



# The Abingtons and Hildersham News



[www.theabingtons.org.uk](http://www.theabingtons.org.uk)

February 2020



*Photo by Graham Ross*

**Ancient Carvings at Little Abington Church  
(See page 7)**

## Letter from the Editor

Christmas services, attended by large numbers of people, rounded off 2019 (pages 5, 8). No doubt the congregations enjoyed singing the old familiar carols and thus endorsed the vicar's comments on the importance of church music. For those who would like to join group singing more often a contact point is given on page 4.

If you didn't manage to see all the artistic, colourful Advent windows you can now see them on line, contact address on page 4. Congratulations to all who provided these cheerful sights to brighten the dark, dull days of December.

In the dim and distant past various 'artists' have carved patterns in the walls of the tower of Little Abington Church. The first selection of these has been sent by church warden Graham Ross and appears on page 7 and on the front cover.

For 60 years the Abingtons Parochial Church Council has benefited from the wise advice of Audrey Bugg, who has also been a major benefactor to the churches. We all owe Audrey sincere thanks for her dedication and support for all these years.

All three Parish Councils have been stressing the need for hedges and trees to be trimmed back so they do not impede people using the footpaths. There are thanks to those who have done so and a further reminder to those who have not (pages 8, 13, 14). Dog walkers will be interested in the change of use of public bins reported on page 13. There are, as I know to my cost, tyre-damaging potholes on local roads. The contact details to use to report these can be found on page 9.

The Local Plan for the Greater Cambridge area is being prepared jointly by the Cambridge City Council and SCDC and we are all encouraged to participate in the consultation currently in progress. This is important for all of us. To see how to get involved go to page 14.

If one of your New Year resolutions was to keep fitter you could use the gym equipment on the Abington Recreation Ground, attend one of the thriving Pilates, yoga and aerobics classes at the Institute, join the Walking Group or go social cycling. The AALGA Quiz provides exercise for the brain – and food. Plenty of activities on offer for all tastes (pages 10-16).

Thank you Rod Willcox for ordering 51,000 litres of heating oil from the best-priced of six suppliers, at 50.71ppl. And many thanks to all the contributors to the January News who sent me material early enough for it to go to the printers well before Christmas.

Valerie Silvey

## Contents

<b>From the Seven Churches, Advent windows</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Social Cycling, Film Nights, Mobile Library, PTFA, AALGA, Pasta workshop</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>News from the Pews, Funerals, Old Carvings in LA Church, Councillor's reports</b>	<b>5 6 7</b>	<b>Great Abington Parish Council Little Abington Parish Council, Greater Cambridge Local Plan</b>	<b>13 14</b>
<b>Hildersham Focus, Hildersham Parish Council, Bowls Club</b>	<b>8 9</b>	<b>The Abington Lunch, WI, Gardening Club</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Diary Dates</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Scrabble Club, Reading Group, FGMN, Walking Group, Balsham Concert</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Café, Wheelie bins, Contacts for classes</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Linton Village College, LVC Workshops Granta Medical, Energy Audits, Repair Café</b>	<b>17 18</b>

ARTICLES FOR THE March 2020 EDITION OF *THE ABINGTONS AND HILDERSHAM NEWS* SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2020 AT [news@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:news@theabingtons.org.uk). Photos welcome.

## **From the Seven Churches**

In Bristol, where I used to live, there is a place in the heart of one of its shopping quarters called the New Room. It's the oldest Methodist building in the world and the site of a chapel which John Wesley built in 1739. It has now expanded with a museum, café and adjacent garden but the chapel is still used for worship. Many visitors to the New Room remark on how Charles Wesley's music has inspired them throughout their lives and hymns such as '*O for a thousand tongues to sing*' and '*And can it be that I should gain*' may be heard regularly in the chapel.

It's another reminder of the vital place of music in Christian worship and indeed in Old Testament times; singing and music appear throughout the Old Testament as a way in which people praised God. Psalm 98 reflects this by saying: "make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises". For many, an awareness of God's presence led naturally to worshipping with songs of praise.

There is also a vibrant variety of music within Christian worship today, where ancient hymns rub shoulders with contemporary worship songs, and music from other traditions such as the Iona and Taizé communities is embraced. When I stayed with the ecumenical Christian community in Taizé, in eastern France, we sang Taizé chants as part of our daily worship and this contemplative music has become a formative influence for many people.

Our church choir, drawn from many villages, continues to be inspired by such a rich repertoire of music and would welcome anyone who is interested in joining over the coming months. The choir practises regularly on Monday evenings in Hildersham Church, but if you would like to take part in a 'one-off' service and were able to come along to perhaps two or three Monday evenings in advance, or would simply like to try it out, you would also be very welcome. If you are interested, please do contact our music director, Keith Day, on: [keithdday@btinternet.com](mailto:keithdday@btinternet.com).

Revd Iain McColl

## **Message from Pioneer Lay Minister, Jeanine Kennedy**

So excited that as we journey into this New Year and start a new decade we have a fresh chance to reflect on our lives. It can be hard, in our fast-paced world, to find those moments of calm to really reflect on where we have been, where we are travelling to and rest in the present. This decade I urge you to think big as I reflect that I am in awe of the God that walks alongside each and every one of us. His presence enables us to journey into places, situations and fresh circumstances that are immeasurably more than we can ever imagine. It has been such a joy to join your community and I am hugely grateful for the warm welcome I and my family has received.

If you'd like time to reflect on what has been, and what is to come, and to be still in the presence of God, then please do join me on the last Friday of every month from 12 noon at Great Abington Church for a time of quiet. We begin with refreshments to ease us into the silence. But if the thought of silence is not a comfortable one for you then why not consider joining us and friends at our relaxed Breakfast Church in Great Abington Church on Sunday 23 February, from 9am for breakfast. This month we will be considering our own wellbeing and overcoming worry. All are very welcome.

Jeanine

## **Advent Windows – examples of the full set of 24**

Photos of the full set of 24 have been taken by Peter Brunning and can be viewed on <https://www.flickr.com/gp/peterjeb/bgjcWA>

## News from the Pews

During the first service at Great Abington Church in the New Year it seemed an appropriate time to present and recognise the work of a retiring member of the PCC following 60 years of faithful service - Audrey Bugg. Audrey was instrumental in raising considerable amounts of money for our churches throughout this time. She was also the instigator and leader of the kneeler project which depict both local names and places in our village. She designed and embroidered the beautiful altar frontals, offertory bags, chalice cloths and pulpit falls. An amazing achievement indeed. We still, on occasion, seek her knowledge on past PCC issues. Audrey was presented with a large print bible and hymn book, for the church, dedicated to her name.

The next HUB will be on Tuesday 25 February where, along with the usual opportunity to enjoy cake and a free cup of tea in the main hall, crafts with juice and cake for children on the terrace and this month there will be an opportunity to buy books in the café area. Everyone is welcome to join us. The sale of books will help to boost the much needed funds for our churches.

The PCC were delighted that more than 140 attended the Carol Service and that a further 122 attended service on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It is always good to enjoy the company of so many members of our community.



**Carol Service at Great Abington church *Photo by Tony Collett***

**Abington Garden Amble** will once again be taking part in June. This year it will be Gardens in Great Abington. If you wish to take part or would like more details please contact Anne on [anneandglynhall@gmail.com](mailto:anneandglynhall@gmail.com). We are looking for a selection of 10 gardens whether large or small. Your involvement would help to raise funds for our churches and make a most enjoyable day for so many people in our community.

### **Dates for February:**

**Wednesday 5 February – Space to Be** – If you feel like a time of relaxation and contemplation on a winter evening, do come and join us for an hour at 7.30pm, 55 Church Lane. Please ring Rosemary (891 718) for further details.

**Sunday 23 February – Holy Communion 8am Great Abington Church**

**If you wish to stay it is followed by –**

**Breakfast Café Church – 9am** – A warm welcome awaits you, with a rolling breakfast from 9am along with crafts, reflective activities and supervised activities for the little ones too.

## **Tuesday 25 February – The Community Hub in The Village Institute from 2-4pm.**

All are welcome to call in for free tea, coffee and cake. An opportunity to meet others. Our Parish Nurse is available at most of our meetings along with REACH; both are happy to chat with anyone.

**Friday 28 February – Breathing Space at 12 noon in Great Abington Church.** An opportunity for a time of quiet, following refreshment.

**Charity for February – Arthur Rank Hospice** – Your donation will help patients and their loved ones living in and around our community who are faced with the challenging effects of life limiting illness. The hospice relies solely on donations. There are charity boxes in both churches.

## **Funerals**

The funeral of **Capt. Ron Maynard** BOAC took place in Little Abington Church on Friday 20 December followed by burial in the churchyard. Ron died on 6 December aged 92 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jilly and the extended family.

The funeral of **Brian Banks Allen** took place at Barton Glebe Woodland Burial Ground on Monday 16 December. Brian died on 6 December in Arthur Rank Hospice aged 85 years. Brian and Judith moved to The Old Forge in Great Abington in 1965 before moving (reluctant to leave their beloved cottage) to Little Abington in 2003. Brian worked at Cambridge University Press for many years before setting up on his own with a couple of letter presses housed in a workshop in the garden; “The Cantaloupe Press” was born. His other craft was letter-cutting; the last slate that he engraved was the plaque reading The Old Forge. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judith, their children Ruth, Chris, Nick and their grandchildren.

The funeral of **Diane Elizabeth Cracknell** took place at the Fenland Crematorium on Thursday 9 January following her passing on 3 December aged 83 years. Following a difficult childhood Diane’s determination led to a prestigious working life as a window dresser at Bourne and Hollingsworth in Oxford Street. In 1957 she met and married Jim, who is now in a care home in Littleport. Diane was known for her stylish dress sense, especially hats. She loved the company of children and worked for some time as a dinner lady at both Abington Primary School and Linton Village College. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim, their daughter Joanne and grandsons Daniel and Jack.

The funeral of **Sarah-Jane Calvert** took place at Cam Valley Crematorium on Wednesday 8 January following her sudden passing in Addenbrooke’s Hospital on 17 December. The crematorium was filled with family and friends for the moving service, at which her husband Gary was joined by Juno, their beloved dog. A eulogy written by Gary and read by Jeanine, expressed Gary’s love for his wife of 30 years. Sarah made a significant contribution and positive impact on the lives of people living with learning disabilities. She was instrumental in the opening of Ferguson Close which was the first establishment for people with disabilities. Sarah started her training at sixteen and did her nursing visits on a 1000cc BMW motorbike. She was never judgemental and had an amazing listening ear, skills she used within our community for so many people. Sarah lived in Abington since she was a baby, first with her parents Tony and Sonia Baker of Lewis Crescent, then, after her marriage to Gary, they lived in Magna Close. She will be greatly missed, not only by her family and patients but by her Abington friends too. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gary.

We have since learned that Sarah’s mother Sonia, aged 90, sadly passed away on Tuesday 14 January. The funeral will be on Friday 7 February, at 12 noon, at Cam Valley Crematorium.

Anne Hall

## **Captain Ron Maynard, 1927-2019, a flyer from birth**

Ron Maynard was born into an RAF family. On reaching age 17 he was sent to South Africa to train as an RAF pilot and subsequently flew Lancaster bombers. On leaving the RAF he became a pilot with BOAC and later with British Airways, during which time he flew many aircraft including Concorde. He always claimed that the best aircraft to fly was the VC 10. He enjoyed a busy retirement sailing and playing golf at Saffron Walden. He moved from Ickleton, having lived there 50 years, and came with his wife Jilly to Meadow Walk. He was a pleasure to have as a neighbour and a friend. It is true to say that he never failed at anything.

Tony Collett

## **Walter Jamieson**

Walter Jamieson passed away peacefully on Boxing Day 2019 aged 86. Known in Great Abington since 1972 he spent most of his life abroad as a civil engineer, notably in Khartoum and Lombok. His cremation took place at Cardcross Crematorium on Friday 10 January, with sons Angus, Bruce, Mark and Peter attending. His ashes will be taken to Sand Kirk in Shetland, with a memorial service planned later in the year.

Mark Jamieson

## **Some Old Carvings in Little Abington Church Tower 1.**

At what time does mindless vandalism evolve into valuable historical record? The spiral stairs up to the bell room in the Tower show much evidence of ancient - and not quite so ancient - Abingtonians making their mark in the hidden places of the church. Some have obligingly given a date with name and/or initials, others have preferred timeless anonymity. And dateless means difficult to date - the spirograph-style etching was not made using a 1970s toy but is in fact a very old symbol (see cover photo). There again, what age is the rather supercilious bird? And of what species?



Graham Ross - Churchwarden

## **County and District Council report**

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

**A1307** The beginning of February brings us the work on the traffic lights and changed pedestrian crossing at the junction at the top of Linton High Street.

**Taxi Consultation** South Cambs. currently has an open consultation on some proposed changes to the council's policy on taxis (Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles).

**Marriages and Civil Partnerships** The County Council has upgraded the booking section of their website that allows you to see availability and book a marriage or civil ceremony at the County Council. So if one of your New Years' resolutions is to make a positive change, you can do so here – <http://cambridgeshireceremonies.co.uk>

## Hildersham Focus

### Hildersham Carol Service - 22 December 2019



A Happy New Year and a huge thank you to everyone who filled to the brim our beautiful candlelit church for the service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

All who attended felt extremely Christmassy as they joined the choir in favourite carols, and were warmed in soul and body by the children's Christmas poem and tableau, and the mulled wine and mince pies.

A special thank you to the Huntsman family who placed and lit almost 350 candles.

**Café Church** Our next Café Church will be on Sunday 16 February at 4pm with the theme 'In the name of love'.

We welcome everyone to this service. It encourages us to engage with our faith in many different ways, exciting, challenging, thought-provoking and sharing with others. We begin each service with tea and homemade cake.

**Christian Literature** Hildersham Church has a wealth of Christian literature for all ages and we encourage our community to borrow these books to educate, illuminate and enjoy. Please pop in and have a look; there is a small book in which to record which book you have borrowed. The church is open every day.

**Silent Space** continues on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, followed by Compline at 7.30pm. All are welcome to all or part of the evening. This is such a wonderful opportunity and environment in which to sit and 'be'. A time to reflect and pray.

### **Hildersham Jam Stall**

In December, we sent £307 to EACH, making a grand total of £627 donated in 2019. This is a magnificent £126 increase on our 2018 donation.

Thank you to everyone for your continuing support. We also much appreciate all the donations of preserves, produce, jars and lid covers.

## **Hildersham Parish Council**

### **Report on the Hildersham Parish Council meeting held on 14 January 2020.**

The Parish Council agreed to instruct their solicitors to get the terms of reference written up and checked by the Charity Commission for the North and South Holding Trust, as well as for the Recreation Ground Trust.

A parishioner kindly donated a wooden bench to be installed on the allotment land, to give walkers and allotment holders a place to sit and enjoy this lovely part of the village.

The council decided that it would not spend any further funds on pest control, but would encourage allotment holders to buy traps from local garden centres, as they seem to be relatively inexpensive and are reported to be very effective.

Damage to the fence at the entrance to the Recreation Ground may have occurred when the delivery contractors unloaded the new slide last summer. It is hoped that the fence will be fixed soon.

The council has written to Pampisford Estate asking for a non-slip surface (wire) to be put on the foot bridge between Hildersham and Great Abington, as it can be very slippery.

The Council is still awaiting news from the Highway Department about moving the junction warning sign on Hildersham Road to the brow of the hill. The council has also reported that a number of the beech trees on the triangular verge at the junction with the A1307 have died and so need to be cut down.

Can parishioners continue checking that their boundary hedges are trimmed back so that they do not reduce the width of pavements or hang over the roads, before the start of the nesting season.

If you notice a fault with the highways, such as pot holes, you can report them using the following link: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>

**The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 10 March at Hildersham Village Hall from 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.**

## **Abington Bowls Club**

We shall soon be waking from our hibernation, shaking the moths out of our Club shirts, polishing our bowls and giving the winter worms a hard forking on the Bowling Green.

Practice starts in April with the first League match on 5 May.

**Please consider coming along to have a try-out;** we are always looking out for new players. It can't hurt and, who knows, you may find you have a natural aptitude.

ABC was founded in June 1927 as The Lodge Bowls Club, opposite the cricket ground.

The old Minutes Books chart our history:

*Captain - E H Lewis [Schoolmaster] Secretary - H Pascoe Treasurer - R Franklin ...*

*At this point a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Mortlock [First Chairman & President] and Mrs Lias for kindness in starting the club and all the other good things passed on to us all.....*

*Proposed by E.Lindsell, sec. J.Ives, that the annual subscription be 2/6 .....*

*(Two and six - half a crown - half a dollar - a florin and a tanner - a couple of bob plus a tanner - two shillings and sixpence - or just 12½ p in today's drab terms.*

*Oh! How much poorer our language has become with decimalisation! )*

*A non-Abingtonian guest could have an evening's play ... for a nominal fee of 3d ....*

*(Thruppence - a thruppenny bit - three pennies - 1½ p )*

*The bowls club ... had been "sleeping" during the war ... but was revived in 1947.*

*The terrible effects of that war are detailed in the 1948 Minutes*

*the mower had been set too high for the past seven seasons and it would take some time to get the surface into good playing condition .....*

*At some point the Club changed its name and then, in the mid-fifties, moved across the river. A bit like Arsenal, really.*

**AGM to be held at the Abington Sports & Social Club at 7 pm Tuesday 11 February.**

<b>Date</b>		<b>Venue Abington Institute unless stated</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Page</b>
Mon	3	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		<b>Physio Pilates</b> – four classes, first starts at	10.30am	11
		<b>French Conversation</b>	1.00pm	
		<b>Abington Gardening Club</b>	7.30pm	15
Tue	4	<b>Art Group</b>	10.00am	
		<b>Forget-Me-Not Club</b>	2.00pm	16
		<b>Table Tennis</b>	7.30pm	11
Wed	5	<b>Yoga</b> – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		<b>Dynamic Dance Class</b>	3.15pm	11
		<b>Space to be</b> – 55 Church Lane, Little Abington	7.30pm	5
		<b>Partridge Group</b>	8.00pm	12
Thu	6	<b>Abington Walking Group</b>	10.00am	16
Fri	7	<b>PTFA Winter Disco – at school</b>	5.30pm	12
Sat	8	<b>Scrapbooking Group</b>	10.00am	11
Mon	10	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		<b>Physio Pilates</b> – four classes, first starts at	10.30am	11
		<b>French Conversation</b>	1.00pm	
		<b>Abington &amp; Hildersham WI</b>	7.30pm	15
Tue	11	<b>Art Group</b>	10.00am	
		<b>Bowls Club AGM</b> – Abington Sports & Social Club	7.00pm	9
		<b>Table Tennis</b>	7.30pm	11
		<b>Reading Group</b> – 6 Church Lane, Linton	8.00pm	16
Wed	12	<b>Yoga</b> – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		<b>Dynamic Dance Class</b>	3.15pm	11
		<b>Partridge Group</b>	8.00pm	12
Thu	13	<b>Social Cycling</b>	9.30am	11
Fri	14	<b>Low Impact Aerobics</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Pilates</b>	10.45am	11
Tue	18	<b>Art Group</b>	10.00am	
		<b>Forget-Me-Not Club</b>	2.00pm	16
		<b>Table Tennis</b>	7.30pm	11
Wed	19	<b>Yoga</b> – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		<b>Partridge Group</b>	8.00pm	11
Fri	21	<b>Film Nights</b>		12
Sat	22	<b>Abington Walking Group</b>	10.00am	16
Mon	24	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		<b>Rivercare &amp; litter pick-up</b> – meet at ford/bridge	9.30am	
		<b>French Conversation</b>	1.00pm	
		<b>Little Abington Parish Council</b>	7.15pm	14
Tue	25	<b>Art Group</b>	10.00am	
		<b>Mobile Library</b>	a.m.	12
		<b>Community Hub</b>	2-4pm	5
		<b>Scrabble Group</b>	7.00pm	16
		<b>Table Tennis</b>	7.30pm	11
Wed	26	<b>Yoga</b> – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		<b>Dynamic Dance Class</b>	3.15pm	11
Thu	27	<b>The Abington Lunch</b>	12.45pm	15
Fri	28	<b>Low Impact Aerobics</b>	9.30am	11

		<b>Pilates</b>	10.45am	11
		<b>AALGA Annual Quiz – doors open</b>	7.00pm	12
Sat	29	<b>Pasta-making Workshop</b>	2.00pm	12

For details of contacts please see inside back cover or articles where indicated.

**Institute bookings:** contact preferably by email: [institute@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:institute@theabingtons.org.uk) or phone 01223 790 711

**Contacts for Café**

Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871 or [gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com](mailto:gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com)  
and Gill Smith 892 759 or [richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk](mailto:richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk)

<b>Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute</b>	
<b>Opening times in February 2020</b>	
Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am – 1.30pm (6, 13, 20) Lunch 27 <sup>th</sup>
Friday mornings	8.45am – 11.00am
Saturday mornings	10.00am – 12 noon

**Wheelie bin dates for February 2020 (Abingtons and Hildersham)**

<b>Mon 3</b>	<b>Mon 10</b>	<b>Mon 17</b>	<b>Mon 24</b>
<b>Black</b>	<b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Blue</b>

**Contacts for activities**

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

**Yoga – Wednesdays 9.30am at Abington Institute**

Contact Joan 890 629 or email [joangraham72@gmail.com](mailto:joangraham72@gmail.com) if you would like to drop in and try a class.

**Dynamic Dance Theatre School – Wednesdays from 3.15pm**

Ballet and modern dance lessons for children from 4 years old at Abington Institute. Contact Esme on 07719 816 548 or [esmewatts@hotmail.com](mailto:esmewatts@hotmail.com)

**Table Tennis – Tuesdays 7.30pm at Abington Institute**

Contact Raj Sangha on 07803 786 905.

**Physio Pilates – Mondays, Abington Institute**

Intermediate 10.30 – 11.30am	Advanced 11.45am – 12.45pm
Beginners 1.00 – 2.00pm	Advanced 2.15 – 3.15pm

Contact Christina Heinz [cambridgepilates@outlook.com](mailto:cambridgepilates@outlook.com)

**Abington Pre-school Baby and Toddler Group** This group runs during term time from the Annexe building at the bottom of the school playground; **open on Mondays from 9.30am to 11.30am**, for all children aged 0–3 years old. Refreshments provided for children and adults. Contact Abington Pre-school on 01223 894 246

**Low Impact Aerobics – Fridays 9.30–10.30am at Abington Institute**

Suitable for 50+ or those returning to exercise. Aerobics, toning and stretching, exercises to raise your heart rate and tone your body; fun and friendly.

**Pilates – Fridays 10.45–11.45am at Abington Institute**

Pilates exercises will help to alleviate back pain, increase core strength, improve posture and flexibility.

Please book for five weeks for Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates. You can contact Disa Bennett on 07798 754 029 or [www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk](http://www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk)

**Abington Social Cycling** Three of us enjoyed a blustery ride along the new cycle path to Linton. It is a pity that the new one starts from the layby just before Dalehead Foods and the section before it is as bad as ever! Our next ride will be on Thursday 13 February starting from the Institute at 9.30am. Do try and make it. Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871

## Film Nights at Abington Institute

The Institute holds a Film Night on various dates through the year. Everyone is welcome. Look out for the poster in the Institute for details. To receive notification by email approximately two weeks before a screening join our mailing list at <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk/> or email an enquiry to [films@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:films@theabingtons.org.uk).

## Mobile Library

The next date will be Tuesday 25 February 2020, 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)

## Great Abington PTFA

First, a big Thank You to all members of the local community who continually support our school and our children. Your efforts mean so much and do make a difference.

### Upcoming events

**Your School Lottery Draws.** 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. Sign up online today at [www.yourschoolottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk). All community members are welcome to join and play. It is NOT limited to school parents/carers only.

### Great Abington Coin Challenge 2020

The children are collecting loose change from 13 January - 7 February to raise money to replace their wet play games and equipment. Please feel free to bring in to the school office any loose change you find at home. Donations welcome.

### Winter Disco – Friday 7 February 2020 5.30 to 7.15pm

Entry £2. We suggest no more than £1 pocket money for our tuck shop and glow-in-the-dark items.

### Class 4 Cake Sale – Thursday 5 March

This will be held at 3pm in the playground. Bring your sweet tooth and change.

## AALGA Quiz Night Friday 28 February 2020

The Abington Allotment and Leisure Gardeners' Association's (AALGA) annual Quiz Night will take place in the Abington Institute on Friday 28 February 2020. Doors open at 7pm for a prompt start at 7.15pm. A fish or sausage or veggieburger and chips supper will be served during the quiz, and there will also be a raffle on the night – proceeds to “Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis” (APF). You are invited to bring your own drinks.

The quiz is for teams/tables of eight people. Tickets, priced at £8.50 inclusive of supper, must be bought in advance and can be obtained from Richard and Gill Smith (email: [richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk](mailto:richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk) or tel: 01223 892 759 from the beginning of February.

Please form your teams with a team leader. Ideally the team leader should purchase the tickets for the team, but otherwise they must:

1. Ensure that each member of their team of eight has purchased a ticket
2. Find out the supper choices for their team
3. Contact Lindsey Rushmore ([la\\_r@btinternet.com](mailto:la_r@btinternet.com)) or 07484 118 188) by Friday 21 February at the latest to place your team's supper order – the default is fish & chips.

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Brian Hayden-Smith, Chair, AALGA

## New! Pasta making workshop at the Institute, 2 to 4pm on Saturday 29 February.

£20 per person. To book a place please contact Linda on 07986 126 876 or email [fazzicatering@gmail.com](mailto:fazzicatering@gmail.com)

**New Year, new you?** Don't forget: you can start, or keep up, your fitness regime with the outdoor gym equipment in our recreation ground.

**A thank you from GAPC** The Parish Council would like to thank those households who, in response to our written requests, have reduced the size/width of their hedges to improve space on the paths and roads. We look forward to seeing action from the other residents who have been contacted. We will be reminding them again in due course in case they have forgotten.

**Public Bins** South Cambs. District Council is switching from single use to dual use bins that allow dog waste to be put in them as well as litter.

Existing dog bins will continue to be used except where both litter and dog-poo bins stand next to each other. When dog-poo bins need to be replaced due to damage or age this will now be with a litter bin instead. Also if litter bins are next to a bus stop SCDC would not look to label these as dual use bins.

SCDC assures us the frequency of collection will stay the same and they believe that this change will give more opportunities for residents to dispose of litter and dog waste responsibly in the more rural parts of the district.

## 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/3976/19/FL 7A, Chalky Road, Demolish existing former piggery and construct 1 no. new dwelling & car parking. Recommended refusal.

S/3715/19/FL 33A Magna Close dormer extension amended. Parish Council recommended refusal.

S/4358/19/FL 44c North Road. New Dwelling. Parish Council recommended refusal.

### District Council decisions:

S/2505/19/FL - ARCC Innovations, Pampisford Road, Great Abington, CB21 6AH  
Expansion of the existing ARCC Campus facilities to create four studio pavilions providing shared work space for start-up companies, the relocation of the existing oak-frame storage barn, and the erection of a welfare and facilities pavilion, together with car parking, cycle provision, landscaping and associated infrastructure. Parish Council recommended refusal. District Council approved 18/12/19.

S/3699/19/FL - 45, North Road, Erection of a cart-shed to provide garaging and charging for two electric vehicles. Parish Council recommended approval. District Council approved 18/12/2019.

## 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 30 March 2020 at 7.15pm**

There will be opportunities at the start and close 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](mailto:harper802@btinternet.com) (892 000)

## Little Abington Parish Council

### Around the village

**Hedges and trees:** Please trim any hedges and trees along pavements and footpaths over the winter.

**Grit bins:** A reminder to notify the clerk ([clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk](mailto:clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk) or 07703 486562) if the grit levels are getting low.

**Litter-picking:** We have 20 sets of equipment to lend out to organised groups or individuals wishing to tidy up the village. Please contact the clerk (details above) if you're interested.

### Planning meeting on Monday 16 December

**Bancroft Farm, Church Lane, S/3921/19/FL:** Revised proposal for six dwellings and the change of use and conversion of two agricultural barns to office space. Recommended refusal on various grounds including undesirable layout, and site extends on to a Protected Village Amenity Area, and potential for dangerous parking.

### Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

**Next Meeting: Monday 24 February 2020 Parish Council at 7.15pm**

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

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

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

**Next meetings at 7.15pm at Abington Institute:**

Monday 24 February, Monday 23 March

### Greater Cambridge Local Plan: The First Conversation

The Cambridge Local Plan is a document that shapes our area's future. It covers the key themes of climate change, biodiversity, and green spaces, wellbeing and social inclusion. It will affect what kind of homes get built and where, where businesses can grow and how buildings, streets and spaces should be designed. As a result the Local Plan affects all of us – yet most people have never heard of it. We want to change that.

For the first time ever, Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are preparing a joint Local Plan for the Greater Cambridge area, and this time we want to do better than ever before at working with you to make it happen.

We will be starting a big conversation with the community in January, with many different ways to get involved, online and offline. Get in touch at [www.greatercambridgeplanning.org](http://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org)

Gareth Bell [gareth.bell@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:gareth.bell@scambs.gov.uk)



## The Abington Lunch

Thursday 27 February 2020



Fruit Juice

**Glazed Gammon with Cumberland Sauce  
New Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables**

**Lemon Cheesecake with Cream**

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 25 February. 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. Guests only by special arrangement. **Only £5.**

**Next lunch Thursday 26 March 2020**

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

Despite the stormy weather, we had a good turnout for our meeting and celebrated the coming of the New Year with fizz to suit all palates. This was followed by an illuminating talk: "Best Seat in the House" by Mark Lodziak on the history and development of toilet facilities. Although houses in the Indus Valley already had their own private toilet connected to a covered sewer network emptying into rivers or cesspits in 2350BC, it wasn't until 1848 that Edwin Chadwick introduced the Public Health Act for standardised sewage systems in towns in the UK. This greatly reduced squalor and the spread of cholera and typhoid. In the countryside septic tanks or night soil containers stored the sewage and in Sawston the urine collected each night was used in the tanning industry. In the 1990s sleek, water-efficient sanitary ware was allowed to be imported from Europe. Today our toilets are easy to clean with quick release, soft close seats and can have heating, LED lighting, music, hygienic glazes and even separate flushes for men and women – a far cry from the privy in the yard or chamber pot under the bed which many of us remember from our childhood.

**Next meeting: Monday 10 February – The Museum of Cambridge with John Flood.**

**New members and visitors are always welcome.**

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

### **Abington Gardening Club**

The next meeting is on Monday 3 February when Matthew Long will give a talk entitled 'Bulbs Galore, Spring Planting for Summer', and he may be bringing bulbs for sale. All welcome, visitors £3.

Kay Harman, Secretary Tel 891 730 email: [robandkayharman@gmail.com](mailto:robandkayharman@gmail.com)

### **Village News on the website**

To see the News before the printed copy is available and to see the pictures in colour, go to [www.theabingtons.org.uk/news](http://www.theabingtons.org.uk/news) and follow the link to the pdf for the month you want.

## Scrabble Club

The next meeting of the Scrabble Club will be at 7pm on Tuesday 25 February 2020 at the Institute.

Sheena Fraser

## Reading Group

11 February	<i>The Past is Myself</i> (& if keen its sequel) <i>The Road Ahead</i> Christabel Bielenberg	Lisa Pechey
10 March	<i>The Householder</i> Ruth Praver Jhabvala	Rachel Haining
14 April	<i>The Namesake</i> Jhumpa Lahiri	Liz Obstfeld

Please confirm your attendance in February to me.

Lisa Pechey

## Forget-Me-Not Club

The programme for February 2020 is as follows:

4 February: Please bring a treasured photograph that you would like to share and talk about at your table.

18 February: This week please bring a favourite book or two, or other reading material, to chat about.

We look forward to welcoming members and any new friends who would care to join us. Please contact me for any further information.

Jenny Milns (tel.890 252)

## Abington Walking Group

Our January walks are on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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](mailto:robandkayharman@gmail.com)

George Woodley on 07733 167 341 [georgewoodley@talktalk.net](mailto:georgewoodley@talktalk.net)

## Serenata Female Voices present 'Songs from the Movies' at 4pm on Saturday, 15 February in Holy Trinity Church, Balsham

Come and join us in celebrating the greatest songs from the movies. The programme spans the last 100 years of cinema, with fabulous songs from Blue Skies, Goldfinger, The Wizard of Oz, The Fellowship of the Ring, Carousel, Calamity Jane, The Sound of Music, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Mamma Mia, Avatar, Aladdin, The Thomas Crown Affair, and The Greatest Showman. Our Master of Ceremonies will guide you and inform you about how music and film have intertwined over the years as cinematic techniques have developed.

We will be serving afternoon tea with home baked cakes. Tickets £12.00 (£4.00 for under 18s) are available in advance by calling 01223 892 001, or visiting our website [www.serenatafemalevoices.co.uk](http://www.serenatafemalevoices.co.uk). There should also be tickets available on the door – but why leave it to chance?

## **Linton Village College**

The spring term is always a key turning point in the year. There are the obvious physical signs; the days are very slowly getting lighter and buds are beginning to appear. The spring term is also a key time for our Year 11s with a tangible shift in attitudes. Students have sat their mock exams and have now completed their post-16 applications. Students' focus is now very clearly on finishing their courses and starting revision. It can be a bewildering and confusing time. At times like this I am always impressed by the care and dedication of the teachers and support staff in working with the students. When I have conversations with staff about students at this time of year it is so clear that teaching is a vocation for them as well as a profession. The concern of the staff for the students is genuinely touching to witness.

Anticipating the future, as far as one can, is also crucial in preparing younger students for life after LVC. The College tries to start this process well in advance. In January over 130 Year 9s participated in the 'Eyes on the Prize' event at Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge where they explored post-16 education and career routes. This event, combined with the Year 9 core exams at the end of January, feeds into students and parents/carers discussing GCSE choices later in the term. It is interesting how the penny starts dropping for students that life after LVC is only a couple of years away.

On a lighter note, the College hosted a wonderful musical 'Jazz and Sparkle' get together on a mid-January, Saturday evening. The College main hall was packed as the audience enjoyed great performances by students, Linton Jazz and the Belles Choir. The final piece involved all the performers and provided a fantastic culmination to the night's events. All money raised went towards 'REACH' and the LVC Music Department. We are very grateful to the parents/carers for organising the event. It was another wonderful example of the Henry Morris ethos of the Village College being at the heart of the community.

Finally, I have received a few questions about my reference to Austria's favourite pensioner in the December newsletter. My apologies for any confusion, I was referring to Arnold Schwarzenegger and his famous 'I will be back' quote. I will endeavour to make my popular culture references less obscure and not quite so dated in the future!

Doug Brechin, Assistant Principal

## **Adult Community Learning at Linton Village College**

**We have a selection of workshops available on Saturday 14 March. All workshops cost £45.00 and run from 10am to 4pm, some have an additional materials cost.**

Upholstery - Re upholster a small item of furniture like a small chair or stool using the correct methods

Writing life stories- learn the skills required and various ways of tackling a project

Mother's Day vase & flowers in handmade felt- Make a beautiful picture

Functional maths & Excel- improve your skills

**Family workshop** – Hand tied posy for Mum Saturday morning 9.30am-12.30pm cost £10 per adult and £3 for children.

**To book a place please email [adult.education@lvc.org](mailto:adult.education@lvc.org) or phone 891 223 Ext 303/317 or visit our website [www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk](http://www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk)**

**We are pleased to announce new extended access services for our patients, including:-**

- ✓ Pre-bookable and online appointments from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday at various Granta sites
- ✓ Pre-bookable and online appointments on Saturdays at various Granta sites
- ✓ Pre-bookable telephone consultations on Sundays and Bank holidays.

Please speak to a member of our Reception team if you would like further information.

## **Are you registered for online access?**

Online services can help with the management of your health care requirements. You can book, amend and cancel appointments, request medication, and see your medical records, including test results. To register, download a form from our website

[www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk](http://www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk) or call in to one of our branches to pick up a SystemOnline Access application form.

Once you have registered for online access you can then also register for the **NHS App**.

With this app you can:-

- Check your symptoms
- Find out what to do if you need help urgently
- Register to be an organ donor
- Choose how the NHS uses your data

Further information about the NHS App can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/the-nhs-app/>.

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

## **Free Energy Audits for Businesses**

Small and medium sized businesses are invited to book a fully funded energy efficiency audit to help save money on energy bills. The audits will look at current energy usage, which is a very real and rising cost within businesses, and make recommendations on how to cut this usage. Just 30 free audits are available on a first-come-first-served basis and visits need to be undertaken **by the end of February**.

The free audits have been made possible through funding from the European Regional Development Fund. Businesses can sign up at [www.beecp.org/sign-up](http://www.beecp.org/sign-up) or telephone 01733 882 549 to check eligibility and for further information.

Catherine Boughton [cath@beecp.co.uk](mailto:cath@beecp.co.uk)

## **Repair Café, Saturday 28 March**

**Don't bin it if it can be fixed** is the principle of Repair Cafés, and the next opportunity for Abington residents to put this principle into practice will be on 28 March, when a Repair Café will be run at the Village Institute from 10am to 1pm.

These events aim to bring together experienced repairers with people who need things fixed. The Café is your opportunity to bring along something you own that has developed a fault or broken, to see whether a knowledgeable expert can bring it back into use by a simple repair. This way we can make a small contribution to conservation of the Earth's resources, and repairs are **free**.

The scope of the Café is planned to include electrical and mechanical devices and small domestic appliances, computers and electronic devices, jewellery, bikes, garden tools, pumps, and fabric items needing sewing repair.

The next issue of the *News* will give details of how to request an appointment with a volunteer repairer with suitable skills and tools to attempt a repair of your item.

Richard Smith

## Church Services for February 2020

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	10.30am	United Eucharist (4.00pm Evensong)	At Balsham	Malachi 3.1-5 Luke 2.22-40
6 <sup>th</sup> February		9.30am Communion		
9 <sup>th</sup> February	10.45am Communion		9.15am Communion	Isaiah 58.1-9a Matthew 5.13-20
16 <sup>th</sup> February		10.45am Morning Worship	4.00pm Café Church	Genesis 1.1-2.3 Matthew 6.25-end
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	8.00am Communion 9.00am Breakfast and Café Church		6.00pm Evensong	Exodus 24.12- end Matthew 17.1-9
26 <sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday			7.30pm Communion	Isaiah 58.1-12 John 8.1-11

### Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Patsy Randall &	Charlotte Adams &	Kirsten Newble
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Anne Hall	Fiona Snell	Kirsten Newble
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Patsy Randall &	Helen Rogers &	Helen Humphrys
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Anne Hall	Sally Turnidge	Helen Humphrys

### Churchwardens

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

### Assistant Church Wardens

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

### Parish Nurse

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