



# The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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*Photo by Graham Ross*

**Outdoor church service at Little Abington 6 September 2020**

## Letter from the Editor

It has been a relief that children are going back to school and students back to college. A more settled educational routine should be of great benefit to all. It is a pleasure to see that the Art Group, Table Tennis and Yoga start again in the Institute in October (page 14). As Covid-19 infections continue to rise however, new government restrictions may have changed that by the time you read this. Please check with organisers (page 15).

September brought us more sunny days and some superb sunsets. Please note that British Summer Time ends on Sunday 25 October when the clocks go back one hour.

If you need to order heating oil, please do so by 1 October. Rod requires the quantity of oil you require, your name, address, post code and telephone number. Please contact [rodwillcox@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rodwillcox@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 07767 686 351.

The churches have been able to hold some services in church albeit with a limit of 30 people and observance of social distancing, and face coverings. (pages 4, 16). Great Abington Church has received a gift of a beautiful cross-stitch sampler depicting 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' (page 5).

Little Abington Parish Council reminds everyone of the protected status of the verges in Bourn Bridge Road and the need to minimise damage by pedestrians. LAPC invites people who want to do some litter picking to borrow equipment from the parish clerk (page 9).

During a period of considerable house building, Great Abington Parish Council provides useful information about the role of PCs in the planning process. It also offers the loan of an e-bike (pages 10-12).

Hildersham reports the creation of a new youth group in October (page 13).

The Abington Pre-School and GAPS urgently need new trustees. Can you help? (page 14)

As the furlough scheme is phased out, more households will find themselves in need of foodbanks. Remember that there is a collection point for food donations outside the Abington Stores.

Recent TV and other media reports have flagged up the damage mankind is doing to the environment, highlighting overuse of plastics and colossal amounts of food waste as areas of concern. So it is potentially very helpful to hear of plans to open a new minimal waste shop in Sawston. This will stock a wide range of dry foods, household cleaning products and toiletries, all stored in large containers, to be recycled & reused. The idea is that people bring their own containers to fill with rice, pasta, cereals, pulses, dried fruits, washing up liquid, shampoo etc. An interesting and hopeful development.

Valerie Silvey

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## From the Seven Churches

When I was a child a favourite book of mine was called *A Time of Gifts* by Patrick Leigh Fermor. It is narrated by Leigh Fermor as an older man, looking back on his time as an eighteen-year-old journeying on foot across Europe in the 1930s, from the Hook of Holland to Constantinople. One of the themes of the book is how, as a young man, he had very little materially and carried with him all he needed on his back, yet life itself was adventurous, rich and full of wonder – a time of gifts.

In our current unsettling times, we face many challenges: uncertainties about the future for ourselves and our loved ones, concerns about health, schooling for children, difficulties in our workplaces and in the wider economy. Yet even with all these pressures, we may still hold onto a vision of gift and gratitude. Now my children have returned to their primary school, for example, I am realising all over again how much I enjoy the school run and how grateful I am to all the staff for the way they encourage the children.

This idea of a time of gifts and daily gratitude is reflected in the harvest thanksgivings which churches across the country are celebrating this Autumn. For many, however, they will be celebrations like no other. As we try and work out what the 'rule of six' may mean for our lives or consider what 'living well' means in these times, communal celebrations take on a new hue. In all our churches there will be face to face services, but we will be limited in numbers. We continue to have Zoom services, but we appreciate not everybody will be able to access these easily. Yet one thing we can still focus on in our harvest thanksgiving is that gratitude before God is central to our worship and shapes our lives as followers of Christ.

The Christian faith has always encouraged us to see our lives, and the time we have, as a gift, something reflected in the Lord's Prayer as we ask for "*our daily bread*". Perhaps the current crisis may focus our hearts and minds on what matters most and even inspire us towards greater gratitude. It was in uncertain times that St Paul reminded the church to be intentional about three things: "*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances*". Giving thanks in all circumstances, although not *for* all circumstances! These are practices of purposeful Christian living that help us to re-discover the gifts we have, even in the hardest times, and help us to value them afresh and to value each other. When we do this, we may remember we live too in a time of gifts and give thanks to God in all circumstances.

Revd Iain McColl

## Outdoor church services

As with every aspect of life, the Covid crisis has had a marked effect upon the running of our local churches. Things have eased a bit of late, total lockdown has given way to individual visits inside churches (accompanied by rigorously observed cleaning rotas). And now we have outdoor services - limited to 30 people in suitably spaced bubbles. The cover picture shows Iain taking the service on Sunday 6 September at Little Abington church.

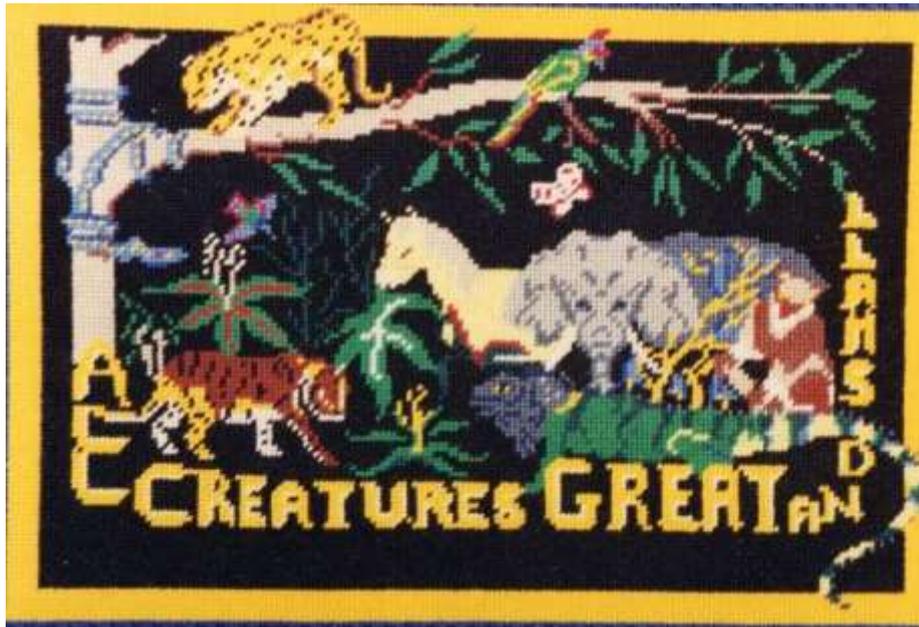
Graham Ross

## See page 16 for details of online and 'live' church services

*We now have a variety of services both online and inside our church buildings. We are delighted to be able to use our buildings regularly now, but we still need to continue to take precautions including social distancing and the wearing of face masks whilst inside. I should also be grateful if anybody planning on attending a service inside would let the relevant churchwarden know in advance, so we can keep an eye on numbers - as we are allowed a maximum of 30 people inside a church building for a service. At this present time, please may I remind you that if you are feeling unwell, please do not attend services inside our churches.*

Revd Iain McColl

## Donation to the church



George Woodley has very kindly donated a sampler he made to Great Abington Church (see top picture). The church is most appreciative of this gift and looks forward to exhibiting it in the children's' corner when Covid-19 restrictions end.

George says that when on holiday in New Zealand visiting his sister, he saw the kit for making this sampler in a shop window. It reminded him of one of his favourite hymns, All Things Bright and Beautiful, and he knew he had to take it home and work on it. Having enjoyed life in Great Abington since 1973 he hopes that the children who see the sampler will think about all the animals, insects etc. that live around us and be careful where they tread.

George's late wife, Marjorie, worked on 29 of the kneelers for the church, one of which is shown above. That started George on cross-stitching.

## News from the Pews

Revd. Iain and churchwardens from the seven churches continue with the difficult task of organising various church services enabling parishioners to worship during the pandemic. For those of us who are shielding, Zoom services would appear to be the best way forward. If you wish to join this morning worship service each Sunday, do contact our church administrator Cazzy on 891 443. We have also moved on to other forms and places to worship, please observe the back page of this magazine for details. We are aware however that as the country is currently experiencing a rise in Covid-19 cases, church services could yet again change. Please check the church notice boards for updates. We are delighted that this month we will have two services in our churches. On Sunday 11 October 'Harvest Time of Prayer' in Little Abington Churchyard at 10am and on Sunday 25 October Holy Communion (following the Church of England guidelines for communion during Covid-19) in Great Abington Church at 9am. See page 16.

We look forward to worshipping together once again.

During your absence from church you may have an accumulation of Gift Aid envelopes. These may be delivered directly to the church treasurer (Tony Orgee) or you may contact a church warden who will collect them from you. Your continued financial support to our churches is essential during this difficult time and is very much appreciated.

### Funerals

On Friday 11 September the funeral of **Charles Hatton Broadhurst** took place in Little Abington churchyard where, following Covid-19 guidelines, 30 family members and friends attended. Charles will be remembered locally for his knowledge of antiques, especially woodworking tools.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Marilyn, son Christopher, daughter Caroline and 5 grandchildren.

The funeral of **Derek Patten** will take place on Wednesday 30 September. The cortège will leave Derek's home at 11am and proceed to Little Abington Church with the immediate family following on foot. Unfortunately, because of Covid-19 restrictions the service can be attended by only 30 immediate family and close friends.

Derek was born in Abington and throughout his life was involved in the community in so many different ways and gave so much of his time and energy to many varied projects. He will be sorely missed for sure.

Christopher and Louise will be writing a tribute to their father for the November magazine.

It is difficult to ensure closure for all families losing a loved one during these difficult times. We hold them in our prayers.

Anne Hall

### Charles Broadhurst

Charles died at home on 20 August, just 3 weeks after being diagnosed with lung cancer. He moved from Warrington to Little Abington in 1980. He described himself as a "townie" but soon grew to enjoy life in this lovely village with its wonderful people. Marilyn, Caroline, and Chris thank all who sent cards and messages of sympathy: your kindness, thoughts and prayers have encouraged and supported us through this difficult time and your generosity to Mind in memory of Charles has been amazing. Thank you very much.

## Flu Vaccinations 2020

If you are an “at risk” patient, please make sure you have booked your flu vaccination. If our clinics are full at the time of you ringing, we will place you on a waiting list and you will be contacted as soon a clinic becomes available. Please be assured that all “at risk” patients will receive a flu vaccination.

If you are unsure whether you are “at risk” please go to

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/who-should-have-flu-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/who-should-have-flu-vaccine/)

## Coronavirus

As we are all very aware, the Covid situation is ever evolving. To keep up to date with the very latest information please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) Links to these websites can also be found on our website.

## Have you heard about Granta Pharmacy’s new free medicines delivery service?

Even if you are not a Granta patient, you can still take advantage of this new free service which is available to anyone living in and around Sawston, Shelford, Linton, Barley and Royston.

For further information and to sign up for free delivery, call us on 01223 727530 or email us on [capccg.grantadisensing@nhs.net](mailto:capccg.grantadisensing@nhs.net)

*(Please note that if you are ordering a repeat prescription please order 7 to 10 days before you are due to run out.)*

If you have any comments please do not hesitate to write to me at Granta Sawston or send me an email [sandra.east@nhs.net](mailto:sandra.east@nhs.net)

Sandra East, Granta Communications

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Christmas 2020 has not been cancelled. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is going ahead. The villages have supported this venture so well over the years. Hopefully this will be repeated this year.



In 2019 nearly 11 million boxes were sent to many parts of the world. This year, for all of us, has been quite different and possibly difficult as well. This is true for those in other poorer countries where the need is just as, if not more, important than previously.

Boxes are given to any underprivileged child regardless of faith or no faith through churches or other Christian organisations. It aims to show God’s love in a tangible way.

Collection week is 9 to 16 November. You can get your own shoebox and cover it, or I have flat pack ones, also leaflets. There are three age groups 2-4yrs, 5-9yrs, 10-14yrs, boys or girls.

If you would like to take part in this fantastic project you could do one of three things:

Fill a shoebox with exciting items that children will love to receive.

Donate items for a shoebox, - stationery, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, soap, flannels, comb, small toys, soft toys (can be home-made) skipping rope, puzzle, balls, colouring book, jewellery.

Donate some money to use for transport costs or to buy items (each box costs £5 to send so this is the suggested amount).

Please contact me on 893 232/07745046921 or [jane.furlow@gmail.com](mailto:jane.furlow@gmail.com)

The web link <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>.

# County and District Council September report

## **A1307 Update**

The work on the A1307 is continuing, with the next updates to our stretch of the road being average speed cameras installed between Haverhill and Linton. Going through the processes is a new roundabout at the Bartlow Road, Linton junction of the A1307 and a remodelling of the Dean Road crossing on the dual carriageway.

There have been workshops over July and August looking at specific schemes on the A1307. The schemes that drew the most concern were the proposed westbound bus lane at Linton and the loss of the rural 'hub' at Linton, but there is a slim chance this could be looked at later.

For more up to date detail go to GCP website -

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/> or do ask John, Henry or your Parish Council's representatives on the GCP.

## **Experimental Traffic Orders**

The County Council, acting on government legislation, has started implementing some temporary traffic regulation orders around the county. The first few are only in Cambridge city at the moment and are designed, whilst the roads are supposedly quieter, to close some roads to vehicles (bar emergency services) to encourage non-motorised travel. There is talk of trialling some in rural areas, but nothing concrete yet.

## **Self-employed Support**

The government has announced that the self-employed can claim an additional payment from them. Info can be found on the government's website or John and Henry can assist via the District Council.

## **Zero Carbon Communities Grant**

Round 2 of the SCDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant is now open. This year the grant is focusing on three main themes – cycling, community buildings and tree planting and 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<sup>st</sup> July and the application deadline is 5pm Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Electoral Register**

The District Council is doing its annual canvas to get the electoral register up to date. Please do encourage anyone that you know is not registered to do so and follow the steps shown in the letters sent by SCDC.

## **Devolution**

There is some talk within central government that they are leaning towards more unitary authorities in the country, so fewer layers of local government and just one authority that deals with everything. This is the current setup in Peterborough. This will be a constantly moving beast, so keep your ears to the ground.

## **Fostering**

The County Council are constantly on the hunt for more foster carers. They are having a big drive and are holding various events around Cambridgeshire to promote this. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in this, please contact the County Council directly – [fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or 0800 0520078

Henry and John Batchelor

# Little Abington Parish Council

## Around the village

### Protected roadside verges

The Protected Roadside Verge (PRV), marked by blue posts along the length of Bourn Bridge Road, is a designated area due to its special habitat, species and ecological interest. We manage the verges following a nationally agreed protocol and the Abington Naturewatch Group does an annual survey of plants and this year found 32 different species. Over the past six months a path has been worn along one of the verges. We request that you walk on the path in single file to avoid trampling on the wild flowers and there should definitely be no bikes or horses.



**Giant Puff Ball found near Sluice Wood**  
Photo by Jennifer Hirsh

### Litter-picking

First, we were going to do the annual village litter pick and then we were going to join the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. Nothing has been possible and with the latest tight restrictions on meeting up we can only suggest that individuals or very small groups borrow our equipment for a day or two (available from the clerk).

### Meeting on Monday 14 September (via Zoom)

#### Fourwentways:

Our chair, Sheila Bolden, and vice chair, Isobel Smith, reported on a site meeting held at Fourwentways with Anthony Browne MP together with his constituency manager and the CFO of Paragon Land, the owners of the old Comfort Café site. It was a productive meeting with Paragon willing to advise on improvements to the site. Both Paragon and Biomed Realty (Granta Park) gave the MP letters of complaint relating to the lorry parking and the filthy state of the area, which will be presented to Cambridgeshire County Council. Needless to say, we will be following this up soon.

### Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Institute or via Zoom during lockdown

**Next Meeting: Monday 26 October 2020, Parish Council at 7.30pm**

Sheila Bolden (Chairman) tel:07754  
659929

Email: [shelen@btinternet.com](mailto:shelen@btinternet.com)

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk) tel:07703  
486562

Email: [clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk](mailto:clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk)

### Next meetings (via Zoom)

Monday 26 October      Monday 23 November

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)

## Your Parish Council

We welcome residents' interest and participation in the work of Great Abington Parish Council. A recent letter of complaint regarding housing developments in our area has prompted us to clarify the role of Parish Councils.

- Parish Councils are a form of local council - they are the lowest tier of local government and are statutory bodies. They serve electorates and are independently elected and raise their own precept (which is part of the council tax). GAPC has not increased its precept since 2012.
- Apart from the parish clerk, the work of Parish Councils is unpaid.
- Parish Councils are consulted by the local planning authority over planning applications, **but please note the Parish Council has no statutory power in planning decisions. We can only make recommendations, which may or may not be accepted by South Cambs. District Council, and to carry any weight at all these recommendations must be in line with material planning considerations.**
- When considering whether to recommend approval or rejection of an application we at Great Abington Parish Council have uppermost in our minds the advantages/disadvantages to our whole community.
- When a developer applies for planning permission, we keenly state the local housing need, and indeed did so with the on-going housing development on Linton Road. The Parish Council does not have the ability to influence the price that a developer, or any other property owner, sells their property for.
- We are legally obliged to declare personal interest in planning matters, and our parish councillors abstain from commenting on applications in which they have an interest. This process is transparent, occurring at our Parish Council meetings, all of which are public, and recorded in our meeting Minutes.

We hope this explanation will prevent future misunderstandings. There is a lot of online information for those wishing to explore the subject further or understand the responsibilities of the three tiers of local government. Anyone wishing to become more involved in the work of Great Abington Parish Council, please contact any of us.

## Planting schemes around the Village

Residents will have noticed the removal of raised flowerbeds along the verge at Linton Road and at the High St/Pampisford Road T-junction. The verges are owned by and the responsibility of the County Council which will not allow any cultivation of the verge itself. The raised beds were built on paving slabs. They were dismantled because of structural damage that was beyond economic repair.

We have since had enquiries about replacement planting in these locations. Suggestions were made on the Abington Village Community Group Facebook page of a parish-council funded 'green-fingers' club being formed that could tend, where permitted, attractive planting schemes around the village. If anyone is interested in running or participating in such a club, please get in touch before or at our next parish council meeting – third Monday in November – and we would be delighted to explore this idea with you.

**British Summer Time ends 25 October – clocks go BACK one hour**

## **E-bikes in the Abingtons**

Book your free week with the GAPC-owned e-bike to see if an e-bike will fit with your lifestyle either for commuting or for exploring the area. Loans run from Saturday morning to Saturday morning and the e-bike will be sanitised for Covid-19 safety between loans. For more information and to book your week with the bike please email [ebike@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:ebike@theabingtons.org.uk).

## **Life under Covid**

Parish Council life is still operating remotely via Zoom meetings which are 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.

## **Planning**

Please come to a planning meeting if you would like to make a comment, or you can comment on the South Cambs. website (link below). You can also report planning infringements to the planning enforcement team via this site. For more information on the applications below use the reference given at :- <https://www.scams.gov.uk/planning/view-or-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

## **Parish Council recommendations**

20/03362/FUL - Land adjacent to 19 South Road - Erection of 1 two storey dwelling house. Recommended refusal.

20/03665/CL2PD - 45 North Road - Certificate of Lawfulness for conversion of part of existing outbuilding to form annex incidental to the main dwelling house for family member. Recommended refusal.

20/03694/HFUL, 20 Magna Close - Two storey side extension with single storey front and rear extension. Recommended approval.

S/3387/19/RM Strawberry Farm 3 Pampisford Road - Approval of matters reserved for appearance landscaping layout & scale following outline planning permission. S/1433/16/OL for residential development comprising 8 dwellings including affordable housing provision landscaping and associated infrastructure. Recommended refusal.

20/03409/FUL - The Portway Granta Park - Internal and external refurbishment together with associated works. Recommended approval.

20/03221/FUL - Land North of Linton Road, Great Abington - Increase of plots 3 and 8 garage roof pitch in order to convert roof space into habitable room with external side stairs access. Recommended refusal.

20/03170/HFUL - 5 Chalky Road - New Workshop / Store. Recommended refusal.

## **District Council decisions**

20/02104/FHUL – 45 North Road – Cart-shed to provide garaging for 2 vehicles. PC recommend approval. District Council approved.

20/02412/OUT – Land at 9 Chalky Road – Outline permission for a dwelling with all matters reserved. PC recommended approval. District Council approved.

20/03244/OUT - Land to East of 40 South Road – Outline permission for a dwelling with all matters reserved. PC recommended approval. District Council approved.

20/02990/OUT - Land to West of 40 South Road - Outline permission for a dwelling with all matters reserved. PC recommended approval. District Council approved.

20/02220/S73 – 21A South Road – Removal of Condition 1 (Occupier) of planning permission S/0759/95/F. PC recommended refusal. District Council approved.

### **Great Abington Parish Council Meetings**

Held in Abington Village Institute or via Zoom during Covid restrictions

**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 16 November 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)

## **Love Abington Update**

### **New Coordinator for Love Abington**

Hello everyone, I am delighted to be stepping into the role of Coordinator for Love Abington. I will be coordinating our wonderful Street Coordinators, as we move forward. I would like to say a huge thank you to Jeanine, Charlotte, and Amaris for their incredible hard work during the public health emergency. We have excellent systems in place, should we need to go into lockdown again. The new name for our scheme will be the Love Abington Good Neighbours and we will continue to provide support, both holistic and practical to each other. I will be the first point of contact for our volunteers and neighbours and will report into a Steering Committee on a regular basis. I am hopeful that our current Street Coordinators will wish to stay involved and I would love to hear from anyone else who may be interested. Please feel free to contact me for an informal chat: 07761 440 102.

Warmest wishes, Julie Cooper

### **Telephone Listening Service:**

Our Listening Service continues to be available for everyone and we have noticed how important it has been for people in all sections of our community. If you would like to receive a confidential, friendly weekly call to help you as we journey together through the pandemic, please do give me a call and I can put you in touch with Rosemary Mead and our team. Call 07761 440102 or email [Loveabington@gmail.com](mailto:Loveabington@gmail.com)

### **Help with Food**

In these uncertain times, circumstances in many households will be changing and we are keen to support you. So, if it is a challenge to access enough food please do get in touch. Contact one of us and we can arrange a delivery - Bernie (01223 892 647), Jeanine (01223 893 838) or David (01223 892 364).

### **Community Email – please sign up**

A 'community email' address has been launched using the platform Mail Chimp and will provide a quick channel of communication to our community. As life returns to normal this email can be used to deliver announcements such as Parish Council AGM's, Church and School events, Charity Events, Pub and Shop news. It will also be used to deliver the news of how the brilliant team of Street Co-ordinators during COVID will move forward to a more holistic role and become part of the new Good Neighbour Scheme in the Abingtons.

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 direct any queries to Charlotte Adams ([cmhadams@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cmhadams@yahoo.co.uk))

## Hildersham Focus

We are looking forward to celebrating together inside the church in October but our outdoor services have been heart-warming in their sense of togetherness even if, necessarily, socially distanced, and so safe for all. Our Harvest Service in late September was held overlooking pastures and plentifulness, from which all of us lucky enough to live in this environment find nourishment for the mind and soul. The Harvest contributions were donated to Reach who care for those in greatest need in our communities. The church remains open daily for private prayer, please continue to observe the Covid-19 regulations. We record warm thanks to May Dry, a long-term resident of Hildersham, for all her work for the church, and wish her well now she has moved to be near her family.

On 18 September the **Children's Church Council (CCC)** had a pizza picnic, the Old School Wood being decorated by bunting the children had created over the last few months. The children created a real life mind map using the Easter cross to stimulate thoughts and reflections on the word 'Church'. This was a response to Reverend Iain's suggestions of creative word associations.



CCC members are keen to share their thoughts and plans discussed in their meetings and so will be reporting monthly in this magazine. If you are interested in joining the CCC and being part of the children's voice in church and the community, please email Amanda Palmer at [amjpalmer@gmail.com](mailto:amjpalmer@gmail.com).

### New Youth Group

Churches of Abington have partnered with local youth charity 'Youth Inc' and the Community Woodland Area to pioneer a new monthly youth group starting October 2020. This new youth group will allow young people the space to explore their mental health in a relevant way as well as having fun through games and activities. A faith element will also be included as we believe that the bible has much to say about the issues surrounding mental health.

Each session will involve games, food and a time for discussion.

Launch date: Tuesday 20 October; Time 6pm - 8pm; Location TBC

If you wish to receive more information or have any questions please contact Sam (from Youth Inc) on [sgraham@cambridgeyfc.uk](mailto:sgraham@cambridgeyfc.uk). Youth work is now seen as an essential service from the government and we promise to do our very best to ensure a safe environment following all guidance and comprehensive risk assessments.

## Hildersham Parish Council

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on **10 November**. 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.

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.

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Tue	6	Art Group Table Tennis	10.00am 7.00pm	
Wed	7	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	
Tue	13	Art Group Table Tennis Reading Group – via Zoom	10.00am 7.00pm 8.00pm	14
Wed	14	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	
Tue	20	Art Group Table Tennis	10.00am 7.00pm	
Wed	21	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	
Sun	25	British Summer time ends-clocks go back 1 hour		
Mon	26	Little Abington Parish Council (via Zoom)	7.30pm	9
Tues	27	Art Group Table Tennis	10.00am 7.00pm	
Wed	28	Yoga– course and drop in	9.30am	

**Contacts for classes on page 15. Check with contacts whether Art Group, Table Tennis and Yoga can go ahead.**

**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 October 2020 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 5	Mon 12	Mon 19	Mon 26
Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue	Black

### Reading Group

13 October	<i>Such a Fun Age</i> Kiley Reid	Livia Galbraith
10 November	<i>Agent Running in the Field</i> John Le Carre	Diana Wingfield
	No title for December	

We hope to meet face to face. If this is not possible please email comments on the October book to Livia or share by Zoom on 13 October.

Valerie Hefford

### Abington Gardening Club

The Committee has regretfully decided to suspend meetings until further notice owing to the latest government instructions concerning Covid-19.

It is hoped that the summer visit programme for next year will go ahead.

Kay Harman, Secretary

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

### Abington Pre-School and GAPS committee vacancies

The Abington Pre-School and the Great Abington Primary School need to recruit new committee trustees. We are urgently seeking new members to join the team as charity trustees. If you are interested please email Selena [abingtonannexesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:abingtonannexesecretary@gmail.com)

## Church Services for October 2020

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings  <i>Which you may care to read at home.</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>10.00am</b> Time of	Prayer – Online	Via Zoom	Exodus 20.1-20 Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21.33-end
11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>10.00am</b> Time of	Prayer – Online  <b>10.00am Harvest Worship</b>	Via Zoom  <b>9.00am Morning Worship</b>	Exodus 32.1-14 Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14
18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>10.00am</b> Time of	Prayer – Online	Via Zoom	Isaiah 35.3-6 2Timothy 4.5-17 Luke 10.1-9
25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>10.00am</b> Time of  <b>9.00am Communion</b>	Prayer – Online	Via Zoom  <b>6.00pm Evening Prayer</b>	Nehemiah 8.1-12 Colossians 3.12-17 Matthew 24.30-35

**See page 4 guidance notes for services in church.**

### Church Flower Rota

	Gt. Abington	Lt. Abington	Hildersham
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Anne Hall	Kay Harman/Marilyn Broadhurst	Jenny Logan
11 <sup>th</sup> October		Kay Harman/Marilyn Broadhurst	Jenny Logan
18 <sup>th</sup> October	and Patsy Randall	Sally Ellis/Lesley Crisp	Jeanette Long
25 <sup>th</sup> October		Sally Ellis/Lesley Crisp	Jeanette Long

### Churchwardens

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

### Assistant Churchwardens

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

### Parish Nurse

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