



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Andy Merryweather

A handsome Great Spotted Woodpecker – and doesn't he know it?

Letter from the Editor

No rain in April has been followed by frequent showers in May and the countryside has burgeoned with fresh green foliage. If only the temperature would rise it might feel like summer. However, 17 May brought the longed-for easing of Covid restrictions and the welcome resumption of face-to-face meetings. There are now some indoor church services (pages 18, 20). The new orthodox church of St Edmund held its opening service of thanksgiving on 14 April. The Parish Councils and the Reading Group can abandon Zoom. With face-to-face meetings planned the Reading Group would welcome new members (page 16). The Baby and Toddler Group has started meeting again on term-time Mondays at 9.30am (page 17) and the Three Tuns has been able to welcome more customers. Rejoice that Jeremiah's Café will open on two days a week in July (page 16).

Covid 19 has not gone away so we still need to be cautious when meeting people. Granta Medical and the Councillors (pages 7, 10, 11) provide updates on the diminishing numbers of people infected and the back-up medical and financial services on offer. Love Abington will continue its valuable support to the community and thanks are due to the many volunteers who make this possible (page 6).

Bernie Talbot, the remarkably active chairman of Great Abington Parish Council, has stood down after 19 years in the role. The community owes him huge thanks for the leadership he provided especially in developing the Neighbourhood Plan and wise provision of new housing. Please note that there are now houses at £100k available and applications should be made by 13 June. Larkfield has a new community orchard and needs members of the community to maintain it (page 13).

The parish councils regularly provide us with information on where to send details of inadequate street lighting, potholes and similar problems. I am delighted to see yellow marks around several nasty potholes so remedial action will soon follow.

Congratulations to Hildersham for actively addressing biodiversity and environmental issues at the churchyard. The children have taken this to heart. The Abington churchyards are joining this initiative. (pages 5, 14).

Interestingly, page 4 discusses the ease with which we can fail to recognise our own racism.

Enjoy the new freedoms; keep safe.

Valerie Silvey

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Articles for the July 2021 edition of *The Abingtons and Hildersham News* should be sent to the editor no later than Tuesday 15 June 2021 at news@theabingtons.org.uk. Photos welcome.

From the Seven Churches

How could I have been so stupid?

I vividly remember my brother's surprise 60th birthday party, in the local village hall. Genuinely, he simply hadn't seen the surprise coming; and he was gracious enough to acknowledge this in his speech at the end.

"I just didn't realise that it was all being prepared? How could I have been *so stupid*?"

The answer came, from the back of the hall, "Years of practice, Brian!"

That the Church of England has an appalling track record of institutional racism burnt fiercely in the news some weeks ago. But like much 'shock'n'horror' news, by the next day or so it quickly spluttered out.

I guess most people really weren't surprised at the news. Especially, if like me you've had the good fortune to make close friends with black and brown people whom you've come to respect, and in whose judgement and honesty you completely trust. And you've become comfortable enough with each other to be able to ask them if they've ever experienced racism. And they look at you as if you've asked them if the earth really does go round the sun.

How could I have been so stupid, not to be more in touch with my own unconscious racial biases? Years of practice Alistair!

The important question then becomes, "Well, what to do about it?" The positive discrimination of ensuring that black and brown candidates are always shortlisted for jobs? Making sure you're especially nice to your neighbours of colour – hmm probably few opportunities here, locally? Yes, all these are good things.

Nevertheless, at the end of the day, as white, it's hard not to fall into the feeling of being accused of something that's a little bit unfair. What about that article you read on paler black people discriminating against darker black people; or the involvement of native Africans in the capturing and trading their own into slavery? Not that such excuses can ever exonerate inhumanity and gross inhumanity. But surely the discussion is more complicated - and fraught with difficulty and potentially heated and unpleasant; and we'd all rather it went away. After all, surely things are gradually improving?

The risk, as always, is that racism becomes yet another thing to kick into the long grass. And, then our racism just becomes yet more furtive, unprocessed and unacknowledged.

And that's not good enough. Certainly not good enough for Christians. Perhaps, because for Christians the concept of forgiveness is so overfamiliar, we forget how key the asking for, and the offering of forgiveness is to our faith. And yet 'forgiveness', when we start to unpack it can seem to throw up more questions than it answers. Indeed, it becomes a life-times exploration of learning the true impact of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, for love of us, in our lives.

Forgiveness must be central to the work of reconciliation. But how in practice can/should/will forgiveness play out to bring about change for the better in our multicultural world with its years of stupidity, bad practice, and racism?

It's not exactly clear, I think. However, Christians might well reflect on the likelihood that this extraordinary and needed cultural change is the work of the Holy Spirit bringing in the Kingdom of God. And, at the very least, we must listen to the Spirit's promptings, and cooperate with God in where He is leading us.

Alistair Collen

Village News on the website

To see the News before a printed copy is available and to see the photographs in colour, go to <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk/abingtons-and-hildersham-news/> and follow the link to the pdf for the month you want.

News from the Pews

When you receive this magazine members of our community will be busy working on their Scarecrows in readiness for the First Abington Scarecrow Exhibition. We hope you are able to support this event. The PCC wish to thank most sincerely all those who have offered so gallantly to take part, an event which will hopefully become part of the church calendar of fundraising events.

Thanks are also extended to those who supported Christian Aid Week, a good number of envelopes have been returned and monies received are now being counted. Thanks also to those who delivered the envelopes around the village. The amount realized will be reported in the July magazine.

Both Great and Little Abington Churches have been invited to apply for a Bronze award for Churchyard Conservation 2022. After inspection we were informed that an award could be feasible. We have to be looking at grassland and wildflower areas, nettle patches, no use of herbicide or chemicals, log and brushwood piles and compost heaps. Little Abington of course gain good points for allowing bats into the church. If you are interested in this project, please contact a church warden (see page 20).

Baptism – At the time of writing this article we look forward to the baptism of Madie May Missen on Sunday the 23rd of May. Madie May's parents are Allan and Michelle. We welcome Madie May into the family of the church.

Arrangements for the Scarecrow Festival (Saturday 29 May to Saturday 5 June) are well under way. Do join in the fun by making your own scarecrow depicting a nursery rhyme, musical, film, work, or maybe a politician. To book and for further details e-mail anneandglynhall@gmail.com

Anne Hall

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Abington Community Oil Club

After getting quotes from several suppliers Rod Wilcox ordered 49,000 litres from Goff at a price of 39.40ppl + 5% VAT, making the price per litre 41.37p. Deliveries were in May.

If you would like to join the Oil Club please email Rod at rodwillcox@hotmail.co.uk with your name, address, email address and telephone number and you will be added to the master list. Rod will email members in October asking for details of the quantities of oil required. The minimum order is 500 litres.

Love Abington Update

It has been lovely to see people gathering, safely, at our wonderful pub, as we begin to open up again. Many of us are still understandably cautious and it will take us all time to regain the confidence to venture out. Love Abington are still here to help, talk and assist, so please contact us.

Library

The library is fully stocked with some fabulous books and we were delighted to welcome back our friends, both old and new. If you haven't visited yet, please come along. New visitors are always pleasantly surprised!

Abington Library is held in the Social Club in Pampisford Road.

Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm

Saturdays 10am to 12 noon

We are hugely grateful for the donations of books, jigsaw puzzles and DVDs we have received. We have run out of space, for now, and would ask for no further donations, at present.

Prescriptions

Granta Medical Practice offer free medicine delivery to your home. For more information and to register, please call 01223 727530 or email: capccg.grantadispensing@nhs.net

Prescriptions are available to collect at the shop. Thank you to Mak, Bea and team for this valuable service. Please collect your prescriptions as promptly as possible, as space is limited, and a great many prescriptions are delivered each week. If you are unable to collect, your Street Coordinator would be happy to do so for you.

Please note that after 4 weeks, the dispensaries ask us to return any uncollected prescriptions to them.

Telephone listening service

Our Listening Service offers a weekly phone call, for a chat and to share concerns. Finding someone who will listen can relieve the weight of anxiety even if there is no immediate answer.

Please get in touch by ringing 07761 440102. All calls are treated in the strictest confidence. Rosemary Mead will organise a member of the telephone listening team to ring you and arrange a suitable time to contact you on a weekly basis.

Food Bank

Talks regarding future plans for the Food Bank are in progress and we hope to be able to report to you soon with more details.

We would like to express our huge thanks to David Simmons, who will be stepping down in June, for the incredible work and organisation that he has provided, effectively running the Foodbank single-handedly, with a little help from his friends. David's wisdom, generosity, and speed of ensuring that no one goes hungry has been wonderful. Thank you David.

If you are short of food, please get in touch with Bernie 01223 892647 or Julie 07761 440102, or email: loveabington@gmail.com

Street Coordinators

Remember your Street Coordinators are still here to offer support. Please contact your coordinator direct or call Julie 07761 440102.

Every blessing and warmest wishes,
Rosemary, Julie, Jeanine and the Love Abington team

Granta Medical Practices Update, June 2021**COVID-19 Vaccinations Update**

Have you had your first Covid vaccination yet? If not, and you are in a cohort between 1 and 6, please contact us as soon as possible to arrange an appointment.

If you fall into one of the cohorts 7 to 12, please ring 119 or go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/> where you can directly book your first dose appointment at a central vaccination centre.

If you need to book your second dose, NHS England guidelines state that patients should return to the venue where they had their first vaccination, as the second dose will be allocated and sent to that original venue.

As always, if any of the Covid vaccination guidelines change we will let you know via our website www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk and our social media platforms. However, please don't hesitate to contact us direct if you do not have access to the internet.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and kind words, as well as all the biscuits, chocolates and other lovely treats. The goodwill shown to us whilst we deliver the vaccines means so much to all of us.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services

Email: sandra.east@nhs.net. Direct number: 01223 627 743.

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**Covid-19 test if you have no symptoms?**

All adults across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can now get free, rapid COVID-19 tests/kits for home-testing. One in three people with Covid-19 don't have symptoms, so adults are being encouraged to take lateral flow tests twice a week to stop outbreaks and keep the virus in check.

Use NHS111 to book into A&E

Many people know they can contact NHS111 online or by phone if they need urgent health care or advice. But the service can now book time slots for you at A&E or at a minor injury unit, GP or pharmacy.

This new system is called NHS 111 First. To use it phone 111 or visit NHS111 online. If in doubt about the help you need, go to 111.nhs.uk

COVID-19 Useful links:

Government Coronavirus restrictions: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

South Cambridgeshire District Council Coronavirus information:

www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus

Information on financial support to self-isolate: www.scambs.gov.uk/isolation

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Reopening High Streets Safely Team:

www.scambs.gov.uk/business/coronavirus-information-for-businesses/reopening-the-high-street

Support for local businesses: www.scambs.gov.uk/business/coronavirus-information-for-businesses

Can you help improve cancer services at Addenbrooke's Hospital?

Cancer patients and their carers are invited to help design and improve care for people living with cancer, both now and in the future.

The Addenbrooke's Cancer Patient Partnership Group (CPPG) is keen to hear from anyone with experience of cancer, whether they are a patient or carer.

Your feedback will help transform the care the hospital is able to provide both now, and in the future, when the proposed new Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital opens in 2025.

Read more here:

<https://www.cambridgecancer.org.uk/>

As well as contributing to plans for the new hospital, the CPPG has already been instrumental in helping plan the refurbishment of the Oncology Outpatients clinic area at Addenbrooke's and encouraging doctors to write clinic letters directly to patients, copying in the GP, rather than the other way round.

Since the start of Covid the CPPG has helped shape how the hospital communicates with patients about potential delays, getting blood tests done locally, and changing to video or telephone appointments.

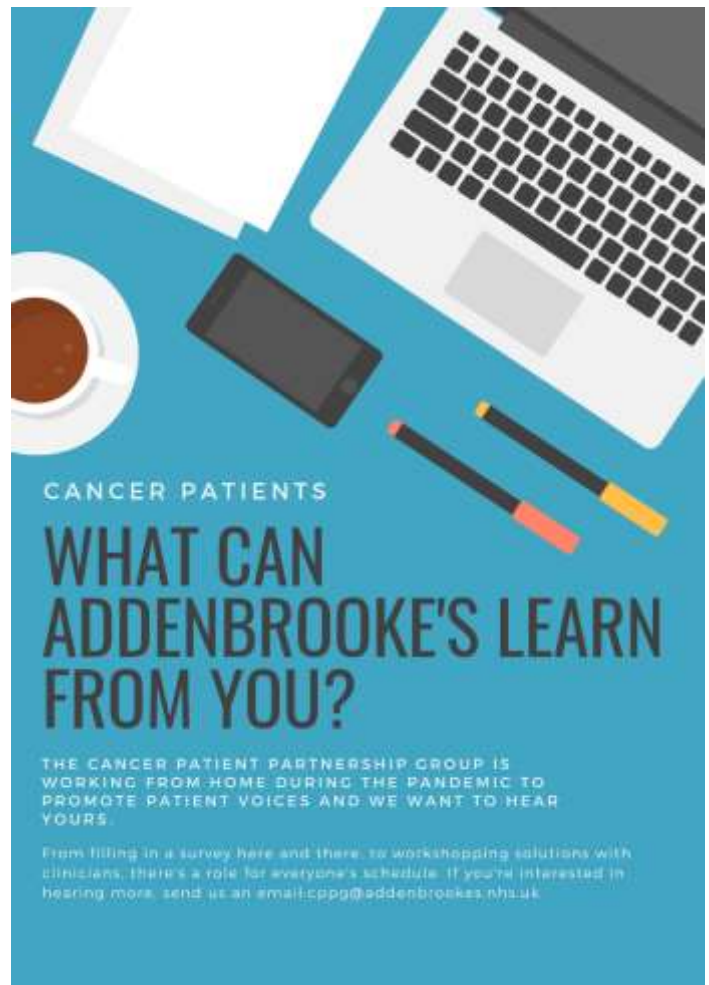
Lenja Bell, Macmillan Co-production Lead, based at Addenbrooke's, said: "Doctors and nurses are great at providing clinical expertise, but it is only by listening to people with lived experience of cancer that we can really provide a service which meets their needs."

Patients and carers can be involved as little or much as suits them at any particular time.

The CPPG is keen to reflect the diversity and demographics of patients and would particularly welcome members from the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic and LGBT+ communities, plus anyone under 50 and representatives from the Armed Forces.

If you or a loved one have experience of being treated for cancer at Addenbrooke's, the CPPG would love to hear from you.

For more information contact Lenja Bell on cppg@addenbrookes.nhs.uk or phone 07729 105 550, or see: <https://www.cuh.nhs.uk/our-services/cancer-services/cancer-support-services/addenbrookes-cancer-patient-partnership-group/>



Girlguiding Linton District



What a month it has been for the district. After the easing of Covid regulations we are now allowed to meet outdoors. Some of our Rangers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows are starting to have fun outdoors again. Our fantastic Jarman Centre in Newmarket is hosting campfire cooking for us from the 17 May. Girls will be using small campfires to cook tea and make s'mores. One of our Jarman Centre leaders has also just re-completed the archery qualification, allowing archery to be taught for people who use the Jarman Centre. It is an amazing resource to have so close to home. Girls have been having fun in the park and picnics have been planned as well as a host of other exciting things. Have you ever tried to step through a piece of paper... it is easy when you know how.

If you would like to join in the fun and adventure and make new friends take a look at our website. Rainbows 5-7, Brownies 7-10, Guides 10-14, Rangers 14-18.

If you remember what fun it was as a girl, encourage your daughter to join us. If you would enjoy it as an adult, join us in a role you would enjoy or join the Trefoil Guild 18+ the possibilities are endless. <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved>

Linton Netball Club

Linton Netball Club always welcomes new members. If you are interested in joining please contact us to arrange your first session. We train every Monday (term time) on the outside courts at Linton Village College. Juniors train 6-7pm and Adults train 7.30-8.30pm. For more information please email lintonnetball@gmail.com or visit www.lintonladiesnetball.weekly.com.

Rebecca Free

Cambridge Past, Present & Future

Land for Nature Appeal

CambridgePPF has purchased two parcels of land adjoining Wandlebury Country Park. This land is now safe from development and it is the first time in over 25 years that the park has been extended.

To coincide with the land acquisition CambridgePPF is launching the [Land for Nature Appeal](#), to raise £100,000. This will enable the charity to transform this land into nature-rich habitat and also enable us to purchase more land in future.

Please support this appeal in any way you can. Your donation will kick start a new vision for land acquisition and land transformation around Wandlebury. A kind supporter and friend of the charity has pledged to DOUBLE the first £25,000 that we are able to raise. By donating today you are taking a stand and helping us reverse the decline of nature in Cambridgeshire.

Wandlebury Pond is Open

CambridgePPF is delighted to announce that the new Wandlebury Pond opened to visitors from 17 May (although nature jumped the queue and has already set up home!).

In recent weeks we have been applying the finishing touches and allowing the grass to grow so that visitors can access the pond. There is also a new curved commemorative bench to sit on and reflect and enjoy the wonderful view.

County and District Councils

District and County Councillors' Report – May 2021

A1307 Update

The process of upgrading the road continues, as you may well have seen, the installation of average speed cameras between Linton and Cardinals Green has commenced. The next scheme to be implemented will be the signalised crossing at Hildersham.

The local liaison forum meetings are still occurring. They are public so please do register to attend the forthcoming ones to have an input.

Covid

At time of writing there are only 22 people in hospital with Covid in Cambridgeshire with three in Addenbrookes. This is a huge improvement and will of course allow our hospitals to get back to treating people with other conditions, many of which are now very urgent.

The supplies of the Astra Zeneca, Moderna and Pfizer vaccines over May and June are limited but should increase significantly mid-June, hopefully in time for many of us to be ready for the summer holidays!

Over 90% of the over-75s have received both their jabs and over 51% of the over 50s.

We have seen some increase in transmission in South Cambs. and Cambridge City and there is still a possibility of further rise as lock down restrictions lessen. South Cambs. is currently at the national average rate of about 25 cases per 100,000 people.

The District Council still have a 'Covid Co-Ordinator' available to anyone that is in need of support – Vicky.hoover@scambs.gov.uk

Bus Capacity Issue

Many people, across the Linton division, have raised the issue of capacity of buses during peak periods. Now that schools and workplaces have reopened, it has meant a higher volume of bus users during morning and afternoon rush hours. Given that bus operators are obliged to socially distance their passengers, it has meant that buses are only operating at 50% capacity. This has caused some issues with people not being able to ride, especially if they're getting on 'down the line' when the bus is already full. Stagecoach have been made aware and some good news, they are suspending the Milton P&R service from 10 May to put more buses onto priority routes, which includes the 13 in our area, so things should be getting better, if still not perfect.

Business Grants

The Business Support team at SCDC have now given out over £11million in grants to 4834 businesses in the district, since November last year. These grants can be the difference between life and death for some businesses. The latest available grant is the Business Restart Grant -

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/coronavirus-information-for-businesses/financial-support-for-business/restart-grants/>

If you, or someone you know, are struggling to access grant money, get in touch with John or Henry.

Winter Support Grant

Residents can now access schemes which can be used for those in need of urgent food or fuel. The vouchers are worth up to £49 for a family or £29 for an individual. The scheme is funded by the department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). If you know anyone that would benefit from this, please contact the district council on duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk – there is a simple form to complete.

Contact Information

District Council – John Batchelor – johndbatchelor23@gmail.com

County & District Council – Henry Batchelor – henrybatchelor89@gmail.com

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

We want everyone to enjoy the sunny weather safely this summer. High temperatures and dry areas of land can be perfect conditions for a fire to spread. Something as simple as not stubbing a cigarette out properly, or using a disposable barbecue on grass, can start a fire that can get out of control quickly.

There are some simple steps we urge residents to take to help prevent an outdoor fire:

1. Use barbecues on a hard, flat surface, away from grass, shrubs or fencing.
2. Put disposable barbecues on bricks, do not place directly on grass.
3. Ensure cigarettes are completely out.
4. Do not throw cigarettes out of car windows onto grass verges or vegetation.
5. Do not leave glass bottles lying on the ground, the sun's rays reflect through the glass and can start a fire.
6. Talk to your children about the dangers of starting a fire.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk. Sign up to email alerts and find us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook.

Test your smoke alarm!

Did you know that you should test your smoke alarms at least once a month? Or that you should have smoke alarms on every floor of your home? Or that Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service do free home visits to make sure your home is fire safe?

Visit this website for helpful tips and advice: <https://firekills.campaign.gov.uk/> It only takes one accident to start a fire. Fire kills. Let's prevent it. We want everyone to enjoy the sunny weather safely this summer.

Annual Balsham Craft, Gift and Food Fair is Back!

Special gifts that will impress, or perhaps some unique, distinctive accessories not found on the High Street at affordable prices.

A Café where you can enjoy a spot of lunch or take away some delicious homemade cakes.

Tombola and Raffle plus stalls for children

Date for your diary Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 OCTOBER

Little Abington Parish Council

Around the village

Reporting faults

If you spot a faulty streetlight in the village take a note of its number on the column and report it through the Abingtons website:

www.theabingtons.org.uk/parish-councils/report-fault-roads-lights-fly-tip/. You can use the same page for reporting potholes, damaged pavements and fly-tipping.

Connecting Cambridgeshire

The Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme for both Abingtons has attracted a good response and is still open if you've not yet signed up. To find out more, go to www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk, and to sign up contact the clerk.

Meeting via Zoom, Monday 26 April

The annual parish meeting was held via Zoom after the regular meeting, featuring a discussion on the development of Abington Woods. Our Annual Report is now available to read on the Abingtons website with the following reports: Chair's, Clerk's, Planning, Abington Recreation Ground Committee, Abington Village Institute and the district and county council.

Planning

21/00962/FUL 1 Ley Rectory Farm Barns, Hildersham Road. Conversion of existing residential storage barn to one-bedroom dwelling. Approved.

21/0519/TTCA Tree Works in conservation area, 33 Church Lane. Fell a tree and reduce another. Approved and replace tree with a native or ornamental tree in another location on the site.

S/3921/19/FL Bancroft Farm

An informal meeting to discuss an updated proposal was held with Cheffins on 21 April. A planning application is expected at the end of May.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Institute

Next Meeting: Monday 28 June 2021, Parish Council at 7.30pm

Sheila Bolden (Chairman)	07754 659 929	Email: shelen@btinternet.com
Genevieve Dalton (Clerk)	07703 486562	Email: clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk

Next meetings

Monday 28 June

Monday 26 July

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

Parish Council AGM

The AGM was held on 17 May at the Village Institute. At the meeting Tony Orgee was elected as Chairman following the resignation of Bernie Talbot after more than nineteen years of dedicated service to the community. During this period Bernie was the driving force in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Abington Housing Group. Grateful thanks were given on behalf of the community.

E-bikes in the Abingtons Hurry! There are only a few weeks left to book your free week with the GAPC owned e-bike before the scheme ends in August. Loans run from Saturday morning to Saturday morning and the e-bike is sanitised between loans. For more info and to book your week with the bike please email ebike@theabingtons.org.uk.

Community Orchard

As many of you will know the community orchard situated in Larkfield has been planted. There is now an exciting opportunity for volunteers to become involved with watering and the general care and maintenance of the trees to ensure the success of the project for the future. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk, Paula Harper, for further information (see contact details below).

£100K Homes in Great Abington Applications open for the £100K one-bedroom homes in Great Abington on 24 May and close on 13 June. Find out more about eligibility and how to apply at: <https://www.100khomes.co.uk/>

Planning

Please attend a planning meeting if you would like to make a comment that we can consider in our debate before agreeing on the Parish Council's recommendation to SCDC. If you have views on a planning application, you should also make your comment on the South Cambs. website (link below) as this will ensure that the planners take your view into consideration in their decision-making. 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

Ref: 21/01482- 61 North Road- Construction of three bay cart lodge. PC approved.

District Council outcomes

Ref:21/0148 – 155 High Street Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. DC approved.

Great Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Village Institute

Tony Orgee (Chairman) tonyorgee@gmail.com

Planning Committees: These are arranged as required when applications are received. See Parish Council notice board for dates or contact the Parish Clerk.

Next Parish Council meetings: Monday 7 June and Monday 19 July 2021 at 7.30pm

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)

Hildersham Focus

Hildersham News June 2021

Church services, as indicated in the Church newsletter, are continuing indoors from June. The pleasure we have gained from outdoor services has encouraged us to seek opportunities for further such services in the coming weeks and months. We also look forward to a return to gathering with friends over coffee and biscuits after services, all being well.

Children's Church Council

The wealth of planning ideas for the churchyard conservation project reflects how well-informed young people are and how eager they are to engage with environmental protection and sustainability in general. At our most recent meeting, the children were presented with a copy of Dr Seuss's 'The Lorax', a prescient story that, whilst fifty years old, encapsulates the mission on which we are embarking. The children were determined to take early practical steps and began with trowels in hand and knees in the mud planting wildflower plants in what is to be our first wilded area. They are also creating signs to indicate where these areas are.



Photos by Amanda Palmer

Hildersham EACH Herb Garden – update

The herb garden project, mentioned in last month's magazine, is under way. We've already received gifts of thyme, rosemary and two lovely big pots of mint – thank you! These, and several other herbs, have been planted and we hope to include many more. The marigolds already in the plot add a bright splash of colour. We welcome donations and look forward to the time when the herbs have grown enough for everyone to pick and enjoy them.

Proceeds from the herb garden and the jam stall will go to East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).

Cathy Myer and Jill Heale

Hildersham Parish Council

If any Hildersham resident needs assistance getting to their appointment for their Covid-19 vaccine please contact Billie Chapman. The volunteer coordinators are: Mark Logan (891 897) or Billie Chapman (07834 210 582) for prescription collection and shopping.

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>

Report of Parish Council meetings on 11 May

The meetings held on the 11 May were the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Council. At the Annual Parish Meeting a summary of the work of the council over the year was given. During the AGM Mark Logan was voted in as Chair of the Parish Council and Darren Long the Vice Chair.

The Council formally established two trusts, one to manage the Recreation Ground and one to manage North & South Holdings. This ends a very long running issue between the Council and the Charity Commission on the ownership and management of the parcels of land in the village. The Council also discussed plans for the planting of trees on the recreation ground and decided not to fence the area but to put protection around each tree.

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on 13 July. Parishioners are very welcome to join us. We have resumed face-to-face meetings. For more information see the Parish Council website: <https://hildershamparishcouncil.org.uk>. You are welcome to raise matters by emailing or by contacting the Clerk with details of your query/concern before the meeting.

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

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

The Saturday of our Annual Cake & Plant Stall in May was anticipated with great enthusiasm as an opportunity to see members in person for the first time for ages. However, the Great British Weather chose that day to break the drought, bringing heavy rain and strong winds. The Committee was delighted with the response of members and other villagers who brought donations of cakes, produce and plants and is grateful to all those who turned out to purchase items and exchange a few words to keep up our spirits as we dripped and shivered. We pray for better weather for our next gathering so that we can have a proper catch-up.

Next meeting: Monday 5 July – Coffee and Chat 10.30am till 12 noon on the Terrace of the Village Institute. New members very welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst

OUTDOOR FITNESS CLASSES

After months of lockdown, I am pleased that we can get back outside to exercise in a group setting. I will be running Fitness classes at Abington Rec (and surrounding) throughout the Spring & Summer.

Please get in touch for more information.

disa_bennett@hotmail.com 07798754029

JEREMIAH'S CAFÉ

We are intending to re-open the Saturday Café on **3 July from 10a.m. to Midday** with a limited menu. We will ensure that all Covid-19 precautions have been adhered to, with people's safety and wellbeing the top priority.

In addition, the Thursday café will re-open on **8 July from 11.30am to 1.30pm** when the normal lunch menu will be available.

For the moment these are the two days each week that the Café will be open during July, August and September.

We hope to welcome you back and look forward to meeting new residents. The café is a community one at the Abington Institute and is run by volunteers.

Gill Smith and I have agreed to help get things up and running after such a long closure but we are still actively looking for two or more people to run the café and will work along with them initially.

Gaynor Farrant



The aconites cheered us up in February.
Let us welcome the Café, and rejoice, when it re-opens in July.

Reading Group

8 June	<i>Audubon's Elephant</i> Duff Hart Davis	Sally Turnidge
13 July	<i>Tender is the Night</i> F. Scott Fitzgerald	Mary Conochie
10 August	<i>The Thursday Murder Club</i> Richard Osman	Valerie Hefford

There is still uncertainty about meeting but we hope to do so in June in Sally's garden at 3pm. Please confirm attendance to Sally and me and check emails as things can change at the last minute!

We would welcome new members. If interested please email me:

vhefford@yahoo.co.uk.

Valerie Hefford

Abington Cricket Club: home fixtures in June

Midweek First XI (start at 6.30pm)

June 9 Cambridge Warriors
June 30 Horseheath

Midweek Second XI (start at 6.30pm)

June 16 Swards End (or League Cup 2nd round)
June 23 Mill Green

First XI Saturday (start at 1.00pm)

June 12 Cambridge N.C.I.
June 19 March II
June 26 Royston

Third XI Saturday (start 1.30pm)

June 19 Barley II at Horseheath

Fixture Secretary
Colin Godsmark Tel. 07977 799202

Social Cycling

Six of us enjoyed a good work out from Abington to Sawston and then on to Stapleford, heading for the A1307. Our intended stop for refreshment was the cafe at Copley Hill but it was CLOSED (we subsequently found out that it is not intending to reopen in the near future). So feeling a bit deflated we decided to carry on to Babraham via the cycle path through the Institute to the George. However, we were foiled again - an hour to wait until opening time!

We finished our ride crossing the A11 via the nightmare bridge and ended up in the Smith's garden for coffee and some delicious shortbread provided by Viki, so definitely not a total disaster.

The next ride will be on Monday 21 June, congregating at 9.30am at 1, Bourn Bridge Road, Little Abington. Research will be done beforehand about pit stops.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining us. You can phone me on either 07817 517 871 or email me at gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com . We look forward to seeing you.

Abington Pre-School Baby and Toddler Group

The Abington Pre-school Baby and Toddler Group will be restarting this term from Monday 17 May. We are open on Monday mornings (term time only) from 9.30-11.30am from the Pre-school building at the bottom of the primary school playground.

0-3 year olds, £2 per family.

Limited spaces (due to Covid 19) - **booking essential.**

If you would like more information / join the whatsapp group for bookings, please call the annexe office 01223 894246 or email abingtonannexeoffice@gmail.com

Contact details

Abington Pre-school and Baby & Toddler Group tel 01223 894 246

Pre School: preschoolabington@gmail.com

Baby and Toddler Group: abingtonannexeoffice@gmail.com

GAPS Abington Community out of School Club and Holiday Club Abington Annexe Sports
01223 894 246

Out of school club: gapsooscmanager@gmail.com

Holiday Club: abingtonannexesports@gmail.com

Ruth Beach

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY –June 2021

		Venue	Time	Page
Mon	7	Baby & Toddler Group - Pre-school building	9.30am	17
		Great Abington Parish Council - Institute	7.30pm	13
Tue	8	Reading Group	3.00pm	16
Mon	14	Baby & Toddler Group - Pre-school building	9.30am	17
Mon	21	Baby & Toddler Group - Pre-school building	9.30am	17
		Social Cycling start from 1, Bourn Bridge Road, LA	9.30am	17
Mon	28	Baby & Toddler Group - Pre-school building	9.30am	17
		Little Abington Parish Council Village Hall	7.30pm	12

Contacts for classes on page 19.

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 See page 16.

Wheelie bin dates for June 2021 (Abingtons and Hildersham)


Tue 1 Green/Blue	Mon 7 Black	Mon 14 Green/Blue	Mon 21 Black	Mon 28 Green/Blue
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June Services inside the churches indicated.

(not Abingtons and Hildersham; 10am Zoom available for all 7 churches)

DATE	9.00 am	10.30 am	6.00 pm
6 June	Morning Worship <i>West Wratting and West Wickham</i>		
13 June	Communion <i>Weston Colville and West Wickham</i>		
20 June	Communion <i>West Wratting</i> Morning Worship <i>West Wickham</i>	Communion <i>Balsham</i>	
27 June	Communion <i>West Wratting</i> Morning Worship <i>Weston Colville</i>		Evensong <i>Balsham</i>

Church Services for June 2021

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
6 June	10.30 am Communion	via 6.00pm Evensong	'Zoom'	1 Samuel 8.4-20 Mark 3.20-end
13 June	10.30am Time	of	Prayer via 'Zoom'	1 Samuel 15.34-16.13 Mark 4.26-34
20 June	Recorded 9.00am Communion	Service	via 'Zoom 6.00pm Evensong	1 Samuel 17.32-49 Mark 4.35-41
27 June	Recorded	Service	via 'Zoom' 10.30am Communion	2 Samuel 1.1,17-end Mark 5.21-end

Church Flower Rota

	Gt. Abington	Lt. Abington	Hildersham
6 June	Anne Hall	Kate Franklin & Helen Rogers	Gwen Cutter
13 June	and	Freda Orgee	Gwen Cutter
20 June	Patsy Randall	Freda Orgee	Amanda Palmer
27 June		Marilyn Broadhurst	Amanda Palmer

Churchwardens

<i>Little Abington</i>	Graham Ross	41 Church Lane, Little Abington	891564
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Assistant Church Wardens

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

Parish Nurse

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