



# The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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*Photo by Andy Merryweather*

**In a good year for butterflies  
Red Admiral, Great Abington, July 2020**

## Letter from the Editor

Three cheers for the children of Great Abington Primary School who, already concerned about plastic waste and the harm it does to the environment, conducted a thorough village litter pick (page 7). Well done, too, the Children's Church Council in Hildersham which has organised a range of creative and community-friendly activities (page 10).

Congratulations to Jeanine Kennedy whose calling as a priest and pioneer in the Church of England has been confirmed. She will begin training at Westcott House, Cambridge in September while continuing to serve our villages (pages 4, 13).

Our churches will all hold services out-of-doors with congregations for the first time in August; at 4pm on 16, 23, and 30 for, respectively, Great Abington, Hildersham and Little Abington (pages 4, 5, 10, 20).

Easing of lockdown restrictions has also enabled The Three Tuns to open its doors and meant a resumption of cricket matches. We can now go shopping but with continuing care to maintain safe distances from others and wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces. These measures and the habits of washing hands frequently and using hand sanitisers, may result in improved health-promoting habits that safeguard us from more than Covid-19. Certain it is that the virus is still with us and demands continual vigilance and care if it is to be eradicated.

Reports from our councils cover the ongoing local road works, the exciting possibility of e-bikes to try out, and the continuing sources of volunteer help available to residents, especially those self-isolating. Love Abington offers a welcome range of support services, including library and telephone contacts of great value (pages 6, 7, 10, 13). See below for the new Cambridgeshire library service.

Keep safe and well.

Valerie Silvey

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## Cambridgeshire Libraries

Cambridgeshire Libraries can now accept new referrals to the Revised Library@Home Service. This service is open to Cambridgeshire Residents who fit set criteria: -

**The service is for anyone who usually relies heavily on reading books or listening to audiobooks AND who is housebound, shielding or isolating due to age or health conditions under the current COVID-19 Government guidelines.**

People accepted for this service will be contacted by a member of the Library@Home Team who will arrange a doorstep delivery of specially chosen books/audiobooks. Deliveries will be monthly (by prior arrangement) and previously loaned books/audiobooks will be picked up when new ones are delivered.

**To enquire about the Revised Library@Home Service you can contact us:**

**By email - [volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)**

**By phone – 07442 022 926 or 07342 700308**

**A member of Library@Home team will respond to the referral.**

## From the Seven Churches

They don't happen often, do they, those Kairos\* moments? Those turning points in your life. Those defining moments when you know inside your heart that everything has changed. Recently I have experienced one of those moments. I received confirmation that after years of interviews and assessments, my calling as a priest and pioneer in the Church of England has been confirmed. In the autumn, I will begin training at Westcott House Theological College in Cambridge, alongside continuing to serve in our wonderful villages.

Rev Simon Talbot, our area Dean, explained that I am the first Pioneer to be training and working in the area. I will also be the first Pioneer to study at Westcott. Pioneers model their calling on the life of Jesus who came not as a revolutionary to cast aside all that came before but rather, as a pioneer called to breathe new life into the world. As we all assess what the easing of lockdown might look like for ourselves and our loved ones, we encounter an important life-changing choice. Do we return to all that we have known before or do we consider how we pioneer a new way of being? Each and everyone of us faces a potential Kairos moment as we reflect on what the easing of lockdown means for us as individuals, as families, as villages, as a nation and a world.

One of the many interview questions put to me focused on what makes me vulnerable. I replied that vulnerability is a strength which is often underrated. As I write this article to you today, I reflected on the beautiful encounters we have all had with each other in our communities. These encounters have often come about through showing our vulnerability to one another, by asking for help, sharing our fears or offering our services. This has facilitated the coming together of our communities in a new way, and in a way that many have said they would like to see continuing into the post-pandemic world. I am reminded of this passage from Hebrews 2, 1-3. Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus who both began and finished this race we're in.

Finally, and importantly, I'm thrilled to be able to tell you that in August we will be able to come together in two outdoor short services at Great Abington on the 16<sup>th</sup> and Little Abington on the 30<sup>th</sup>, both at 4pm. It will be a time when we can be together in accordance with the current health and safety guidelines. I will be leading on the 16<sup>th</sup> so I hope to see you then – see Pew News.

Jeanine Kennedy – Pioneer Minister for the Granta Vale churches

Note from Ed.: Kairos - a propitious moment for decision or action (chiefly theology)

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## News from the Pews

A new directive from the government informs us that we are now able to hold church services. However, at a recent PCC meeting, it was decided that we would not go ahead with services in our churches at present but rather, initially, hold short 20 minute services **outside in our delightful churchyards**. These will be at 4pm on 16 August at Great Abington and on 30 August at Little Abington. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us all to worship together once again albeit keeping social distance and in accordance with the guidelines given by the Church of England. Plastic chairs will be available but please do bring your own chairs if you wish.

Our churches remain open daily for private prayers where everyone is welcome along with a Zoom church service every Sunday morning at 10am. We particularly look forward to welcoming members to our churches from the new estates, Larkfield and Moorefield in Great Abington, as they settle into their new homes.

Anne Hall

## Howard Davies

It is with sadness that we report the death on 15 July of Howard Davies of Little Abington. Howard was for several years a churchwarden and a key member of the small project team that had the kitchenette and toilet extension built at Great Abington church in 2016. His eye for detail and his commitment to achieving the best quality outcome was legendary. It was therefore all the more sad that he was struck down with Parkinson's disease which he so bravely endured. With huge support from his wife, Judy, he continued to attend church until the Covid-19 restrictions ceased services. His funeral service is planned for 4 August (limited attendance), and a full obituary will appear in the September *A & H News*.

Tony Collett

## **GRANTA** Medical Practices

**Coronavirus update** We continue to work hard to keep our patients as safe as possible, along with our staff and the community by managing the majority of medical care remotely. This way of working has proved very successful and is reflected in the very low number of Covid-related illnesses recorded in our area.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel unwell – we are here to help. You can contact us by telephone on 0300 234 5555, or via our non-urgent email address, [capccg.covid19.gmp@nhs.net](mailto:capccg.covid19.gmp@nhs.net) . These services are available 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday. When emailing please remember to include your full name and date of birth.

Access to any Granta site continues to be by invitation only, following a prior telephone assessment and only when the clinician feels that it is essential to see you in person. You will be asked to wear, and will be provided with, a mask when entering any of our buildings.

**'Flu vaccinations** We are currently planning our 2020 flu clinics. In the face of coronavirus it is more important than ever to have your flu vaccination if you are eligible.

Having your flu jab done at your GP surgery is quick and convenient - you will be given a time slot so you can arrange your day, and your medical records are available to the nurses / doctors which means no form filling for you.

We will publicise the flu clinic dates as soon as they have been confirmed.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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

## County and District Council report

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

**A1307 Update** Work due to start in July will include a new crossing and upgrade of the roundabout at Babraham as well as alteration to the exit from Babraham High Street on to the A1307. This will include the closing of right turn facility. This is a big job and is likely to continue through to the autumn. Also starting work this month will be alterations to the dual carriageway in preparation for installing average speed cameras and improvements to the Dean Road crossing.

There will be a workshop on the 21 July to discuss the outstanding work on the Wandlebury to Addenbrooke's section. There is a review ongoing looking at new options for the Hildersham crossing. The original proposal was for a three-way traffic lights system, but modelling is showing that traffic flows would be badly affected at busy times, so this, coupled with difficulties over land acquisition, has led to a rethink.

We should be consulted on the new proposals in the next few weeks but no date yet. For more up to date detail go to GCP website - <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/>

They are also currently consulting on the access to the city from the East. Not directly affecting us on the A1307, but some of our constituents access Cambridge from this direction, so do get engaged with the consultation - <https://consultcamb.s.uk.engagementhq.com/cambridge-eastern-access>

**Foster Carers** The County Council have launched a campaign to try to find more foster carers. If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from that, please do refer them to the County Council - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/fostering-and-adoption>

**Shielded People** From Monday 6 July the government has changed the rules around people who are on the shielded list. They will now be able to meet in groups of up to 6. The County Council is still managing these people on the shielded list, if you think there is someone who needs additional support, do let Henry know.

**Library Services** The library service run by the county council, is set to restart as of Monday 6 July. The major libraries in Cambridge, Bar Hill, Cambourne, Ely, Huntingdon, March, St Ives and Wisbech will reopen then.

Smaller libraries, such as the one in Linton, will reopen on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Wedding Ceremonies** The County Council's marriage registration service started up again as from 4 July. They will be prioritising those couples who had their weddings postponed due to Covid-19.

**Zero Carbon Communities Grant** Round 2 of the SCDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant is now open. This year the grant is focussing on three main themes – cycling, community buildings and tree planting & other nature-based initiatives. Applications are invited from parish councils and community groups. The total available is £100,000 with individual grants of £1,000 - £15,000. The scheme opened on Wednesday 1 July and the application deadline is 5pm Wednesday 30 September.

Henry and John Batchelor

## A Great Abington Litter Pick

On Thursday 9 July, a group of Year 1 and Keyworker children from the School decided to go on a litter pick around the village, despite the drizzly weather. Over the past few weeks, the children have been learning about the impact of plastic on the world, and particularly our oceans. This learning, both at school and at home, has inspired the children to want to seek out plastic in our environment and clean up our local area. They had a wonderful time, were incredibly enthusiastic and they are now passionate advocates of keeping our village tidy! Can you spot some of their letters and posters around the village?

Jess Robinson



## Great Abington PTFA Update

Calling all Abington villagers! From 27 September to 18 October we will be running an Abington Mini Zoo trail throughout Great and Little Abington villages. Anyone, not just parents of children in the school, can participate! All you need to do is to create a small zoo exhibit in your front garden, complete with a short information sheet about the animal of your choice. Dinosaurs are allowed! You can use stuffed animals, large animal cut-outs or *papier-mâché* if you would like. Let your imagination run wild. Trail maps will be available for £2 each and sold online (card processing fees apply), in the school office and our local Nisa shop.

If you are interested in creating an exhibit, please contact email [PTFA@greatabington.school](mailto:PTFA@greatabington.school) or telephone Cory Rivers at 07964 191 698. All villagers can participate. All funds raised will be for Great Abington PTFA, charity number 1136090.

### Parish Council Activities during Lockdown

Parish Council life is still operating 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.

### Recreation Ground

The play area and outdoor gym reopened officially on 4 July. Please follow the social distancing guidance.

***Coronavirus hasn't gone away***

***Stay safe.***

***To help reduce the risk of infection, for you and for others,  
please be considerate when using the play equipment.***

***Wash or sanitise your hands often.***

***Avoid touching your face.***

***Only one user at a time on each item of play equipment.***

***Help each other to keep a safe distance.***

### Pampisford Road

Discussions are under way with the Highways Department of Cambridgeshire County Council to find ways of making this road safer to non-motorists, so that the benefits residents have experienced during lockdown may still be reaped as traffic volumes start to increase again (e.g. to do a circuit walk/run/cycle/ride around the village without having to dodge traffic using the road as a 'rat run' between the A11/A505 and the A1307.

### Zero Carbon Communities (ZCC) Grant

Another round of funding of grants (from £1,000 - £15,000) is available as part of South Cambs. District Council's greener Cambridgeshire initiative. Applicants must be a non-profit group or organisation based in South Cambridgeshire or benefiting South Cambridgeshire residents, or a South Cambridgeshire parish council. Applications are invited along three themes – cycling, community buildings and tree-planting and other 'nature-based' solutions. There is an emphasis on community engagement, and proposals that offer this will be regarded more favourably. The desire to spread the grants evenly across the district means that geographically adjacent projects effectively compete against each other. The Parish Council intends to put in a bid, so if you have any ideas or a burning ambition to apply for these grants, please contact parish councillor Emma Pery – see page 2 for contact details.

For more info about the grant please see

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-development/grants/zero-carbon-communities-grant/>

And... For those of you wondering what's happening with Great Abington's 2019-2020 successful ZCC bid, knocked sideways by lockdown: we are close to finding a secure storage solution, and are hoping imminently to offer an e-bike for residents to borrow one week at a time, free of charge. (The e-bike will be fully sanitised between uses.) More details to follow in due course. There will be posters around the village and announcements on the village website and Facebook page.

## **And a continued Three Cheers for Lockdown heroes**

Thanks everyone for helping to keep the community safe by observing social distancing. In particular three cheers from the whole village to our wonderful local shop and our fab pub The Three Tuns – don't forget to keep supporting our local businesses as other shops start reopening. Thanks too to those continuing to provide help via 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/>

### **Parish Council recommendations**

20/02104/HFUL – 45 North Road – Cart-shed to provide garaging for 2 vehicles with south-facing solar roof. Recommended approval

20/02412/OUT – land at 9 Chalky Road – Outline permission for a dwelling with all matters reserved. Recommended approval

20/02411/HFUL – 5 Magna Close – Front porch extension, first floor side and loft extension with rear dormer windows & roof light. Recommended refusal

20/02099/HFUL – Mr Edward Byatt, 34 South Road – Erection of four car domestic garage, car port, home office & terraced area. Recommended refusal

20/02220/S73 – Mr R.J. Richards, 21A South Road – Removal of condition 1 (Occupier) of planning permission S/0759/95/F. Recommended refusal

APP/W0530/W/20/3248571 (S/4358/19/FL) – 44C North Road- new dwelling to replace existing barn (has class Q prior approval – S/0843/19/PA). Recommended refusal

### **District Council decisions**

20/02408/FUL – 100 High Street – Demolition of garage and the erection of a two and a half storey dwelling. Parish Council recommended refusal. District Council refused.

### **Planning**

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### **District Council decisions**

S/1213/19/RM – Land Rear of Strawberry Farm, Pampisford Road - Application for approval of reserved matters for appearance, landscaping layout & scale following outline planning permission S/1433/16/OL for the erection of 8 dwellings. Parish Council recommended refusal. District Council refused 3.6.2020.

## **Great Abington Parish Council Meetings**

Held in Abington Village Institute or via Zoom during lockdown

**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 21 September 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)

## Hildersham Focus

### The Children's Church Council

I would like to introduce you to the Children's Church Council – the "CCC". We used to meet in Hildersham in a home or in Hildersham church, but during the lockdown we've been meeting on zoom. We are like a little community and we are trying to help people during this challenging time by sending cards and letters of support to people and encouraging simple acts of generosity and kindness, which we hope will ameliorate our situation.

We have also enjoyed sharing with each other what we have been doing during this restrictive lockdown, which includes making ice-coffee, keeping in touch with relations with family quizzes, playing football and practising back flips and front flips!

We have been thinking about ways in which we can contribute towards our local churches and have enjoyed coming up with a plethora of ideas, including participating more in our zoom services, sharing stories of faith and hope, and hopefully gathering together outside when the circumstances are more felicitous.

Please contact either Amanda Palmer ([amjpalmer@gmail.com](mailto:amjpalmer@gmail.com)) or Jeanine Kennedy ([jeaninekenedygv@gmail.com](mailto:jeaninekenedygv@gmail.com)) if you would like to learn more about the Children's Church Council or how you can join.

Owen McColl

The CCC happily got together for the first time in a few months for a lively zoom meeting. They had lots to tell us about their lockdown adventures. Bethan has taught herself skateboarding and has applied to Blue Peter for her sports badge.

Owen has enjoyed painting.

Bethan and Owen have also had lots of creative fun in the kitchen inventing recipes including Owen's Fruit pyramid birthday cake.

*Photos by Amanda Palmer*



We are planning to have a short break for the holidays and we hope to resume with a pizza party once everyone is settled back into school and we have a good understanding of the guidelines for gatherings. We are also looking forward to meeting a new Youth Inc. worker who is planning to join us for

one of our meetings. I am sure that he will be utterly bowled over by the wonderful ideas and thoughts of our young people.

### Church Services

Lots of discussion and varying points of view were aired with a consensus arrived upon that our first Hildersham service will be in The Old School Wood. It will be at 4pm on Sunday 23 August and we are very excited about being able to join together (at the correct distance) for some spiritual celebrations.

The church remains open for private prayer and all the necessary instructions to keep everyone safe are available before you enter.

### **Hildersham Jam Stall**

This year's summer donation to EACH is £431, which is over £100 more than the sum raised this time last year. Sales have increased in recent weeks and it's been so good to hear how much customers have enjoyed visiting, and buying from, the stall.

We have great supporters who buy, donate jars and fabric and make jar covers. Thank you!

### **Hildersham Parish Council**

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

**Help during Covid-19 lockdown** - If there are any residents who find themselves needing to self-isolate please contact the group of Hildersham volunteers who are delivering food and prescriptions, posting mail, as well as offering people the opportunity of a friendly phone call. If you require assistance please contact the volunteer coordinators: Mark Logan (891897) or Billie Chapman (07834 210582).

**The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council** will be on 15 September. If it is an electronic meeting, parishioners are very welcome to join us. We use 'zoom.uk' and the meeting ID and password are on the agenda. Alternatively, if you have a matter you would like to raise without attending the meeting, please email or contact the Clerk with details of your query/concern before the meeting.

**Safety improvements** to the play equipment should be carried out in the next few weeks, including increasing the area of the safety rubber matting below the slide and replacing a swing seat. There are plans to repair the broken Recreation Ground gate over the summer months. However, the repairs to the fence, by the ditch at the entrance to the Recreation Ground, have been delayed because the contractor is having problems sourcing the concrete fence posts.

**Footpath map** - The Council is investigating the cost of a bespoke footpath map of the area, but in the meanwhile an Ordinance Survey map will be purchased and installed in half of the existing notice board to assist walkers who are unfamiliar with the local footpaths.

**New Trusts** - Progress has been made to establish two Trusts to take responsibility for the Recreation Ground land and the allotment land, North and South Holding. Some minor amendments need to be made before the Trust documents can be signed.

**Potholes** - 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 15 September. It is not possible to predict whether this will be an electronic or actual meeting. Please check the notice board or website for details nearer the time.**

## Little Abington Parish Council

### Around the village

**Work on A1307:** Road works have already started at the Babraham High Street turning and the roundabout into the research campus, and will continue into the early autumn, but the work at the Hildersham crossroads has been delayed for the moment while arrangements are made with landowners.

**Police:** A few of us attended an online presentation, where the relocation of the central Cambridge police station to a new hub in Milton was explained – a building fit for purpose with the capacity for more cells. To receive regular email updates on local news and appeals, crime information and crime prevention advice sign up on [www.ecops.org.uk](http://www.ecops.org.uk). If you wish to fight scams and doorstep crime, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (CAPASP) is looking for more advisors (those who have been the subject of this sort of crime) and supporters. Find out more on: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/community-protection/against-scams-partnership](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/community-protection/against-scams-partnership)

**E-bikes:** In September we are hoping to have an e-bike available to residents in both Little and Great Abington to hire for short periods. Look out for posters around the village and booking will be online.

### Meeting on Monday 22 June (via Zoom)

#### Planning

**20/02691/CTY:** Extension to Worsted Lodge, the waste and minerals site on A11. No comments.

**20/1435/TTPO:** Tree works at 57 Church Lane. Objected and requested a site visit.

**20/1397/TTCA:** Tree works at The Old House, High Street. Supported.

### Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Institute or via Zoom during lockdown

**Next Meeting: Monday 28 September 2020, Parish Council at 7.30pm**

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486562

Details to be confirmed regarding start times and venue on the Abingtons website and the parish council noticeboard.

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

### Next meetings at Abington Institute

No meeting in August

Monday 28 September

**Village News on the website** To see the News before a printed copy is available and to see the photographs 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. For up-to-date news on the local impact of Covid-19 go to [www.theabingtons.org.uk/news/2020/03/coronavirus-in-abington](http://www.theabingtons.org.uk/news/2020/03/coronavirus-in-abington)

## Love Abington Update

We are very appreciative of all the people who have given so joyfully of their time and energy to support their neighbours and share love. Our continuing creative initiatives include the Love Abington Shawl Group and the growth of our Very Hungry Caterpillar in Little Abington Church yard. The Library is going from strength to strength and it is lovely to see new people walk down Church Lane to the hutch in search of a new book to read.

The “new normal” continues to evolve and now allows our village pub to open its doors again, and the cricket pitch to come alive with matches, which is a joy to our community. Love Abington remains mindful and encourages our community to “stay alert”. Our team of Street Coordinators is still actively assisting neighbours. Love Abington is looking to the future and devising a platform, supported by a collective village group, which will allow our system of Street Coordinators to remain in place. More details will follow.

**Love Abington Shawl Group:** Our prayer shawls are a way of providing a virtual hug during ‘knit and natter’ session or ‘crochet and chat’ for both the experienced and novices.

**Telephone Listening Service:** Our Listening Service is available for everyone as they navigate our changing circumstances. We have noticed how important it has been for people in all sections of our community. A key aspect of Love Abington is for everyone to know that they are valued by others and our Listening Service is a way of showing that. If you would like to receive a confidential, friendly, weekly call please do give me a call and I can put you in touch with Rosemary Mead and our team. Call Jeanine 893 838.

**Helping to stay Connected Online** This service has proved successful in connecting some Abington residents to the internet so they can enjoy the new mysterious world of Information Technology! If you would like more information about options (including costs) to help an elderly relative to join in video calls, contact Love Abington. [Loveabington@gmail.com](mailto:Loveabington@gmail.com) Tel Jeanine 893 838

**Abington Library** The library is based in the Social Club on Pampisford Road. Social distancing is observed, and hand gel is available on entering the building. All books, Jigsaws, CD’s etc will be quarantined for a week before being reissued.

**Opening times: Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm and Saturdays 10am to 12pm**

This library runs in addition to the book-sharing scheme in the Institute for those picking up prescriptions. Our ‘Book Hutch’ outside Little Abington Church is proving very popular too. If you are currently shielding, we will be able to deliver to you. Please contact your Street Coordinator in the first instance.

**Help with Food:** Circumstances in many households are changing and we are keen to support you. So if you are in receipt of vouchers or are worried about how to put enough food on your table, pop into the Abington Institute between 3.30 and 4.30pm on Monday, Wednesday or Friday and select some additional food items. Or contact one of us at other times to arrange a delivery - Bernie (892 647), Jeanine (893 838) or David (892 364).

**Community Email** Love Abington is launching a ‘community email’ address that will be used to deliver village news in between the monthly editions of *The Abingtons and Hildersham News*. It was felt that a secondary method of reaching everyone is needed, especially as we come out of lockdown. This community email can be used to deliver announcements such as Parish Council AGM’s, Church and School events, Charity Events, Pub and Shop news.

Please use this link by typing it into your internet browser to fill out the subscriber form to join the community email group. <http://eepurl.com/g21ULD> All data held will comply with current GDPR rules; a statement is available to read upon subscribing.

Please contact Love Abington or Jeanine if you or a loved one needs help or would benefit from any of the Love Abington schemes. We also value your suggestions of how we can maintain this service and develop in the months ahead.

Stay Safe. Every Blessing, Jeanine and the Love Abington Team. Xx

**A Food Bank collection point is just outside the Abington shop. A list of items particularly needed for the Food Bank is posted nearby.**

**DIARY for August** – The Abington Institute is closed until further notice. All scheduled classes and activities in the Institute are cancelled.

**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)

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

<b>Mon 3</b> <b>Black</b>	<b>Mon 10</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Mon 17</b> <b>Black</b>	<b>Mon 24</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>
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**Bank Holiday 31 August; Black bin collection on Tuesday 1 September**

**Reading Group – meets using Zoom**

11 August	<i>Everything I Never Told You</i> Celeste Ng	Sylvia Gilmour
8 September	<i>The Narrow Road to the Deep North</i> Richard Flanagan	Mary Conochie
13 October	<i>Such a Fun Age</i> Kiley Reid	Livia Gilbraith

We hope to meet face to face. If this is not possible please email comments on the August book or share by Zoom on 11 August.

Valerie Hefford

**Abington Post Office and Stores**

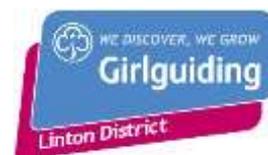
The shop will be open as follows:

Monday to Saturday	8am to 7.30pm	Post Office 9am to 5pm
Sunday	8am to 3.30pm	Post Office Closed

Abington Stores now offers an online ordering system with delivery and click & collect services. The shop is able to take payment for orders via the telephone. Please call the shop on 891 271 and have your payment card handy.

**Linton District**

The longest day was on the 21<sup>st</sup> June and it is incredible to think of all the things our girls and leaders have been doing during these last few weeks of lockdown and now its partial easing. Nationally in Guiding, we had a festival at home in May learning all things fudge and other experiments, game design, drawing with Aardman and being creative by making birdfeeders and bringing robots to life. Our festival ended with a campfire and a goodnight by Amanda Medler our Chief Guide. Our Region, Girlguiding Anglia, hosted a virtual camp overnight in June with a further host of activities to try whilst sleeping anywhere but your own bed. Making dens, sleeping on the floor or even outside under the stars for the adventurous amongst us. Our own local units have been having virtual meetings, gaining lots of badges and being inspired with lots of exciting challenges to try at home. One of our Ranger groups, girls age 14-18 have so far gained over 72 badges and counting. Camp blankets have been added to and next year our county, Cambridgeshire East, are arranging a year of Fun for 2021 including a county camp with west Cambridgeshire and sleeping under the planes at Duxford. Adventures at home on our Girlguiding website are for every one of every age group and if you would like to have a look at what's on offer visit our website at



<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/> Today, Tomorrow, Together.  
Louisa, Linton District DC. Email [lintondistrict@gmail.com](mailto:lintondistrict@gmail.com)

## Church Services for August 2020

DATE	<i>Gt. Abington</i> 	<i>Lt. Abington</i> 	<i>Hildersham</i> 	Readings  <i>Which you may care to read at home.</i>
2 August	<b>10.00am</b> Time of	Prayer - Online	Via Zoom	Genesis 32.22-31 Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21
9 August	<b>10.00am</b> Time of	Prayer - Online	Via Zoom	Genesis 37.1-4,12-28 Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33
16 August	<b>10.00am</b> Time of <b>4.00pm Open Air Worship</b>	Prayer - Online	Via Zoom	Genesis 45.1-15 Romans 11.1-2a,29-32 Matthew 15.10-28
23 August	<b>10.00am</b> Time of	Prayer - Online	Via Zoom <b>4.00pm Open Air Worship</b>	Exodus 1.8-2.10 Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20
30 August	<b>10.00am</b> Time of	Prayer - Online <b>4.00pm Open Air Worship</b>	Via Zoom	Exodus 3.1-15 Romans 12.9-end Matthew 16.21-end

### Church Flower Rota

	<i>Gt. Abington</i>	<i>Lt. Abington</i>	<i>Hildersham</i>
2 August	Anne Hall	Gill Smith / Marylin Broadhurst	Cathy Myer
9 August		Gill Smith / Marilyn Broadhurst	Cathy Myer
16 August	and	Kay Harman / Amanda Marns	Jean Morton
23 August		Kay Harman / Amanda Marns	Jean Morton
30 August	Patsy Randall	Sue Fordham / Mary Miles	Kate Huntsman

### Churchwardens

<i>Hildersham</i>	Vacancy		
<i>Great Abington</i>	Tony Collett	23 Meadow Walk, Great Abington	893 447
<i>Little Abington</i>	Graham Ross	41 Church Lane, Little Abington	891 564

### Assistant Church Wardens

<i>Great Abington</i>	Anne Hall	12 Magna Close, Great Abington	892 275
	Patsy Randall	77 High Street, Great Abington	07765 345 714
<i>Little Abington</i>	Mary Miles	36 Church Lane, Little Abington	891 083
	Marilyn Broadhurst	34 West Field, Little Abington	893 214

### Parish Nurse

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