as well older residents who remember wartime only too well. The Poppy Appeal has, once again, raised a good sum and the Shoebox collection met with a great response. There is a further collection of presents for refugee children fostered in the UK, and the food banks are in constant need of donations. (See pages 5, 7, 8).

The General Election on 12 December has led to a changed date, Monday 9th, for the Hildersham Lunch. There will be no Abington Lunch this month, nor a Scrabble Club meeting, and the Mobile Library date has changed to 16 December. The Parish Councils do not meet in December but their reports remind us to keep hedges and trees cut back so they do not impede our use of footpaths. They also report on recent important consultations on transport proposals and road improvements (pages 8, 9, 14).

Sunday 1 December brings the first of the Advent Windows. This provided a real incentive last year to get out and walk around the villages to see the creative displays. The Christmas Fair is on Friday 6 December (page 12).

The Walking Group meets three times this month, the Saturday 21 December walk starting early (9.30am) but offering the opportunity to enjoy the 'Big Breakfast' that the café is providing that day (see pages 11, 17). The second Breakfast Café Church at Great Abington will be at 9am on 15 December and Hildersham Church has a Café Church at 4pm that day. Not for nothing did the churches add kitchen facilities to the premises!

The third science lecture at the Granta Centre is on 13 December (page 13).

The GLAMs choir will be touring Abington on 17 December singing carols. At 3pm on 22 December Hildersham Church holds its service of Nine Lessons and Carols and Great Abington Church has its Christmas carol service at 6.30pm on the same day.

Please note that the next community oil order will be placed in January, the Partridge Group recommences and a Repair Café is planned for 28 March (pages 13, 16).

This monthly publication depends on the many people who send me reports of events and meetings. I am immensely grateful to them all and also to TWI for printing the copies, and to the volunteers who deliver the *News* to every home, not least Pat Wallman, who batches them up for the doorstep deliverers. Please note the earlier copy deadline in December (see below).

Very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Valerie Silvey

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From the Seven Churches

Advent is here, a time when we unpack our traditions and wait with anticipation for Christmas. The sense of excitement can become palpable; it's as though there is a deep instinct in us that Christmas is a time for seeing good in each other and the world, and for celebrating before God with joy and thanksgiving.

Each of us has our own particular traditions we cherish during Advent. As a child I looked forward to my parents playing an old record of Christmas songs by Andy Williams; the smell of pine needles in the lounge as we set up the Christmas tree, laden with familiar decorations; readings of 'The Night Before Christmas' and Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'.

A *Christmas Carol* is known for its memorable characters and vivid depiction of a Victorian Christmas. The streets of London carpeted in snow; the Christmas pudding like a speckled cannon-ball; crisp leaves of holly, ivy and mistletoe. It's a tale of fear and longing, hope and redemption, where cold-hearted Scrooge, once so isolated in his self-centredness, has his life disrupted through a series of ghostly revelations and begins to experience renewal through friendship, joy and kindness.

A mixture of fear, longing, hope and redemption also lies at the heart of the Christmas story. "Do not be afraid" says the angel to Joseph, to Mary, to the shepherds. A reminder that the good news of Jesus' coming as Saviour, the promise of the Word which "became flesh and lived among us" is both all that humans most deeply long for but also a powerful disruption in our lives and the world.

Yet the gospel tells us we need not fear this interruption and renewal. In Christ, God is fulfilling the deepest hopes for freedom and human dignity; we only have to let the Word be born in us and speak in us. As we then approach Christmas and enact once more our own traditions, we are also invited to approach Jesus and take our part in this greater story. To look with wonder upon the one who was born as *Emmanuel*, "God is with us" and kindle on earth the fire of his love.

Revd Iain McColl



**GLAMS choir and friends invite you to
an evening of traditional carol singing.**

**We are meeting at the top of Abington High Street/Pampisford Rd at 6pm on Tuesday 17
December to then walk and wassail through Great and Little Abington, stopping in Lewis,
Mortlock, Magna, Three Tuns, Church Lane and Close, West Field and ending on Bourn
Bridge Road.**

**If you would like to join us please contact Tasha 07743 164516 - Charlotte 07721 335166 -
Ruth 07547 472325 for more details.**

**Please listen out for the carollers as they
make their way through the village.**



BALSHAM SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Ring Out Christmas Bells!

Holy Trinity Church, Balsham at 7.30pm SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2019

Tickets are £10 and Under 16's free. Tickets available from choir members, Balsham and Great Abington Post Office and also online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers.

News from the Pews

We have so many people to thank this month, people to whom we are grateful as they support the church in so many different ways. We start by thanking Bobby Ford and Kate Molloy for arranging a most enjoyable concert on 2 November; we were entertained by The Ickleton Trio (which included Kate's mother and father) and The Mulberry Piano Trio, both of whom gave amazing performances. We were also delighted with the very professional performance given by Anna Thirkettle on the clarinet; thank you so much Anna, we hope to see a lot more of you, and finally our very own Glams Choir – what a performance ladies!, thank you all so very much.

We thank our local Scouts, Cubs and Beavers for attending the Service of Remembrance. Following a march from the Institute four standard bearers carried their independent colours along with the Union Jack into the church. Throughout the hour-long service they sat quietly and showed such respect; well done children and team leaders too. We also thank Mr Tony Baker who read the first lesson, not the easiest task when you are 91 years of age but he read it impeccably. Tony served in the Royal Marine Commando 40th Commando Troop. We also thank once again Carol McCrae for the beautiful flower arrangements depicting the occasion. The church was full for this poignant service.



Finally, a huge thank you to all who helped at the first Breakfast Café Church, which was very successful. Along with the breakfast there were opportunities to join in stories, crafts, prayer stations and singing and a crèche for little ones. A new style of worship at which you can relax and enjoy the company of friends.

A SPECIAL NOTICE FOR CHILDREN: FATHER CHRISTMAS WILL BE AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR ON FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER.

Sunday 1 December – The First Advent Window will appear. Programmes available in the Village Shop, or from Assistant Church Wardens and Tasha Whittaker.

Friday 6 December – St Nicholas' Fair – 3 to 6pm in the Village Institute. Do join us for our 'new look' Fair with lots of new attractions (see page 12).

Sunday 8 December – Christingle Service Little Abington Church 4pm. – Children, parents, grandparents, everyone is most welcome to come and join in the fun of making your own Christingle at **3.30pm**. Our informal Christingle service will begin at 4pm during which a collection will be taken for the work of the Children's Society. There will be seasonal refreshments following the service.

Sunday 15 December – Breakfast Café Church at Great Abington Church from 9am. – Do come and join us for a special seasonal Breakfast Café Church. There will be Christmas Crafts and seasonal story telling accompanied by carols.

Tuesday 17 December – Abington Community Hub 2 – 4pm in the Village Institute. ‘Pop in’ for a friendly chat and free refreshment. Families and children welcome. A place to meet new friends. The Parish Nurse will be there as well as a representative from REACH.

Tuesday 17 December – Carol Singing Round the Village starting at 6pm on the junction of High Street and Pampisford Road. Join in the fun along with the Glams Choir. Contact Ruth Beach for further details (see page 4).

Sunday 22 December – Carol Service – St Mary’s Church Great Abington 6.30pm.

Tuesday 24 December (Christmas Eve) Crib Service St Mary’s Church Little Abington 10.30am. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparation and join Rosemary and Jeanine for a time to reflect on the Christmas story with the children.

Tuesday 24 December – Midnight Mass, St Mary’s Church Little Abington 11.30pm.

Wednesday 25 December – Christmas Day Holy Communion Service, St Mary’s Church Great Abington 10.45am.

Presents for refugee children and other children in emergency foster care or Women’s Refuges in Cambridge – We are collecting presents and new clothes for children who have nothing and are in care this Christmas or sheltering with their mothers in a local Women’s Refuge. If you would like to donate a gift, please would you wrap your present and write a label saying whether it is for a girl or boy and an approximate age. For more details please ring Rosemary Mead 891 718.

Charity for December – The Children’s Society – Their goal’s big, but it’s not greater than the power of one sponsor connecting with one child. With your support, they can give children the resources needed for a path out of poverty and neglect. Please - give generously – change a life forever!

Interment of Ashes – The ashes of John Heron were interred in Little Abington churchyard on Friday 1 November.

Anne Hall

Mrs Sylvia Le Mottée

I wish to record the death of my mother Mrs Sylvia Le Mottée, on 20 October 2019, aged 90 years. She was a stalwart of the Abington WI for many years between 1963 and 2003. As a family we grew up on the Old LSA at 54 North Road and later lived at 98A High Street. We were a family of seven, four boys and one girl. Our name was very well known in the village, albeit likely to have faded a bit by now. I have personally notified some people but others will have known my parents but not been informed any other way.

Phillip Le Mottée

Cremation of Hetty Pavitt

It is with sadness we learn that Hetty Pavitt has passed away. Hetty was born in Little Abington in 1923, into the well-known Cutter family. As a child she spent many hours with her Great Grandfather and Grandfather, who were both shepherds in Abington. She had four children, John, Norman (now deceased), Corinne and Nigel, fourteen grandchildren and an innumerable number of great grandchildren. Magna Close was her beloved home for almost 65 years. If we ever needed to know the past history of Abington, we could rely on Hetty for the answer. She was such a friendly lady and will be sorely missed within the community. Hetty died on 19 November in Symonds House, Linton. A cremation service will be held at Cam Valley Crematorium on Wednesday 4 December at 2pm, followed by a gathering of friends and family to share memories of Hetty at the Village Institute for afternoon tea.

We offer our prayers and condolences to John, Corinne, Nigel and her extended family.

Anne Hall

Abington 10k and Fun Run 2019

The weather didn't stop the 600+ competitors taking part in the 13th Abington 10k and Fun Run on Sunday 6 October. The course followed the same route as last year through Great and Little Abington with runners being cheered by supporters at the start and finish line at Granta Park. The event raised an amazing £8,500 for Great Abington Primary School which will be used to develop the outdoor area of the school. The money will also contribute towards a community pump track, helping pupils and adults to exercise in confidence.

As well as the money raised for the Abington Primary School, the Abington Pre-School and GAPS out of school club ran its renowned race-day cake stall. This raised just over £400 which will be used to update the garden at the Pre-School.

We would like to thank the consortium of generous local sponsors including TWI, Biomed and the Granta Centre who help make this event a success. We also cannot forget the 43 local marshal volunteers who stood out in the rain to ensure the runners made it safely around the track.

Results

The 10k women's winner was Sabrina Crothall who won in 39 minutes, 17 seconds. The men's winner, Sullivan Smith, finished in 34 minutes and 49 seconds.

Ben Phillips won the 2k fun run and Cressida Hughes was the first girl to cross the finish line.

To find out more, please visit www.abington10k.com

Find us on twitter: @Abington10k and facebook: /Abington10k

For more information about the race and images or to be part of the organising team next year, please contact Iain Sainsbury iain@sainsbury.me.uk or Sally Phipps sal_phipps@hotmail.co.uk

Great Abington PTFA Update

On 7 November 2019, we held our annual general meeting. After three successful years, Mike Baker stepped down as Secretary. Thank you Mike for all your hard work with and for the PTFA. You will be missed.

Katie Mannion was voted in as Secretary, Jordan Lane was re-elected Treasurer and Cory Rivers was re-elected as Chair. Congratulations to all officers and trustees on a wonderful year of fundraising.

Your School Lottery We have started a school lottery through www.yourschoollottery.co.uk. Tickets are £1 each and there is a draw every Saturday at 8pm. You could win either the Great Abington jackpot or the national Your School Lottery jackpot of £25,000. Buy your tickets online today!

Upcoming Events:

Your School Lottery Draw - Every Saturday at 8pm

Elfridges - 13 and 16 December

Christmas Raffle - 20 December

Coin Challenge - 13 January - 7 February 2020

Winter Disco - 7 February 2020

Operation Shoebox 2019

Sincere thanks to all those who filled boxes or gave donations. A great response. In February I will let you know where the boxes went.

Jane Furlow

Little Abington Parish Council

Around the village

Consultation on transport routes and hubs: 95 people attended the consultation event on 21 October to see and comment on the proposals for the park & ride site. LAPC's comments included those picked up from residents at the event.

Dog poo bins: South Cambs. District Council is going to merge dog poo and litter bins so where there isn't a convenient poo bin we suggest dog owners use the normal litter bins as long as the poo is wrapped (and two bags is preferred).

Hedges and trees: Please trim any hedges and trees along pavements and footpaths for winter, to allow streetlights to work well and pedestrians to walk safely in the dark.

Permissive footpaths: There are now permissive footpaths around the fields on the south side of Bourn Bridge Road and along the river bank in Sluice Wood. We are grateful for the support of landowners in enabling residents to continue to benefit from and enjoy the countryside on our doorstep. Please keep dogs under control and pick up all dog waste and litter. Dog waste can be put in the litter bin as long as it is properly wrapped (see above). Please take care near farm machinery and do not walk on the crops. No access is permitted on the track between the farmer's fields and the small triangular field or to the fields on the north side of Bourn Bridge Road.

Meeting held on Monday 28 October

Hinxton Genome Campus outline planning application: Approved by the SCDC planning committee. The rules do not allow the committee to consider the impact of other planning proposals in the same area, but now that this application has been approved, consideration of any planning applications for significant developments should take account of the overall impact on the local area.

Next meeting at 7.15pm at Abington Institute on Monday 27 January 2020 (no meeting in December)

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next Meeting: Monday 27 January 2020 Parish Council at 7.15pm

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659929

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk) tel: 07703 Email: clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk
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The meeting agendas and papers are published on the Abingtons website: www.theabingtons.org.uk

Poppy Collection 2019

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Poppy Appeal this year. You raised the magnificent sum of over £2,857.00 with a little bit more to come in. My thanks go to all the collectors for their hard work and to the local businesses for their support. Especial thanks go to Marilyn Broadhurst and Derek Turnidge for counting all the cash.

Kay Harman, Poppy Appeal Organiser

Hildersham Focus

Village Lunch – change of date

The Hildersham Christmas Lunch will now be on Monday 9 December since the village hall will be a polling station for the general election on 12 December.

The menu will be turkey with all the trimmings, followed by Christmas pudding and/or a surprise something, accompanied by wine or a soft drink. We finish with tea or coffee and the raffle draw. Please let us know beforehand of any dietary restrictions.

Doors open at 12:30pm with lunch served at 1pm 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.

Café Church –the next café church will be at 4pm on 15 December. Come and enjoy an Advent---ure! Tea and cake to be served on arrival and then off we go.

Hildersham Teatime

The next teatime will be from 3 to 4.30pm on Thursday 9 January in the Village Hall, a time to catch up with friends in the village. Tea and cake cost £1.

Pie and Quiz night- Thank you to everyone who put their little grey cells to the test at the quiz on 8 November. The questions were expertly set by Will Ricketts, allowing us to find some easy and some really not easy at all. All the teams had lots of fun and a delicious supper.

Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – 3pm on Sunday 22 December

Holy Trinity Church will be hosting this annual candlelit Christmas service. This is a truly wonderful way to begin Christmas, magnificent music with a full choir, hundreds of candles illuminating the beautiful church, which is usually bursting with a full congregation so please arrive early. There will be mulled wine and mince pies to add to and enhance the Christmas glow after the service.

Hildersham Lectures will begin again in the spring. Details in later issues of the *News*.

Hildersham Parish Council

Report on the Hildersham Parish Council meeting on 12 November 2019.

Councillors were delighted to welcome Billie Chapman onto the council and look forward to working with her. Billie has lived in Hildersham for many years and will be a great asset to the council.

The Parish Council has been advised how it needs to proceed with the two Trusts required to manage the allotments and the North and South Holdings. A Trust already exists for the North and South Holding but both Trusts would require deeds, constitutions and Trustees. Councillors will decide what to do at the January meeting.

The budget and precept for the financial year 2020-21 were agreed at the meeting. The precept will remain unchanged at £13,000. There were no significant changes to budgeted income and expenditure for the next financial year.

The sight lines at the crossroads with Back Road have been improved by trimming back branches and strimming areas at the junction, thanks to a Parish Councillor. Another Councillor has arranged to meet the Highway Officer to discuss moving the junction warning sign on this road to the brow of the hill.

Can parishioners check that their boundary hedges are trimmed back so that they do not reduce the width of pavements or hang over the roads. Please look at your hedges to double check whether they have grown over pavements and roads.

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 14 January 2020 at Hildersham Village Hall from 7.30pm. and everyone is welcome to attend.

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Sun	1	Advent Windows start		5
Mon	2	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Physio Pilates – four classes, first starts at	10.30am	11
		French Conversation	1.00pm	
		Abington Gardening Club	7.30pm	17
Tue	3	Art Group Table Tennis	10.00am 7.30pm	11
Wed	4	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Flower Workshop	6.30pm	12
Thu	5	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
		Flower Workshop	10.00am	12
Fri	6	Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
		St Nicholas' Christmas Fair	3.00pm.	12
Sat	7	Scrapbooking Group	10.00am	11
Mon	9	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Physio Pilates – four classes, first starts at	10.30am	11
		Hildersham Lunch – Village Hall	12.30pm	9
		French Conversation	1.00pm	
		Abington & Hildersham WI Gog Magog Golf Club	7.00pm	16
Tue	10	Art Group	10.00am	
		Forget-Me-Not Club	2.00pm	17
		Table Tennis	7.30pm	11
		Reading Group –31 West Field, Lt. Abington	7.30pm	17
Wed	11	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Dynamic Dance Class	3.15pm	11
Thu	12	General Election - café open 9am to 7pm		11
Fri	13	Science lecture, Granta Centre	12 noon	13
Sun	15	Breakfast Café Church – Great Abington Church	9.30am	5
		Café Church – Hildersham Church	4.00pm	9
Mon	16	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Mobile Library	a.m.	12
		Physio Pilates – four classes, first starts at	10.30am	11
Tue	17	Art Group	10.00am	
		Community Hub	2.00pm	5
		Table Tennis	7.30pm	11
Fri	20	Flower Workshops	10am/ 2pm	12
Sat	21	Big Breakfast Jeremiah's cafe	9.30am	11
		Abington Walking Group	9.30am	17
Sun	22	Hildersham Nine Lessons & Carols Service	3.00pm	9
		Great Abington Carol Service	6.30pm	5
Wed	26	Boxing Day Walking Group	10.00am	17
Mon	30	Rivercare & Litter pick-up-meet at ford/bridge	10.00am	

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

Abington Social Cycling

In November the ride was cancelled because of wind and rain. There will not be a ride on 12 December because this is Election Day. Please join us for the next ride on Thursday 9 January starting from the Institute at 9.30am. See you there.

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.

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 6.30pm to 9pm or Thursday 5 December 10am to 12.30pm. The Terrace, Abington Village Institute

Christmas Table Centre Workshops:

Friday 20 December 10am to 12.30pm OR Friday 20 December 2pm to 4.30pm at the Terrace, Abington Village Institute

To register your interest or to find out more please get in touch on 01223 891 464 or email fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk

Mobile Library – date changed: 24 November replaced by 16 December

The next date will be Monday 16 December 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)

St Nicolas' Fair – Friday 6 December 3 to 6pm at the Institute



Meet Father Christmas, buy Christmas gifts & goodies, cards, cakes and candles on our stalls.

Win a Christmas hamper, have a go on the tombola, enjoy hotdogs & hot chocolate, mulled wine & mince pies, ginger bread & juice, great tea and coffee.

Fun activities for the children

Lord Mayor of the City of London and his Abington connection

On 2 October 2019 William Russell, resident of Thriplow, became Lord Mayor of the City of London. Friends of John and Helen Chaplin, late of Abington Park Farm, will be interested to know that their daughter Hilary, wife of the new Lord Mayor, is Lady Mayoress and was on the Cambridgeshire float at the front of the Lord Mayor's Show on 9 November.

Granta Lunchtime Talks

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

'Hope for Christmas?'

Professor Keith Fox



Keith Fox is Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Southampton where he was previously Head of the Centre for Biological Sciences. He is also an Associate Director of The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge.

'Science brings fascinating insights into the way the world works and it can offer new hopes for humanity'.

In this talk Professor Fox will discuss 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?

Friday 13 Dec from 12 noon – 1pm in the Granta Centre, Granta Park
Complimentary buffet provided - all are welcome to attend

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

Abington residents who would like to hear Dr Fox speak on the subject 'Hope for Christmas?' at the Granta Centre on 13 December are advised to enter the park in the right hand lane and tell the security staff that the reason for the visit is to attend the lunch time meeting at the Granta Centre. Turn right at the first roundabout, follow the road and turn left at the second roundabout. At the end of the road turn left and park where you can. It would also be helpful if you could let Tony Collett know that you are likely to attend. Email tony.collett@talktalk.net

Collection of prescriptions

The latest batch of 20p contributions people are asked to make for collection of prescriptions from Abington Stores were donated to the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity in October. The total donated was £181.46. Many thanks to Mac, B and the staff at Abington stores. Thanks also to the team of volunteers who do the pick-up from Linton Health Centre Pharmacy and deliver them to Abington Stores three times a week.

Christine Talbot - Pick-up volunteer co-ordinator

Community Oil Order

As the days get colder it is heartening to know that Rod will take orders for oil from 6 to 9 January with a view to deliveries about one week later. Please provide Rod with your name, address, postcode, phone number, quantity of oil required. Contact rodwillcox@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07767 686 351.

Latest on A1307 works...

The work on the bus lane and cycle path is progressing and should be completed in December. This will be followed by installing traffic lights at the Hildersham crossroads and at the Linton High Street/A1307 junction.

The consultation on Phase 2, A11 to Cambridge, closed at the beginning of November. For more information check the Greater Cambridge Partnership website.

www.greatercambridge.org.uk/CambridgeSE

Computer system change at Planning

The Planning Department at South Cambs. has changed its computer systems. This should make things more efficient in the longer run but it is also likely to delay the processing of new planning applications.

Community Chest

Yes, it's not just on the Monopoly board. The Community Chest Grants scheme is available to voluntary and community groups wishing to improve the quality of life in South Cambridgeshire. They are small grants of up to £1,000 for one-off costs relating to a project or activity. This grant provided by South Cambs. District Council has recently had its coffers topped up, so now is a good time to put in a bid. For more details visit:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest>

The Innovate and Cultivate Fund

This is Cambridgeshire County Council's fund to help voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations realise their projects and ideas that help address the needs of local residents. This fund has also recently been topped up, so now would be a good time to apply for funding. For more info, go to:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-&-localism/innovate-and-cultivate-fund/>

Bus Survey

On 4 November [Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority](http://www.cambridgeshireandpeterborough-ca.gov.uk) launched a public survey on bus services as part of an ongoing reform of its bus network to canvas views on how bus services can be improved. To complete the online or phone survey, click through from <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/news/public-to-have-say-on-cambridgeshire-and-peterborough-radical-bus-reform/> Make sure to have your say before the survey closes in mid-December.

Planning

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

Parish Council recommendations:

S/3515/19/FL - 36 South Road - demolition of piggery and change of use and erection of a log cabin. Parish Council recommended approval

S/3387/19/RM – Strawberry Farm, 3 Pampisford Road – approval of matters reserved for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. Parish Council recommended refusal.

S/3693/19/FL – New Dwelling, 7 Chalky Road. Parish Council recommended refusal.

S/3699/19/FL – Cart shed for garaging. 45 North Road. Parish Council recommended approval.

District Council decisions:

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

S/2154/19/FL – 45 North Road – Demolition of barn and part-conversion of adjacent barn to 4-bed house. Parish Council recommended refusal. 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 20 January 2020 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 - Marsh Mail

The last month has included lots of events for LVC students to heighten awareness of important issues and raise funds for those in need.

On Friday 1 November we marked the end of 'GloWeek' with members of the College community wearing bright items of clothing as part of the charity's national autumn road safety campaign 'Be Seen Not Hurt'. Assemblies focused on important aspects of road safety given that nights are drawing in during the winter months. The initiative also involved us raising money for the Childhood Brain Injury Trust.

This charitable event was particularly poignant as it coincided with the return of one of our Year 11 students, Sam Norris, after a serious motorbike accident in a British Youth Championships race in Glasgow in June that caused him to be on life support and resulted in an acquired brain injury. We are proud of the progress that Sam has made through his intensive rehabilitation and are thrilled to have him back within the LVC community.

We marked Remembrance Day with the wearing of poppies, two minutes' silence across the school and one of our students playing The Last Post. This has become an important and moving tradition at LVC to remember and pay our respects to those that have given their lives in war and conflicts.

Children in Need day was celebrated with a variety of fundraising activities including a non-uniform day and pennies for Pudsey collection. It is easy to make assumptions that children in Linton and surrounding villages are not touched by hardship and deprivation in the same way as students attending city schools. However, LVC's community serves a range of diverse families in very different personal circumstances and a large proportion of our students benefit from accessing specialist support services provided by children's charities.

I begin my maternity leave at the start of December. My colleague, Doug Brechin, Assistant Principal at the College, will take over the writing of the LVC news column for community newsletters in my absence. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all readers a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Helena Marsh

Jazz and Sparkles Part 2 at 7.30pm, 11 January at Linton Village College

Enjoy an evening of jazz. The proceeds will be split between the LVC Music Department and Reach charity lifting people out of poverty. Details in January News.



Abington Lunch



wishes everybody a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Our next lunch will be on
Thursday 23 January 2020
More details will be in the January *News*.

Abington and Hildersham Women's Institute

The November meeting was a chance for the committee to sit down, relax and enjoy the entertainment and delicious buffet which everyone else had prepared for our annual Members' Evening. It began with teacher Carol Lyne giving an illustrated talk on her visit to Tanzania. St. Andrew's Church Stapleford has a link with St. Andrew's in Nachingwea and raises funds to support school places for girls, apprenticeships and further education, as well as uniforms, shoes and resources for the children in the special needs class. A girls' hostel has been built so that girls can stay each week rather than risk being raped on the long daily walk to school. Carol was particularly impressed by the friendliness and respect shown by the children. Classes of 60 in primary schools and 80 at secondary level were calm and standards of work were high. Lessons were mostly talk and chalk using Swahili in primary and English in secondary schools, with very few textbooks. Hospital care is very basic and must be paid for - most of the wards Carol visited were empty, except for the maternity unit. There is a great need in the area for agricultural and technical training so that farming can be more productive and machinery and equipment can be repaired, not just abandoned. Carol helped us to appreciate how fortunate we are to have roads, not dust tracks, good schools, high standards of medical care and modern amenities at home. During refreshments we were challenged by a quiz "It happened in November" and a map of Africa to identify capital cities.

Next meeting: Monday 9 December: Christmas Party at Gog Magog Golf Club 7 for 7.30pm. Please contact Gill Smith (892759) as soon as possible to add your name to the list of party-goers!

Visitors and new members always welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Scrabble Club

There will be no meeting of the Scrabble Club in December, but put a date in your diary for 7pm on Tuesday 28 January 2020 at the Institute.

Wishing everyone a Happy Festive Season.

Sheena Fraser

Partridge Group

An interesting and varied programme of talks/discussions is now being finalised, beginning on Wednesday 8 January and running to mid-February 2020.

Details are available on <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk/clubs/partridge-group/>

A. Partridge

Forget-Me-Not Club

The programme for December is as follows:

Tuesday, 10th December, 2pm- A festive afternoon with Glenis Todd and children from Abington Primary School to entertain and join us in singing carols and Christmas songs.

Please note that we will not be meeting in January until the 21st in view of maintenance work being undertaken in the Institute.

The Committee wish all our members and helpers a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year.

Members new and old are always welcome.

Jenny Milns (tel.890 252)

Reading Group

7.30pm 10 December	Christmas social – all to bring finger food savoury and / or sweet snacks	Liz Obstfeld
14 January	<i>Out of the Woods, but not Over the Hill</i> Gervase Phinn	Dinah Brooks
11 February	<i>The Past is Myself</i> (& if keen its sequel) <i>The Road Ahead</i> Christabel Bielenberg	Lisa Pechey

Please confirm your attendance and contribution for 10 December to Liz.

Lisa Pechey

Abington Gardening Club

On Monday 2 December at 7.30pm in the Institute Richard Gant will give a talk about Madingley Hall Gardens.

There will be a Christmas raffle with proceeds going to Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust. Please remember to bring a wrapped raffle prize.

All welcome.

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

Abington Walking Group

Our December walks are on Thursday 5th, Saturday 21st and Boxing Day 26th. The Saturday walk **will start at 9.30am** and afterwards the optional 'Big Breakfast' at the Institute (see page 11).



The 2020 walk dates for your diaries are now available.

We would welcome more walkers – 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

George Woodley on 07733 167 341 georgewoodley@talktalk.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 and follow the link to the pdf for the month you want.

Linton District Girl Guides

Girlguiding groups in the Linton district are giving girls a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their communities. We build girls' confidence and raise their aspirations. We give them the chance to discover their full potential and encourage them to be a powerful force for good.

All the badges and activities have been updated to equip girls to take on the world. From unearthing artefacts for the Archaeology badge to camping at a festival for the Festival-goer badge, there's something to challenge and inspire every girl. Recently, local girls have been scuba diving, rock climbing and pond dipping. They have built dens with chairs, made monsters out of plastic milk bottles and egg boxes, built campfires, and cooked outside. Girls can go away on sleepovers, holidays and camps with Girlguiding, from Newmarket to all over the world!

We run

- Rainbows (5–7 years) in Linton
- Brownies (7–10 years) in Linton, Horseheath, Balsham and Brinkley
- Guides (10–14 years) in Linton and Brinkley
- Rangers (14–18 years) in Linton and Brinkley

and there's a Linton Trefoil Guild for those over 18 years old who would like to enjoy an evening of guiding with friends doing amazing things.

Register your daughter's interest at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus>. If you'd like to find out more about volunteering, go to <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/>. To find out more, contact Louisa Powell-Owens on 01223 833776 or lintondistrict@gmail.com

GRANTA Medical Practices

Christmas & New Year Opening Times

Saturday 21st December – closed

Sunday 22nd December - closed

Monday 23rd December – open as normal

Tuesday 24th December – open as normal

Wednesday 25th December – closed

Thursday 26th December – closed

Friday 27th December – open as normal

Saturday 28th December – closed

Sunday 29th December - closed

Monday 30th December – open as normal

Tuesday 31st December – open as normal

Wednesday 1st January 2020 – closed

Thursday 2nd January 2020 – open as normal

Friday 3rd January – open as normal

Saturday 4th January – closed

Sunday 5th January – closed

Your local pharmacist can advise you on many minor illnesses, such as coughs, colds, sore throats and upset stomachs.

If you need urgent medical assistance when we are closed please ring NHS111.

If your condition poses an immediate threat to life please ring 999.

Church Services for December 2019

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
1 st December	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>United Eucharist</u> (4.00pm Evensong)	<u>at Balsham</u>	Isaiah 2.1-5 Matthew 24.36-44
5 th December		9.30am Communion		
8 th December	10.45am Communion	4.00pm Christingle	9.15am Communion	Isaiah 11.1-10 Matthew 3.1-12
15 th December	9.00am Breakfast & Café Church		4.00pm Café Church	Isaiah 35.1-10 Matthew 11.2-11
22 nd December	6.30pm Carol Service		3.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols	
24 th December		10.30am Crib Service 11.30pm Communion		
25 th December Christmas Day	10.45am Communion with Carols		9.15am Christmas Day Carols	Hebrews 1.1-12 John 1.1-14
29 th December		4.00pm Evensong		Isaiah 63.7-9 Matthew 2.13-end

Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
1 st December	Advent – no flowers	Helen Rogers (Cleaning)	Advent – no flowers
8 th December	Advent – no flowers	Helen Rogers (Cleaning)	Advent – no flowers
15 th December	Advent – no flowers	Marilyn Broadhurst (Clean)	Advent – no flowers
22 nd December	All help please	All help please	All help please
29 th December	Anne Hall & Patsy Randall	Marilyn Broadhurst	

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