



# The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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*Photo by Peter Brunning*

**Abington Scarecrow Event, 29 May to 6 June 2021  
Jeremiah, the legendary highwayman, in Little Abington**

## Letter from the Editor

Removal of Covid restrictions has been delayed because of an increase in infection levels and the later 'freedom day' of 19 July provides time for a higher proportion of the population to be vaccinated and protected against the virus.

However, the Abington churches organised a most successful and entertaining scarecrow event which was a welcome diversion from Covid matters as well as being a good fundraiser (page 5). Photographs of scarecrows in this issue have been taken by Peter Brunning and the full set can be viewed at <https://www.flickr.com/gp/peterjeb/uU9TAv>.

Church services can now go ahead inside the churches, albeit with some restrictions, and the Ministry Team is trying to stabilise the pattern of services on offer (pages 4, 5, 18, 20). Love Abington is continuing to provide support to the community, and this will include a new Food Pantry in August (page 6). There will be a most welcome return of the annual Vicarage Garden Party of 24 July (page 9).

Please note that the Department for Education is funding help in the holidays with food and activities for children (page 9).

Had enough jabs? Granta Medical tells us that from 1 July we can book flu vaccinations on specified dates in September and October (page 7).

The parish councils, now able to meet face-to-face, have done a sterling job in keeping us informed of road and traffic and planning developments. Speedwatch is back in action and there are proposals for a 20mph speed limit across village centres. Speedy reporting of the arrival of travellers led to their early removal from a site in Little Abington. The Great Abington Parish Council is inviting applications from people interested in filling a vacancy. Might that be you? See pages 11-13.

Having had a year when there were hardly any social events to put in the diary it is a delight this month to be able to add meeting dates for the Walking Group, the WI, the vicarage garden party. There is also very welcome if limited reopening of Jeremiah's Café later in July than planned because of continuing government restrictions. Social cycling, the cricket club, the reading group and the baby and toddler group, are all operating. It begins to feel as though life is returning.

Page 10 records the excellent news that funding and planning consent have been granted for setting up the cycle track on the Recreation Ground. Congratulations to all involved in achieving this success. Now we look forward to the construction work beginning in September.

Valerie Silvey

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## From the Seven Churches

I wonder how you felt in response to the news that the final 'unlocking', previously proposed for June 21<sup>st</sup>, was to be delayed? Perhaps you see it as a cautious but prudent step; or maybe a deeply frustrating one. For many businesses around the country, including some within our parishes, it will be tremendously challenging. For those looking forward to larger gatherings including weddings, it may bring real disappointment.

Indeed, it's been part of our way of life during the pandemic that we've sometimes had to take each day and week as it comes, without being able to plan too far in advance. For some there has been a gift in living day by day, but it may bring with it a sense of insecurity, which may lead us to lose heart at times.

Church life has also been a mix of simply taking it week by week as well as trying to plan in advance! In looking ahead, we have recently created a new pattern of worship which we hope will be sustainable and enriching in both this time of crisis and beyond. Within our group of churches on a Sunday we now regularly have, Covid rules permitting, 9am services, one 10.30am service and usually a 6pm Evening Prayer. There will also still be a service available online at 10.30am.

Recently, our lay minister in training, Kristi Stewart Elliott, challenged us in a reflection to contemplate these words from our bible reading: "*So we do not lose heart*" (2 Corinthians 4:16). St Paul, who was writing to the church in Corinth, saw this as a vital part of Christian life and of seeing the world in the light of faith in Jesus Christ. Let us also seek to live today, in these still uncertain and turbulent times, as people who "do not lose heart", who may both rejoice in the everyday and also look ahead with hope.

Iain McColl

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### Christian Aid Collection

Thank you everyone for your support during Christian Aid Week. Abington raised £741.79 which will help families facing poverty and injustice around the world.

Mary Miles

## News from the Pews

The PCC wish to thank most sincerely all 32 families who took part in the First Abington Scarecrow Festival which was hugely successful both financially for the church and as a community event. Thanks are also extended to Mac and Bea who sold numerous programs, Chris Patten for designing and producing the programs, the team of ladies who manned the Trash and Treasure stall and to everyone who supported the event by visiting each and every scarecrow. Thank you.



Scarecrow entries at the school, and at Bourn Bridge cottages.

The PCC and friends of the church have been active throughout the past month with meetings for future events. The 'Community Pantry' which will be held in Great Abington Church is being discussed in great detail. Further information will be given in the next magazine when the project is finalized. See also page 6.

Meetings to discuss the Vicarage Garden Party are under way with a date fixed for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July (see page 9).

Planting traditional perennial flower seeds 'loved by the bees' has been taking place in Great Abington Church under the direction of our renowned village gardener Norma, following advice from the Churchyard Conservation Project.

We know that following church services in the Abingtons has been difficult of late because of changes required by Covid restrictions. Hopefully, we will now be able to form a regular pattern as requested at the last PCC.

Anne Hall

### Janet Jaggs

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Janet Jaggs who died peacefully at home at the age of 97. Her funeral took place at Cam Valley Crematorium on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Janet had lived in West Field, Little Abington for 38 years, moving from Newmarket. She was an active member of Cambridge Inner Wheel, attached to the Rotary Club, and Granta Flower Club. She enjoyed a happy marriage to Ivan for 66 years until his death in 2018. Janet was a loyal member of the Abington and Hildersham WI. She enriched many people's lives through her friendship and tremendous sense of humour. She was always interested in others, and until quite recently, she continued to knit teddy bears for Operation Christmas Child and blankets for several charitable projects.

We extend our condolences to Rosemary and Paul and the wider family.

Rosemary Mead

## **Love Abington Update**

How wonderful it is to see the blooming of nature as we move into summer! Our excellent allotment keepers and keen gardeners assure us of a bumper crop this year. Watch this space to find out about our Love Abington Food Pantry planned to launch in August just in time for harvest! Food Pantries, sometimes known as Community fridges, have been springing up all over the country. To find out more, please do visit [www.hubbub.org.uk/the-community-fridge](http://www.hubbub.org.uk/the-community-fridge). If you'd like to get involved, please do contact the love Abington Team on [loveabington@gmail.com](mailto:loveabington@gmail.com)

### **Library**

The Abington Library is in the Social Club in Pampisford Road and is open on:

Tuesdays 2 pm to 4 pm

Saturdays 10 am to 12 noon

You can also access a selection of books and jigsaws at the Hutch just outside Little Abington Church.

We have a fantastic selection of books for adults and children, both fiction and non-fiction, all donated by our local community. We also have many extremely popular puzzles and a few DVDs. So please come along and have a browse. We also look forward to welcoming back our regular visitors.

### **Prescriptions**

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

Prescriptions are available to collect at the shop. If you are unable to collect, your Street Coordinator would be happy to do so for you. Please note that after four 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 consider 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**

We continue to welcome food or cash donations at the shop. Thank you for your generosity so far, it is really making a difference. We are currently discussing how to move forward with the Foodbank and will report back to you next month.

If you are short of food, please get in touch and we can arrange delivery. Please contact: David 892 364, Bernie 892 647 or email: [loveabington@gmail.com](mailto:loveabington@gmail.com)

### **Street Coordinators**

Although we are gradually moving towards an easing of lock-down, we wish to reassure you that your Street Coordinators are still active and willing to help. Please contact your coordinator direct or email [loveabington@gmail.com](mailto:loveabington@gmail.com)

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

## 2021 Flu Clinics

In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, having your flu vaccination is more important than ever. It is important because if you are at risk from coronavirus, you are also more at risk of problems from flu. Additionally, if you get flu and coronavirus at the same time, research shows you are more likely to be seriously ill.

This year the flu vaccine will be given to people who:

- Are 50 and over
- Have certain health conditions
- Are pregnant
- Are in long-stay residential care
- Receive a carer's allowance, or are the main carer for an older or disabled person who may be at risk if you get sick
- Live with someone who's at high risk from coronavirus
- Frontline health or social care workers

From **1<sup>st</sup> July 2021** you will be able to book your flu jab and, as a Granta patient, you have the flexibility of choosing when and where you would like to go for your vaccination. Clinic dates are as follows:-

Saturday 11 September	Sawston Medical Centre Shelford Health Centre Linton Health Centre
Sunday 12 September	Market Hill Surgery, Royston
Saturday 9 October	Sawston Medical Centre Linton Health Centre
Sunday 10 October	Market Hill Surgery, Royston

Saturday 23 October                  Shelford Health Centre

When you ring to book your appointment, please state your preferred date, preferred venue and give your age so that you can be booked in for the most appropriate vaccine.

Please note, we do not currently have dates for the child flu clinics as we are waiting on delivery information.

**Did you know ...** having your flu jab at your doctors' surgery is the quickest and most convenient way as there are no forms to fill out – the doctors and nurses have your medical history at their fingertips.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services  
Email: [sandra.east@nhs.net](mailto:sandra.east@nhs.net). Direct number: 01223 627 743.

## 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.

# County and District Council

## District and County Councillors' Report – June 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 been completed and these are now working, so please do obey the speed limit!

The next schemes to be implemented will be the signalised crossing at Hildersham, the junction work at Dean Road and the roundabout installation at the Bartlow Road junction, Linton. The only scheme that hasn't been fully ratified yet is the Linton 'Greenway', a non-motorised user route, that runs from the new park & ride site on the other side of the A11 from Abington, all the way through to Linton. It's the route itself that still needs to be decided upon.

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

There is a meeting of the Joint Assembly on June 10<sup>th</sup> that will look at the schemes along the A1307, discuss, and then make recommendations to the Executive Board, who have the final sign off on any work. The topics for discussion at this meeting will mainly concern the schemes from the A11 going west towards Cambridge, so not 'our' part specifically but an area that would still affect us. The papers for the meeting can be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/35Ox6Ls> or

[https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/CCC\\_live/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=D8EvyfEJC0a%2bCOVw17bk1vyG4LFILJrSYL6s2FcdZVUQsqRsGujpCQ%3d%3d&rUzwRPf%2bZ3zd4E7lkn8Lyu%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNlh225F5QMaQWCtP HwdhUfCZ%2fLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&mCTIbCubSFfXsDGW9lXnlq%3d%3d=hFfIUdN3100%3d&kCx1AnS9%2fpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFfIUdN3100%3d&uJovDxw djMPoYv%2bAjvYtyA%3d%3d=ctNJff55vVA%3d&FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoBi5oIA%3d%3d=NHdURQburHA%3d&d9Qjj0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJff55vVA%3d&WGew moAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNJff55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCPMR KZMwaG1PaO=ctNJff55vVA%3d](https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/CCC_live/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=D8EvyfEJC0a%2bCOVw17bk1vyG4LFILJrSYL6s2FcdZVUQsqRsGujpCQ%3d%3d&rUzwRPf%2bZ3zd4E7lkn8Lyu%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNlh225F5QMaQWCtP HwdhUfCZ%2fLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&mCTIbCubSFfXsDGW9lXnlq%3d%3d=hFfIUdN3100%3d&kCx1AnS9%2fpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFfIUdN3100%3d&uJovDxw djMPoYv%2bAjvYtyA%3d%3d=ctNJff55vVA%3d&FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoBi5oIA%3d%3d=NHdURQburHA%3d&d9Qjj0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJff55vVA%3d&WGew moAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNJff55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCPMR KZMwaG1PaO=ctNJff55vVA%3d)

### Covid

With England due to come out of all lockdown restrictions in July (delayed from 21 June), the support available from local authorities won't cease. If you know people who are still vulnerable and could use more support, then please do get in touch with Henry and John, they will be able to signpost people to the various support channels available at both County and District councils.

Please do also encourage people that have been offered the vaccine to have it.

### Business Grants

Now that the Covid-related business grants will cease as we come out of all lockdown restrictions this month, the District Council is investigating ways to continue financial support for business regrowth in South Cambs. There is likely to be a new pot of money to apply for from July onwards. More details to follow.

### Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan

The County Council are currently running a consultation on the creation of a local walking and cycling infrastructure plan for Cambridgeshire. They are looking for some initial feedback on the proposals before the close of the consultation on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please do feedback any thoughts for our local area that you may have as it could shape the future of walking and cycling in our part of the world.

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/ccv-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021>

## East West Rail

For those keeping an eye on the developments of the East West Rail project, you will have seen that there is currently an open public consultation on the various route options once the railway reaches Cambridge. Views had to be submitted by 9 June. See <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation>

## Contact Information

District Council – John Batchelor – [johnbatchelor23@gmail.com](mailto:johnbatchelor23@gmail.com)

County & District Council – Henry Batchelor – [henrybatchelor89@gmail.com](mailto:henrybatchelor89@gmail.com)

## Free summer holiday scheme for children in receipt of free school meals

A scheme to provide holiday childcare, activities and food for children in Cambridgeshire is now taking bookings for the summer holidays.

Any child receiving benefits-related free school meals is eligible for free holiday provision under the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme.

Funded by the Department for Education (DfE), it enables local authorities to coordinate free holiday childcare, including healthy food and enriching activities.

The programme will be delivered by approved holiday scheme providers and childminders, and co-ordinated by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Up to four weeks of activities will be offered during the school summer holidays. Each eligible child will be entitled to up to 64 hours of free holiday childcare throughout the school summer holiday period. Parents can book places directly with participating holiday schemes from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. More information can be found at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf)

As part of the HAF programme, eligible children will be able to access:

- Fun and enriching play opportunities
- At least one meal a day
- Sessions on healthy eating such as getting children involved in food preparation and cooking, growing fruit and vegetables
- Support for families with guidance on how to source, prepare and cook nutritious and low-cost food
- Information and signposting to other services and support which might be helpful
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- **VICARAGE GARDEN FETE**
  - **Saturday 24 July 2.30-4.30pm**
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  - **ALL WELCOME**
  - **by kind invitation of Jeanine Kennedy.**
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  - **Please come and spend an afternoon**
  - **in the Vicarage Garden, Church Lane, Lt. Abington**
    - **Cream teas, cake stall, plants and produce,**
      - **books, bottle tombola and RAFFLE,**
      - **fun & games for all the family,**
      - **Offers of help and donations of items**
      - **for stalls/raffle gratefully received**

## Abington's Pump Track gets the go-ahead

With funding secured and planning permission granted, construction of an exciting new cycle track on Abington Recreation Ground is scheduled to begin in September this year. The "pump track" will offer an opportunity for cycling skills improvement and fun exercise for cyclists of all ages and abilities, for users of BMX bikes, scooter riders, balance bikes (strider bikes), inline skates and cruiser skateboards, and for people with disabilities and users of adapted bicycles.

The new track will have a start ramp running into a series of rollers, jumps and banked turns. The main principle behind pump tracks is that bikes are not pedalled but "pumped" over the track, which has no flat areas, only smooth flowing features, linked to one another, which can be pumped. Pumping is the body movement created by riders as they ride over the track features. The track will be located largely in the unused area on the southeast edge of the Rec, and so will be close to the school, where "the children are already getting excited at the prospect of using the new facility to develop their confidence and bike skills", reports Headteacher Guy Underwood. An opening event for the track is provisionally planned for October.

The track will be part-funded by a generous grant of £25,000 to the Rec from British Cycling, after a successful application submitted by members of the Rec Management Committee to the Places to Ride capital grants programme. The programme, aimed to ensure a lasting legacy in England from the 2019 UCI Road World Championships in Yorkshire, is delivered through a partnership between British Cycling, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) and Sport England. Further cash will come from Great Abington Parish Council's so-called S106 funding, provided by the developers of housing in the village to support infrastructure projects to benefit the community. Thanks are also due to members of our community who wrote to support the planning application.

More detail on this innovative project can be found on the Abingtons website, together with an update of the ambitious Abington Cycling Development Plan.

*Illustrated: The smooth flowing features of the Pump Track*



# Little Abington Parish Council

## Speedwatch

We have been concentrating our efforts on Cambridge Road and Pampisford Road since we restarted in May and so far only a few drivers have been exceeding the speed limits. To join the team, get in touch with Paddy on [paddy.keane@btinternet.com](mailto:paddy.keane@btinternet.com).

## Travellers' visit

Did you know that 10 or more traveller caravans set up camp on the field behind the former Comfort Café? They arrived on Monday 14 June and were gone by the following afternoon. We are very grateful to various members of the public for alerting us and to the Police for dealing with the incident so efficiently.

## Verges on Bourn Bridge Road

We are really pleased that most people have been keeping off the protected roadside verges (PRVs) along Bourn Bridge Road and the wild grasses and flowers are thriving as a result.

## Meeting held in Abington Institute, Monday 24 May

We discussed the new initiative '20's Plenty for Cambridgeshire', which proposes the setting of 20mph limits across the county's urban and village settlements. We voted in favour of the initiative which could lead to a speed limit of 20mph in the centre of the village on the roads approaching the school.

The routing of the Linton Greenway cycleway through the Abingtons is still to be determined. The signalised crossing of the A1307 at Hildersham has not yet had the go-ahead. Our preference would be for the greenway to be routed along Pampisford Road to the Granta Park roundabout and on to the Babraham footbridge.

## Planning

**21/01751/FUL.** 44 High Street, Little Abington. Change of use from office space to residential use, minor alterations and changes to internal layout. We recommended approval.

## Planning decisions

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

**21/00718/HFUL** 27 West Field, Little Abington. SCDC approved.

## Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Institute or via Zoom during lockdown

**Next Meeting: Monday 26 July 2021, Parish Council at 7.30pm**

Sheila Bolden (Chairman)      07754 659 929      Email: [shelen@btinternet.com](mailto:shelen@btinternet.com)

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

## Next meetings

Monday 26 July

No meeting in August

Our meetings are now held face to face, albeit mask to mask and with social distancing. If you would like to participate in person or via Zoom please contact the clerk to make arrangements.

The meeting agendas and papers are published on the Abingtons website:

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

## Council Vacancies

The council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor following the resignation of Bernie Talbot. We want to find an active, enthusiastic, committed person to fill this vacancy and become part of the team. The co-option of a new member will take place at the meeting on 19 July. Those who come forward will be asked to make a brief presentation at the meeting telling councillors who they are and what they have to offer to the Parish Council and the community.

Anyone wishing to find out more about the role of a Parish Councillor can contact the Clerk or an existing councillor or look at the Good Councillor Guide:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/oursupport/highlighting-political-leadership/councillors-guide>.

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Paula Harper if you are interested.

## E-bikes in the Abingtons

Last chance 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](mailto:ebike@theabingtons.org.uk).

## Summer nights

A reminder to all that sound travels through open windows in both directions – with windows open in warm weather please be sensitive to neighbours by keeping the volume down. Thanks!

## 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.scambs.gov.uk/planning/view-or-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

## Parish Council recommendations

21/01813/FUL – 22 South Road - Demolition of piggery building and mobile home and the construction of detached house and garage together with new access. PC approved.

21/01786/HFUL – Land at 41 South Road – Ground and 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension to east and north with new dormer window and alterations at 1<sup>st</sup> floor. PC approved.

21/01623/FUL – Land adjacent to 2 Pampisford Road – Construction of 2 storey dwelling. PC refused.

21/01857/FUL – Illumina Centre Granta Park – Changes to the approved drainage strategy for the wider Granta Park development. PC approved.

21/02026/FUL – Land adjacent to 19 South Road – Erection of a two-storey house. PC refused.

21/01468/REM – Land east of 40 South Road – approval of reserve matters.

## District Council outcomes

21/01482/HFUL: 61 North Road – Construction of a three-bay cartlodge. DC refused.

## Great Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Village Institute

**Tony Orgee (Chairman) [tonyorgee@gmail.com](mailto: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 19 July 2021 and Monday 20 September 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](mailto:harper802@btinternet.com) (892 000)

## Cambridge Past, Present and Future (PPF)

### Join Cambridge University Botanic Gardens with a 20% discount

CambridgePPF are delighted to have partnered with CUBG on a joint membership promotion. Members of CambridgePPF can join the Cambridge University Botanic Gardens Friends scheme with a 20% discount.

Cambridge University Botanic Garden is one of the largest University-owned botanic gardens in the world, with the Garden's living plant collection of over 8,000 species spread across 40 acres of landscaped gardens in the heart of the city. The Garden's Friends enjoy a special relationship with the gardens, with free entry to the Garden, exclusive events, trips, tours and talks and more.

CUBG are delighted to offer members of CambridgePPF a discounted rate for joining the Garden's Friends scheme. To take advantage of this offer go to <http://botanic.cam.ac.uk/join-support/friends/> and input the code CPPF20 when you sign up.



**Scarecrow Event - The Mad Hatter's Tea Party, in Great Abington**

## Hildersham Focus

### Hildersham News July 2021

A joint service for all our churches was held on Sunday 27 June. The children had a significant input in the service as they were very keen to project their message of environmental protection and sustainability to the wider community. As the congregation left the church, they were all given a bee bomb (a small capsule of wildflower seeds) to affirm the children's message and encourage others to welcome insect life into their gardens in greater numbers and add to the work the children have already done to promote a species-rich churchyard in Hildersham.

### Children's Church Council

The June meeting focussed on planning for the joint service with thoughts and ideas given over to ways to share, with others, their message regarding maintaining the beauty and diversity of God's wonderful world.

The avian population will be looking forward to some new, vibrantly decorated, residences after painting aprons were donned to create attractive homes for the new nesting season. Bugs and insects need not feel left out as hotels are next on the agenda.

The CCC would love to see new members so do contact Amanda Palmer ([amjpalmer@gmail.com](mailto:amjpalmer@gmail.com)) if interested in joining the group.



*Photo by Amanda Palmer* Bird box painting in progress

### Hildersham (Pollination Action Plan)

In common with several other villages in the area, Hildersham is demonstrating its concern for biodiversity by supporting the Pollination Action Plan.

This initiative is designed to attract various kinds of wild plants and flowers, with the aim of encouraging the recovery of catastrophically dwindling populations of insects, bees and other wild creatures.

Implementing the plan requires that grassy areas such as verges be cut less often and less extensively, perhaps trimming only a narrow strip at the front if absolutely necessary.

For more information see Natural Hildersham page:  
[Hildershamparishcouncil.org.uk/natural-hildersham-2/](http://Hildershamparishcouncil.org.uk/natural-hildersham-2/)



Jean Kelly

## Hildersham Parish Council

### Report on the Hildersham Parish Council meeting held on 11 May 2021.

The Parish Council held its first meetings in the village hall since the start of the pandemic. On 11 May the Annual Parish Meeting was followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting, at which Mark Logan was elected as the Chairman of the Parish Council and Darren Long was elected as the Vice-Chairman.

Two documents to establish Charitable Trusts for the allotment land and the recreation ground were signed by all Councillors present, who will act as Trustees, and were witnessed by County and District Councillors Henry Batchelor and District Councillor John Batchelor.

The Council was awaiting feedback from the Highway Department on the inspection done of the beech trees on the triangular piece of land by the A1307, and also awaited news on what repairs would be carried out on the disintegrated path at the top of the High Street close to Pampisford Road.

South Cambridgeshire District Council have replaced the doors of the Meadowlands garages and have the funds to create four new parking bays in this area, subject to the landscaping team agreeing. This should help reduce the parking problems in this neighbourhood.

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

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 210582) for prescription collection and shopping.

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 13 July in Hildersham Village Hall. Information is on the Parish Council's website:

<https://hildershamparishcouncil.org.uk>

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

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

We are looking forward to our first gathering of members old and new on 5 July, when we can meet for coffee/tea and cake and catch up with each other. Our last meeting was the AGM in March 2020 and we have missed you all very much! This will not be a formal meeting, but we hope as many members as possible can get together and enjoy the complimentary refreshments and good company. If you are thinking about joining our friendly WI, do come along and meet us for a chat. You will find us on the Terrace at the rear of Abington Village Institute.

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

Advance notice: Monday 9 August 5-7pm: Annual Garden Party by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Smith, 1 Bourn Bridge Road, Little Abington.

Marilyn Broadhurst

## **Walking shoes**

These shoes were meant for walking and that is what they did for 10 months, walking every day around the ABINGTONS. They HAD TO BE REPLACED THIS MONTH.

I am looking forward to leading 1<sup>st</sup> July walk and having people to walk with (see page 16). For the two years of lockdown I have walked 355 Days each year, 3 miles most days, with a few 6.5 mile ones when walking with members of my family. This adds up to over 2,000 miles in total.

George Woodley



## Abington Walking Group

We are delighted that, subject to no unexpected government restrictions, our walks will recommence on **Thursday 1 July** followed by **Saturday 24 July** and then on the first Thursday and third Saturday thereafter.

We leave the Institute at 10am and share transport to the walk venue.

For further information and dates for the rest of the year please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 or [robandkayharman@gmail.com](mailto:robandkayharman@gmail.com)

George Woodley on 891 169 or [georgewoodley@ge29gew@gmail.com](mailto:georgewoodley@ge29gew@gmail.com)



We are very much looking forward to meeting up again for our social and casual walks.

## Reading Group

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
14 September	<i>Alias Grace</i> Margaret Atwood	Livia Galbraith

Owing to the extension of lockdown restrictions we will meet at 3pm in Mary's garden – weather permitting. Please confirm attendance to Mary and me and check emails in case we need to move to Zoom at the last minute.

We would welcome new members. If interested, please email me: [vhefford@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vhefford@yahoo.co.uk).

Valerie Hefford

## Girlguiding Linton District

What a summer term our girls are having. There have been Promise ceremonies, trips to Wandlebury, Kayaking, night hiking and cooking on and having campfires at the Jarman Centre in Newmarket. Girls have built dens, played wide games and had a host of other activities. Even our Leaders have had some fun with Trefoil out and about too. Their campfire is coming up in July. We are also still zooming as well having fantastic adventures online and gaining lots of different badges and taking part in all sorts of Challenges. Our Region is Anglia and some of us are doing their 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday challenge 1972-1921 as they are 50 years old this year. The Jarman Centre held its annual Car boot which was a roaring success. They are holding their lumberjack days and Archery again if you or your firm are interested [estate@jarmancentre.org.uk](mailto:estate@jarmancentre.org.uk) Up and down the country we may not be able to sleep under a roof but throughout the summer virtual sleepovers are happening everywhere for girls and adults to take part in either as a unit or just as a family. Sleeping anywhere but your bed has led to dens in gardens, under tables or putting chairs together with blankets strung with fairy lights. We have also had fashion parades, making outfits out of old bags with every type of neckline imaginable. So much excitement, challenge and adventure I cannot list it all. If you would like to see more or join in the fun, go to <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk>

Louisa Powell-Owens  
Linton DC.

## Abington Pre-School Baby and Toddler Group

The Abington Pre-School Baby and Toddler Group is 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](mailto:abingtonannexeoffice@gmail.com)

**Contact details – also see page 19**

Pre-School: [preschoolabington@gmail.com](mailto:preschoolabington@gmail.com)

Baby and Toddler Group: [abingtonannexeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:abingtonannexeoffice@gmail.com)

Out of school club: [gapsooscmanager@gmail.com](mailto:gapsooscmanager@gmail.com)

Holiday Club: [abingtonannexesports@gmail.com](mailto:abingtonannexesports@gmail.com)

## Social Cycling

Eight of us enjoyed a 22k ride through Babraham Institute and up over Magog, so it was a very welcome and excellent break at the Arthur Rank café where we were well looked after. Then home via Stapleford and Sawston.

The next ride will be on Monday 19 July, meeting at 1 Bourn Bridge Road 9.30am sharp. Come on Abington where are you?

Gaynor Farrant or [gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com](mailto:gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com)

## Abington Cricket Club: home fixtures in July

**Midweek First XI** (start at 6.30pm)

July 21 Helions Bumpstead

**Midweek Second XI** (start at 6.30pm)

July 14 Ashdon

July 28 Newmarket

**First XI Saturday** (start at 1.00pm)

July 10 Needingworth

**Second XI Saturday** (start at 1.30pm)

July 3 Helions Bumpstead

July 17 Mill Green

July 24 Barley

July 31 A.S.P.

**Third XI Saturday** (start 1.30pm)

July 31 LintonII at Horseheath

Fixture Secretary  
Colin Godsmark Tel. 07977 799202

### Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

#### Opening times in July 2021

Owing to the recent government announcement we must delay café opening to 24 July.

Thursday lunchtime 11.30am – 1.30pm (29<sup>th</sup>)

Saturday mornings 10.00am – 12 noon (24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>)

All being well we plan to open on Thursdays and Saturdays in August.

**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)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY –July 2021

Date	Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Thu	1	<b>Walking Group</b>	10.00am 16
Mon	5	<b>Pre-School Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school WI Coffee &amp; Chat</b>	9.30am 10.30am 17 15
Mon	12	<b>Pre-School Baby &amp; Toddler Group– Pre-school</b>	9.30am 17
Tues	13	<b>Reading Group – for venue see page 16 Hildersham Parish Council – Village Hall</b>	3.00pm 7.30pm 16 15
Mon	19	<b>Pre-School Baby &amp; Toddler Group– Pre-school Social Cycling start from 1, Bourn Bridge Road, LA Great Abington Parish Council</b>	9.30am 9.30am 7.30pm 17 17 13
Sat	24	<b>Walking Group Vicarage Garden Party - Vicarage, Church Lane</b>	10.00am 2.30pm 16 9
Mon	26	<b>Pre-School Baby &amp; Toddler Group– Pre-school Little Abington Parish Council</b>	9.30am 7.30pm 17 11

**Contacts for classes on page 19.**

**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) See page 11

### Wheelie bin dates for July 2021 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

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

### July services inside the churches indicated

(not Abingtons and Hildersham : 10.30am Online Service available for all )

DATE	9.00 am	10.30 am	6.00 pm
4 July		Communion <i>Balsham</i>	
11 <sup>t</sup> July	Communion <i>Weston Colville</i> Morning Worship <i>West Wickham</i> <i>West Wrattling</i>		
18 July	Communion <i>West Wickham</i> Morning Worship <i>West Wrattling</i>	Communion <i>Balsham</i>	
25 July	Communion <i>West Wrattling</i> Morning Worship <i>Weston Colville</i>		Evensong <i>Balsham</i>

## Church Services for July 2021

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
4 July	10.30am United	Communion 6.00pm Evensong	at Balsham	2 Samuel 5.1-5,9-10 Mark 6. 1-13
11 July	10.30am United Communion			Romans 15.14-29 Luke 10.25-37
18 July	10.30am United	9.00am Morning Worship Communion	6.00pm Evensong at Balsham	Ephesians 2.11-end Mark 6.30-34
25 July			10.30am United Morning Worship	2 Samuel 11.1-15 John 6.1--21

**United services are for participants from all the churches.**

### Church Flower Rota

	Gt. Abington	Lt. Abington	Hildersham
4 July	Anne Hall	Kay Harman and	Sarah Hall
11 July	and	June Waring	Sarah Hall
18 July	Patsy Randall	Lesley Crisp and	Lynne Hartland
25 July		Rosemary Mead	Lynne Hartland

### 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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