



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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**Spring lambs at Hildersham, April 2020
New life, new hope**

Letter from the Editor

Prevention of the spread of the unseen but potentially deadly Covid-19 virus has placed us in lockdown, imposed social distancing and completely disrupted normal life. But the community has come together in providing care and support to those most affected by the lockdown. We have cleaner air and without traffic we hear the birds more clearly. New lambs and the arrival of more spring flowers like these bluebells give us hope of better times ahead.



Meanwhile we give thanks to all those volunteers in Love Abington and in Hildersham who are working hard to support all our residents and especially those in self-isolation and living alone. The Village Stores has a social distancing queuing system, a one-way route round the shop and offers an on-line ordering and delivery service which is proving invaluable (see page 11).

Love Abington has compiled a directory of local suppliers of food and many other commodities and has supplied details of the current arrangements for ordering and collecting prescriptions (pages 8, 9).

Thanks are due to our three parish councils who are currently paying for the printing of this village *News*. Many of the people who do doorstep deliveries of the *News* are aged over 70 and in lockdown so it was superb that Love Abington volunteers stepped in and took over the deliveries. The *News* is on the village website but not everyone has access to the internet so it is important to maintain a printed copy for easy reference. Please note that there is a regularly updated and useful 'news' page on the village website about coronavirus in the Abingtons. Set up by Peter Brunning and Love Abington this can be accessed at www.theabingtons.org.uk/news/2020/03/coronavirus-in-abington .

Page 14 of this issue of the *News* lists the clubs and classes which are now cancelled and likely to be so until at least the end of June. Page 14 also shows that Zoom is enabling the Parish Councils and Reading Group to keep going during lockdown.

The churches are closed but there is a 7churches newsletter which enables parishioners to share services and music over the internet (page 4, 5, 16).

Friday 8 May is the time to mark VE Day, the end of the Second World War in Europe. We are asked to come out and share two minutes of silence at 3pm, followed by drinking a toast, and then applause (page 6). Think of WWII hero Captain Tom and his fundraising of over £25m for the NHS Charities. There is much to remember with thanks.

Oil orders can be placed in the first week of May (see page 13).

Keep safe and well.

Valerie Silvey

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Articles for the June 2020 edition of *the Abingtons and Hildersham News* should be sent to the editor no later than Friday 15 May 2020 at news@theabingtons.org.uk. Photos welcome.

From the Seven Churches

Over the last month many images of rainbows have appeared. This trend was reportedly started online and then adopted by a nurse in this country who wanted to create a sign of hope for patients and staff in hospitals. Now you can see them on windows, doors and walls; signs of hope for all of us as well as signs of support for our NHS and key workers. This sense of solidarity and hope may also be experienced during the Thursday evening 'clap for our carers'. It feels very moving to hear this tribute for all those caring for others as the applause ripples through our villages, and to know this is being replicated throughout the country.

These rainbows remind us that hope and a deeper connection with one another are things we always long for. They also resonate with the hope proclaimed by the Christian faith. As we celebrated an Easter time like no other last month, it gave us an opportunity to reflect deeply on the good news affirmed at Easter and throughout the year; that in the risen Christ God is with us and through him we are offered new life. This good news tells us that faith, hope and love may be tangible realities in our lives, whatever the challenges which lie ahead.



Photo shows an Easter Garden of Hope

During this lockdown we may feel that life will never be the same again. Yet in this, despite all of our difficulties, there may be things to welcome. For example, we are seeing a flourishing of community in each of our villages; a steadfast determination to support and care for each other; to see the best in one another. So much which we hope will continue the other side of the lockdown, whenever that may be. Let us therefore continue to support networks offering help in our villages; to phone people who may feel isolated; to keep in touch with family and neighbours; to pray for one another. If we do this, the signs of hope and solidarity will continue to flourish and point us towards new life.

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Claire Gillett, Parish Nurse is working from home, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 4.30pm. If you have any health concerns she will be happy to advise you. Please contact her directly on 0749 899 4205. or email 7churches.parishnurse@gmail.com. This is not an emergency service.

PEW NEWS:

Over the last few weeks our Church Team have put together a variety of different ways to access church in this time of not gathering together. I know, for many who would usually go to a church service, this may be a particularly difficult time. We are currently streaming two services a week online via Zoom or Facebook; Evening Prayer (Compline) on Thursdays at 9pm, and a service at 10am each Sunday, Time for Prayer. Details of how to access these services are sent out in the twice weekly church newsletter which you can receive by contacting: 7churches.seven@gmail.com. Also see page 16.

Jeanine Kennedy, Lay Pioneer Minister

LOVE ABINGTON

Love Abington has grown from a Church initiative inspired by a group of young people who, way back in mid-January, wanted to ensure that everyone in our villages knows that they are loved. It is currently focusing on providing a platform for a community group of volunteers to support and give love to the villages of Great and Little Abington during the COVID19 outbreak. Love Abington is recognised by local statutory bodies, and is supported by our local Church, Parish Councils, village shop and our local Pub the Three Tuns.

If you are feeling isolated and anxious during lockdown help is available. If you need assistance with collecting food or prescriptions, we are here to help. You do not need to feel alone at this time. We have a team who would be happy to stay in touch with you by telephone and check in with you as often as you want. We are also able to help you with a variety of practical things. You may need help arranging for your shopping to be delivered or help accessing your prescriptions. Love Abington can help you.

We realise that this is also a really demanding time for young families who are home schooling, providing play activities for their toddlers whilst trying to work at home. You may also have enormous financial concerns. Love Abington can help people across all generations with a variety of needs. Please do get in touch if you'd like to talk about how we might walk this walk at this extraordinary time together.

We also have a great team of Street Co-ordinators to ensure that each street has a point of contact for assistance where needed. These people will have already put their details through your door to make contact with you. If you have not heard from your Street Co-ordinator or have mislaid their details please call Love Abington on: 01223 893 838 or email loveabington@gmail.com and you will be directed to your Street Co-ordinator. The Street Co-ordinators and Love Abington Team meet weekly to discuss the evolving situation and how, as a community, we need to react to ensure we are all supported where needed.

We want to say a **huge thank you** to everyone who has supported Love Abington and especially to our team of volunteers. We live in a beautiful village with a big heart and over the coming months let's keep looking out for our neighbours. Please be especially mindful of those people who are less visible and perhaps not active on social media. Thank you also to everyone who has donated to our Food Bank collection. We have been able to make two large donations to our local foodbanks and have delivered food parcels to families in need largely thanks to your generosity.

If you are in need of a food parcel you can contact Love Abington or Haverhill Foodbank directly on 01440 712950

THANK YOU, ABINGTON.

Do get in touch with Jeanine: (01223) 893 838

TUK TUK LOCKDOWN BEATS.

James and Emily of Little Abington have been performing a vital service in the form of keeping people's spirits up! Each Saturday evening from 6pm they play songs requested by villages on the 'Abington Village Community Group' on Facebook. They then play the songs and give 'shout outs' for Birthdays and special celebrations, all whilst enjoying a drink at the same time.

To join in and send your song request/shout out, send them via the Abington Facebook Group under that week's TukTuk post.

VE Day Celebration

Sadly our community 'VE Day Celebration Weekend' is inevitably cancelled due to the Coronavirus. However, we are sure you will agree that we still need to recognise this day and reflect on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people from all walks of life who saw us through this dark and terrifying wartime period.

Eight men from the Abingtons lost their lives, some of whom still have descendants in our village today. They are,

Little Abington; Victor Alcott R.N. Frank Lane R.A.F. and Alfred Mingay R.A.C.S.,

Great Abington; Ellicott Alfred Hunter Chapple R.A.F. Cyril Everson RN John Brian Stacey Passmore R.A.F Robert Agar Hunt 1st Cambs and Arnold Charles Twichett R.A.F.

Memorial plaques in both churches and their gravestones in Little Abington Churchyard are a constant thankful reminder of these brave men.

Friday 8 May has been designated by the government as a Bank Holiday and the official day on which we will remember, at 3pm, those who served in WWII.

The VE Day celebration committee, who have worked since last October organising a fun day of various activities, now invite the community to join together in a 'Social Distance Act of Remembrance and Thankfulness' on this day. We suggest that you decorate your house with a Union Jack flag or bunting and maybe 'dig out' those Christmas lights (as we know some of you already have, bringing light into this dark time). Standing at your door, gate or window, observe two minutes silence at 3pm followed by raising a glass of your favourite tippie to toast the heroes of WWII, finalising with our now traditional clap of appreciation at 3.10pm.

We hope our active and caring community are all able and willing to take part in this gesture showing our grateful thanks to all who served in WWII and maybe allowing us to reflect somewhat on the current difficult time too.

Thank you – Stay Safe – Anne, Charlotte, Tasha, Mary, Carol and Delia

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE POLICE -Protect your children online

POLICE are urging parents and carers to have conversations about internet safety with their children to protect them from online abuse and grooming.

Officers are concerned that with children spending more time at home their use of the internet may increase and with it the dangers of falling victim to abuse. Child protection is a priority for Cambridgeshire Constabulary and officers in dedicated teams are working hard to protect young people from abuse. Detective Chief Inspector Andrea Warren said: "The internet can be a great place for information, entertainment and learning, particularly when children are not at school. However, unfortunately there are people actively looking to use it to exploit children.

"We need parents and carers to take an interest in what their children are doing online and have important conversations about what is safe and appropriate.

"A key question to ask yourself is; do I know the person my child is communicating with? If not, then this could be cause for concern and act as a warning sign.

"There are some fantastic resources available from the NSPCC and other organisations to help you have these conversations and get more information about staying safe online.

"Our officers are working tirelessly to protect children in the county and bring those to justice who try to exploit them." For more information on internet safety visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk or the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk. To reported suspected incidents of grooming or exploitation call 101 or visit www.cambs.police.uk/report. In an emergency always dial 999.

County and District Council report

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

Councillor's Report – April 2020

We hope that you and your families are all keeping safe at this difficult time. There is only one subject and that is how we are all working to prevent the spread of Covid-19. We know about all the good work going on in the villages to support the vulnerable and elderly. Well done everyone, keep up the good work.

South Cambs. District Council

You will have been bombarded with advice from all quarters, we certainly have. Do please work with the SCDC Patch Manager, Sarah Grove, who is coordinating the effort in our area. Her contact is: duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk and, of course, we are available to help where ever we can. If emailing Sarah, please put 'Patch 1' into the subject line, so that it gets to the right person faster. Information is also available at - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus/>

Cambridgeshire County Council

The County Council has a 'hub' online where information regarding volunteers can be accessed - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/covid-19-coordination-hub-your-community-needs-you> - also a simple online search should find you the correct webpage. This is a hub for links to volunteer support as well as help/advice for businesses.

A few practical points about carrying on the work of your parish councils:

Remote Working and Voting

At the time of writing, 1 April, the situation was that the act that went through parliament gave the government the power to change the rules to allow meetings to be held remotely and to have the ability to vote without having to have a quorum of people physically in a room. The government has not yet actioned these powers, so the situation has not changed. We are being told that new rules will come into force 'any day now'. We will just have to wait until that happens.

At the District Council we are unable to hold meetings or make decisions until these new rules come in.

Planning

As of now the District Council cannot hold Planning Committee meetings or process requests from Parishes or Members asking for applications to go to committee. There is a growing backlog of applications that will have to wait until we have the legal framework in place to deal with them

However, the planning process is still working. Planning Officers are taking decisions where the delegation rules allow. Which are most applications.

Parish Councils should continue to process planning applications that come to them. This can be done remotely as you are being consulted and asked for your recommendation. The decision maker is the District Council so the issue over the voting rules, in this case, does not apply to the Parish Council. However, there may be variations on this depending on your own Standing Orders. NALC is a good source for further guidance: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Henry and John Batchelor

Local and on-line food and general supplies Directory

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| MIXED PRODUCE | | |
| Old Red Lion | 01223 892909 | www.theoldredlion.co.uk |
| Flourish Veg box | 07738 239701 | www.flourishproduce.co.uk |
| Tom's Vegetable Stand | 07901 834804 | www.tomsfruit.co.uk |
| Cheveley fruit and veg | 07947 755141 | www.cheveleyfruitandveg.co.uk |
| Kale & Damson | 01223 632111 | www.kaleanddamson.co.uk |
| Dog and Duck | 01223 890349 | www.dogandduck-linton.co.uk |
| Wild Flour Kitchen | 01223 891691 | www.thewildflourkitchen.co.uk |
| The Christmas Tree Firm | 07772 192461 | www.thechristmastreefirm.co.uk |
| Farm Shop, the Old Granary | 07927 529562 | www.farmshoplinton.com |
| Old Butcher's Café | 01223 892673 | www.theoldbutchersbalsham.co.uk |
| BAKERIES | | |
| Boswell Bakery | 01223 890108 | www.boswellandson.co.uk |
| Jigsaw Bakery | 01223 890113 | www.jigsawbakery.co.uk |
| Brown Bread Online | 01277 354396 | www.brownbreadonline.co.uk |
| Dorringtons | 01223 834050 | High Street, Sawston |
| BUTCHERS | | |
| Burton's Butchers | 01799 520385 | www.burtonsbutchers.com |
| B Searles Butcher | 01223 833223 | High Street, Sawston |
| FRUIT AND VEG | | |
| Wild Country Organics | | www.wildco.co.uk |
| Cambridge Fruit Co | 01223 425308 | www.cambridgefruitcompany.com |
| Cambridge Asparagus | 07599 274202 | www.cambridgeasparagus.com |
| The Kitsch Hen | 07971 070829 | www.kitschencatering.co.uk |
| Norfolk Chefs Fayre | 01603 789842 07903 966926 | |
| Mary's Greengrocer | 01223 576790 | High Street, Sawston |
| ALCOHOL | | |
| Case Solved Wines | 07971 610890 | www.casesolvedwines.co.uk |
| Wylde Sky Brewing | 01223 778350 | www.wyldeskybrewing.com |
| Saffron Grange | 01799 516597 | www.saffrongrange.com |
| TAKE AWAY FOOD | | |
| The Crown Inn | 01223 891759 | www.crownatlinton.co.uk |
| LOL's Pizza | 07583 187560 | lolspizzas@gmail.com |
| The Three Tuns | 01223 891467 | www.thethreetuns-greatabington.co.uk |
| Three Horseshoes Pub | 01223 503402 | www.threehorseshoes-pub.com |
| LOCAL FOOD SHOPS | | |
| Nisa Abington Stores | 01223 891271 | See page 9 |
| Sweet Talk News, Linton | 01223 893480 | www.sweettalkonline.com |
| Spar, Sawston | 01223 832202 | www.spar.co.uk |
| OTHER | | |
| Hadleigh Maid Chocolates | 01473 828996 | www.hadleighmaid.com |
| Borakis Greek Food | 01223 290925 | www.borakisgreekfood.co.uk |

| HARDWARE, GARDENING & DIY | | |
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| Merlin Mica Hardware | 01223 833004 | www.merlinmichardware.co.uk |
| The Country Store | 01223 837977 | www.thecountrystore.co.uk |
| Hardy Plants online | 01440 785082 | www.hardyplantsonline.co.uk |
| A10 Timber | 01279 842016 | www.a10timber.co.uk |
| Wimbish Garden Centre | 01799 522871 | www.wimbishnurseryandgardencentre.co.uk |
| Thompson and Morgan | 0333 4000033 | www.thompson-morgan.com |
| Wilko | 0333 005 2184 | www.stores.wilko.com/gb/cambridge |
| Harvey & Son | 07800 948145 | Harveyandson1930@gmail.com |

More details of the Local Directory can be found on the village website.

Support for the NHS –in Magna Close (Left) and Church Close (Right)



Prescription orders and collection

Whilst we are living with the new restrictions on movement the service for collecting prescriptions has changed.

- We want to make sure that your medicines are looked after safely and securely and that information about you is kept private. The new process will help to keep you safe by reducing pressure on the shop and maintaining social distancing.
- **If your medicines are usually delivered to the shop they will now be available from the Abington Institute (in the High Street, next to the school) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons between 3.30 and 4.30pm.**
- If you don't usually collect them yourself please make sure the person who usually collects for you knows about this. If you are self-isolating a friend or neighbour might be able to help or ask your Street Coordinator for assistance. If someone is collecting on your behalf they will need to confirm that you have asked them to do it and they must know your full name and address.
- If prescriptions are usually collected from the practices in Linton or Sawston they will be able to deliver to the village but it takes a few days to arrange. Please e-mail Genevieve Dalton gdalton365@gmail.com or phone 07703 486 562 to request it. You will be able to leave a voicemail if there is no answer. **DO NOT USE FACEBOOK OR WHATSAPP FOR THIS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.** We need to know your full name, date of birth and address.
- **Please note.** The doctors' surgeries are very busy at the moment so it is a good idea to order any repeat prescriptions in good time. If you are aged over 70 you can telephone your order if you do not already order online.
- We know this will cause some inconvenience. Services will go back to normal as soon as it is possible.

Parish Council Activities during Lockdown

Although we are not permitted to break Government advice on social distancing, new Coronavirus Regulations that came into force on 4 April permit the holding of remote meetings. Parish Council life is therefore continuing remotely via Zoom meetings which will be advertised three days in advance on the Parish Council noticeboard and via the village website. Anyone wishing to put questions to the Parish Council should pass them to the Clerk at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting. Anyone wishing to observe the meeting should contact the Clerk at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting and they will be provided with a link to observe via the internet.

Council Vacancies

The council has two vacancies for Parish Councillors which we will be recruiting for at the end of April, once we have received confirmation from the District Council that we can co-opt for these positions. Those who come forward with a view to joining the Parish Council will be asked to make a brief presentation to a Parish Council meeting telling councillors who they are and what they have to offer to the Parish Council and the community. Anyone wishing to find out more about the role of a Parish Councillor can contact the Clerk or an existing councillor to find out more or look at the Good Councillor Guide : <https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/highlighting-political-leadership/councillors-guide> You may also discuss the role with the Parish Clerk Paula Harper or any of the remaining councillors: Bernie Talbot, Tony Orgee, Emma Pery, Louise Patten and Jane Bowen (contact details on the inside front cover of this *Abingtons and Hildersham News*).

Speed limit change on Linton Road

Cambridgeshire County Council is proposing to extend the 30mph Speed Limit on Linton Road in a south-easterly direction for 30m. Further details of the proposals, including a plan, may be examined at <http://bit.ly/cambridgeshiretro> . Objections to the proposal, together with the grounds on which they are made or any additional comments, must be sent in writing or by email to policyandregulation@cambridgeshire.gov.uk by 30 April 2020 quoting reference PR0630. Comments received will be used as part of their consultation process and may be published, but will be anonymised, in any reports.

Three cheers for Lockdown heroes

The Parish Council thanks everyone helping to keep the community safe by observing social distancing. In particular three cheers from the whole village to tireless Mak, Bhadrিকা and team keeping us supplied with essentials, and to those giving their time to the Love Abington group.

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/4483//19/OL>, 48 North Road – Outline permission with all matters reserved for a new dwelling. Recommendation: 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: These are arranged as required when applications are received. See notice board for dates or contact the Parish Clerk.

Next Parish Council meeting & AGM: Monday 18 May 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 (892 000)

Abington Post Office and Stores

Opening hours:

Monday to Sunday: 9am – 10am Open only for elderly and vulnerable customers

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday:
10.00am – 6.30pm

Wednesday and Sunday: 10.00am to 2.00pm

The Post Office is open daily 10.00am to 2.00pm

Abington Stores now offers an online ordering system with delivery and click & collect services. Please use the following Google form to place your order: <https://forms/g/e/7xdJnnfvJleSW9P1A>

Or email loveabington@gmail.com if you would like the Google form emailed to you.

For further assistance on ordering food from the Abington Stores, please call your Street Coordinator or the Love Abington helpline 01223 893 838

A Food Bank collection point is just outside the Stores (see photo). A list of items particularly needed for the Food Bank is posted nearby.



Hildersham Parish Council

Hello from Hildersham Parish Council. There is a prescription collection service for Hildersham residents. Please contact Mark Logan (891 897) or Billie Chapman (894 680) if you require this service.

Abington Stores have been incredibly supportive to the Hildersham Community and will happily gather together an order for those who are unable to get to the shop and there is a Hildersham team who will collect and deliver this order.

The Easter Bunny visited all houses in Hildersham leaving an Easter egg and a beautiful Easter Card. A big 'Thank you' to the bunnies and to the children of Hildersham Children's Church Council who spent a long time designing and drawing the cards.

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council was to be the AGM and Parish meetings on 12 May, but it is likely that this will be an electronic meeting (Zoom), to keep everyone safe. So there is unlikely to be a meeting the public can attend. (Parish Clerk: details on page 2)

Little Abington Parish Council

Around the village

Litter picking: Our event scheduled for 4 April was cancelled but we are now considering taking part in the national event 'The Great British Spring Clean', organised by Keep Britain Tidy. It has been rescheduled for 17 to 27 September and exact details will be available closer to the time. In the meantime, thanks to all the residents who have been clearing up other people's rubbish and litter-picking.

Bonfires: The advice from South Cambs. DC is not to have bonfires as it is anti-social at this time of year.

Agritech: An appeal from developers SmithsonHill to overturn the rejection of its plans for the large agritech park and innovation hub near Hinnton has been dismissed. The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government cited the negative impact on the landscape and the loss of farmland as key reasons.

Meeting on Monday 23 March (held via Zoom)

We agreed to contribute towards the cost of printing fliers for the Love Abington project and our vice-chair Isobel Smith volunteered to be the LAPC representative.

Planning applications

Worsted Lodge Waste & Minerals Waste Site (S/0250/17/CW): Extension to existing waste transfer facility to include concrete roadways, concrete pads, a wash facility, ancillary landscaping together with revised screen bunding, workshop building (retrospective) and HGV parking area (retrospective). Unanimously agreed.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next Meeting: Tuesday 26 May 2020 Parish Council at 7.30pm

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

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

Next scheduled meeting date: Monday 22 June 2020

Updates on arrangements, meeting agendas and papers are published on the Parish Council noticeboard and the Abingtons website: www.theabingtons.org.uk

Bins on the Recreation Ground

It would be much appreciated by the volunteers who empty the bins if people could make our life a little easier in these difficult times by:

- ensuring that dog waste is placed in the red bins designed for this, as they are emptied by a contractor

- taking as much home as possible, noting that government guidelines do not allow gatherings in public places. It's noticeable that a considerable number of drinks, including alcohol, seem to be consumed on the Rec. it would be very good to take bottles and cans home to recycle.

Abington Recreation Ground Committee

Note that the play area and outdoor gym on the Recreation ground are closed.

Abington and Hildersham Women's Institute

Due to Government regulations our WI is unable to meet at the moment but as soon as it is safe to do so and restrictions are lifted, we will be gathering together again for convivial chat, entertainment and refreshments. We are aware that several new residents have arrived in the Abingtons and Hildersham recently and warmly invite the ladies to come and join us. Below is our provisional programme which should prove interesting, instructional and fun! Meetings usually take place in the Abington Institute on Mondays at 7.30pm.

- 13 July Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy with Elaine McGregor
- 10 August Summer Outing - Visit to Beth Chatto Gardens
- 14 September Better health through better hearing with Trevor Chapman
- 12 October My amazing aunt, Cicely Saunders, & the modern hospice movement with Kate Kirk
- 11 November Members' Evening - special entertainment & refreshments
- 14 December Christmas Party - to be held at Gog Magog Golf Club
- 11 January 2021 History & Trivia of Fish & Chips & Sea shanties with Andy Malcolm
+ FISH & CHIP SUPPER
- 10 February Labyrinths & Mazes with Dr. Julie Bounford
- 9 March Annual General Meeting + RECOUP Recycling

We look forward to seeing you all again soon. In the meantime we wish you well and please keep safe.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Reading Group

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| 12 May | <i>Girl, Woman, Other</i> Bernadine Evaristo | Bev Dennis |
| 9 June | <i>Celestine: Voices from a French Village</i> Gillian Tindall | Jennifer Hirsh |
| 14 July | <i>The Sentence is Death</i> Anthony Horowitz | Valerie Hefford |

Please email comments on May's book or share by Zoom on 12 May.

Lisa Pechey

Community Oil Order

Rod will take orders for heating oil from 1 to 7 May with orders delivered 7 to 10 days later. Please provide Rod with the quantity of oil you require, your name, address, post code and telephone number. Contact rodwillcox@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07767 686 351.

Dr Timothy Grout would like to thank all the kind and generous people of the Abingtons and Hildersham who sponsored him for the Cambridge Science Park Fun Run on Wednesday 11 December 2019. It was in aid of the BBC Children in Need, East Anglian Children's Hospices and Comic Sport Relief Charities.

DIARY for May – The Abington Institute is closed for the whole of May and is likely to be closed after that. All scheduled classes and activities in the Institute are cancelled. See below.

Institute bookings: contact preferably by email: institute@theabingtons.org.uk or phone 01223 790 711

Contacts for Café Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871 or gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com and Gill Smith 892 759 or richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk

* The following Parish Council Meetings will be video conferences and the Reading Group also uses Zoom for its discussion of the book of the month.

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| Tue | 12 | Hildersham Parish Council – Village Hall | 7.30pm | 11 |
| | | Reading Group * | 8.00pm | 13 |
| Mon | 18 | Great Abington Parish Council & AGM * | 7.15pm | 11 |
| Tue | 26 | Little Abington Parish Council * | 7.30pm | 12 |

Wheelie bin dates for May 2020 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

| Mon 4 | Tue 12 | Mon 18 | Mon 25 |
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| Green?/Blue | Black | Green?/Blue | Black |

Note that green bin collections have been suspended.. The SCDC will decide during the week beginning 27 April when to restart green bin emptying and may do so from 4 May. Food waste can go in the black bins for the time being.

Cancelled diary events

It is likely that all these events will be cancelled until at least the end of June.

- Monday
 - Baby & Toddler Group
 - Physiopilates
 - Social cycling
 - French Conversation
 - Abingtons & Hildersham WI (see page 13)
 - Gardening Club
- Tuesday
 - Art Group
 - Forget-Me-Not Club
 - Community Hub
 - Scrabble
 - Table Tennis
- Wednesday
 - Dynamic Dance Class
 - Yoga
- Thursday
 - Abington Lunch cancelled until further notice
- Friday
 - Film Night – next possibly in September
 - Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates
- Thursday & Saturday
 - Walking Group cancelled May and June
- Saturday
 - Scrapbooking
 - Naturewatch Members' meeting and visits

Jeremiah's Café – Will be closed in May and June.

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. For up-to-date news on the local impact of the coronavirus look for

www.theabingtons.org.uk/news/2020/03/coronavirus-in-abington

Church Services for May 2020

| DATE | Gt. Abington  | Lt. Abington  | Hildersham  | Readings <i>Which you may care to read at home.</i> |
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| May 3rd | CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE | | | Acts 2.42-end John 10.1-10 |
| May 10th | <p>As a consequence of the Covid 19 pandemic all normal services in our churches are suspended indefinitely. We do however invite you to join together with us in your own homes between 10.00 and 10.30 am on Sundays for a "Time of Prayer" and on Thursday at 9.00 pm for Compline when, although not in Church, we can all be together in spirit. If desired you can join these services online – see page 4 and the 7churches newsletter for details.</p> <p>If you would like more information or a newsletter please contact Caroline Walshe – Church Administrator 7churches.seven@gmail.com 01223 891 443</p> | | | Acts 7.55-end John 14.1-14 |
| May 17 th | | | | Acts 17.22-31 John 14.15-21 |
| May 21 st Ascension Day | | | | Acts 1.1-11 Luke 24.44-end |
| May 24th | | | | Acts 1.6-14 John 17.1-11 |
| May 30 th Pentecost | | | | Acts 2.1-21 John 20.19-23 |

Church Flower Rota

| | Great Abington | Little Abington | Hildersham |
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| | No flowers or cleaning while churches are closed. | | |
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Churchwardens

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

Assistant Churchwardens

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|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 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 (see page 4)

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| 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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